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The Second Stage Players present "Into the Woods" at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School over the next two weekends.

## 'Little' theater hosts big production Sondheim musical takes Second Stagers 'Into the Woods'

BY PATRICIA FILIOS  
CORRESPONDENT

### 'IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY'

For the next two weekends, the DuBois Little Theatre at Canton High School transforms into an enchanted forest where anything can (and does) happen in their musical production of *Into the Woods*.

The Stephen Sondheim production runs March 22-24 and March 29-31. Doors open at 8 p.m.

With princes and princesses, giants, a witch, and almost every fairy tale character created by the Brothers Grimm, Second Stage Players brings a touch of childlike wonder to the stage in what critics call one of Sondheim's most "masterful musicals."

According to Canton High School drama teacher and founder of Second Stage Players Shannon McNutt, the play tells the story of a baker and his wife who seek to lift a witch's curse, which has left them childless. They venture into the woods to encounter a most intriguing cast of almost every the fairy tale character you've ever known.

"In this somewhat fractured fairy tale, the lesson learned is the importance of community - It's a story of pulling together for the common goals and needs," McNutt said. "There's a wonderful song in the show, *You Are Not Alone*, with the line, 'you decide what's right, you decide what's good, but you are not alone.'" Each character has a selfish, though not necessarily bad wish and ultimately, they come to understand that there are consequences for every action good and bad."

Freshman Kelly Filios, who plays Little Red Riding Hood, said, "This show makes you laugh out loud one minute and wipe tears from your eyes the next. I like how the characters develop. Nobody who goes in to the woods comes out the same."

Like in many theatrical productions, the cast and crew have bonded as a family. Emily Hoernschemeyer,



Rapunzel (Maggie Burr) loses a lot of hair to the evil witch (Caitlin Eckel).

PLEASE SEE THEATER, A4

## Class size, teacher cuts among ideas

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan has said all along the district's next round of budget cuts would affect the classroom and the delivery of curriculum, something he's tried to avoid in making more than \$8 million in cuts the past three years.

Tuesday night, Ryan did what he's put off for several years, presenting to the Board of Education \$3.3 million in budget cuts which, if passed by trustees, will eliminate 40 teaching positions and increase class sizes across all grades.

Ryan told trustees the teacher cuts - at \$60,000 for a new teacher's salary and benefits - will result in a savings of \$2.37 million, the bulk of the cuts he's proposed. He said the final teacher layoff list, which contractually has to be approved by trustees before the end of April, could be adjusted depending on retirements, child care leaves and the status of those who remain on leave.

Under Ryan's plan, class sizes will go up by one student in every grade level. At the elementary schools, kindergarten through second grade will be bumped to 27 students per classroom, 29 in third grade and 30 in fourth and fifth. Middle school class sizes will increase to 30 students per room, while the high school will average 31.

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said she's concerned about increasing class sizes.

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## Museum needs help financing new roof

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Museum is in need of tens of thousands of dollars to repair a 35-year-old leaky roof.

"We've had some ceiling tiles that have come down, luckily over the cloak room," said Liz Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum. "So far we've done some repairs and the leak is contained, but the roof does need to be replaced."

"We're talking to people for estimates, so we're in the discovery stage," she added. "One guess is that it will cost \$30,000-\$40,000, but that's not an official estimate."

Kerstens said the roof over the original part of the museum needs to be replaced. The roof on the addition, which was built in 2001, is still in good shape.

"We're talking to people about options," Kerstens said. "It's something we want to take care of sooner rather than later. We don't want the problem to continue because we have so many valuable items in the museum."

"We'll probably end up having a fund-raiser," she added. "We don't have that kind of money, in unrestricted funds."

Plymouth Township builder Walt Menard said he's been approached about leading an effort to fund-raise for the roof.

"I've said that I would have a fund-raiser at the (Lotus) art gallery or my house," Menard said. "I'm happy to do it."

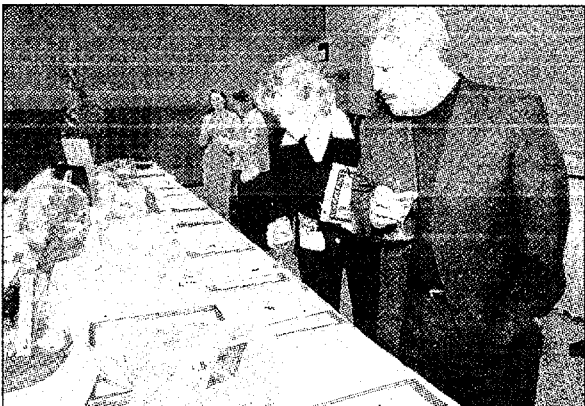
"We've also looked into the possibility of getting a loan from a local bank to get the roof done soon, and then fund-raise to repay the loan," he added.

Plymouth Historical Society board member Ron Lowe said without efforts from the community, the museum's budget would be stretched to pay for a repair as large as the roof.

"We'd be in severe trouble," Lowe said. "The museum has never been in a situation where it had the luxury of money that wasn't allocated to some kind of expense. I'm cautiously optimistic we'll be able to solve this problem."

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## Annual auction tops PCAC's expectations



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet and Robert Corona examine auction items at the 2007 dinner-auction for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Not bad for a first-timer. Paula Gangopadhyay, the new executive director hired last year to run the Plymouth Community Arts Council, could have been excused for having had some nervous feelings leading up to her first major fund-raiser - "An Artful Affair: Renaissance," the 17th annual PCAC dinner auction.

She wasn't worried and, apparently, shouldn't have been. With more than 300 people buying tickets and net revenues topping

some \$39,000, the event could certainly be labeled a success.

Gangopadhyay and the rest of the PCAC were quite pleased with the results of the 2007 auction.

"It was very successful," said Gangopadhyay, who replaced former director Stella Greene in July 2006. "By many accounts, it was one of the best in recent years."

The event drew a variety of donations for the live auction portion, including a two-night stay and park passes for Disney World, a weekend in New York City, a fly fishing trip and a hot air

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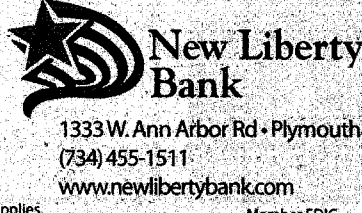
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### Coming Sunday in Health



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**Village Voices concert**

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its ensemble, Village Voices, in their second concert of 2007, *Strictly A Cappella*, with no piano, no drums, nothing but the beauty of the human voice.

The centerpiece of this performance will be "The Peaceable Kingdom" by Randall Thompson. The concert will also include an eclectic mix of music demonstrating the beauty of harmony found only in the human voice.

The concert takes place 4 p.m., Sunday, March 25 at the Village Theater of Canton, 50400 Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$12 for general seating and can be purchased by phone at (734) 416-9885 or log on to the Chorale website [www.plymouthchorus.org](http://www.plymouthchorus.org)

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-2343.

**Blue Fish party**

Blue Fish Music in Plymouth is celebrating their two year anniversary with a special party Saturday, March 24, from 2:30-6 p.m. The afternoon will feature the music of the Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio, Mike and Dave from the Troubadours and Bobby Lewis. The instrumental music store, located in Plymouth's

Old Village, opened in April 2005. The expansion doubled their size and will allow more space for workshops, concerts and student performances. They've also added additional studio space so they can offer more opportunities for lessons.

The store is adding violin and piano lessons to their current offerings in guitar, bass, mandolin and banjo.

Blue Fish Music is located at 744 Starkweather. For more information, call (734) 927-0675.

**Spring Break camp**

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Spring Break Camp, set for April 9-13 at First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and campers camp be dropped off any time between 7:30-9 a.m. and picked up any time between 4-6 p.m. Activities will include swimming, field trips, character development and fun. Camp for YMCA members costs \$37 per day or \$155 for the week. The cost for community members is \$50 per day or \$205 for the week.

For more information, contact the YMCA office, (734) 453-2904 or go to [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org)

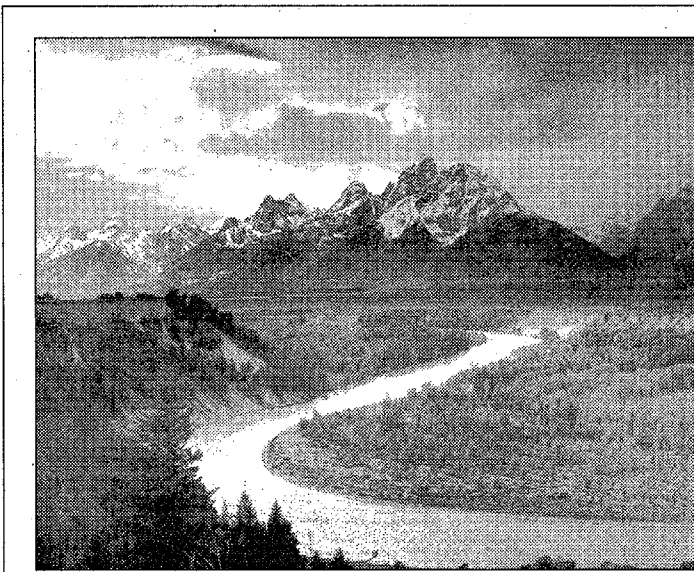
**Showcase concert**

The PCCS Showcase Concert featuring the PCEP Festival Singers takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased through the Village Theatre Box Office or Web site at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

A portion of ticket proceeds benefit the PCEP Choirs.

**Little Lambs registration**

Little Lambs Christian Preschool is now enrolling for



**Adams exhibit**

The Plymouth District Library hosts the Plymouth Community Arts Council and a member of the Speaker's Bureau of the Detroit Institute of Arts 7 p.m. Monday, March 26. The guest speaker, Margaret Prizer, will share the work of photographer Ansel Adams in the one-hour presentation. Approximately 25 images from the 100 black-and-white photograph collection (currently on exhibit at the DIA) will be displayed and discussed. Registration is requested; call the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. Subsequent DIA programs sponsored by the PCAC are set for the library April 30 and May 7.

the 2007-2008 school year.

The school is located inside First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township, and offers kindergarten readiness programs with degreed teachers, low student/teacher ratios of 1-5, pre-reading, writing and math skills, Spanish and sign language, student evaluations and parent conferences, field trips and a book club.

For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Northville/Plymouth chapter, meet noon Monday, April 16, for a sandwich luncheon at the Northville District Library in Northville. It is the chapter's annual meeting.

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

**Symphony salute**

88.1FM, the Escape, is partnering with the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society on *Salute to the Plymouth Symphony*.

The program airs on 88.1FM at noon Friday, March 23; 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28; and 8 a.m. Friday, March 30. It will preview Orchestra Canton's April 1 concert and the Plymouth Symphony's April 20 performance.

*Salute to the Plymouth Symphony* will feature interviews with Nan Washburn, musical director and conduc-

tor; Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society; Lauren Norris, featured vocalist for the Pops Concert; and Jo Swerc, president of the Plymouth Symphony League.

**Easter Bunny breakfast**

E.G. Nick's hosts "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31.

Attendees will enjoy a full buffet breakfast (includes eggs, bacon and sausage), an Easter Egg hunt and an extra special visit from the Easter Bunny. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday), located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, or at E.G. Nick's located at 500 Forest.

Ticket prices are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults; children 3 and younger admitted free. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce with any questions or for ticket information at (734) 453-1540.

**Wrestlemania bowling**

Bowldetroit.com has announced a partnership between WrestleMania 23, the

Make-A-Wish Foundation and Community Bowling Centers to bring the "Bowl with Bobby Lashley WrestleMania 23 Make A Wish Foundation Charity Bowling" event.

The Make A Wish Foundation is a participant in the WWE Circle of Champions program. This first bowling event revolving around WrestleMania 23 will be held Saturday, March 31, at Skore Lanes in Taylor.

The event runs 1-3:30 p.m. Skore Lanes is located at 22255 Ecorse in Taylor. It features a photo with Extreme Championship Wrestling champion Bobby Lashley; unlimited pizza and soda; more than two hours of bowling; door prizes; a silent auction; trophies and awards. Tickets begin at \$100.

For more information, call (313) 291-6220.

**Student Citizenship Scholarship**

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

Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted until 4 p.m. April 5. The \$500 scholarship is based on community service only. Grade point average does not play a role in the committee's decision.

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

Inquires should be directed to the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2757.

**Book signing**

Award winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton will be signing copies of her book, "Woman Reclining," Saturday, March 24 at Small Shops, located at 2361 S. Venoy in Westland.

She'll be autographing

copies of her book, "Woman Reclining," and chapbooks, "Woman Reclining," "Feathers In Flight" and "Haiku for You," her children's workbook for practicing the art of Haiku. She'll have framed poetry and photographs for sale, as well as some business-card-size book marks to use.

The book signing, which runs 1-5 p.m., will be hosted by ASA Publishing Company.

Martin is the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, editing and publishing company. She can be reached at [peroinc5@comcast.net](mailto:peroinc5@comcast.net), <http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining>, and at (734) 397-1626.

In addition, she has designed writing courses for leisure services through Canton Township. Presently she is instructing students on how to write children's stories, and will offer "Writing Your Life Story" beginning March 28. Register by calling (734) 394-5460.

**Weekend workshops**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers weekend art workshops for adults, taught by real experts from the field. The specialty art workshops are for those who are seriously interested in learning about an art form from professional artists. Instructors are of state and national fame. Class fees vary.

■ Woodworking: Wooden Shaker Box Making — This weekend workshop gives participants hands-on experience in making Shaker oval boxes. Intended both for new and experienced woodworkers alike. Each person receives an instruction booklet and makes a nesting set of five boxes in cherry.

The workshop is 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24. Cost is \$150 per person for entire workshop, includes all supplies to make and take five wooden boxes.

■ Sculptural Accordion Book-Making — Through this class you will find your thoughts manifested in color while creating an accordion-stylebook and exploring texture-making with condensed watercolor.

The workshop is 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. Cost is \$100 per person, plus some supply cost.

For more information visit the PCAC's Web site at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) or call (734) 416-4278.

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# Not-so-starving artist

## Painter transforms wine into art form

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Lotus Arts Gallery owner Walt Menard first saw the wine paintings of Thomas Arvid several years ago at the Art Expo in New York City, he knew the Livonia native was going to be a big hit.

"That year there were three artists, and Thomas' were, by far, the crispest and more detailed," said Menard, a Plymouth Township art collector. "Wine in the early 2000s became very popular, and it was the subject of conversation. Most of his paintings were like photographs, and (among the three) his paintings were a better value."

Arvid, born Thomas Arvid Smith — a preeminent painter of wine — showed his work during a reception Friday at the downtown Plymouth art gallery.

"As soon as I started painting, they were selling as fast as I could paint them, even before they were wine paintings," Arvid said. "But, when I got to doing wine paintings, I couldn't paint fast enough. There's a four-year waiting list for my paintings, and the limited editions sell out as fast as we release them."

"What brought me into painting wine was the color red," he said. "I started working on American red icons ... Radio Flyer wagons, crushed red Coke cans, Converse high-top tennis shoes ... it's nostalgia and connects with people. Red wine gives me more of the contrasting element to work with

... paper labels, metal cork screws, glass, paper, wood, reds, greens and yellows ... this composition that even if you didn't drink wine there's this pleasing movement of wine and color."

Arvid, 42, lives in the Atlanta, Ga., area with his wife and two sons. With his busy schedule, Arvid only makes it home several times a year to visit family.

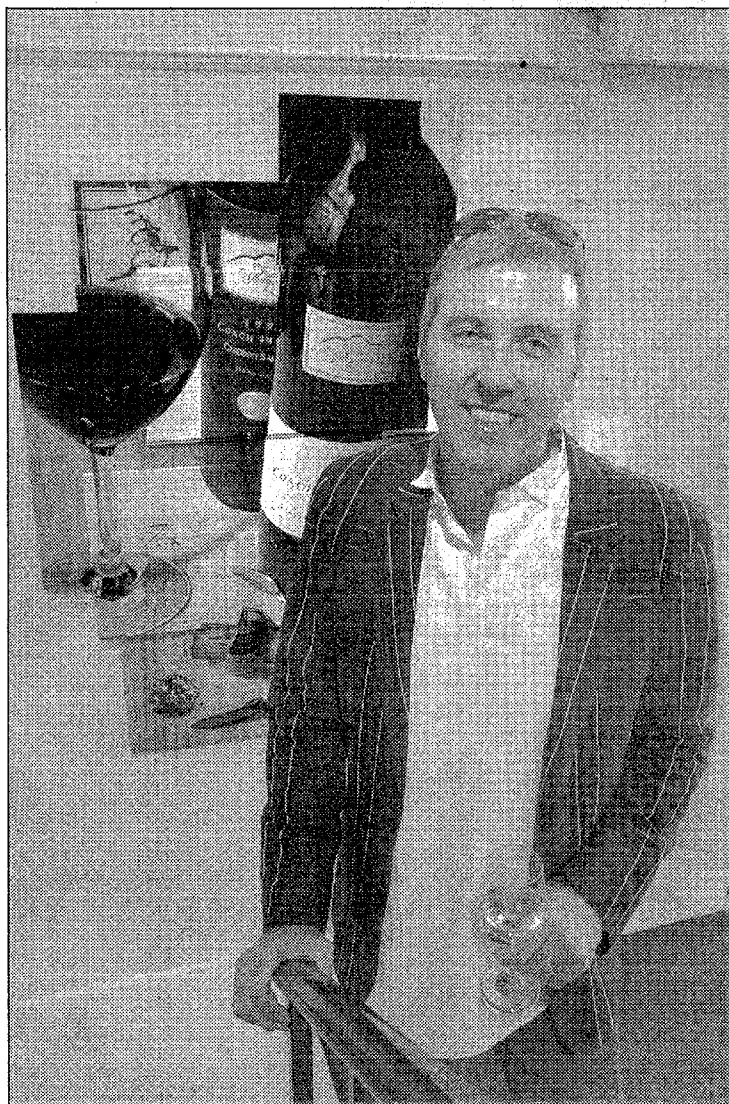
"The people who love you the most want you to succeed, and nobody wants you to become a struggling artist," Arvid said. "It really takes a lot to get by all those myths in the art industry. You really can make a living being an artist if you look at it like a business. You have to focus on what your visions are, you have to connect with people, you have to understand it's a product that needs to be sold through a chain of business people and you have to be honest with the people you work with."

Menard said most of Arvid's paintings sell for between \$950 and \$4,000.

"They go up a little bit in value as they sell out, and as the years go by they become more and more valuable," said Menard. "I have a lot of original paintings, but I don't have one of Thomas' because there's such a long waiting list."

Arvid graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1982. His art teacher, Mary Jordan Ehlert of Livonia, made a surprise visit at Friday's reception.

"He was one of my favorite students, one of those kids who



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Thomas Arvid's show opened Friday evening at Lotus Art Gallery in Plymouth.

came in after school and talked to me," remembered Ehlert. "It's so exciting to see him and his work. He was always good at what he was doing."

His mother, Priscilla Smith of Livonia, still lives in the same house Arvid grew up in. Smith said her son showed early signs of success.

"At Christmas and birthdays, when I asked what he wanted, it was always paint, canvass, air brushes, anything to do with art," Smith recalled. "I used to always tell him that he had such a gift, and he would say he was just learning. But, this isn't something you learn, it's something you're born with."

Smith remembers clearly Arvid's first collections. "Very early on he was showing he was going to be an artist by starting out with crayons on the walls and the stairs," Smith

said. "Because of the four children, he could have gotten away with it. But, he would always sign it."

The Thomas Arvid collection will be displayed at the Lotus Art Gallery through mid-April. The gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, at the corner of Harvey Street, in Plymouth.

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# Authorities crack down on serial drunken drivers

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Police personnel from Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the state police and seven local police departments fanned out across the area recently to haul in serial drunken driving violators, including one charged with operating while intoxicated in Plymouth, before courts and judges on the warrants they've been ignoring.

Operation Last Call, an annual drive to pull the worst drunken drivers off the road around St. Patrick's Day, netted dozens of them last week.

Between Thursday and Saturday, 76 people with outstanding warrants were hauled into jail and the officers nailed another 15 drunken drivers over the weekend, one on his third (felony) arrest.

Sheriff Warren Evans said he's satisfied with this year's numbers.

"They're pretty good," he said. "I'm comfortable with 76 for a couple days' work."

He launched the program three years ago after deciding the best way to help local communities deal with drunken drivers was to do more to follow up after their initial arrest.

"There were 7,500 in Wayne County back then," Evans said. "Since we've started we've arrested about 3,000. Due to the age of some of the cases (some have moved away, some have died) that's about half of the original number."

The county's Warrant Enforcement Bureau Commander Chris Clark told participating officers they were doing good works for everyone in the county.

"This is a worthy cause," he said. "Whenever you hear about someone killed by a drunken driver, it's a tragedy. You're involved in a very good operation."

Evans warned that, with St.

Patrick's Day around the corner, Operation Last Call was an effort to clear the decks of the worst drunken drivers.

"The singular goal of this operation is a safe St. Patrick's Day for everyone," Evans said. "We hope to achieve that by removing as many known and suspected drunken drivers possible from local roads before they have the chance to hurt themselves or someone else."

Livonia police Sgt. David Studd said all of the people they were going after were people who had been through the system and had still broken the rules.

"These are people who were arrested, posted bond and either didn't show up for court or violated their probation," he said. "You do that and you're screwed."

He added that the targets of the Last Call operation were the worst kind of addicts. The hope is that a jail sentence will force them to dry out and reconsider their lives. In the case of one of the people on the list, a third-time offender who most recently caused an injury accident while drunk, that didn't work.

"We've got no control over sentencing," Studd said. "Sometime they get right back out on the street. This time, we can go to court and show that the accident and injury was a result of his drinking."

Studd, fellow Livonia Officers Dan Tar and Joe Boitos, and Sheriff's Deputies Corporals Lewis Yokam and Terry Yackley fanned out across Redford and Detroit Thursday afternoon.

It turned out that suspect wasn't at home when officers arrived to arrest him. Later in the day, they struck paydirt in Redford by finding a suspect hiding out in his girlfriend's house.

"He was wanted for violating his probation," he said. "He's got a warrant out of Redford and an OWI from Plymouth."



Thomas Arvid and his proud mom, Priscilla Smith, standing in front of "Any Port" and "Let's Get Lost" at the Lotus Art Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

# League to host school board forum

Voters who'd like to get a look at and listen to candidates in the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Election get their chance next week.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County sponsors a candidates' forum which starts 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall on Haggerty.

All six remaining candidates — incumbents Mark Slavens and Rich Ham-Kucharski and

challengers Bruce Koldys and Nancy Eggenberger of Canton and Larry Martin and Kurt Heise of Plymouth — have been invited to participate. A seventh candidate, John Nichols of Canton, dropped out of the race.


Each candidate will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to questions and a two-minute closing statement. Questions will be submitted by members of the audience.

League of Women Voters member Anne Marie Graham-Hudak will moderate the 90-minute forum.

The forum will be videotaped and aired on local cable television channels. Viewers should check listings for show times. The election is set for May 8.

Residents who can't attend the forum who still wish to submit questions can do so on the League's Web site at www.lwvww.org by clicking on the "contact us" button.

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**THEATER**

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a senior who plays the baker's wife, said, "This is my first show ever. I'm thrilled to be part of such an amazing show with an absolutely fabulous cast."

For Carolyn Benages, it's just plain fun to act out a childhood fantasy.

"Everything about playing Cinderella is wonderful - I've always wanted to be a princess," she laughed.

**MUSICAL CHALLENGE**

Music director for the show Jennifer Kopp said anyone familiar with Stephen Sondheim knows his music is extremely challenging. As a result, she said, lots of high schools and community theater groups shy away from *Into the Woods* because of the difficulty of the music.

"We chose to do the show because we were confident we have students who are not only actors but also phenomenal singers here at the Park," Kopp said. "The cast is doing a great job, working intensively on the



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The Prince (Mike Royer) and Cinderella (Caroline Benages) are united again in Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," being presented by the Second Stage Players over the next two weekends.

music and conquering it. It's been a wonderful learning experience because it's not just a matter of getting the notes right. They are actually performing and interpreting the music with the understanding and feeling the composer intended."

Second Stage players opened for the first time at Canton's Dubois Little Theatre in the fall of 2004. Prior to that the only theater venue for the

Canton, Salem or Plymouth high school students was Park Players at Salem High School.

"This is the little theater that does really big things," said assistant director Lauren Kozak. "We select plays and musicals appropriate for a smaller venue and it's more demanding because with smaller casts, everyone has to be a top-notch performer."

With only 285 seats, the Second Stage Players found it

necessary this season to do more performance to accommodate their audiences.

"With our last production, *Little Shop of Horrors*, we had to turn away almost 200 people who wanted to see the show and because of the popularity of *Into the Woods*, we knew we would have to add extra performances," Kozak said.

Is there an advantage to being the smaller theater company at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park? Though admitting there are some drawbacks, McNutt enthusiastically sees the positive side.

"More hours go into putting on plays with limited space, we have no storage, no scene shop, no permanent light and sound equipment which means we have to haul it out and set up for each production multiplying the amount the work," McNutt said. "But, the wonderful part is that this is an intimate venue for ensemble casts and the kids get great hands on experience that just isn't available at a theater with all the amenities in place."

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Ren (Chris King) isn't happy about moving to Beaumont and he lets his mom Ethel (Mehan Mihelik) know it.

**Park Players get 'Footloose' for their spring production**

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@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 582-6836.

**PCAC**

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balloon ride. The silent auction included items as varied as jewelry, dinners, artwork and golf.

All in all, some 140 individuals and businesses provided the various items, from auction

donations to advertising in the auction catalog.

"We were able to collect 100 percent more ads than last year," Gangopadhyay said. "Overall, it was wonderful. The folks who were there commented it was one of the best they'd seen."

The event also provided Gangopadhyay, who came to the PCAC after working at the Public Museum in Grand

Rapids, a chance to meet a lot of people she hadn't gotten to see yet.

"It was special for me because it was the first time I was meeting many of the Plymouth folks about whom I'd heard, but hadn't had a chance to meet in person," Gangopadhyay said. "It was the first time I was appraising them of our vision."

Among the innovative pro-

grams about which the director bragged were a Michigan Humanities Council grant the PCAC recently received, a partnership forged with the University of Michigan School of Art and Design, and a commission to offer training workshops on the PCAC's Arts Volunteer Program.

"It's a great gesture that shows people really are looking at our models," Gangopadhyay said. "These are some very innovative projects we are launching, and several people commented on the things we're bringing together, with the synergy and dynamism."

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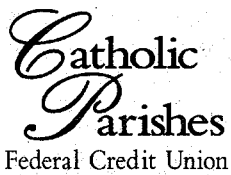
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# Stella will remodel veterinary clinic

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When the project is complete, patients and their owners will enjoy several new features including:

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"This remodel will not only give our facility a fresh, new look, it will also allow us to offer our customers more services with greater efficiency and comfort," said Parkway's Dr. Elizabeth Routson.

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"Ultimately, our goal is to make sure every office visit is a good experience for both the pet and the customer."

Phase 1 of the project began March 5 and is scheduled to be completed by late May.

"Prior to the start of construction, we planned the entire project down to the smallest detail," said Jeff Stella, owner of Stella Contracting. "Project supervisor Mark Forester and I have set a goal to complete Phase I of the project two weeks ahead of schedule so that clinic staff and their customers can begin benefiting from the remodel as soon as possible."

To maintain a relaxed, quiet and comfortable atmosphere in the clinic throughout the remodeling process, temporary interior walls with sound-

deadening insulation have been constructed.

"We're taking special precautions to ensure the comfort of our patients throughout this project," explained Dr. Bares. "Except for a couple of temporary interior walls, customers will hardly know there's a remodeling project going on when they're in the clinic."

"Before" photos and architectural renderings of the facility post-remodel will be available on [www.stellacontracting.com](http://www.stellacontracting.com) and will be available for viewing in the waiting room of the clinic as well.

## Hella acquisition

Hella KGaA Hueck & Co., a global tier-one supplier of automotive lighting and electronic equipment with offices in Plymouth Township, has purchased Enko Automotive GmbH.

Based in Schortens,

Germany, Enko Automotive is a developer of sensor and body electronics hardware and software for the automotive industry. Enko and Hella have collaborated on projects since 1999.

"The acquisition of Enko allows Hella to strengthen its position in the fields of electronics and light-based driver assistance systems," said Jean-Francois Tarabba, chief executive officer of the Automotive Electronics Division of Hella KGaA Hueck & Company.

Enko's facilities will become Hella's competence center for access and driving authorization system development, which includes technologies such as the Passive Entry/Go, a key fob that allows a driver to enter a vehicle without a car key and start the engine by pressing a button.

Additional information is available at [www.hella.com](http://www.hella.com).

## CUTS

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"It's a big factor for me as a parent, and I consider myself a representative of the district," Gonzalez said. "I don't want it to cause people to leave the district if neighboring districts have less."

Other major reductions proposed by Ryan include cutting one of three athletic directors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, saving the district \$116,000. Elimination of the development director (Tom Sklut) position and secretary would save another \$175,000. Ryan's proposal would also cut two of the four nurses in the district, which would save another \$171,000.

A shuffle that would put substitute teachers and coaches who aren't teachers in a pool run by an employment agency, thereby making them contract employees, would save the district another \$210,000 in benefits and costs.

"Plymouth-Canton has already cut what it can, and now you're down to cutting people," said Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli, who represents nearly 1,100 teachers. "We think they should be offering incentives so some of our teachers at the top might take it, and the district might be able to get more teachers to leave, at the higher salaries."

The budget deficit for 2007-08 has been estimated to be about \$8 million, which will be ascertained after the state Legislature determines the foundation grant increase — which may not come until May — and enrollment numbers. The remainder of the budget deficit will be wiped out by using fund balance.

Ryan is also proposing an increase in the fee for pay-to-play sports at the middle

school level — from \$50 to \$60 for participation in the first and second sport, a move expected to generate an additional \$20,000.

"There was an increase in participation when we started charging the \$50," Ryan said. "We were stunned."

Cuts could also include a portion of the salary of Martha Giles, the program director of Early Childhood Education, the district's preschool program. Ryan's proposal would save \$35,000 of general fund money by shifting some of her duties to present employees.

"The program would survive, but it would be hard to thrive," Giles said. "Since I've been here, the program started at 200 kids, and now we're serving 600, giving them the kind of pre-work they need to be successful in their whole school career. It would be harder to have the vision because whoever would take it over would have a lot of other things to do."

Ryan's plan to the board includes \$2 million in cuts for each of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. Preliminary cuts being considered in 2008-09 include more elementary teachers (\$180,000), kindergarten aids (\$480,000), the high school radio station (\$109,000), media specialists (\$240,000) and math and reading labs (\$72,000).

The school board may look at increasing walking distances to save on transportation costs. Currently, kindergartners who live farther than one mile are bused to school. That could be increased to 1.5 miles, which is the state-mandated limit for K-5 students. Middle school students who live farther than 1.5 miles from school are currently bused by the district.

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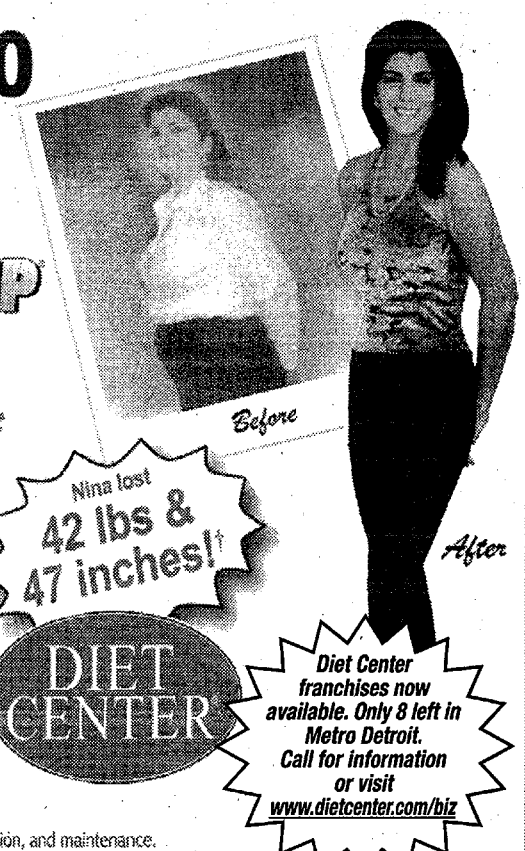
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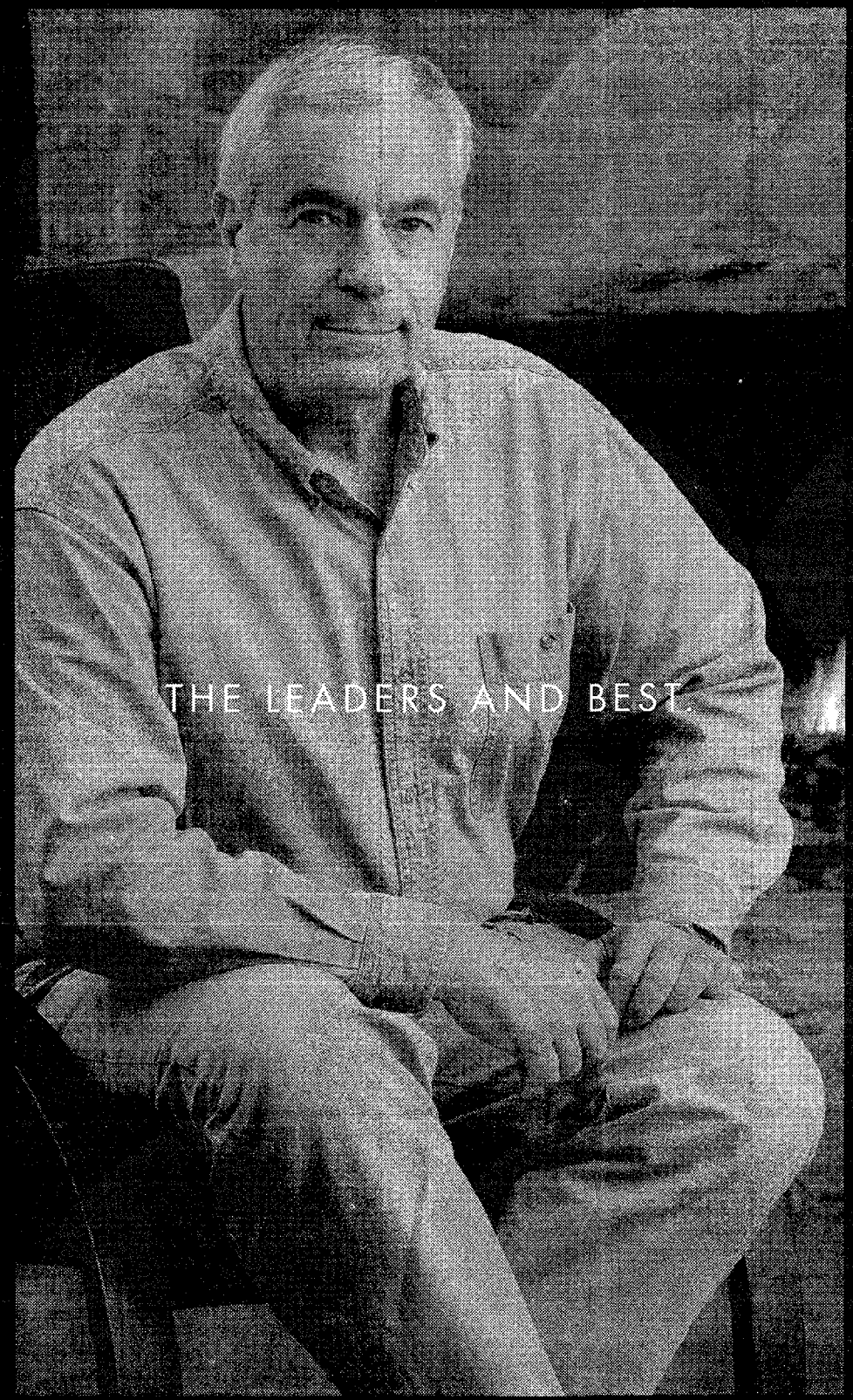
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My focus when it comes to taxes is to concentrate on what ends up in your pocket as opposed to the tax man's pocket. When your primary focus is on taxes, it is on the wrong place.

One question I always ask at seminars is who has as one of their main financial goals to lower their taxes. A substantial number of participants will raise their hand. My next question is why they don't want to win the \$3M lottery. If they win the \$3M lottery, it's going to cost \$1M in taxes. Of course, everyone wants to win the lottery because it's all about what ends up in our pocket. This simple example demonstrates the absurdity of having your primary focus on taxes.

Concentrating on what ends up in your pocket doesn't mean to ignore taxes. The key is to be smart and let the tax law work for you.

For example, if you're saving for a child's college education using a 529 Plan, the Michigan Education Savings Plan makes



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sense. When you use MESP, you can deduct the contribution off your Michigan income tax return. All the income generated by the plan grows tax-free and you have a very good investment with low costs.

Another example of this is to take advantage of the Roth IRA which allows money to grow tax-free, not tax-deferred.

I am always very suspicious when financial salespeople want to discuss the tax savings of an investment as opposed to the economics. Whenever anyone talks taxes first, I generally know that they are putting their emphasis in the wrong place.

There are many strategies that attempt to lower your taxes. As far as I am concerned, the great majority of them make no sense. Yes, they lower your taxes, but they do not increase your wealth.

I see it all the time when people invest in tax-free bonds and think it is a great strategy because it lowers their taxes. The problem is if they would have invested in a taxable bond and paid the taxes, they would have netted more money. Once again, the concentration should always be what ends up in your pocket.

One strategy I use - which does have the effect of lowering

taxes and at the same time doesn't compromise returns - is the placement of certain investments. When someone has a taxable and a tax-deferred account such as an IRA or a 401(k) plan, I try to put investments that generate ordinary income in the tax-deferred account, while items that will receive capital gains treatment are kept outside of the tax-deferred account.

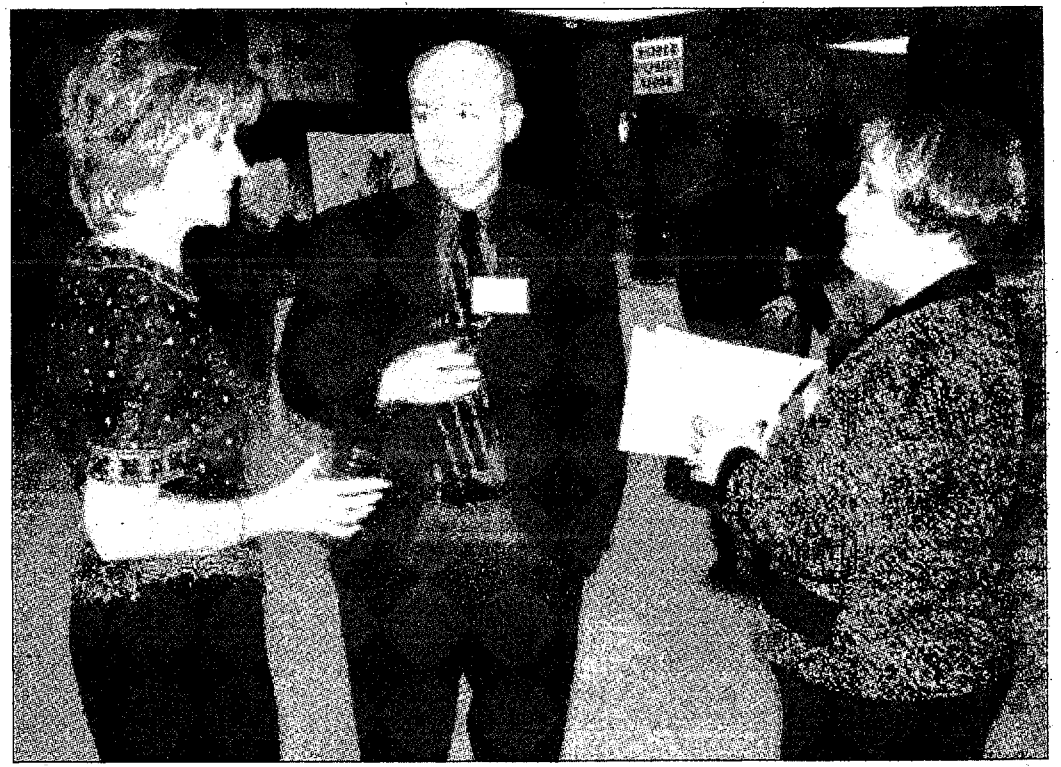
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Our tax laws are complicated and ever-changing. What is a good tax strategy today may not be a good tax strategy next year.

However, no matter what the government does with tax laws, the basic strategy remains the same and that is never let the tax tail wag the dog. Concentrate on what ends up in your pocket and you will make the right decision.

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Principal Carolyn Witte welcomes Mercy parents Marty and Janet Malloy.

## Spring auction blooms with success

A spectacular spring fling was had by all at the 28th annual Mercy High School Auction, dubbed "Mercy's Garden ... Where Minds Grow," held March 3 at the Farmington Hills school.

About 450 proud parents, students, staff, alumnae and friends filled Mercy to bask in the garden, dine on delights, and bid with heart on 624 silent and live items.

Throughout the evening, there were plenty of high bids on the Detroit Tigers "Groundskeeper for a Day," Bob Seger and Red Wings tickets, trips to Maui and

tickets to see Dr. Phil in Hollywood.

A highlight of the live auction was when a friend of Mercy raised a paddle for a generous bid of \$6,000 for the Mercy High School Administrative Team 7-course dinner.

The crowd was on their feet applauding as an outstanding second and then third matching bid were placed, all in an effort to be served a fine feast by members of Mercy's administration.

"The success of the auction is due to the contributions of so many people over the past year," said chair

Anita Sevier.

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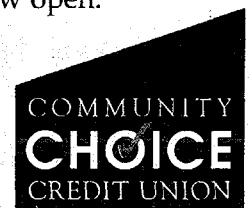
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OUR VIEWS

## Board must face tough cuts

There are a lot of emotions Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board members should feel when they consider the potential budget cuts in a three-year budget reduction plan suggested Tuesday night by Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan.

Fear can't be one of them. There are some politically sensitive suggestions on the list, from increasing class sizes in all three years to the loss of the student radio station in the third year. Ryan's plan would eliminate an estimated \$7.5 million budget deficit over the three years, starting with some \$3.5 million in the first year.

His plan makes a couple of assumptions which, on the face, don't seem all that wild: A \$50 hike in the per-pupil foundation grant (OK, this one seems in danger the way Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature are bickering) and a 150-pupil increase in enrollment (OK, the way jobs are leaving the state, this one might be in trouble, too).

Ryan's been doing this a long time, though, so his estimates are probably solid. In his report, he told the board, "I understand some of my recommendations run counter to the board's goals and expectations; however, we are out of options for how to reduce this budget pressure."

He's talking largely about increases in class sizes, something school board members haven't wanted to hear in recent years. But Ryan is right; in convincingly defeating two separate bond proposals (in May and February), voters have clearly told district officials extra money won't be coming from them. That means tough decisions are going to have to be made, decisions residents will likely disagree with when they come around.

Ryan and his staff must already be frustrated by this process; think how bad it will get when residents start barking about bigger class sizes or paying more to play middle-school sports or losing the radio station.

And they will start barking. It's a lot easier to stand in a voting booth and turn down an abstract proposal than it is to write a check for another \$10 so your kid can play middle-school basketball.

Everyone will have "pet" items they'll try to keep off the cutting room floor; but board members should try to avoid that. They gave up much of their right to dismiss Ryan's suggestions when they abdicated the responsibility to him to make the cuts, instead of making them themselves.

Cynics would say board members wanted to be able to hide behind Ryan, insisting they were simply following the administration's suggestion and thereby avoiding the political stigma that will come with these types of cuts. Others would say Ryan gets the big bucks for taking on just such responsibility.

Ryan stood up and did the hard part for them. Now board members can't be afraid to join him on the limb.

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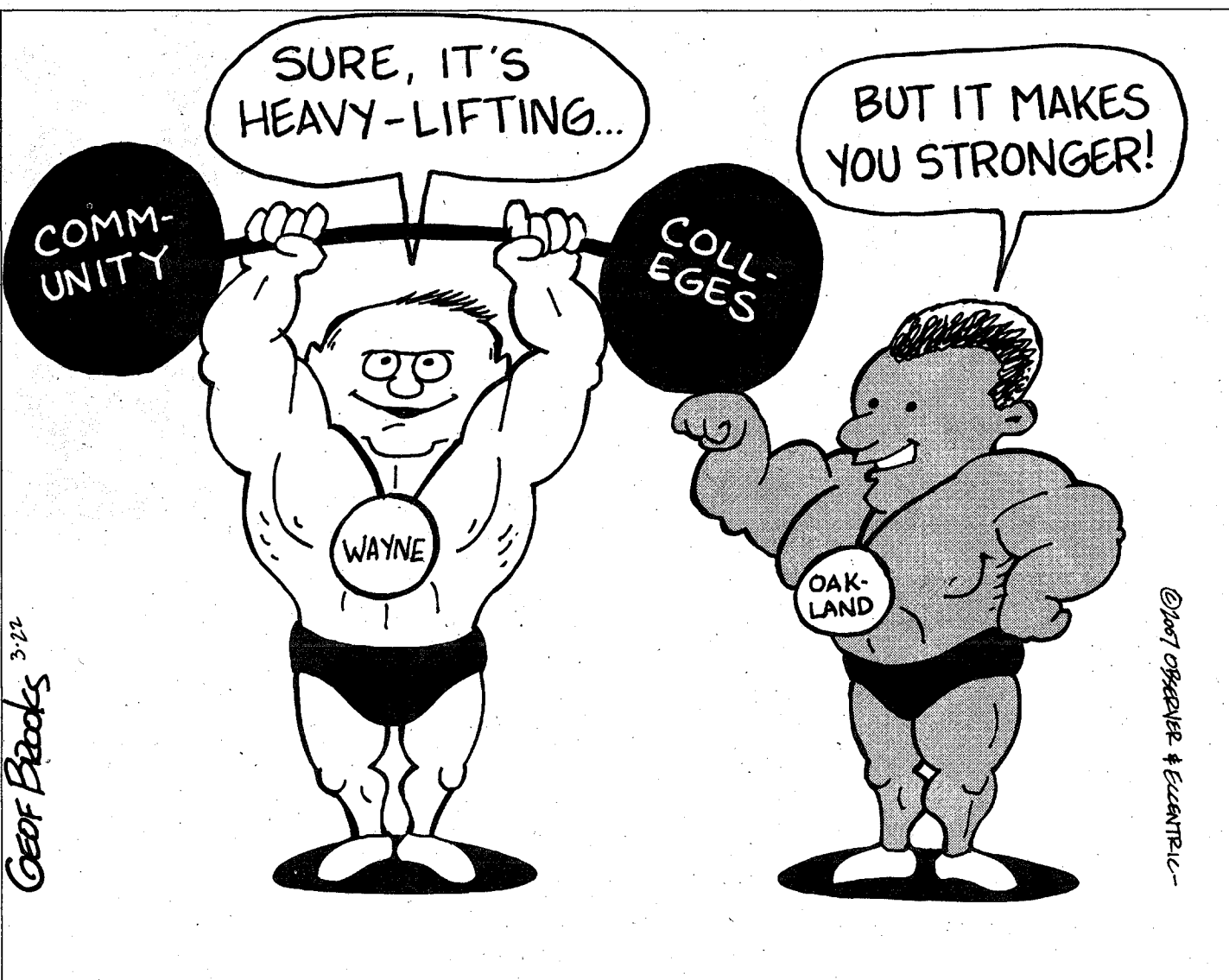
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Community colleges have always been a good deal. For many, they have been an affordable way to begin a four-year degree program. For others, they have provided valuable, first-rate training toward skilled technical positions.

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Mike and Jan Reynolds  
Waterford

### Health in the workplace

This letter is in response to your March 11, 2007, article on wellness programs in the workplace ("Reducing health care costs, diseases"). Bravo to Linda Chomin for the comprehensive reporting on employers' ability to affect positive health changes in their employees through worksite wellness programs. The proposed Wellness and Prevention Act of 2007 benefiting employers who offer health screening and disease prevention programs is a move in the right direction for a healthier Michigan.

To truly improve the health and well-being of Michigan residents, we need to meet them where they live, be it the workplace or the marketplace. Working in conjunction with physicians, but not through physicians alone, community-driven wellness initiatives save valuable health care dollars and present an excellent opportunity to catch serious illnesses earlier and, equally important, prevent and manage chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and depression.

Ewa Matuszewski  
CEO, Medical Network One  
Rochester

### Reshuffle government assets

Perhaps it is time to look at the unanimous real estate assets that our public institutions have amassed. In good times, most of us in southeast Michigan are supportive of accumulation of massive real estate holding to the public sector.

In these hard times, with a realistic outlook of declining population, jobs and tax base, the time has come to convert some public real estate to cash. Michigan has public fiefdoms which assets need to be examined.

I recommend that the governmental units in Michigan "reshuffle" our public assets to the benefit of the public. On the local level, schools have amassed hundreds of millions of dollars worth of real estate assets. Livonia Schools has done a fair job about selling a half to a dozen real estate parcels and has several more for sale.

As a public institution, however,

Livonia Schools does not always maximize the benefits. Business managers for the districts ought to attain more expertise in these assets and there is no prohibition against contracting for real estate consultants to help.

When General Motors runs into financial hard times, it look at its assets. Recently GMAC was sold. GM in part funded the pension liabilities deficit and many GM employees are grateful for that. Ford Motor announced March 12 that the "Austin Martin" division has been sold. Hard times, hard choices, but a Ford Motor has a treasure of wealth upon which to draw.

The city of Detroit had 1.8 million in population at its peak. It is now near 900,000 and revenues are declining in this depressed southeast Michigan economy. So Detroit has turned to its wealth of real estate as a partial solution. Rackham Golf Course had a pending sale. Too bad the business minds of the council did not think this through.

As a rezoned parcel, the land is probably worth triple the value when selling as a golf course. Some real estate smarts would have helped. The zoo also ought to be sold, and how about a few half-acre waterfront lots per year on Belle Isle?

Kingdom of all Michigan Real Estate Kingdoms is the state of Michigan. With some business savvy and a reshuffling of assets, we would not need that 2-percent service sales tax to close the state's deficit. For example, if the value of one commercial corner, say the northwest corner of Beck and Five Mile, can easily be sold to a commercial user for \$1.2 million, then take \$200,000 from that and buy five acres at the far side of the property. The taxpayers, or in this case the prison system, pockets \$1 million and the state picks up four net acres. Do this or something similar a couple of hundred times and we have closed the budget gap.

Why do public institutions sit on such valuable land, while crying about budget shortages? Let the public put its billions of dollars of land riches to work during these hard times. There is a time to sow and a time to reap. Let us put public assets to work for us instead of taxing a population in economic depression.

Thomas Goebel  
Plymouth

### Stop importing oil

If you want to stop wars like the ones we are in, you have to stop importing oil.

We had the same problems in the 1970s: high gas prices, long lines for gas and importing as much oil as we could. If you send money out of the USA to places that do not like us, you get wars. The money these people use to fight us comes from you and me driving big cars and trucks. We would not care or have the problems we have if people would demand better gas-mileage cars and trucks.

If we started when I got out of school in 1974 and demanded one mile more per gallon, we all would be getting 40 to

50 miles per gallon. Cheap gas or wars for oil. You pick.  
William Dunn  
Plymouth

### It's a war on terrorism

Regarding Hugh Gallagher's column "If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud," my perspective is that we are in a war against terrorism that is currently being fought in Iraq and not so long ago, was fought in New York City. Perhaps many people support the "Iraq War" because they feel as I do that the bigger concern is terrorism and the only ones "singing loud" are the press and the Democrats in office. Thank you for your opinion.

Mike Norris  
Rochester

### Which war do they want to end?

I am responding to Hugh Gallagher's article "If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud," *Observer & Eccentric*, March 4, 2007.

The first question, which war? The Iraq war or the war on terror? I am not sure anymore which war the Democrats want to end.

I think the Democrats, to follow the mandate of the election, must pass a bill to defund the Iraq war, and override the president's veto. They must stop talking and just do it.

Then, the Democrats must define the world situation when the troops come home from Iraq. No matter how the Democrats define it, we are surrendering Iraq to the terrorists, for the terrorists to create another base of operations.

But it will not end there. There will be the question when we bring the troops home from Afghanistan, and then all around the world, from the war on terror. The terrorists will call it surrender. The Democrats will call it improving our world prestige, and making it safer for Americans.

Neil Karl  
Livonia

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## Perceptions are always at play when our schools are involved

I recently received an e-mail from a reader who was really peeved about our coverage of the announcement last month that Canton's Walker-Winter Elementary School earned a Blue Ribbon Award from the state board of education.

I have to admit I was a bit surprised by the woman's note, considering it was our lead story on the front page. But she was upset because our story didn't mention that Walker-Winter is a Wayne-Westland school - until the third paragraph. By waiting that long, she thought we were trying to mislead readers into thinking the school was part of the Plymouth-Canton district.



Kurt Kuban

I think she was off-base, but, in the last paragraph of her note, she does bring up a valid point about perceptions when it comes to public schools in the area. "As a Canton resident with children attending Walker-Winter, I've endured a lot of grief from members of my community who are convinced that all Plymouth-Canton schools are superior. Articles like this only fuel their fire. You clearly waited too long to credit Wayne-Westland with this high honor," she wrote.

She is certainly right that there is a perception out there that children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools are getting a superior education to those children who happen to live within the Wayne-Westland or Van Buren districts. To back this up look no further than the cost of real estate. I'm told Canton homes in either the Wayne-Westland or Van Buren districts run \$50,000 less than those in the Plymouth-Canton boundaries, and that is based solely on the perception of the school districts.

Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy, who says about 2,300 Canton children attend schools in his district, and other Wayne-Westland officials will come together tomorrow afternoon at Walker-Winter to celebrate the Blue Ribbon Award achievement. And I certainly think it is a grand achievement for not only Walker-Winter, but the entire Wayne-Westland district. The main reason: it helps break down those dreaded perceptions the letter writer alluded to.

I think it proves you can get a quality education in Wayne-Westland. Walker-Winter, which is located on Michigan Avenue east of I-275, was one of 23 elementaries in the state, and one of just three in Wayne County, to earn the award this year. According to state officials, the award recognizes schools that have achieved outstanding improvement in delivering a quality education to students.

And this is just the latest feather in Wayne-Westland's cap. The district recently dedicated a 12,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art addition to Wayne Memorial High School's Alumni Arena - a \$4.3 million project that added a fitness room, basketball court, and a room with batting cages and a practice area for golf.

Most of the cost was paid for with funds from a sinking fund millage district voters approved in 2003 that is expected to raise about \$28 million over 10 years, which the district has been using to upgrade its facilities. Anyone who has recently been to Wayne-Memorial in particular can see what dividends the sinking fund has paid. The high school campus has been dramatically improved and is reminiscent of a college campus. Schools across the district similarly have been upgraded.

Plymouth-Canton officials have been hoping to do similar

upgrades, but district voters have shot down three straight bond measures that would have paid for them. Now, the district is looking at making serious budget cuts that could even impact the classroom.

Still, the perception that Wayne-Westland is inferior persists.

Sometimes, though, I wonder if these perceptions are less about the actual schools than they are about who attends the schools. Baracy says the main reason Wayne-Westland is seen as inferior is there are no \$400,000-plus mansions in the district like there are in Plymouth-Canton. The district is certainly much more blue-collar.

Undoubtedly some will disagree with me, and argue that Plymouth-Canton schools perform better on standardized tests than their Wayne-Westland counterparts. This is true. But anyone who is honest with themselves will admit socio-economics play a major factor in test scores. Again, it is about who attends the school, and not the teachers and administrators or schools.

Let's face it, even within Plymouth-Canton Schools similar perceptions exist that some schools are better than others.

Does anyone remember the flap a couple years ago when Plymouth Township residents living in the upscale Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks subdivisions blasted the district's plan to move their children from Bird Elementary to Farrand Elementary? While in public they argued they were against the move because of long bus rides and that test scores at Farrand were worse, it became known the real reason they were upset was because their children would have to go to school with children from a nearby trailer park. If that were to happen, they argued, the value of their homes would drop.

You could also see an intra-district animosity rear its ugly head during the last two bond elections between residents living in Canton, where a new middle school was going to be built, and those in Plymouth, who complained all the money was going to Canton - despite the fact that the vast majority of the district's recent growth has been in Canton. Plymouth voters overwhelmingly voted against the bond measures - a major factor in their defeat.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is these perceptions are always evident when it comes to our public schools. And that's probably because they play such a vital role in the quality of life we all want for our families. But perceptions don't make or break a school's ability to teach.

I have to admit, I've often fallen into the same trap of believing Plymouth-Canton is a superior district than Wayne-Westland - and I'm a product of John Glenn High School (I'm not sure if this is an endorsement or indictment of the district). Looking back, I have fond memories of the education I received there. I had great teachers who cared about their students. I'm sure the same can be said for Wayne-Westland's teachers today - not to mention those at Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or any other district you want to look at.

So I salute the students, administrators, teachers and parents who will come together tomorrow at Walker-Winter. My guess is they probably won't be thinking about the fact that some consider them second-class citizens in Canton. Because they certainly shouldn't be.

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## Change is just a mouse click away for Michigan's workforce

Public education must adapt to a changing world by liberating educators and students from the traditional, industrial model which restricts learning to a six-hour day delivered within the confines of the classroom or school building. This old model is not in sync with the way today's wireless kids go about their daily lives.



Tom Watkins

Why do far too many schools continue to want to force learning by using the ways of the past? Learning has become multidimensional with visuals, sounds, and interactivity that are available 24/7. Today's students

increasingly expect and need learning experiences that are relevant, authentic and real. They require skills and knowledge that will enable success in a world that is global, connected, agile, and entrepreneurial. Are we preparing them to be ready for this new reality? The answer is a qualified "yes" - but only if Michigan's education, business, legislative and executive leadership engage their collective imaginations and energy to deliver quality 21st century learning while retraining our older workers to adapt.

The Internet has expanded access to knowledge exponentially and has placed it literally at the fingertips of everyone. E-learning is bringing education to people and changing how we learn. Technology allows the customization of each student's learning experience.

Where is it written that, like Henry Ford's Model T, students have to accept a one-size fits all educational experience? E-learning allows educators to move from the historic "sage on the stage" delivery model to a more progressive "any time, any place" facilitator-led learning model.

It is imperative that our system of public education plays the lead role in preparing our citizenry for success in the global economy. Michigan cannot lead in the 21st century without casting off the anchors of the attitudes, archaic laws and public policies and beliefs that chain us to the 20th century education and economic model.

In a report I wrote for Michigan Virtual University and Wayne State University, *The New Education (R)evolution* ([www.nacol.org](http://www.nacol.org)), I spelled out a number of recommendations that can help break Michigan out of the educational and economic rut and help propel

us boldly into the 21st century knowledge economy.

Some of the recommendations have been adopted by policy makers. Michigan high school students now must take at least one online course before they graduate. With imagination, innovation and creativity that incorporate the latest learning technology, what should a 21st century educational environment look like?

Imagine a time when all parents and students have access to the best learning institutions/teachers in the world - and not just what is available within the artificial boundaries of local school districts.

Imagine gaining knowledge in a network of international learners connected country-to-country, school-to-school and student-to-student.

Imagine a senior year in high school where students volunteer around the world and develop a portfolio of knowledge and skills outside the walls of their high schools.

Imagine actually living in a flattened world rather than just talking about it.

Imagine Michigan transforming itself from the automotive capital of the world to the knowledge capital of the world and imagine that the catalyst for change that catapults Michigan into a 21st century leadership role begins in our schools.

Today we exist, as most in Michigan are painfully aware, in a borderless world where ideas and work are free to flow from person-to-person and country-to-country. Our quest must be to make the new reality work for us - and not against us. The negative unemployment numbers, high school dropout rates, plant closings and companies fleeing our state are more than just statistics; they are painful realities impacting our families, communities and our state of mind.

Until we use our intellect, creativity and knowledge to innovate and change, work will continue to flow to venues with an educated workforce and low labor costs. We are living in a world where the undereducated and uneducated will be left behind. The 21st century will reward brainpower. Harnessing the power of the Internet and e-learning could be our ticket to success as we move forward.

We currently spend \$13 billion on public education. The question is, are we investing it wisely?

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# War opposition draws Christians to protest

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Christian Peace Witness taking place in Washington, D.C., last weekend drew the Rev. Bryan Smith and his 15-year-old daughter, Julia, along with a number of others opposed to U.S. involvement in the Iraq war.

The Smiths, Canton residents, flew to the U.S. capital Thursday night, accompanied by fellow Geneva Presbyterian Church members Lindsey Anderson, a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and Adam Delezenne, whose fiancée is enrolled at McCormick. Bryan Smith, pastor at Geneva in Canton, observed Christians across the spectrum of the faith at the protest.

"It was something I felt I needed to do," Smith said. "For me, the Christian faith is one that requires engagement."

The protesters met Friday at the National Cathedral for worship and walked to Lafayette Park across from the White House. Earlier that day, they had training on nonviolent resistance which he found helpful.

As an American, Smith believes the war has made things worse and has not resolved terrorism. More than 3,000 U.S. service personnel have died, and up to half a million Iraqi civilians are dead.

Smith, 46, questions national resources devoted to the war. "People hit by Katrina still can't get their homes rebuilt. The way our nation uses its resources greatly disturbs me."

He's also concerned about the president being identified as Christian and that conveying the idea the war is just. Not all Christians agree the war is just, Smith said.

He's also working out his own faith and convictions, not-

ing Jesus didn't condone violence. Smith had known those teachings but is learning to take more seriously how to love enemies and not destroy them.

"That's the obligation Christ lays upon us" to oppose evil without violence.

There was a separate protest in which participants met at the Lincoln Memorial and marched to the Pentagon. In Smith's general group, some were arrested for refusing to disperse while praying.

He found the event organized and planned well, so didn't worry about his daughter's safety. Smith's not sure such protests have a great impact in the political arena.

There's no current U.S. draft, he noted, so average middle class people aren't seeing their sons and daughters impacted. Voters did send a statement in the 2006 election, he said.

His hope is that more

Christians "might be willing to speak out more in their churches. I think there's been a lot of fear used." People worry about being labeled unpatriotic, he said, but he'd like to see peaceful, rational discussions on the war.

Smith also learned more about the methods of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who promoted social change without resorting to violence.

Daughter Julia didn't fear for her safety in D.C.

"I'm glad I got to experience that. It was really exciting," Julia Smith said. "It was interesting to be part of a huge group of people." She could feel the energy.

"It's not a just war," said the younger Smith, a home-schooler who recently wrote a paper on the Iraq war. "We didn't have a just cause for going into Iraq. It's just not just."



Protesters marched to Lafayette Park across from the White House.

A Republican friend of hers, involvement in the war is also young, agrees U.S. wrong, she added.

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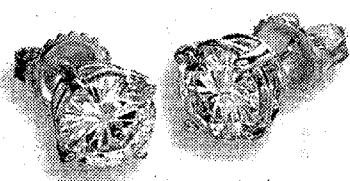
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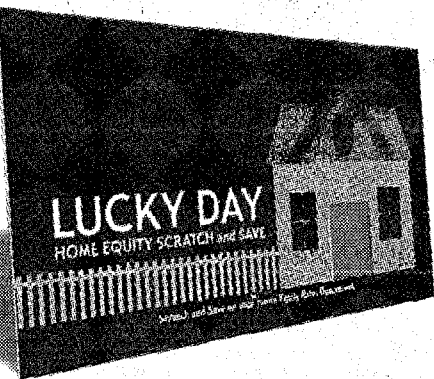
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## Parade celebrates Greek heritage

The Greek Community of metropolitan Detroit will celebrate Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 25, 2007 with a parade in downtown Detroit.

The parade will start at 3 p.m. and will proceed on Monroe Street from Woodward to the heart of Detroit's Greektown. The parade will be led by the Grand Marshal, Philip Christopher, vice president of the World Council of Hellenes Abroad and World Coordinator for Cypriots. His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit; and political dignitaries, including representatives of the Michigan Legislature, Detroit City Council, and Consulate of Greece in Chicago will also lead the parade.

A unit of "Evzones" from Boston who replicate the famous Greek Presidential Guard, will march in full uniform with precision military maneuvers. Participating in the parade will be over 40 marching units representing Greek Orthodox churches, Greek schools, dance groups, university clubs, and cultural organizations from metropolitan Detroit and nearby communities including Windsor, Toledo, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Lansing. Numerous floats will be included in the parade.



A float celebrates Greek history in the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Greektown.

After the parade, a short program will be held near the end of the parade route. A proclamation from the State of Michigan honoring Greek Independence Day will be presented, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and all four Greek-American members of the Michigan Legislature; State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), State Senator John Pappageorge (R-Troy), State Representative Fran Amos (R-Waterford), and State Representative Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights).

Senator Carl Levin will present a proclamation on behalf of the US Government.

After the program, dancers in colorful ethnic dress will perform a variety of Greek dances representing the various regions of Greece.



Marchers in traditional Greek clothing lead the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Detroit's Greektown.

The Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade was revived in 2002 after an absence of over 30 years. It is

sponsored by the Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, a non-profit corporation.

## Local pet owners worried about food recall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday evening Dr. Brad Davis spent two hours returning phone calls from pet owners concerned about the recall of all "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food produced by Menu Foods Inc. at its Emporia, Kan., facility between Dec. 3 and March 6.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration released information about the recall of Menu Foods pet food packaged in cans and pouches on Saturday, March 17. The products were sold in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

There have been reports of cats and dogs developing kidney failure after eating the recalled food, and more than 14 have died as of the March 20.

For a complete list of the 51 affected dog foods, and 42 cat foods, visit [www.menu.com](http://www.menu.com).

The plant code number is 4197. For recall information, call 1-866-895-2708.

Davis suggests if pet owners suspect their dog or cat could be ill from eating the recalled pet food to call their veterinarian. Symptoms include increased thirst and urination, lack of appetite, and vomiting or diarrhea.

Davis says he has treated

animals with these symptoms, which are the same as renal failure, at VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City. The question remains is it because of the food. One dog Davis diagnosed in February with renal failure meets all of the criteria, including eating the recalled food.

"Call your veterinarian. He or she can check the blood for kidney function," said Davis, medical director of VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City and a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"There's a lot of different food recalled. Hills and Science Diet, it's a voluntary recall, but they haven't had a case. I talked with them yesterday. It depends on the type of food. The problem isn't with all the food. Dry is safe right now."

A spokesperson for Roose Veterinary Hospital in Plymouth said calls from worried pet owners were still coming in Tuesday morning. So far, the hospital staff hasn't treated any dogs or cats sickened by the recalled pet food.

Roose Animal Hospital staff is warning pet owners not to feed any of the contaminated food to their animals.

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## Ficano hosts 3rd stormwater summit

The Wayne County Departments of Environment and Public Services will hold the third "Stormwater Summit" on Friday at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn.

The event will update and educate municipal governments, engineers, developers, and environmentalists on the county's Stormwater Ordinance, which was adopted in 2000 and updated late last year.

The ordinance is required by state and federal law, and helps to improve water quality and habitat while controlling

flooding.

County Executive Robert A. Ficano will kick-off the morning event with an explanation of the his new "One Stop" permitting process for Wayne County businesses. The goal of the CEO's initiative is to have all county permits approved in 45 to 60 days.

"The County's system of permits is essential to protecting the public health, environment, and safety, and we want to be the leader in making the permitting process fast and fair for our County's job creators," Ficano said.

For program details on the Stormwater Summit, call (734) 326-3936.

## Comcast holds youth talent hunt for TV ads

First, there was "American Idol," then "Grease: You're the One That I Want." Now the Comcast Casting Call presents an opportunity for young aspiring actors and actresses to make their debut. Comcast is the latest group to look to the general public to find a new "star." The Comcast Casting Call is a talent search for an 11 to 15-year-old Michigan resident - and the winner will be featured in an upcoming advertising cam-

paign.

"This is a fun and different way to find the next face and voice of Comcast in Michigan," said Luis Casanova, vice president of Communications and Public Affairs for Comcast's Michigan Region. "We're excited to involve the community and looking forward to finding the next local Comcast spokesperson."

In addition to being awarded a contract from Comcast,

the winner will be awarded the ultimate media package: an HDTV, home computer system, digital phone system and a free year of Comcast Cable, Internet and Digital Voice.

Both professionals and amateurs are eligible to enter this talent search, as long as they meet the age and residency requirements.

From the auditions submitted online, 10 finalists will be selected by a panel of eight

judges and the finalists will participate in a live audition on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

To view the rules, regulations and directions of the Comcast Casting Call and to submit an application and audition, visit [www.comcast-castingcall.com](http://www.comcast-castingcall.com).

All contestants must be legal residents of Michigan and must have parent or guardian permission to participate in the competition.

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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**

**God's amazing grace**

Frank Turner, former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit, shares 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.

**Bible study**

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Lenten concerts**

12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 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.

**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. Pre-registration required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

**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 fish fry**

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

**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.

**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, Cullen 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. Day includes speakers, 2:30 p.m. Mass, confessions available throughout the day.

**Communion breakfast**

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church hosts the Presbytery of Detroit's first annual Men's Lenten Communion Breakfast Celebration Saturday, March 24, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

The Communion service is at 8 a.m. followed by the breakfast at 8:45 a.m. The Rev. Jack Stewart delivers the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Stewart recently retired as professor of evangelism at Princeton Theological Seminary. The event is open to all men of the community. Cost is \$10. For reservations, call (313) 345-6550 or (866) 345-6550, or the Rosedale Gardens church office at (734) 422-0494.

**Blood drive**

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Kenneth Church, Five Mile and Haggerty, Plymouth. No appointment necessary.

**Lenten Mass**

Bethany Suburban West hosts a Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Felician Sister Chapel at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft (use Newburgh entrance), Livonia. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Depression recovery**

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

**Sunday services**

Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**A sacred cantata**

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois with soprano Mary Bagazinski, 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.

**Lenten services**

Vesper Services continue 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent until March 28 (six part series on the Lord's Prayer), at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

**Lenten dinner**

Feed your spirit and body 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25 when the church presents a catered dinner followed by a dramatic rendition of the Sermon on the Mount by Randy Colbe, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Cost is \$6. Tickets available at door.

**Jesus Unmasked**

A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannapel 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, 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.

**Vesper services**

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - 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@twmri.com. Livonia.

**Clothing, shoes wanted**

New Providence Baptist Church is looking for donations of gently used and new items for its annual Free Clothing and Shoes Giveaway Saturday, March 31, at the church, 18211 Plymouth Road, Detroit. Deadline for donations is Wednesday, March 28. Volunteer meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22. For more information, call (313) 837-0818.

**Midweek Lenten program**

6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, includes simple service of sung prayer, meal and mission project, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**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 Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

**Who is he?**

The Aerokhanas are flying into town. This group of teenage athletes love getting high, not on drugs, but on Acrosport, a combination of acrobatics and gymnastics. Why do they do these

incredible stunts? To get the attention of thousands of kids across Michigan each year and let them know it's better than getting high on drugs or alcohol. They will be performing 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Northville High School gym at 45700 Six Mile, west of Sheldon before Beck, Northville. This very talented team will also be performing a Youth Impact Dramatic Play on the Life of Christ 7:30 p.m. Friday March 30, in the Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 420-4044.

There is no charge for performances but a donation will be taken to help defray travel and expenses.

**Choral cantata**

A New Creation by Rene Clausen 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Southern gospel singing**

7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. New pastor Dan Strength invites everyone to enjoy The Journeymen. The only remaining original member of the group, Big John Bledsoe, is lead singer and a native of Livonia. For more information about the church or the concert by the male quartet, call (734) 425-6360.

**Bethany together dance**

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Proper attire. \$12 admission. For details, call (586) 264-0284. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**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 \$1 admission. 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 Sun-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.

**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.psalml2verses@yahoo.com for more information.

**UPCOMING**

**Holy Week activities**

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1 children are invited to a festive Sunday school program (the children will lead the parade of palms for 10:30 a.m. worship which begins with a walk through Jerusalem; Maundy Thursday worship 7 p.m. April 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038; two Good Friday services April 6, 12:30 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh road, Livonia, call (734) 422-0149, and 7:30 p.m. at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, south of Plymouth road, call (313) 937-3170, and Easter Sunday, April 8, 7 a.m. Sunrise worship at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, east of Eight Mile, Livonia, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038.

**Easter cantata**

Once Upon a Cross by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Holy week services**

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5 (Communion); 12:30-2 p.m. Good Friday, April 6 (Service of Words, Music and Meditation, Come when you can, leave when you wish) Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m. (The Service of Light), and 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival Services Easter Sunday, April 8, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.hollycrosslivonia.org

**Good Friday drama**

1:2 p.m. April 6, during Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary at Wayne-Westland First United Methodist Church, 3 Townsquare (Newberry Street across from the Wayne Post Office). The public is invited. Refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall. Women of the Cross is about 12 women whose lives were changed by Jesus before his crucifixion.

**Women's retreat**

Deadline for registration is April 7. Retreat takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 960 Hubbard, Livonia. Cost is \$25, includes continental breakfast and lunch. For information, call (734) 422-0494. Keynote speaker is Rev. Carol Bechtel, professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. Retreat features workshops, fellowship, Cokesbury Bookstore.

**Monthly dance**

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**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.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

**Peace pilgrimage**

On Monday, April 9, a group of religious leaders and people of good will will leave metro Detroit headed for the Middle East on an 8-day trip to help bring reconciliation to the children of Abraham. They will be going to support the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), a project of the Universal Peace Federation. The MEPI focuses on bringing peace through the reconciliation of religious leaders. Participants will visit rabbis and imams with the spirit of love, service and dialogue. This is the 20th MEPI pilgrimage to the Middle East in the last four years. If you are a religious leader or person of good will who would like to join the pilgrimage, call Edward Taub at (313) 822-5553 or send e-mail to etaub@provide.net for an information packet.

**Wine tasting**

Friday, April 13, at the St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission is a dish of food to pass and \$5 at the door. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

**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.

**Retreat for widowed**

Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors, a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Speakers and group discussions. Fee is \$140 per person for double, \$160 for single. Call (586) 939-5219, (248) 478-1084, or (586) 566-2557 to register.

**Monthly meeting**

For Bethany Suburban West Saturday, April 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City, All separated, divorce and singles welcomes. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**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

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**HAROLD W. "REX" RECTOR**

March 19, 2007, age 88. Loving husband of Florence for 67 years. Dear father of Sandy Champe (Bill) and Heather Jenkins (Bill). Also survived by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Beckwith. Memorial Service at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 11 AM. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-8 PM. Memorial Tributes Freeman Wilner Foundation, Rose Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 103, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**MARILYN MADGE CRESSWELL**

Age 87 of Charlevoix, Michigan formerly of Rochester Hills. Died Thursday, March 15, 2007 in Placida, Florida. Private family services were held in Florida. Burial will be held at Wildwood Cemetery in Chesaning, Michigan on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 11:30 A.M. A Luncheon will immediately follow the burial at the Bonny Mill Inn in Chesaning, Michigan. Born in Owosso, Michigan on August 7, 1919. Parents: Edward and Lesla (Bailey) Miller. Graduated from Chesaning High School in 1937, and Central Michigan Teaching College with a bachelor's degree in education. Married to Hugh "Pat" Elmer Cresswell in Petoskey, Michigan in 1943. Resided most of her life in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She retired in 1987 from Rochester School District, completing her career of 40 years of teaching elementary education. Marilyn was a fun loving, very gracious, elegant lady who had a wonderful sense of humor, a generous spirit, and always had a positive and optimistic outlook on life. Her strength was insurmountable. She and her husband Pat enjoyed spending their winters in Placida, Florida. She loved her career in teaching, and was very devoted to the children she taught. Survived by: Devoted husband of 63 years, whom she loved dearly Hugh "Pat" Cresswell of Placida, Florida. One Son James T. & Candace Cresswell of Harrison Township, Michigan. One Daughter Mary Jane & David "Jack" Brillman of Pittsburgh, PA. Three Grandchildren Jon Cresswell, Alex Brillman, & Laura Brillman whom she loved with all her heart. Predeceased by her parents, and two brothers Bob Miller and Edson Miller. Memorials may be made to Cara Cresswell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Alma College. Online condolences to: www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis Chapel.

**MARY ALICE "MICKIE" BEYER**

March 17, 2007, Age 79 of Plymouth. Member Plymouth Garden Club and Plymouth Rotary Annex. Beloved wife of the late Robert O. Beyer. Dear mother of Susan (David) Hicks and R. Michael (Nancy) Beyer. Grandmother of Sarah Elizabeth (Daniel) Holliday and the soon to be born Alice. Leaves numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. Sister of Freda Gale, Carl Schuster, Gretchen Heeren and the late Anne Bakhaus, Alfred Schuster and Betty Moe. Also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Wednesday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church or Rotary International Foundation. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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**ROBERTA COLE HOLCOMB**

Saratoga Springs - Birmingham, MI, died Friday (March 16, 2007) at the home of her daughter in Saratoga Springs. She was 83. Born on July 14, 1923 in Pontiac, MI, she was the daughter of the late Louis H. and Marie Kaufman Cole. Roberta attended Kingswood School Cranbrook and earned her BA degree in Philosophy & Psychology from Michigan State University and her MA degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. While in college she was an active member in Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In addition to her parents, Roberta is predeceased by her husband, Albert W. Holcomb of Birmingham, MI; her companion of 18 years, Ed Shile of St. Petersburg, FL; one sister, Virginia Cole Newcomb of LaCanada, CA; and one brother, Louis H. Cole, Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Survivors include one son, Gary S. Holcomb and his wife Jeannette of San Diego, CA; one daughter, Andrea H. Gardner and her partner Tim Shoen of Saratoga Springs, NY; four grandchildren, Scott Holcomb and his wife Melissa of Manhattan Beach, CA; Chad Holcomb of San Luis Obispo, CA; Ashley Gardner and her partner Kevin Wood of Saratoga Springs, NY; and Rachel Gardner of San Francisco, CA. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Alex and Peyton Holcomb of Manhattan Beach, CA. There will be no public calling hours and burial will be private in Michigan at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 12866 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Arrangements are under the direction of the William J. Burke & Sons/Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Homes, 628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs (518-584-5373). Online remembrances may be made at www.burkefuneralhome.com.

**MARGUERITE E. WEBSTER**

Age 88, formerly of Redford. Loving wife of the late Howard. Beloved mother of Richard (Bethan) of Belfour, WA, Brian (Debbie) of Sterling, CO, and Daniel (Vicki) of Howell; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A farewell service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Redford; gathering 10-11 a.m. at church. Memorials to Aldersgate. Please leave a message of comfort for Marguerite's family at 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at borekjennings.com. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home. 517-546-0100.



**ELSIE PAULINE (TOLONEN) PRECOBB**

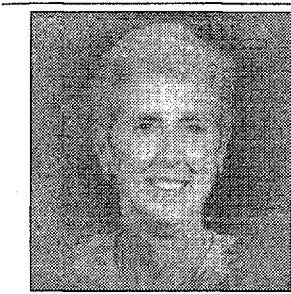
February 26, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John E. Precobb. Loving mother of Sue A. (Precobb) Rucker and Carol M. (Precobb) Leurck. Grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine. She was cremated in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (south of Ann Arbor Trail), on Friday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hospice of Chattanooga, Inc. would be welcome.

**CHARLES VICTOR BOOTH**

Age 83 of Rochester, formerly of Petoskey, March 18, 2007. Loving husband of Mary Ellen for 58 years. Dear father of Charles V. III (Cherry) Booth and Wendy Booth (James) Boyd. Grandfather of James Patrick, Jr. and Charles Matthew (Nikki) Boyd. Brother of I. McAllister Booth. Charles was the owner of H. H. Schultz Company, member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, Walloon Lake Country Club in Petoskey, graduate of University of Michigan and was an Army Air Force WWII veteran. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to Walloon Lake Trust or American Cancer Society. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

**JON LEE BRIMHALL**

Age 44, died March 9, 2007. Loving father of Kim and David Brimhall. Survived by loving family members: grandmother, Bessie; father, Leland; sisters, Susan, Marilee, Wanda, Angie and foster sister, Molly; brother-in-law, Danny; nieces and nephews, Derek, Lisa, Damion, J.R., Mike, David, Justin, Jessica, Dawn. And Lancy and Jasper.



**ELMER (nee BELL) EMORY**

Age 80. March 18, 2007. Beloved wife of Howard. Loving mother of Kathy (Steve Anderson) Emory, Martha (Ron) Ryan, Lee (Glen) Magyera. Proud Grandmother of Kyle, Jenna, Erin, Neal, Rachel, Rebecca and Roland. Visitation at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak on Thursday 4-8 p.m. Instate Friday at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak from 10:30 am until time of Service 11:00 am. Memorials to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, Rose Hill Foundation or Alzheimer's Association. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



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

**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.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.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 to March 26, 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.

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**Worship service**

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

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**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

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**TOPS**

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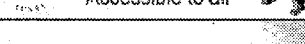
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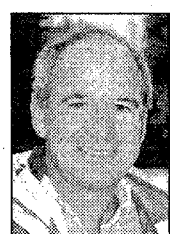
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# We're on the trail to spring at long last

Ninety degrees, curious coa-timundis, foot-stabbing jumping cholla cacti, and extremely grungy new friends. That's what I face today as you read the paper, sip coffee and watch spring flirt and fight with remnants of winter. I find myself sun-soaked and sweaty at GPS coordinates 33 degrees 14.819 minutes north and 111 degrees 8.918 minutes west in the Northeast corner of the USGS 7.5 minute Mineral Mountain map. A knife, Pulaski and a mule hauling water are essential. Almost forgot, a compass and a topographic map are strapped to my pack straps: Anyone who relies solely on GPS, that direction dispersing automated "God in a Box" when they travel off the beaten track is a fool.



## On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

the occasional elf owl.

I better explain what I mean as "sort of" on the Arizona Trail. Every now and then I feel a need to indulge my love of wilderness and adventurous spirit. Guess I am an addict. Wanderlust fever hit. And so I grabbed the back pack and hooked up with a Sierra Club trail stewardship team. When my week is done, so will a small uncompleted section of this wild and wonderful narrow band of earth that stretches all the way from Utah down to the Mexican border. Some thought it a odd, that in my "free time" - and temporarily jobless to boot - I paid Sierra Club for the honor of working on a desert trail thousands of miles from my home. It was almost as if they regarded me as a freakish over-energized human oddity of P.T. Barnum:

"Come and see this wretched beast, forgotten by man and God alike." But I never have been a Myrtle Beach vacation type of guy, rolling over every now and then in salty sunshine like a turkey on a rotisserie waiting for the stuffing.

Michigan has great trails. One day, our big Up North trails will stretch out like the arms of giant Saguaro Cacti and link with such wonders as Wisconsin's 1,000 mile Ice Age Trail.

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Talk to Gary Werner, the executive director of the partnership for national, scenic and historic trails and he says the Arizona Trail offers greater diversity than any other comparable trail in the U.S.



Frogs are a sure sign of spring.

Perhaps one day I'll do the entire 800 mile trek that encompasses 12 different life zones, and climb up and down from 1,700 feet to 9,600 feet, cross seven mountain ranges, four rivers, goes around five lakes, through three national parks, four national forests and ranges in elevation from 1,700 feet to 9,600 feet.

That big trek must wait. But I'm greeting spring stubble-faced, sleeping under stars with the old icon of the west, e moon-howling western coyotes as my songster companions. That's my Five Star living. Just have to remember to shake boots in the morning: Scorpions and western diamondback rattlers don't like being jabbed by toes at sunrise.

Want a local service project? Laurel Malvitz at malvitzl@michigan.gov. For the big adventures: sierra-club.org. You never know where the trails of life and adventure lead.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way in Oakland County. He can be reached at oaknature@aol.com.

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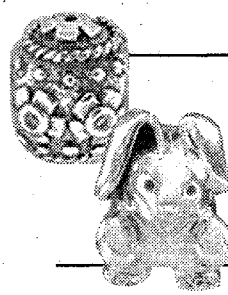
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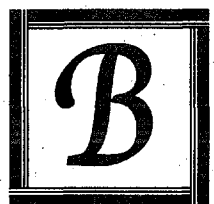
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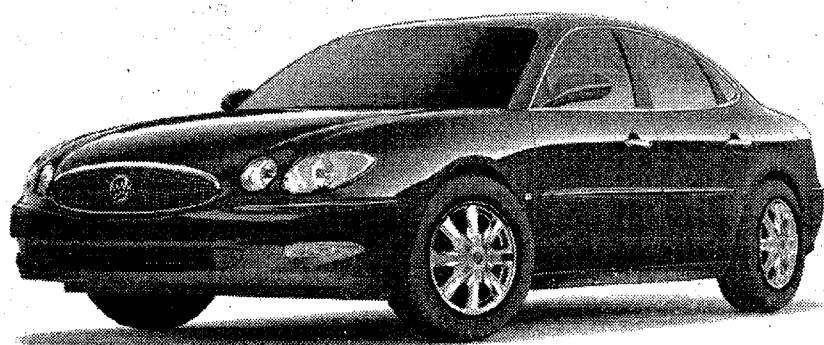
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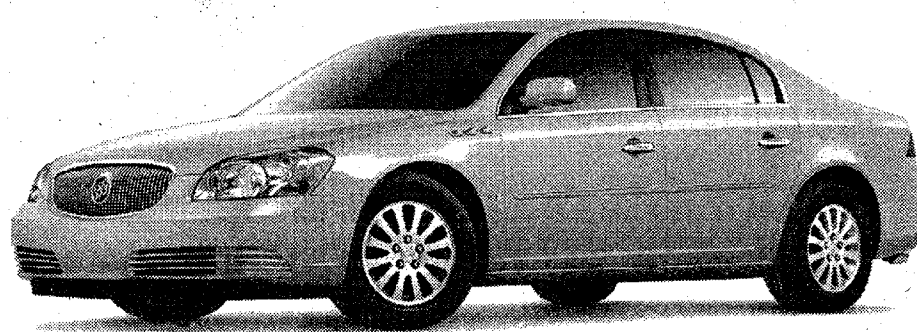
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P-CEP figure skating team co-captains (from left) Kaitlin Forster, Kirstin Forster and Katie Summers hold three of the trophies the team has earned this season. The squad qualified for the Michigan High School Skating Series state championships set for March 31 in Bloomfield Hills.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The P-CEP figure-skating team is led by (from left) coach Barb Miller, manager Ellen Kolarik and coach Suzie Smith.

## Sidelines

### In search of elite coaches

Is there a youth sports coach you know who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make your child's athletic experience a memorable one?

If so, Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright would like to know about him or her so he can include them in an upcoming feature story on what makes a good youth sports coach.

Please e-mail the coach's name, phone number and the sport he or she coaches to Wright at: ewright@hometownlife.com no later than Sunday, March 25.

### YMCA soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA's spring soccer leagues are forming for children between the age of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of April 9 and games start Saturday, April 21.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will be required to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 28. If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please call (734) 453-2904 for more details. For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org. The Plymouth Family YMCA is also accepting registrations for its Fall soccer programs, which are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Diesel tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia, will be held Saturday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Everyone 18 and older is eligible to try out. The registration fee for tryouts is \$30.

The team is also looking for assistant coaches.

For more information, call (313) 294-0890.

### Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day — the first from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from 1-4 p.m. Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack. For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or send an e-mail to: pcmyers@hotmail.com.

## Spins, grins and wins

### Figure skating series offers fun, competition and medals

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The range of skills on display at a typical P-CEP figure-skating team practice stretches from lean-on-the-boards-for-support wobbly to flawless-flying-spin smooth.

However, the determination of the 41 members of the seven-year-old program put forth is all the same: gold-medal quality.

Despite being limited to once-a-week, one-hour practices at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the P-CEP skaters have earned a coveted berth in the March 31 Michigan High School Skating Series State Championships at the Detroit Skating Club.

The team — which is made up of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools — earned its state-meet ticket by placing in the top three in a 10-team district event held earlier this year. Michigan is divided into five districts — four in the lower peninsula and one in the UP.

"The range in the girls' abilities is pretty wide," said Barb Miller, who coaches the team

along with Suzie Smith. "At our first practice this season, some of the girls were holding onto the boards for support while others were doing perfect spins and spirals.

"The best thing about this team is that they all work hard and it's amazing how much a lot of the girls improve considering we only practice one hour a week. A lot of the more-experienced girls practice on their own in addition to our practices. What's really nice to see is that some of the less-experienced girls are starting to take skating classes because they like the sport so much and they want to get better."

### 'K'APABLE CAPTAINS

The P-CEP contingent is led by captains Kaitlin Forster, Kirstin Forster (no relation) and Katie Summers, all seniors who didn't even realize there was a high school figure-skating team until their freshman year at their respective schools.

"I don't play any other sports, so the figure-skating team gave me something to be involved in," said Kaitlin

PLEASE SEE SKATING, B2

### SKATING TO STATES

■ **Who:** P-CEP figure-skating team, a self-funded squad consisting of 41 Plymouth, Canton and Salem students; figure-skating is not an MHSAA-recognized sport, but team members can earn varsity letters.

■ **What:** The team competes in a series of one-day competitions throughout the metropolitan Detroit area from October through March. Earlier this year, the P-CEP skaters qualified for the Michigan High School Skating Series state championship meet by placing third at its District meet.

■ **When:** The 15-team state championship event is set for Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.



P-CEP figure skater Jennifer Hunsaker performs a "shoot the duck" move during a February practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

## 2007 OHL Playoffs Preview

### Hottest team on ice

### Whalers look to carry sizzling play into playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The pivotal moment in the Plymouth Whalers' 2006-07 regular season unfolded not on a sheet of ice, but in a locker room.

Not long after the Whalers had suffered their fifth-consecutive loss (a 5-2 setback at Kingston) on Nov. 5, Head Coach Mike Vellucci gathered his skaters for a heart-to-heart discussion on what he expected from them during the final 51 games of the season.

"In so many words, I told them in that team meeting that I knew we were a championship team, even though we weren't playing like one at the time," said Vellucci. "I told them if they played up to their potential, this could turn out to be a very special season because I knew we had a lot of talent on this team.

"Our turnaround started right after that meeting." Whatever was said during the gathering should be bottled and sold. The Whalers have rolled to an incredible 41-5-5 record since the locker-room doors opened on that cold November afternoon, finishing with a 49-14-2-3 record (103 points), an Ontario Hockey League West Division title and the second-most points in the entire league (London notched 104).

The Whalers will take aim at the franchise's first league championship since 1995 on Saturday night when they host Guelph in Game 1 of a best-of-seven OHL first-round playoff series. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Storm finished third in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 33-23-3-9 mark.

### ROUND OF 'GUELPH'

■ **What:** Round 1 best-of-seven-series of Ontario Hockey League playoffs;

■ **Who:** Plymouth Whalers (49-14-2-3) vs. Guelph Storm (33-23-3-9);

■ **When:** Game 1 is Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township; Game 2 is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Guelph; Game 3 is Tuesday at 7:05 at Compuware; Game 4 will be Thursday, March 29, in Guelph.

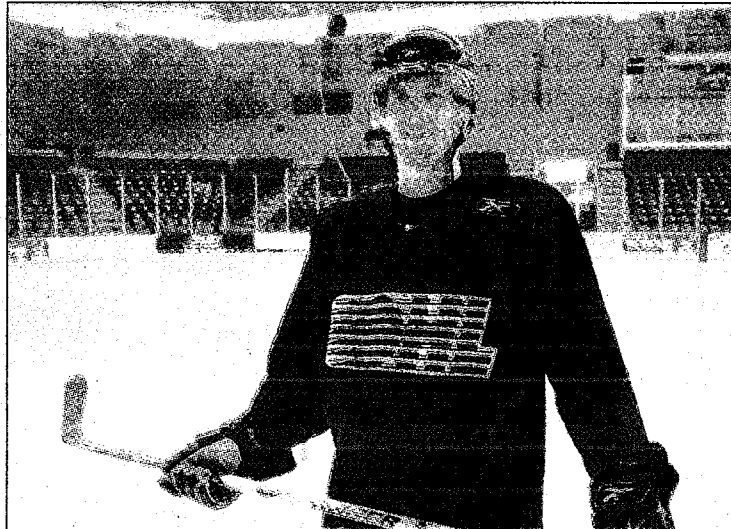
■ **Beware the 'D':** Led by stellar goal-tenders, both teams yielded less than three goals per game.

■ **Tickets:** Are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

"Even though we had a great regular season, everyone here knows the job is not done yet," said Vellucci. "The regular season is over now and the only thing a lot of people remember is how well you did in the playoffs.

"All eight teams that made the playoffs in the

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers defenseman Brett Bellemore finished the regular season with an Ontario Hockey League-best plus-48 in the all-important plus/minus category.

### Bellemore big plus to Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

As the number of "healthy scratches" grew on Brett Bellemore's stat sheet early this season, so did the level of frustration in the Plymouth Whalers' 6-foot-4, 193-pound defenseman.

A healthy scratch — as Bellemore can readily explain — means that you're fit enough to play in a game, but you don't because your coach doesn't think you're one of the top 20 players — or, in his case, one of the top six defensemen — available.

It may be the most humbling stat in hockey and it flattened Bellemore's season faster than a jet-propelled Zamboni — at least

PLEASE SEE BELLEMORE, B4



# 'Mr. P' will be greatly missed

They all called him "Mr. P." George Prybyla was a stand-out leader in the local bowling scene. Sadly, he passed away last week, preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Natalie, by only 18 days.



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Prybyla was born on July 18, 1914, in Hamtramck. During WWII he served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps based in the China-India theatre.

George was well known for his many years as proprietor of Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. He had a great passion for the sport of bowling, and he and his father built the Nortown Bowling alley in 1940.

In 1962, he opened Thunderbowl with 50 lanes, and it was later expanded to its present complement of 96 lanes, making it the second-largest bowling center in the USA. Throughout his years, Prybyla served the bowling community in many capacities. He was a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of Michigan for 60 years and

served as president in 1978. He was instrumental in bringing the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame to a home of its own, finding suitable space right in the concourse of Thunderbowl Lanes. George was inducted into the hall of fame in 1980.

The Detroit All-Stars have called Thunderbowl Lanes their home for many years. Some of the area's strongest leagues, both men's and women's are based there as well.

It also became the host site of the annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament every August and the annual Old Timers Tournament in November. Both events became highly successful under George's leadership.

He was quite an innovator and when George talked people listened. He was highly respected everywhere and by all who knew him. George Prybyla will be missed by many.

Now there are nine. That is the number of senior bowlers in the Mayflower Wednesday Men's Senior Classic to score a perfect game this season.

Last week it was Bill Holloway of West Bloomfield with a 300 game. That same day also featured Rich Walczyk of Flat Rock who bowled an 800 series.

Circle May 2 on your calendar. That's the date of the USBC

Queens finals from Charlotte, N.C. Five of the world's top women bowlers will be competing for the top prize of \$30,000.

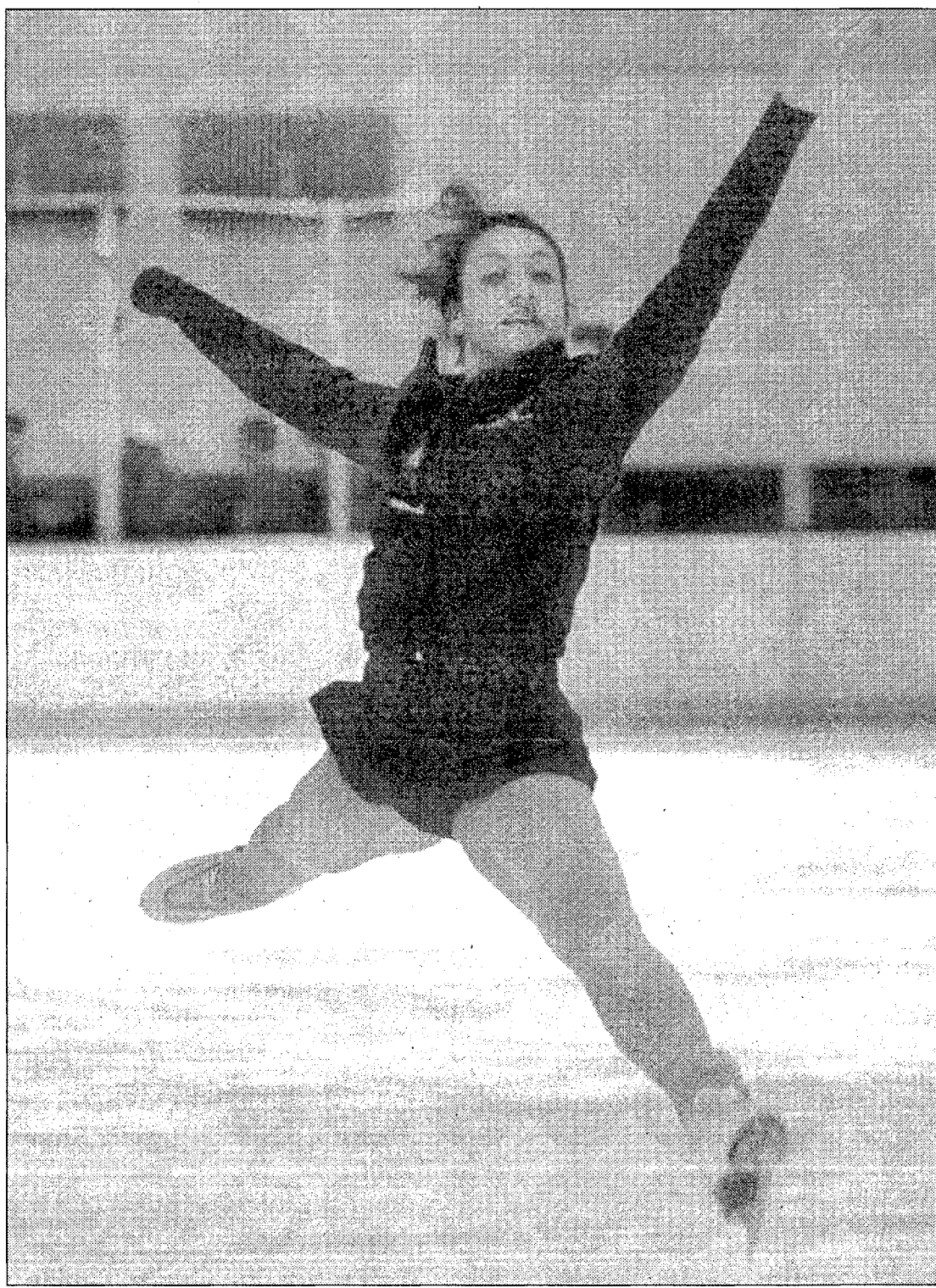
Three hundred women bowlers will be shooting at a total prize fund of \$200,000. The TV finals will feature the five finalists who survive the four days of qualifying and match play. If you miss, it will be re-aired at 1 p.m. on Sunday May 20 on ESPN.

It's not just the old guys in senior leagues with those 300 games. How about 13-year-old Michael Nadratowski. He rolled a perfect game on March 4 in the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic at Lodge Lanes.

Michael averages 191. His older brother, 17-year-old Dan, is pretty good, too; he averages around the 200 mark.

Both boys started bowling at the age of 5. Dan has also won a \$1,000 scholarship prize in the Westland Bowl Youth Tournament. A good measure of their success is due to the lessons they took with Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen at Country Lanes. Their proud parents are John and Kim Nadratowski of Canton.

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PCEP skater Kiki Kazi performs a "split jump" at a recent practice.



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### SKATING

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Forster, a Canton student. "It's nice, too, because you don't have to be really good to participate."

"The team has grown a lot since we were freshmen," added Summers, who also attends Canton. "I think we had 25 girls on the team our first year and now we have 40."

"We don't get big crowds like they do for soccer and football, but we have a lot of teammates who cheer us on."

### TRIPLE THE FUN

Multi-team competitions are held on Saturdays from October through March. Each competition is divided into three ability-based levels - A, B and C - so that competitors are performing against skaters of their own skill level.

Four girls from each team are selected by their coaches to participate in a series of three elements - spins, jumps and moves. Scores are awarded by five judges and team points are distributed accordingly.

### THREE SCHOOLS, ONE TEAM

Listed below are the members of PCEP figure-skating team and the schools they attend:

**Plymouth:** Katie Alber, Ally Ciotti, Meredith Citkowski, Danielle Desilets, Kaitlin Forster, Bernadette Franklin, Pooja Kamani, Kiki Kazi, Shelby Locklear, Diane Postel, Jasmine Revels, Brooke Siepierski, Laura Sigler, Tara Stacey, Victoria Vlcek, Paige Wojcik and Ashley Zaborowski.

**Canton:** Alyssa Albers, Nancy Balewski, Melissa Buck, Eva DeBeliso, Karma Elchanti, Kirstin Forster, Jennifer Fortais, Harmisha Hoggatt, Sarah Kopchia, Lauren Larsen, Allison Laurin, Kelsey Mason, Jillian Miller, Kirstie Newall, Ellita Perez, Jordan Puskar and Katie Summers.

**Salem:** Jennifer Hunsaker, Emily Miller, Rachel Pawlowski, Amelia Peer, Leah Przytulski, Elyssa Rautiola and Olivia Ziegler.

"The team concept is stressed, so the girls are never told their individual scores," said Smith.

Following the basic element performances, the scores are tabulated and trophies are awarded to the top-three finishing teams in A, B and C. A "longest element" competition is then held that allows the

more-accomplished skaters to try challenging moves like the "flying spin," the "sit spin" and the "Ina Bauer." Longest element results do not factor into the team competition.

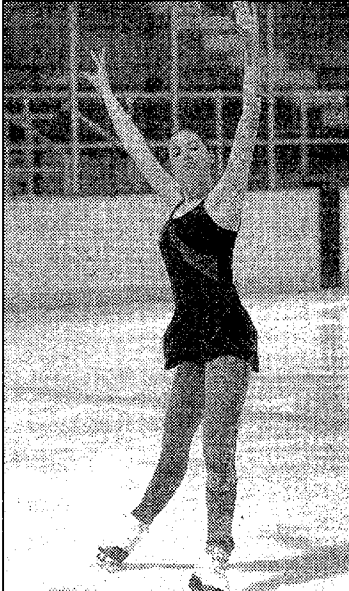
"We're totally self-funded," said team manager Ellen Kolarik. "It's a lot like the cheer teams - it's not a varsity sport, but the girls do earn varsity letters. As of now, we're not recognized by the MHSAA, but our goal is to be recognized at some point."

Kolarik said the average participation cost for each skater is roughly \$300, which covers the cost of the practice time at the Cultural Center as well as entry fees for the competitions.

"We do a lot of fund-raisers, too," said Kaitlin Forster. "Last summer we organized some carwashes and the money we raised helped us pay for the new dresses that we wear during competitions."

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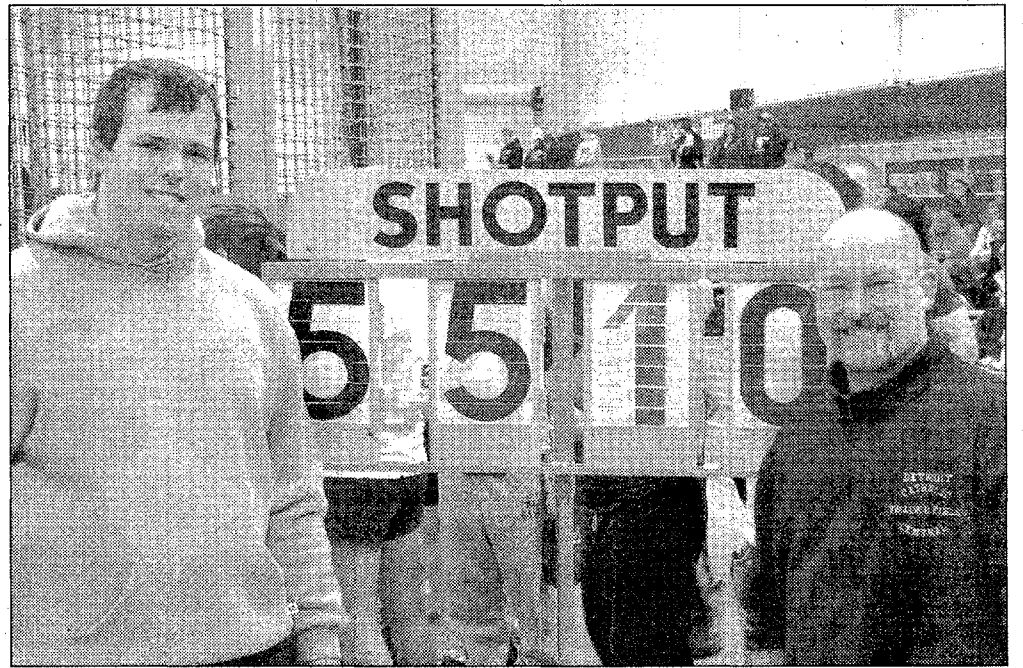
P-CEP skater Jennifer Fortais works on her "spread eagle" routine at a recent practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.





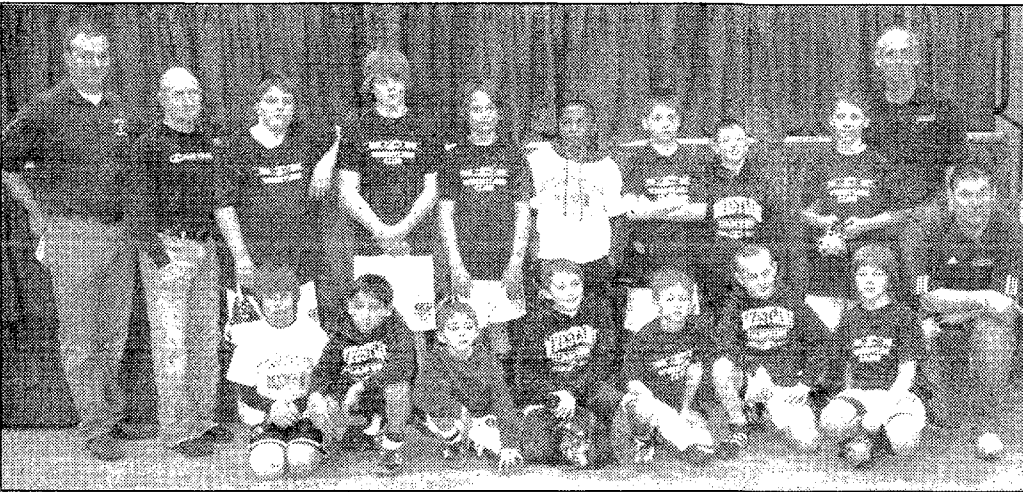
**Getting their 'Kicks'**

The Plymouth Kicks '98 soccer team won the Boys U-9 Division 1 championship at the National Indoor Soccer Tournament held at Total Soccer in Fraser last month. Playing against teams from North Carolina, Chicago, Ohio and Grand Rapids, the Kicks tied first game before winning the rest to win their second consecutive national indoor title. The team consists of Bowen Burdette, Cooper Cormier, Matt Cook, Ben Ethier, Michael Kulczycki, Tyler Laurentius, A.J. Santavy, Aidan Shennan, Brian Sockow and Dante Toppi. The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki.



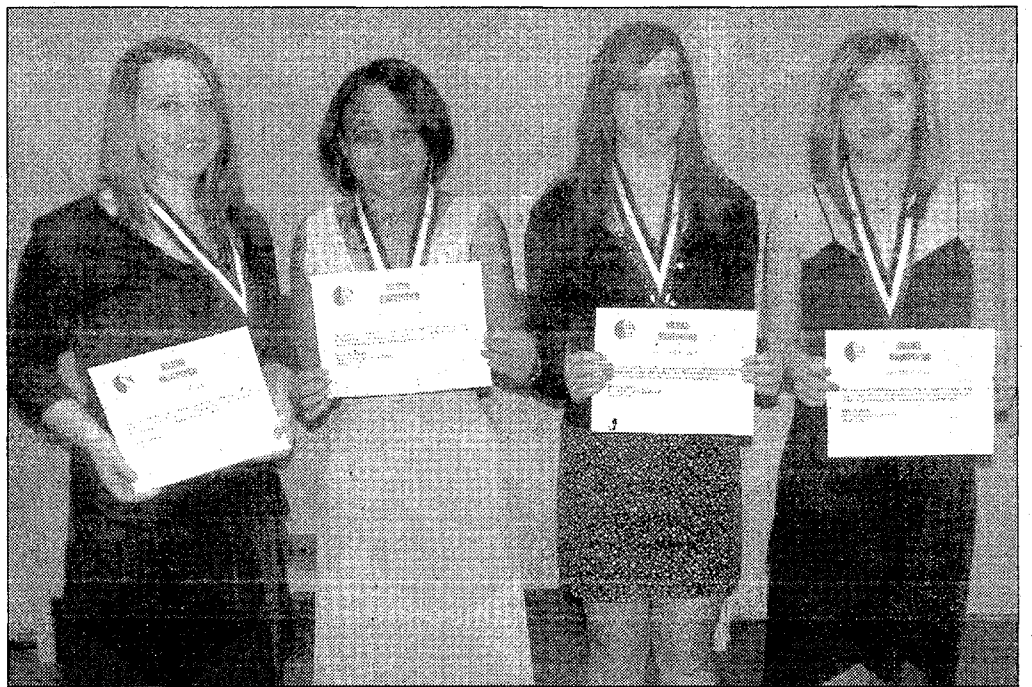
**What a 'shot'!**

Novi Catholic Central senior and Canton resident Jake Maloney (left) won the state championship in the shot put at the Michigan Independent Track Series on Saturday, March 17, at the University of Michigan. Maloney, who holds the shot put record at Plymouth's West Middle School, recorded a throw of 55 feet, 10 inches, his best-ever effort by three inches. His next goal is the CC school record of 58-10. He is pictured above with his coach, Eugene Grewe.



**Strong showing**

On Sunday, March 4, the Canton Wrestling Club participated in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association team tournament in Battle Creek. Canton opened with a 41-28 victory over Hamilton before falling to Davison, 42-28, in the semifinals. Canton won its consolation match, 42-39, over Clarkston before dropping a 37-29 decision to Lowell to finish fourth. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Westin Price, Alec Pantaleo, Zach Blevins, Brandon Wilson, Sean Lee, Ben Griffin, Cody Korpus, Casey Randolph, (top row from left) Paul Denzer, Ben Griffin, Tim Johnson, Luke Denzer, Sean Lee, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Alec Breckenridge, Kyle Topper, Kyle Durham and Raymond Price.

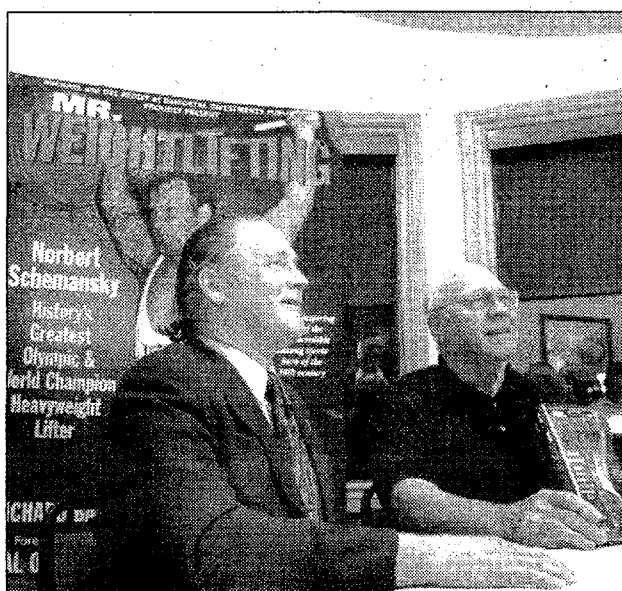


**Pride-filled honor**

Four members of the Plymouth/Canton Pride softball association were honored at the 2006 USSSA Hall of Fame banquet that was held Saturday, March 17, at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. The players who earned "2006 All-State" honors were (from left) Alyssa Gietl (Livonia Ladywood), Briana Lee (West Middle School), Marissa Blassic (Central Middle School) and Kelli Janiczek (Pioneer Middle School).

**Weightlifter of the world**

A recent book signing at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia provided a chance for a reunion between Dr. Bob Suchyta, owner of Doc's, and a former coach and Norbert Schemansky (right). The restaurant hosted a book signing for Schemansky's new biography, "Mr. Weightlifting." Both men were accomplished Olympic lifters, with Schemansky (holder of four Olympic medals) being Suchyta's former coach. More than 120 leatherbound copies of the book, published by Wayne-based Immortal Investment Publishers, were sold and signed at the launch. For information on the book, call 1-800-475-2066.



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**BELLEMORE**

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until early-November. "The first part of the season was definitely frustrating for me because I wanted to play and contribute," said Bellemore, an 18-year-old native of Windsor. "I just tried to keep working on the little things in practice and when I did get my chance, I was determined to make the best of it."

That chance came Nov. 3 against Ottawa and, boy, did he ever optimize the opportunity. "One or two of our defensemen got hurt the week before, so I finally got an opportunity to play in Ottawa," he remembered. "On my first shift of the game, they made a suicide pass and I hammered a guy into the boards. I got a penalty for it, but it was worth it because I started playing better and playing more after that."

To make a long story short, Bellemore went from leading the Whalers in healthy scratches to leading the entire Ontario Hockey League in the plus/minus category with an amazing plus-48.

That means the Whalers scored 48 more goals when Bellemore was on the ice than they yielded when he was patrolling the blue line.

"Brett has been outstanding for us this season," said Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "He started a little slowly this year, but he's been great ever since."

"Brett plays against all the top lines. He's so smart on the ice that it's scary. He anticipates the play so well and his stick has been great. With the new rules that are in place this year, it's important that defensemen can poke check, and that's something he does very well."

"We wouldn't be where we are right now without Brett."

That's saying something considering

the Whalers crafted the second-best record in the OHL over the course of the recently completed 2006-07 regular season. Although he hasn't scored a goal while netting just 12 assists, Bellemore has been a key element in the team's incredible success.

"I'm strictly a defensive defenseman," Bellemore admitted, smiling. "I try to contribute offensively when I can, but the opportunity doesn't come up very often."

He definitely contributed to the Whalers' offense on the night of Feb. 18. Thanks in large part to Bellemore's three assists, Plymouth overcame a 5-0 deficit to defeat Sault Ste. Marie, 8-6, in what may be the most memorable victory to date for the team this season.

"That's probably the highlight of my season so far," he said.

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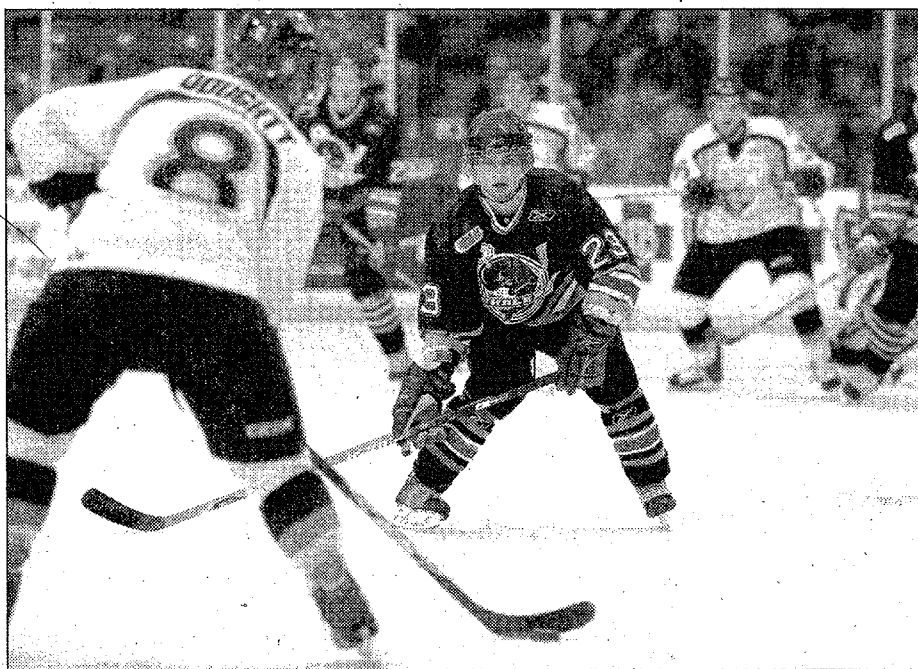
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Plymouth defenseman Joe McCann, pictured above in a game earlier this season against Guelph, will play a key role in the Whalers' quest for an Ontario Hockey League title this spring.

**WHALERS**

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Western Conference are dangerous, including Guelph. Their goaltender is very good and they're not far below us in terms of goals-against average. They have a great corps of defensemen and they're a very, very hard-working team."

Statistically, it's hard to find a flaw in the Whalers, who led the OHL in goals against (173) while finishing third in goals scored (299). Their two rotating goalies — Michael Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith — both finished in the top four in the league in goals-against average while a pair of Plymouth forwards — Evan Brophrey (107 points) and Daniel Ryder (92) — earned spots in the league's top 10 points leaders.

The Whalers' offense will be bolstered by the return of talented forward James Neal, who missed the previous two

months with an injury. Vellucci was noncommittal when asked whether he would continue splitting the goal-tending chores.

"I'm not sure yet what I'm going to do," he said. "I'm going to play it by ear, see what happens in Game 1, then take it from there."

Storm goaltender Thomas McCollum's season has paralleled Neuvirth and Smith's — at least in terms of goals-against average (2.39) and save percentage (9.18). His record (26-18-3-7) isn't as gaudy as the Whalers' combined numbers, but that's because he doesn't have the backing of the high-powered offense that Plymouth possesses.

Offensively, Guelph has been paced by Drew Doughty (73 points) and Rafael Rotter (63).

Game 2 of the series is set for Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Guelph. The two teams will return to Plymouth Tuesday for Game 3.

**Sestito's goal leads Whalers to 3-2 win**

Tom Sestito's power play goal at 4:45 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Kitchener Rangers, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,199 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth finishes the regular season at 49-14-2-3, good for 103 points, second overall in the OHL and the second highest point total in franchise history. The 1998-99 Whalers went 51-13-4 for 106 points.

Kitchener finishes the regular season at 47-17-1-3 for 98 points.

Evan Brophrey scored the other two Plymouth goals and has 36 on the season with 71 assists for a team-leading 107 points. Chris Terry added two assists for the Whalers as the game's second star. Nazem Kadri (7) and Kevin Henderson (33) replied for Kitchener. Charles Lavigne stopped 51-of-54 Plymouth shots in goal for Kitchener as the game's third star. Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 31-of-33 Kitchener shots to pick up the victory.

The teams traded a goal apiece less than one minute apart in the first period. Kadri accepted Steve Downie's cross crease pass and banged home the puck from the right wing goal line at 16:46 to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. Brophrey tied the game at 17:42. Plymouth tied the game at 17:42 when Terry was checked on the left wing side of the Kitchener goal, the puck pinballed into the slot for Brophrey, who made no mistake.

Henderson (power play at 5:24) and Brophrey (power play at 10:30) traded goals in the second period.

Terry set up Sestito for the game winning goal. On the play, Lavigne challenged Terry, who came in tight on the left wing. As Lavigne got tied up with a Kitchener defenseman, Terry slid the puck in front to Sestito, who put the puck into the empty net.

Plymouth outshot Kitchener, 54-33.

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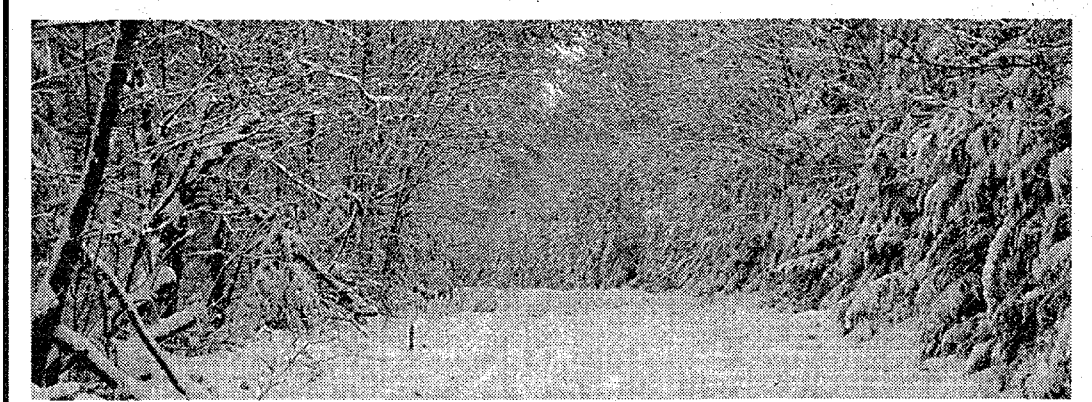
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**TENNIS CHAMPS**

Several local players played key roles in the Huron Valley Tennis Club's three USA Team Tennis youth teams that qualified for sectional championships in Indianapolis in August.

The HVTC Hornets 18-and-under advanced division team, which is coached by Plymouth resident Mike Ware, consists of Matt Monich, Ted Masten, Peter Keshitkar, Will Darwell, Patrick Cole, Michael Cole, Neil Bakshi, Don Zhang, Austin Taylor, Nick Schwartz, Jason Quint, Chris Gordon, Tracy Lytle, Sarah Koupal, Spencer Hogikyan, Spencer Hogikyan, Anna Davis, Saemee Chung, Emily Chiao, Alex Ware, Meghan Teunis, Lindsay Petrusha and Corinne Pasley.

The HVTC Hurricanes 14-and-under advanced division team, which is coached by Clare North, consists of Julia Peterson, Christine Mei, Erik Ljungman, Laura Hogikyan, Brock Foster, Brett Foster, Stephanie Colwell, Yeon Chung, Jonathan Chuko, Kevin Chang, Victoria Amponsah, Jonathan Zhou, Douglas Wang, Margaret Wu, Jacob Scott and Stephanie Petrusha.

The HVTC Rolling Thunder 12-and-under advanced division team, which is coach by Lisa Worzniak, consists of Tiffany Chang, Wil Heider, Jesse Katch, Dan Ho Lee, George Lu, Kevin Mei, Colleen O'Brien, Erica Oosterhout, Chloe Ouellet-Pizer, Valerie Peng, Jack Petersen, Colin Williams, Andy Wu and Rosa Wu.

**SPRING BREAK CAMPS**

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering spring break camps April 9-13 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. The four camps offered will be: all-sport, soccer, basketball and craft camp. The instructor-to-child ratio is 1-to-10.

The all-sport camp is offered in full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) sessions.

The full-day fee is \$45 per day while the half-day camp is \$25. Kids will play several sports, including soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball.

The soccer camp will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for kids 5 to 8 years old; and noon to 2 p.m. for 9 to 12 year olds. The camp is five days long and the fee is \$125 per child. The camp will focus on improving soccer fundamentals.

The basketball camp is offered from 9 a.m. to noon with a fee of \$125 per participant. The camp is designed for beginner and intermediate players who are between the ages of 5 and 12 and interested in developing basic skills.

The craft camp is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 who would like to show off their creative side. There will be a variety of projects offered each day. The fee is \$30 per day, which includes all materials.

Early drop-off is \$5 per day and it starts at 7:45 a.m. Late pick-up is also \$5 per day and ends at 5:15 p.m.

For more information on the spring break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT; or visit www.hvsports.com.

**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.

**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; or call (888) 436-4625.

The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group.

**REC OFFERINGS**

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering adult women's and adult co-ed softball leagues beginning in early May. The entry fee for women's teams is \$445; the co-ed fee is \$410. For more information, call

(248) 449-9947.

**RUNNING CLUB**

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

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

ranging from 4-6 miles.

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

**OLGC FOOTBALL**

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2007 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in the OLGC gym, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Families that belong to the fol-

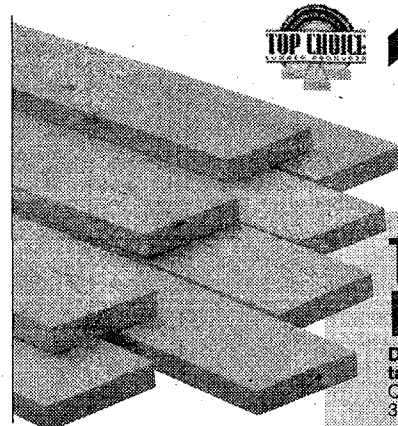
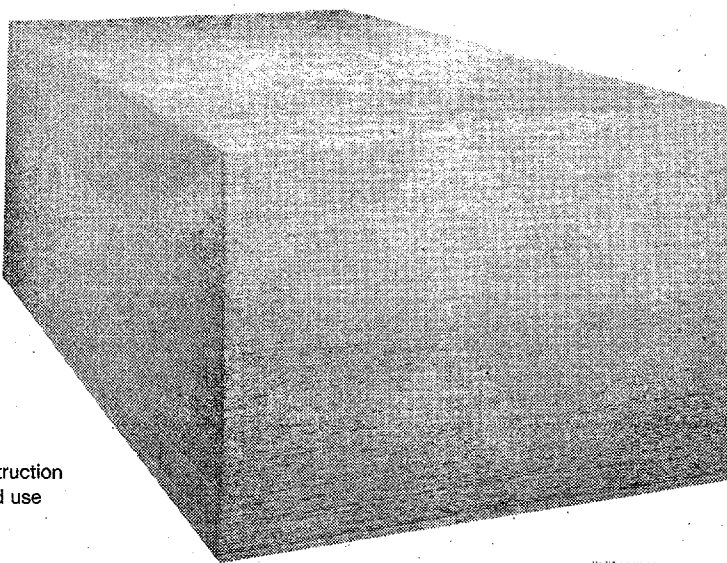
lowing parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed.

For further information, contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com; or (734) 414-8275; or visit www.olgcfootball.net.

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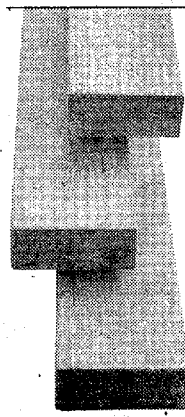
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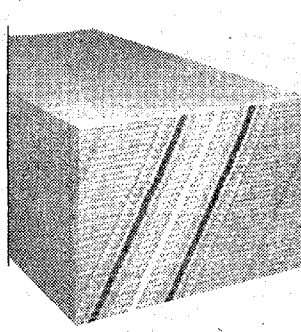
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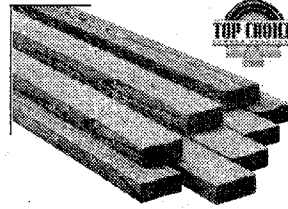


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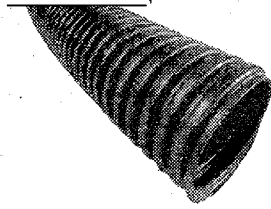


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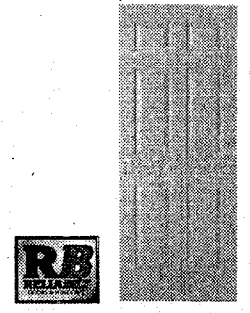


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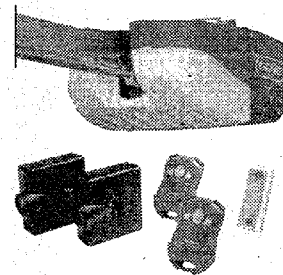
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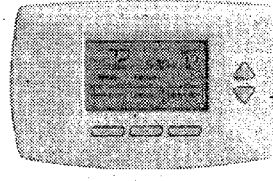
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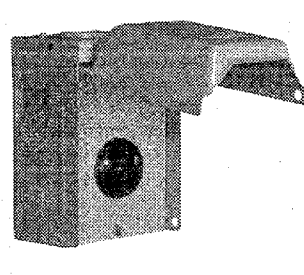
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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:38.64  
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Livonia Churchill 1:48.37  
Plymouth 1:48.75

200 FREESTYLE

Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 1:45.36  
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Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:53.17  
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50 FREESTYLE

Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 22.16  
Jon Templeton (Canton) 22.35  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 22.90  
Jason Williams (Salem) 22.91  
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Chris Marinica (Canton) 23.16  
Mark Gordon (Churchill) 23.19  
Nick Leone (Salem) 23.33  
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1-METER DIVING

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Jon Whitt (John Glenn) 347.00  
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Chris McGinnis (Canton) 284.55

Matt Hope (Churchill) 247.75  
Luke McKay (Stevenson) 243.00  
Dylan Thomas (Wayne) 238.60  
Kevin Smith (Salem) 238.50  
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Stan Chen (Salem) 197.50

100 BUTTERFLY

Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 50.82  
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Matt Carlson (Canton) 55.75  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 55.84  
Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 55.88  
Scott Geverink (Stevenson) 56.57  
Chris Marinica (Canton) 57.00  
Nick Anthony (Franklin) 57.08  
Nick Leone (Salem) 57.52  
Stan Chen (Salem) 57.88

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Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 48.04  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 48.35  
Drew Randall (Churchill) 48.44  
Jon Templeton (Canton) 48.95  
Nick Leone (Salem) 49.53  
Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 50.18  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 50.43  
Matt Underhill (Salem) 50.96  
Ben Lamerand (Churchill) 51.56  
Ross Schwarz (Canton) 51.60

500 FREESTYLE

Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 4:39.82  
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Matt Underhill (Salem) 4:57.55  
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Drew Randall (Churchill) 5:07.90  
Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 5:08.68  
Nick Leone (Salem) 5:08.99  
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200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Canton 1:29.98  
Livonia Stevenson 1:30.41  
Salem 1:30.85  
Livonia Churchill 1:31.19  
Plymouth 1:36.64

100 BACKSTROKE

Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 53.62  
Robert Luke (Stevenson) 54.34  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 54.86  
Mike Conger (Plymouth) 56.90  
Rob Blaesser (Canton) 57.68  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 58.73

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100 BREASTSTROKE

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Stan Chen (Salem) 1:01.95  
Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 1:04.26  
Kevin Karlinski (Canton) 1:05.30  
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John Loria (Stevenson) 1:07.67  
David Bladecki (Stevenson) 1:07.67  
Nathan Spala (Salem) 1:08.55

Eric Schuman (Stevenson) 1:09.04

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:16.26  
Canton 3:22.66  
Salem 3:23.08  
Livonia Churchill 3:23.46  
Plymouth 3:33.44

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
March 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Sgt. Debra Newsome, Dianne Neibengen **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended adding the approval of Board meeting minutes for March 6, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes and Study Minutes of March 6, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** Charles Mott, 3800 Herby, presented a certificate to Canton Township from the Barn Preservation Network on behalf of the Cady Barn that was moved from the Plymouth-Canton School District to Cherry Hill Village. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for March 13, 2006**

General Fund	101	\$	476,993.05
Fire Fund	206		65,464,039
Police Fund	207		120,501.65
Summit Operating	208		40,082.55
Street Lighting	219		18,152.31
Cable TV Fund	230		1,845.72
Public Improvement	245		390.00
Twp Improvement	246		4,859.38
E-911 Utility	261		2,637.65
Auto Forfeiture (wwa)	267		1,203.00
Federal Grants Fund	274		34,054.00
Auto Theft Grant	289		27.80
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294		67,511.99
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		34,458.62
Bldg Auth Construction	469		35,157.80
Golf Fund\$8420,752.56			
Water & Sewer Fund	592		496,308.64
Construction Escrows	702		125.00
Post Employ Benefits	736		55,831.19
<b>Total - All Funds</b>	<b>1,476,357.30</b>		

**PRESENTATION:** 1. **CHECK PRESENTATION FROM AT&T FOR SENIORS PROGRAM (CLS)** Yvette Pew, External Affairs Vice-President for AT & T, stated on behalf of AT & T and the 12,000 employees presented the Senior Center with a check for \$9,700 to further communication, purchase equipment and expand computer training for the seniors in Canton Township. **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF DNR GRANT APPLICATION (FINANCE)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. for consideration of the submission of an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a \$450,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for engineering and the construction/installation of six pedestrian bridges, plus installation of wayfinding signage, along the Lower Rouge River. Motion carried by all members present. There were no public comments either for or against this project. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. for consideration of the submission of an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a \$450,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for engineering and the construction/installation of six pedestrian bridges, plus installation of wayfinding signage, along the Lower Rouge River. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION** Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton: WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund provides grant funds for select community projects on a matching basis, and

WHEREAS, the Canton Board of Trustees is committed to the construction of a trail system in the Lower Rouge River floodplain between Canton Center Road and Haggerty Road, and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton will submit an application that requests \$450,000 in grant funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton will match an amount of \$200,000 to the project, subject to the award of the grant; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application requesting \$450,000 through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the construction and/or installation of six pedestrian bridges in the trail between Canton Center Road and Haggerty Road; installation of trail wayfinding signage; and for engineering services. The Board further agrees to fully fund the project and then undertake the project should grant funding be received and should the total finance package be approved. The total project cost is \$650,000. The match will be \$200,000. Motion by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. **SET PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH FOOD SERVICE PERMIT (SERVING FOOD AT 11:00 A.M. SUNDAYS) FOR MARIACHI, LLC, AT 1759 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI. 48187, WAYNE COUNTY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the Public Hearing date for April 10, 2007 to consider a Class C liquor license with early food service permit for Mariachi LLC located at 1759 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI, 48187, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DETROIT EDISON. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement with Detroit Edison for the installation and maintenance of underground electrical utility lines on Pheasant Run Golf Club property at Hole 5. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for April 3, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for new real and personal property at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER MCLENNAN REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution to consider McClellan Rezoning. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of McClellan WHEREAS,** the petitioner has requested approximately 4.84 acres located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential District **WHEREAS,** the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and **WHEREAS,** the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP no. 077-99-002-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. Effective date: March 29, 2007 A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188 (i:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F) **Item 2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,432 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of the invoice for \$25,432 (account for stormwater permit fees #101-445-928-0000) to continue our membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. APPROVE TREE REMOVAL SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid to Davey Tree Company, 8250 Rhonda, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$33,750 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101-285-930-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. APPROVE PUMP REPAIR AT THE SUMMIT. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the pump repair at the Summit on the Park and award the project to Kennedy Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 809, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, MI 48326-0809, in the amount of \$9,600 to be taken

from Budget Account #208-757-932-5000 Maintenance/Repair of Equipment. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER AND PLANT PROTECTANTS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 15-0-8 and 30-2-12 fertilizers to Tri Turf, Inc., 24016 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$56,905.32. Funds to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club account #584-756-930-000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds for \$33,043.20 and Parks Division account #101-270-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds for \$23,862.12. I move to approve the purchase of Banner Link Packs (Spector Ultra) to Lesco, Inc., 1301 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114 in the amount of \$25,184.00. Funds to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club account # 584-756-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TROPHIES FOR 2007 SOFTBALL SEASON AT THE CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of trophies for Canton Sports Center from Little Bill's Trophies, 25886 W 6 Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in the amount of \$5,824 charged to Account #101-755-740-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF START SMART SUPPLIES FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of Start Smart Sports supplies in the amount of \$13,000 from account number 101-691-742-6000 (Recreation, Program/Activity Supplies - Sports) from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, 2050 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF SUMMIT BANQUET WALK-IN COOLER FLOOR. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the Replacement of the Summit Banquet Walk-in Cooler Floor to the Chrysler-Koppin Company, 7000 Intervale, Detroit, MI 48238 in the amount of \$7,190 with all expenses charged to account # 101-757-975-0000 (Capital Outlay Building). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. AWARD CONTRACT FOR GOOSE CONTROL AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB AND HERITAGE PARK. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for humane goose control services at Pheasant Run Golf Club and Heritage Park to Gooseworks, LLC, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI in the amount of \$12,000 to be paid from Pheasant Run account #584-756-818-0000 (\$8,400) and Parks Division account #101-270-818-0000 (\$3,600). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. PURCHASE GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48329 in the amount of \$62,000. Funds are available in the 2007 Parks budget account #101-270-860-0000/Transportation for \$40,000 and the 2007 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584-756-860-0000/Transportation for \$22,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. APPROVAL OF EMERALD ASH BORER TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant Program Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the Charter Township of Canton for \$20,000 to be used towards the purchase of street trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this grant: Increase Revenues: State Grants- Public Works Projects #101-000-574-0000 \$20,000 Increase Appropriations: Tree Planting Grant #101-860-930-0000 \$20,000 This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$24,000 to \$44,000, and the General Fund budget from \$27,037,686 to \$27,057,686. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. APPROVE ZERO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TEAM VEHICLE. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for zero lease agreement for Team vehicle. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton is hereby authorized to lease from Blackwell Ford, a 2007Ford Explorer VIN 1FMEU63E37UB31975 for a two year period commencing on the delivery date of the new vehicle. Blackwell Ford is preparing the lease as a donation to the TEAM program. **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that Thomas J. Yack, the Supervisor and Terry G. Bennett, the Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, whose authorized signatures are set forth below, be and are hereby, authorized, directed and empowered to execute and deliver to Blackwell Ford such contracts, leases and other documents as may be requested by Blackwell Ford in connection with such lease of said vehicle. **FURTHER,** that Blackwell Ford is authorized to act upon this resolution until written notice of its revocation is delivered to Blackwell Ford at its principal place of business in Plymouth, Michigan. I, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of said Board of Trustees duly and regularly held on the thirteenth day of March, 2007. I further certify that said resolutions are still in full force and effect and have not been amended or revoked, and that the specimen signature appearing above is the signature of the officer of this corporation authorized to sign purchase contracts or leases for and on behalf of this corporation. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton and affixed the corporate seal this 14th day of March, 2007. **Item 13. CLEMIS WEBSITE OPTION FOR PSD. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Canton Public Safety department to utilize the CLEMIS website as part of Canton PSD participation in the CLEMIS system. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate the additional funds: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Drug Forfeiture #207-000-655-0000 \$11,152 Increase Appropriations: Drug Forfeiture Expenditure #207-301-744-0000 \$11,152 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14,746,250 to \$14,757,402. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-REPLACEMENT PATROL VEHICLES; 1-NEW PATROL VEHICLE AND 1-RRU VEHICLE. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of six Patrol Interceptors (5 replacement and 1 new) and one Ford Expedition from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Road, Perry, MI 48872 through the Macomb County Bids in the amount of \$149,614. Funds to come from Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 2580. Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PURCHASE OF A RICOH COPIER 3025SPF FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 3025SPF copier with a recirculating document feeder DF 83, Stapler/finisher SR820 500 sheet finisher, 2-extended paper supply PS 490 and postscript in the amount of \$7,819.00 from account #101-215-977-0000 Clerk-Capital Outlay Equipment. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate additional funds for this purchase: Increase (decrease) Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment- Clerk's Office #101-215-977-0000 \$2,819.00 Transfer Fund Balance #101-959-999-0000 (2,819.00) Total \$- This budget amendment increases the Clerk's Office budget from \$509,800, to \$512,619, decreases the Transfers Out department budget from \$3,037,026 to \$3,034,207 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. APPROVE FLOOR PAINTING FOR THE PARKS/ GOLF MAINTENANCE FACILITY. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the painting of the floor at the Parks/ Golf Maintenance Building to Concrete Floor Treatment in the amount of \$3,864 and to charge it to Parks Operating Account line item 101-270-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** There will be a Board study session on March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: March 22, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE  
TO MARIACHI, LLC.,  
1759 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON,  
MICHIGAN 48187

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2007**, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and for testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Mariachi LLC, issuance of a Class C Liquor License with after hours permit to be located at 1759 N. Canton Center, Canton Township, Canton, Michigan, 48187 Wayne County.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett,  
Canton Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility expansion located at 41165 Joy Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Situated in the Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

**PARCEL 1:** That part of the northwest 1/4, section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point distant south south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 769.83 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 435.50 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, thence due south 375.00 feet; thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west, 227.70 feet; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west, 431.08 feet along the easterly right of way of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to the point of the beginning.

**PARCEL 2:** Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 1205.33 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 200.02 feet along the north section line of section 1; centerline of Joy Road; thence due south 375.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road, thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 200.00 feet; thence due north 375.00 feet to the point of beginning.

**PARCEL 3:** Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road and due south 375 feet along centerline of Haggerty Road from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence due south 200 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road; thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 316.89 feet; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 229.91 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 427.72 feet to the point of beginning, also reserving the east 33 feet for road purposes.

**PARCEL 4:** That part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, and due south 575.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road, and proceeding thence due south 571.85 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 657.38 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east: 316.89 feet to the point of beginning.

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Terry G. Bennett  
Canton Clerk

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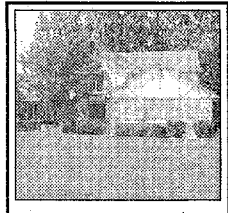
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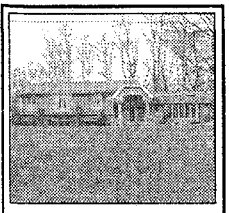
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4 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)  
8 Royal address  
12 Coffee maker  
13 Valentino co-star — Lee  
14 Sightseeing trip  
15 Cattle stalls  
17 Slothful  
19 Not him or her  
20 Manage  
21 Steel girders (hyph.)  
23 Element 18 symbol  
24 Warm-hearted  
26 Bashful  
29 Roams around  
30 Weight rebate  
31 Boxing venues  
33 Heavy  
35 Yin complement  
36 Cowboys' beds  
37 Born as  
38 Lounge chair  
40 Gold Rush st.

**DOWN**

42 Barbecue coals  
44 Spring bloom  
46 Lama's chant  
48 Baroness Karen  
49 Grind, as teeth  
50 Petruccio's bride  
52 Name meaning "truth"  
54 Cold cube  
55 Watched  
56 Time divisions  
57 — Gatos, Calif.

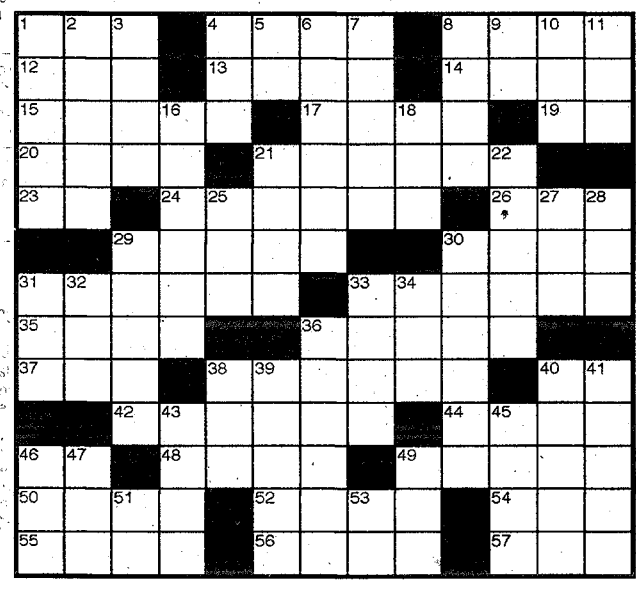
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2 Mispint  
3 Swatch  
4 Chicago trains  
5 Polynesian plant  
6 Cover stories  
7 Encumbered  
8 Watch winder  
9 A moon of Jupiter  
10 Mai tai need

11 Before, to poets  
16 Fit in  
18 Decrease gradually  
29 "Walk Away —"  
30 Deceive (2 wds.)  
31 Novelist — Rand  
32 "The Facts of Life" star  
33 Tiant or Aparicio  
34 Annapolis grad  
36 Carnival employee  
38 TV network  
39 Fling  
40 Kid who rode Diabolo  
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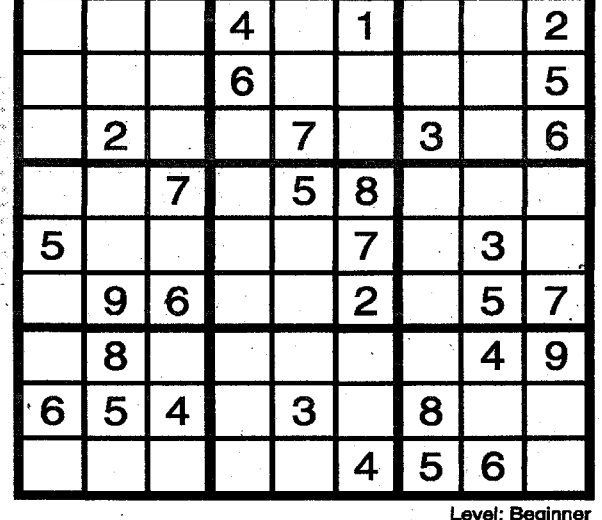
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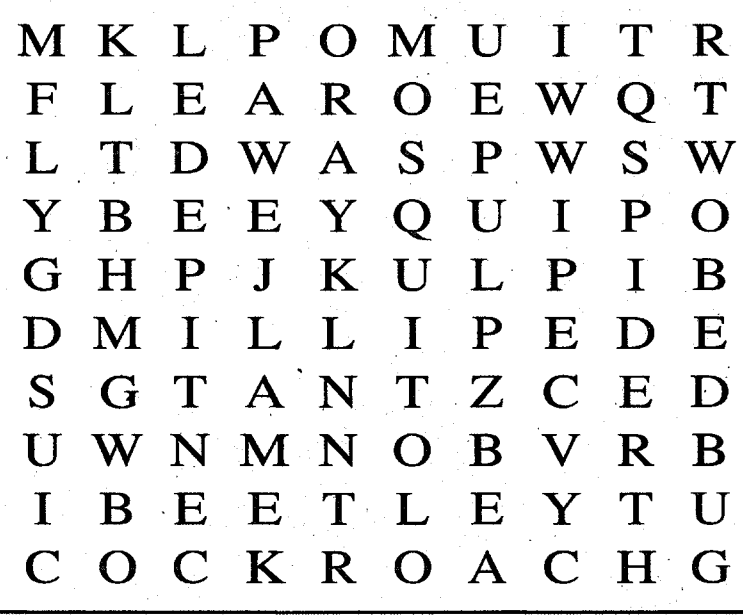
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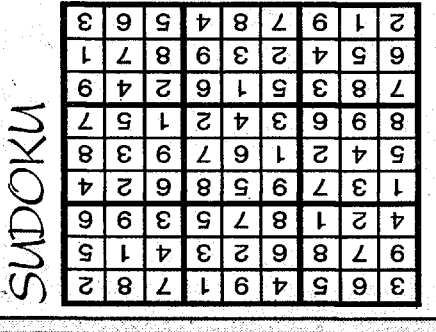
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| BETTER | FLY       | WASP      |

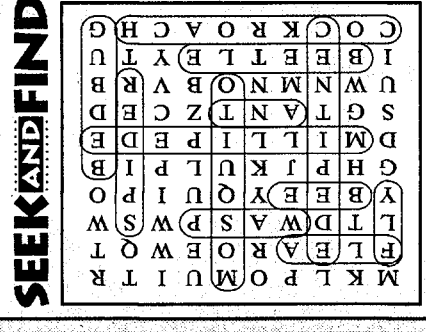
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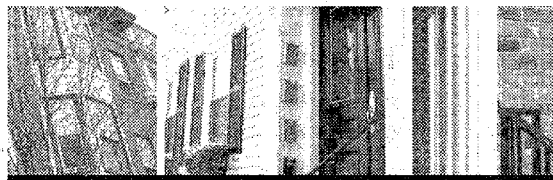
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# UP AGAINST AN INCOMPETENT CO-WORKER?



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

How can you deal with a person who's incompetent? Can you trust that person on any level?

line supervisors to be leaders. He says that there are methods for determining whether the person is incompetent, but "it's always a judgment call." Has he done similar work before? Does he have the training for it? "Most of the time," he says, "if you can establish that they should know how to do it, look at their ability to perform the task and if they have the right resources. If they have it and aren't doing it, they're choosing not to do what they're supposed to do." He also mentions that, if the person avoids one particular kind of task, confidence may be the problem. That person isn't incompetent. The able person who's doing little most likely points to willfulness.

**WHAT TO DO**  
If the person is a co-worker, you may not be in a position to have him fired. Harper advocates remaining focused on your objective. A willfully incompetent person presents the challenge, she states, to "get around it and move forward."

Jim Bolton of consulting firm Ridge Associates Inc., in St. Paul, Minn., believes that much incompetence stems from lack of accountability. He advocates formulating an agreement with the co-worker, but adds, "An agreement won't help someone who isn't capable of doing a job."

It is, perhaps, at this point that you decide to resign from all tasks that involve working with the person or speak with a supervisor. However, Wally Adamchik, president of FireStarter Speaking and



Pamela Harper (standing) is training Evan Chait, president, and Cathleen Watters, marketing director, on site at Elite Athletic Performance Institute/Kinetic Physical Therapy in Ramsey, N.J.

Consulting in Raleigh, N.C., observes, "Of course, in this scenario, we need to wonder where the supervisor is in the first place and if the incompetent peer is related to him! If the superior is unaware, then we need to explain the situation. If he is aware, ask if he intends to apply corrective action and if he understands the bad signal it sends to let the behavior persist."

Adamchik further states that a conflict-averse supervisor may not be helpful: "If all of this is making you look bad and you

want to keep your job, you need to get the conversation started. Often the boss is aware of the situation and grateful for you to be there to make it right."

If you can't decide what to do, consider which mountain is greater -- the one through the door out of your office or the one into your supervisor. Then, think about whether there's an alternative between the two.

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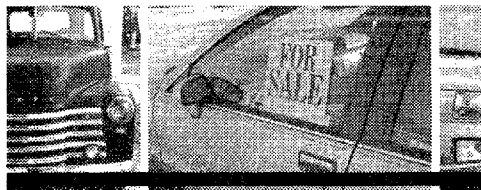
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By Dale Buss



Take yourself back to a simpler era, about 2004. The Tigers were the laughingstock of Major League Baseball. Housing prices were going up, not down. In the auto industry, current DaimlerChrysler Chairman Dieter Zetsche, as CEO of the high-flying Chrysler Group, was one of the most revered executives in town -- instead of the most reviled. And sales of big SUVs were themselves massive, even with gasoline prices nearing \$2 a gallon: In 2004, General Motors sold 1.7 million of the behemoth vehicles based on its GMT800 platform, including the Cadillac Escalade ESV and the Chevrolet Tahoe, alone netting the company as much as \$9 billion in net profit.

Lots of things have changed in three years, of course. By far the worst for GM is the fact that, thanks largely to the spike in gasoline prices, sales of its large SUVs tanked last year, driving an overall decline in the company's truck and SUV sales of around 10% for 2006.

But as spring beckons in metro Detroit, so too are there signs of life for GM even in the SUV segment. Sales of its brand-new, smaller, "crossover" SUVs, GMC's Acadia and Saturn's Outlook, drove a near doubling in GM sales in February in the mid-crossover segment compared with 2006.

Also encouraging is that, when gasoline prices have settled down enough and American consumers are tired of squeezing themselves into smaller vehicles -- and they return in larger numbers to huge SUVs -- GM has fielded a lineup that will entice them. Recently the company has come out with new versions of its largest and most profitable vehicles. And while



Still GM's best-selling full-size SUV, Chevrolet Tahoe is brand new for 2007.



The 2007 Cadillac Escalade ESV is GM's biggest and most luxurious vehicle.

you could argue with their timing, you can't fault their executions.

I recently drove two members of the new lineup, the Escalade ESV and the Tahoe, and in these as well as their sibling vehicles, GM has made the clear statement that it's not backing away from its commitment to improve its bread-and-butter models as it hopes for the overall market to turn more friendly to them. ESV is the crème de la crème of GM's vehicle lineup, as an extended version of the standard Escalade. Its wheelbase is a whopping 14 inches longer, and ESV is 21 inches longer overall, which is a huge differential on a vehicle. At about 18.5 feet long, it isn't going to fit into many standard garages.

But keeping it outside makes it all the better to look at this nearly \$60,000 vehicle. Its styling is more consistent than ever with Cadillac's overall bold and chiseled theme. And unlike some very large SUVs, ESV manages to carry its styling theme convincingly throughout the entire chassis, ending in skinny taillights that are reminiscent of Cadillac's classic taillights of a half-century ago.

Inside is where the fun really begins with ESV, however. Its streamlined dashboard makes it much more like a car than expected. Its white-on-black, backlit gauges are clear and bright. Standard leather seating is firm and flexible, with electronic seat controls ranging in several directions. Levers and handles all have a supple

and sophisticated feel that, naturally, you'll demand in a vehicle this expensive. The third row of seating is roomy and easily accessible from the second-row doors, and it has a separate DVD system from second-row passengers.

Don't expect much by way of fuel economy with the huge 6.2-liter V8 engine that powers all versions of Escalade. But you can look for a ride that is firm and very manageable despite the great bulk of the vehicle, a major accomplishment that helps the new ESV beat its predecessors handily.

Tahoe is a new version as well, though built on a different platform than ESV. America's long-time best-selling full-size SUV now has a slightly more aerodynamic look, though overall, Tahoe remains an exemplar of the big, boxy and proud look. It rides on an all-new chassis with a fully boxed frame that is stiffer than the previous model's and reduces noise, vibration and harshness, for a more refined feel.

Chevrolet carried over the previous generation's 320-horsepower, 5.3-liter V8 engine into the new version. But it now displays improved fuel economy -- about 16mpg in the city, about 22mpg on the highway -- thanks to GM's use of its Displacement on Demand Technology, in which half of the engine's cylinders are deactivated in low-demand driving situations.

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Wilma Wimmer and Jean Ann Larson share Afternoon Tea at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.

## Turn over a new leaf:

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

*Opt for  
Afternoon  
Tea*

For a switch from that daily cup of java, more and more people are turning to tea. It's not only the most popular beverage worldwide, said Denise Whipple, it's healthy and soothing too.

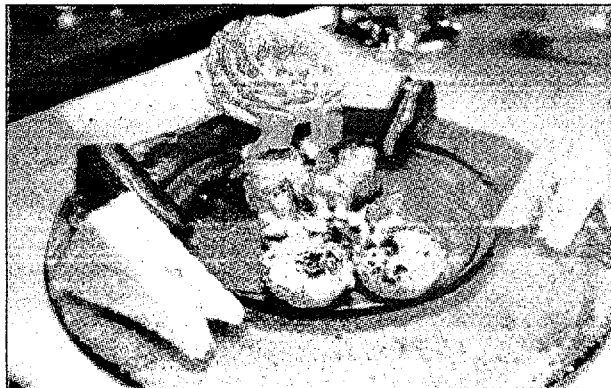
"It's a nice alternative to coffee," added Whipple, owner of Traveling Tea Time. The Clarkston-based business brings all the elegance of Formal Afternoon Tea right to a guest's home or office. Whipple suggests it's a perfect fit for "getting friends together and calming down. It's a nice, genteel, civilized kind of time."

She started her business in 2003 after realizing how frustrating it was to "find a decent cup of tea anywhere."

So, Whipple developed traveling tea parties. The events are suitable for special occasions, or a relaxing afternoon with friends. She uses fine bone china tea cups and saucers, a silver teapot and adorns a table with lace and fresh flowers.

Whipple even developed her own menu. In addition to a variety of English teas by Twinings, she serves three-courses: Traditional finger sandwiches, like Cucumber with Dill and Cream Cheese or Roast Beef with Horseradish Cream; then fresh scones with real Devonshire Cream,

PLEASE SEE **TEA, D3**



Afternoon Tea is served with elegance in mind at the Townsend Hotel.

### TIME FOR TEA

Here's an assortment of area tea rooms and shops to try:

**Crazy Wisdom Tea Room**, 114 South Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-9468.

**Karma Tea + Tonics**, 309 W. 9 Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 548-1424.

**The Purple Door Tea Room**, 35 Grand River E., Detroit, (313) 961-0634

**Sweet Afton Tea Room**, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0777

**Sweetwaters Cafe**, 123 W. Washington St., Ann

Arbor, (734) 769-2331 or 106 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-9602

**Sheila Teas**, 115 E. 4th Street, Rochester, (248) 601-0648

**Spot O' Tea**, 261 E. Merrill Street, Birmingham, (248) 723-4TEA

**TranquiliTea**, 580-3 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 459-9686

**Victorian Rose**, 118 W. 3rd St., Rochester, (248) 652-8595

**Victorian Parlor Tea and Gifts**, 2737 12 Mile Road, Berkley, (248) 542-5253 or **Victorian Parlor**, 15212 Charlevoix St., Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8060.



Shari Schock receives a warm welcome from Tea Director Laura Klein at the Townsend Hotel.

### OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN AND PURTAN'S PEOPLE

## Awesome odds don't stop lottery dreams

As a rule, I don't play the lottery. For that matter, I don't play Parcheesi, Pachinko, Yahtzee, Bingo, Pick Up Sticks or strip poker, either. But, other than the latter I don't think any of those games involves significant amounts of money.

The recent Mega Millions jackpot that reached something like \$370 million created another round of "lottery."

I almost didn't play because:

a) The odds against winning are amazing.

b) I'm not a truck driver from Georgia, and people like that always win the lottery. I've never won. You've never won. Someone always wins, but they seem to come from West Virginia or Arkansas or Butte, Mont. And all they want to do is quit their jobs and go fishing.



Dick Purtan

According to lottery officials, the odds of winning that astronomical jackpot was along the lines of one in 175,711,536.

I know, it only costs a buck and the payoff is life-changing. But those are pretty long odds.

Not as long as, say, having a meteor land on your house. The chance of that happening is more than 182 trillion to one!

You have a better chance of winning the lottery than getting attacked by a shark in the United States. Those odds are about eight million to one.

(I imagine those odds go up in southeast Michigan. Last I checked, there were no indigenous shark species in Lake St. Clair.)

On the other hand, you are more likely to get injured setting off fireworks. The odds of that happening to you are 19,556 to one.

Head over to Comerica instead and catch the Tigers. The likelihood of catching a foul ball is only 563 to one!

If you're a golfer, you'll be happy to know that chances are you'll get a hole in one (12,000 to one) before you are struck by lightning (400,000 to one).

On a more sobering note, the chances that Earth will be struck by an asteroid by the year 2029 is a mere 40 to one!

However, when you compare that with the odds of the Lions winning Super Bowl XLII (125 to one) you may want to put your money on that random rock hurtling through space.

Like I said at the beginning of this column, as a rule I don't play the lottery. But when you start throwing around figures like \$370 million it is hard to resist.

So, I took the plunge and dreamed the dream of untold riches. Started fantasizing about what I would say to all the television cameras while holding that big cardboard check.

Come to think of it, I've spent more money on less entertainment countless times before. (You know, like when you bought this paper to read this column.)

*Dick Purtan will be on vacation next week.* The odds of hearing Dick Purtan on your radio are excellent! Every weekday 5-10 a.m. on The Motor City's 104.3 WMC.

## Use your cell phone for anytime, anywhere access to the Internet

You may have a wireless modem in your pocket and not even know it.

That's what I discovered recently when investigating a story on "tethering," the process of connecting your cell phone to your PC for high-speed wireless Internet access.

As you may know, many phones now afford this kind of connectivity for built-in e-mail and Web apps, leveraging newly revved-up data networks from the likes of AT&T, Sprint and Verizon.

But it's a surprisingly well-kept secret that if you plug such a phone into your computer, it turns into a wireless modem, delivering access speeds about on par with a wired DSL line.

That should come as good news to travelers and mobile workers who often find themselves without access to



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

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Information: (800) 328-6550 or www.NoviPoolShow.com

## Show offers ideas for backyard retreat

With gas prices skyrocketing and the economy at a standstill, many families may be forced to forgo their summer vacation this year.

Why not "get away from it all" by creating an oasis in your own backyard?

The Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show, set for Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, at Rock Financial Showplace, is a great place to find ideas to transform your surroundings into a spa.

"Every weekend is a vacation when homeowners have a pool, spa or hot tub," said ShowSpan's Mike Wilbraham.

"Enjoy a vacation atmosphere without leaving the comfort of home with a multitude of products and services on display at our show."

Sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, the show will include swimming pools, spas, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, furniture, grills, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories. Experts will be on hand to offer tips and advice on buying, planning, maintenance,

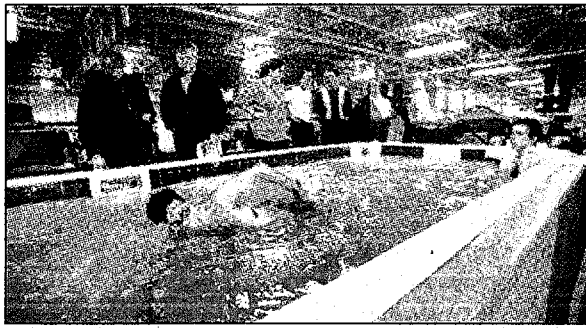


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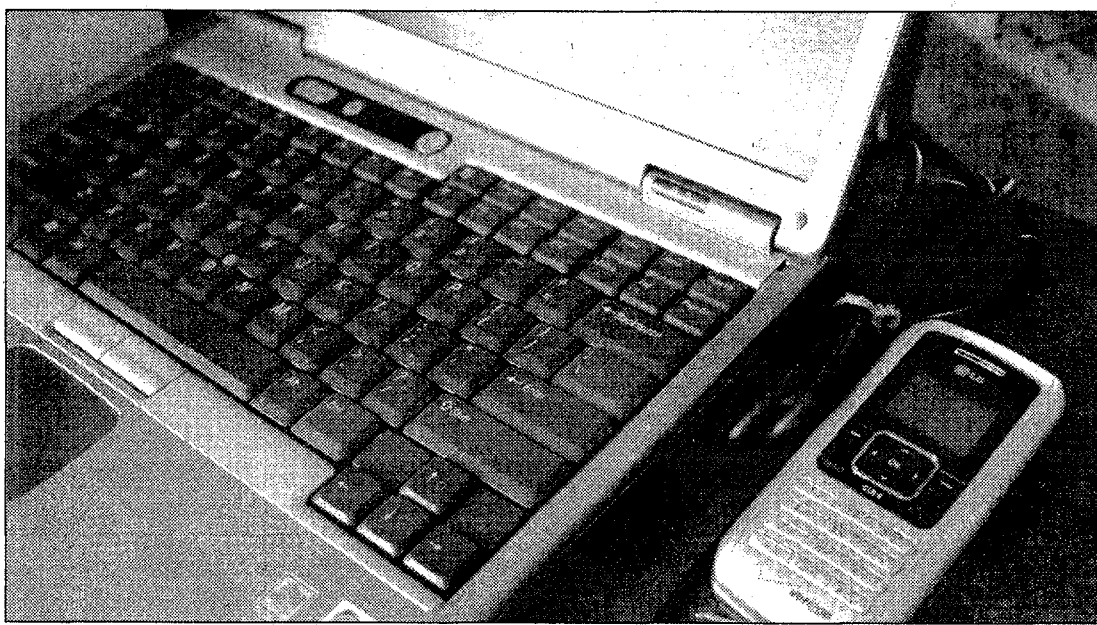
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With the right phone and service plan, you can enjoy high-speed Internet access just about anywhere.

**BROIDA**

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a Wi-Fi hotspot. The phone enables access anywhere there's a cell tower, which, of course, is just about everywhere these days.

I got a chance to put this to the test during a recent trip to Austin.

Verizon Wireless was kind enough to lend me an LG enV (a phone I really like, by the way), the \$40 software/cable kit needed to connect it to my notebook, and a BroadbandAccess Connect account.

The latter costs \$60 per month, though the price drops if you have a BlackBerry or smart-phone and you're already paying for an unlimited-data plan.

Check Verizon's BroadbandAccess site (<http://tinyurl.com/ogp5f>) for details.

When I reached the Austin Radisson, I discovered that the hotel wanted \$9.95 per day for Internet access. Scoffing, I plugged in the enV, fired up the Verizon software, and presto: I was online.

The real coup came later at the Austin Convention Center, where scores of music, film and Web geeks had gathered for the annual South by Southwest con-

ference.

I couldn't connect to the center's free Wi-Fi network, which apparently was overloaded by the heavy traffic.

But while countless MacBook users around me pounded their keyboards in frustration, I tethered the enV and bypassed the jam. Envy, indeed.

Verizon also promises better security via BroadbandAccess than you get from a typical public Wi-Fi hotspot. I agree: Nearby hackers won't be able to access your PC because you're on a totally different network.

**CAVEATS**

A few caveats. First, although Internet access can be had anywhere there's a signal, high-speed access is available only in select metropolitan areas.

If you commonly work or travel outside these areas (check with your provider for a coverage map), expect Web pages to load at speeds closer to dial-up than broadband.

The bigger problem, at least with Verizon's service, turned out to be power: Using the enV as a modem burned through its battery in fairly short order (about two hours, by my estimate).

Thus, plan on bringing along your charger. It's unfortunate the USB cable along can't recharge (or at least power) the

phone, my only real complaint with tethering on the whole. But that's true of only certain phones; some models can, in fact, charge this way.

As for the enV, the cable does have a separate port for plugging in the charger, meaning you can work indefinitely as long as there's an AC outlet nearby.

You can overcome this issue entirely by opting for a PC Card modem, which plugs directly into your notebook and leaves your phone out of the equation. The monthly rates are the same, but you'll need to buy the card.

Personally, I love the idea of using the phone I'm already carrying as a high-speed modem for my notebook.

And if Verizon's BroadbandAccess is any indication, tethering is an excellent alternative to Wi-Fi. It's fast, secure, and available in most big cities and suburbs.

Check with your provider to see what options are available for your phone and service plan. You may be surprised by the power that's already in your pocket.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

**Faulty vent line flapper invites critters**

I was reading another newspaper and this short headline jumped out at me: Suit claims Whirlpool didn't fix icemakers.

"A federal lawsuit has been filed in Arkansas against Benton Harbor-based Whirlpool Corp. claiming the company has done nothing to fix or warn customers of leaky icemakers in some of its side-by-side refrigerators under the Whirlpool, KitchenAid and Roper brand names. The suit seeks class-action status. The refrigerators were made at Whirlpool's Fort Smith, Ark., plant."

This is all the article said - no model numbers, years of production, when sold or anything that can lead me to knowledge to help the readers of this column.

It means I'll have to use my resources to find out more about this recall. Until then, let me give you my opinions on icemakers.

When manufacturers first introduced icemakers way back when, they weren't installed at the factory. They were an add-on accessory that the dealers would install or you could buy and install yourself.

It was a beautiful gift for conversation that you could show off to visiting friends and family who needed ice for their beverage. No more chopping it off the block, putting in a tin pail.

And then the refrigerator marketing experts thought it would be a good idea to include them in not all of their refrigerators, just a certain amount of them.

I believe their theory was to create a demand for icemakers in steps, and it appears to have worked. Today, there are very few homeowners who don't buy a refrigerator without the icemaker already installed.

For all of you consumers out there who have spent your hard-earned dollars on a service call getting your icemaker repaired, the appliance industry thanks you. That amount spent across America reaches into many millions of dollars.

Icemakers have an average life of seven years and then cost \$100-plus to replace. It's tough to live without one.

In all honesty, there has been so much trouble with icemakers I wish they hadn't been invented. Ask General Electric how many millions of dollars it has spent to resolve the class action suit it settled last year over icemakers. Take a look at [bringgoodthingstolife.org](http://bringgoodthingstolife.org).

**SQUIRREL IN DRYER**

I just received a call from a gentleman who was removing an

armful of clothes from his dryer and noticed a big black squirrel right smack in the middle of all the clothes.

Needless to say, it scared the pants off him. He wanted to know how the squirrel got into the dryer. Let me say, it happens quite often.

If the flapper outside on the exit for the dryer vent line isn't closing all the way, it's a welcome sign to a critter.

It's cold outside, and the little guy wants some heat and he is coming in whether you want him to or not.

If he isn't too smart and bites onto one of the electrical wires inside the dryer, he will become a very serious odor problem.

Removing a dead critter that has been involved in a dryer suicide isn't something you even want to think about.

Here is the secret tip that many service technicians don't want me to tell you: Take an old toothbrush and clean the little hinges on the flapper door outside. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

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**Global ReLeaf selling trees, shrubs**

Once again Global ReLeaf of Michigan is selling to the public bare-root trees especially selected for their hardiness and ability to prosper in both urban and rural areas.

Funds raised through the annual tree sale - now in its 17th year - support community tree plantings throughout Michigan. Orders must be prepaid by Friday, April 6. Quantities are limited.

Trees are \$28 each, or \$25 each for five or more. Specialty trees are \$50 each. Shrubs and evergreens are \$20 each, or \$18 each for five or more.

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For an order form, call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail [GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com](mailto:GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com).

Order forms can be printed off the Global ReLeaf Web site, [www.globalreleaf.org](http://www.globalreleaf.org).

Pick-up date is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Locations include the city of Livonia DPW Yard, Friendship Park in Lake Orion, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. in Troy, Ann Arbor City Nursery in Ann Arbor and Springfield Oaks Park in Davisburg.

A map of locations will be sent before the pick-up date. Maps will be on the Web site.

All trees and shrubs are bare-root, single- or multi-stemmed and 3 to 6 feet in height depending on species.

Trees offered are Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Crimson King Norway Maple, Swamp White Oak, Littleleaf Linden, River Birch, "Autumn Brilliance"

Serviceberry, Japanese Tree Lilac, Red Bud, White and Red Flowering Crabapple, and Honeycrisp Apple.

New offerings this year are specialty trees consisting of species not readily available at most local nurseries. These will also be 3 to 6 feet. They include Paperbark Maple, Yellowwood, and Green Vase Zelkova.

Four types of bare-root shrubs (1 to 2 feet) and three types of bare-root evergreens (about 2 feet) are for sale this year.

The shrubs are "Endless Summer" Hydrangea, "Blue Muffin" Arrowwood Viburnum, "Wine and Roses" Weigela, and Oakleaf Hydrangea.

The evergreens are Eastern White Pine, Serbian Spruce, and American Arborvitae.



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**8. Trees make your home, and your neighborhood, more beautiful.** Trees

mark the changing seasons, and add grace and seasonal color. Trees make a house feel like a home.

**9. When you plant trees, you support Tree City USA where you live.** Tree City USAs have community forestry programs to plant and care for trees. You can do your part.

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To receive your free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to 10 Free Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or join online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

Join now, and plant your Trees for America!

**The National Arbor Day Foundation**  
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**GARDEN CALENDAR**

**Metro Detroit Hosta Society**

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Clarence Owens will discuss biodiversity. Cost is \$3 for guests. Call (248) 795-0065.

**Orchid show**

The Michigan Orchid Society will present its annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, at Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia, just east of the I-275-Six Mile interchange. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1. Admission is free. More than 20 exhibits and 500 plants will be on display. Plants will be judged on their merit of quality. For more information, call (586) 416-1496 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**Garden Party**

English Gardens will celebrate National Gardening Month (April) with its annual Garden Party Weekend, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1. The weekend will kick off the gardening season and feature free gardening

presentations, landscape advice, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2007. The event is free and the public may attend. It will take place at all six English Gardens stores, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; and Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200.

For more information, call the stores or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com). Among the featured speakers will be: Roger Swain, former host of PBS' *The Victory Garden*; Paul Tukey, co-host of HGTV's *People, Places & Plants*; Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer; and experts from English Gardens. English Gardens Landscape Company representatives will offer free landscape advice 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Royal Oak/Troy and Dearborn Heights (March 31), and West Bloomfield and Clinton Township (April 1).

Representatives from Trainers Academy will present *Therapy Dogs and What They Do* 4 p.m. March 31 in Royal Oak/Troy. Customers will have the opportunity to

visit with the Easter Bunny 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 31 at all stores.

**Good Earth Institute**

The Good Earth Landscape Institute invites the public to attend *Designing your Garden from the Inside Out*, a seminar that focuses on designing using the view from a favorite window. Bring snapshots of the area. Sessions run 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 27, at The Community House in Birmingham. Cost is \$125 plus a \$10 materials fee. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.community-house.com](http://www.community-house.com).

**Downriver Rose Society**

Downriver Rose Society will host its April meeting, *There's Nothing Square About a Rose*, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Brownstown Community Center, 2131 Telegraph. Admission is free. The public may attend. Join Joyce Latta, a professional landscape designer, and learn how to create striking designs using roses as the key element. Latta will share tips and show slides that are sure to inspire new ideas. For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.



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## Afternoon Tea: A primer

### THE HISTORY

The tradition began in 1840 with Anna, the Duchess of Bedford. According to Denise Whipple, a native of England and owner of Traveling Tea Time in Clarkston, at that time it was typical to eat an early lunch and a very late dinner. Because of the long gap in between, Anna would become hungry around 3 or 4 o'clock.

"She wanted something hot and a little something to go along with it," said Whipple. At first she enjoyed her tea alone in her boudoir, but later began inviting friends over to share tea in the living room.

"It was Afternoon Tea," said Whipple. "It got to be the thing to do."

At first it was only for the wealthy, since tea was very expensive. But the tradition became widespread. Now, such an elaborate tea time isn't a daily occurrence in most English homes, but it is still served with formality at hotels.

### VARIE-TEA

"Like fine wine, there are many varieties of tea from many locations worldwide - each one having its own distinctive taste, smell and body," said Whipple.

From traditional varieties like English Breakfast or Earl Grey, to herbal varieties that are not true teas at all, the beverage suits any taste.

Tea is categorized by the part of the *Camellia sinensis* plant that is used, and the amount of fermentation it undergoes.

Types of tea include:

■ **White tea** is derived from the top two leaves and the bud of the plant, which are hand-picked and harvested before it fully opens. Try Silver Needle or White Peony.

■ **Green tea** is not fermented. The leaves are steamed and undergo minimal oxidation. Try Sencha, Gunpowder or Jasmine-infused varieties.

■ **Oolong tea** is semi-fermented. Some varieties are Pouchong or Ti Kuan Yin.

■ **Black tea** is fully fermented for a deep, distinctive flavor. Popular choices include Assam, Lapsang Souchong or Darjeeling.

■ **Rooibos** is not a tea at all. It comes from a South African bush and is known for its sweet, nutty flavor and red color.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT IT

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop, 685 South Adams in Adams Square in Birmingham, is hosting free tea seminars now through April 20.

Learn about tea culture as Registered Nurse Kristin Sanders shares presentations at 3 p.m. every Friday, along with a hot cup of tea or coffee. Topics include: **Types & Tasting** on March 23; **Good Health with Tea** on March 30; **How to Buy, Store, Brew on April 6**; **Best Foods with Tea** on April 13; and **Tea Ceremonies Around the World** on April 20.

Donations of tea cups, teapots, linens, diffusers and other décor are encouraged, and tax-deductible. All items in the Discovery Shop are donated with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (248) 647-7467.

By Stephanie A. Casola

## TEA

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strawberry jam and lemon curd; and desserts, like chocolate-covered strawberries or fresh fruit tartlets.

"People say I've had tea before, but I've never had tea that tasted this good," Whipple said. She and her sister Caroline will travel anywhere to provide the service, and bring all the necessary elements to the location.

For those who prefer to go out for Afternoon Tea, Birmingham's Townsend Hotel has offered an elegant option for 17 years.

Tea Director Laura Klein arranges events from an intimate setting for two to parties so large they span two afternoons. Her clients reserve tables for special events, such as birthdays, wedding or baby showers.

"Tea is a really positive experience," said Klein. "From hotel guests to business meetings to a small group of friends, afternoon tea offers a chance to relax in an elegant environment."

And it's not just for women. Klein and Whipple agreed that more men are trying Afternoon Tea, too. "There's a lot of interest," said Klein.

At the Townsend, guests can expect to be greeted at the door. The staff is accommodating so guests can prepare "to be pampered," said Klein.

The Townsend's tea service runs Tuesday-Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. Guests are treated to tables adorned with white linen and an array of Royal Albert china, in either the sun-drenched main lobby, or the more private Tea Lobby.

From the Waterford crystal chandeliers, to a daily arrangement of fresh flowers, to two cozy fireplaces, the setting offers an escape from the world outside.

The Townsend offers a choice of Earl Grey or Decaffeinated Raspberry tea. Loose-rolled tea bags are prepared daily.

A light 3-course menu begins with hors d'oeuvres, such as Chicken Curry Salad or Pear, Walnut and Blue Cheese, followed by hot items like Vegetarian Quiche. Then, guests are treated to Cranberry Orange scones with clotted cream and lemon curd, and assorted pastries, from Fresh Fruit Plan to Chocolate Mousse Cups.

"We make everything fresh," said Klein, adding that the kitchen can accommodate individual tastes. They even serve child-friendly finger foods, like grilled cheese sandwiches.

## Cono Sur is no play on words

Although wines branded as Cono Sur ring like a play on words, they're not. Cono Sur refers to the shape of South America or the "southern cone" on which lies the western edge of Chile and its renowned wine valleys.

Admittedly though, the name (pronounced like "connoisseur") is a good fit for today's interest in popularly priced, value wines retailing around \$10 per bottle. They just became available in Michigan.



**Focus on Wine**

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Bio-Bio (the most southern in Chile).

Such vineyard diversity allows Cono Sur, owned by the families who also own the well-known Concha y Toro winery, to make wines that many Chilean wineries can't.

### FIRSTS

Thus in 1999, Cono Sur started its pinot noir project and now has become the largest producer of pinot noir in South America and among the top five producers of pinot noir in the world.

Cono Sur was the first to produce and export Chilean viognier and the first to make riesling with a Bio-Bio appellation.

It was the first Chilean winery to use synthetic cork closures and the first to adopt Stelvin closures for the export market.

Most importantly in the age of increased concern for the environment is Cono Sur's commitment in 2000 to become an organically managed vineyard that resulted in their first certified organically grown cabernet sauvignon-carmenere blend in 2003.

### CONO SUR WINES TO BUY

2006 Sauvignon Blanc (\$10) sports fresh, crisp, bright grapefruit and lime flavors complemented by peach and tropical fruit. A steal.

2005 Vision Chardonnay (\$14) from Casablanca appellation is bright and crisp with a nice kiss of oak.

2006 Pinot Noir (\$10) has classic pinot noir aromas with cherry flavors. It's the best pinot noir at this price on the planet!

2006 Vision Pinot Noir (\$14) is a big step up for only \$4 more. Vines are Pommard clonal selection from Burgundy and show it in darker berry fruit and bigger finish. Cono Sur's winemaker Adolfo Hurtado credits Martin Prieur of Burgundy's Domaine Jacques Prieur for teaching him the secrets of growing and making great pinot noir. Prieur continues as a regular consultant for Cono Sur.

2006 Syrah (\$10) is an excellent value for lovers of this variety with its blackberry, smoked meat and vanilla notes.

2005 Vision Merlot (\$14) delights with its depthful color, dark berry and cherry flavors with hints of tobacco, anise-like spice and melon finish.

2004 "20 Barrels" Cabernet (\$25). It's difficult to find as generously flavored and layered cabernet-merlot-syrah blend at this price.

Dark plums, black cherry and black currant flavors make this wine a delicious charmer.

### WINE PICKS

#### SPANISH WINE VALUES

When it comes to great wine values, Spain also has some real deals. Iconic labels make the following wines fun and there's loads of information on the back label so that you know what you're buying. Grape names may be unfamiliar but you'll love the flavors. Try these:

#### WHITE

2005 Ipsum, Bodegas Villar, \$9.50 (60 percent verdejo and 40 percent viura)  
2006 Marques de Caceres White, \$7 (100 percent viura)

#### REDS

2005 Zestos, Vinos Sin-ley, \$7.35 (blend of tempranillo and garnacha)  
2004 Cortijo III, Bodegas Aldeanueva, \$8.40 (100 percent tempranillo)  
2005 Carro Tinto, Bodegas Barahonda, \$8.40 (blend of monastrell, syrah, tempranillo and merlot)  
2005 Ludovicus, Bodegas Pinol, \$10.50 (blend of garnacha, tempranillo, syrah and cabernet sauvignon)  
2005 Tempranillo "TM," Bodegas Torremoron, \$10.50 (100 percent tempranillo)

2004 Avan Nacimiento, Bodegas Burgos, \$16 (100 percent tempranillo aged in French oak)

2003 Falsset Old Vines, Bodegas Falsset Marca, \$15.75 (85 percent garnacha and 15 percent cabernet sauvignon in a Priorat-style blend for a lot less money)

2003 Juan Rojo, Bodegas Matarredonda, \$19.60 (100 percent tempranillo from the Toro region)

2005 Heredad de Candela, Bodegas Barahonda, \$21 (100 percent monastrell)

**Note on Grape Names:** garnacha is grenache; monastrell is mourvedre and tempranillo is the great red wine of Spain as is viura for white wines.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it directly from the winery.

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## FOOD CALENDAR

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

### Schoolcraft College

Stroll through the state-of-the-art instructional kitchens and meet culinary instructors while tasting exceptional foods prepared at VisTaGala, The Art of Fine Dining, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the VisTaTech Center - DiPonio Room at the college's campus in Livonia. Tickets \$150 per person, call (734) 462-4518.

### 2 Unique classes

Kelli Lewton, executive chef of 2 Unique Catering and Event Planning, and Julie Kowalski, healthy lifestyle coach for Forget Perfect Now, teach cooking classes, including Healthy Soups and Casseroles, 6-9 p.m. March 22, and 3-6 p.m. April 15; Making Healthy Fast Food, 6-9 p.m. April 29, and Scrumptious Healthy Desserts, 3-6 p.m. May 6, at 2 Unique, 4303

Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile off Delemere, between Crooks and Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242 or e-mail [kiewton@twounique.com](mailto:kiewton@twounique.com)

### Taste of the Vines

Enroll in five mini-courses in wine series offered by Madonna University, 7-9 p.m. Conducted in collaboration with Hiller's Markets, instructed by wine buyer Eric Novak and Rick Halberg, Hiller's director of culinary services, classes include French Wines, March 28, and Throwing Wine Parties, April 4. Students will sample finger foods and taste wines, each course is \$36. Register online at [www.madonna.edu/pages/continuingeducationregistration.cfm](http://www.madonna.edu/pages/continuingeducationregistration.cfm) or call (734) 432-5804 for more information.

### Who Has Time To Cook?

This system will teach you how you can prepare a month's worth of meals in one day, allow you quicker time in the kitchen, and how to organize your meal plans with lower grocery bills, less stress and less time in the kitchen. Instructor Lynn Jarrett is a busy mom who decided to end the stress of meal planning, class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, \$29, to

register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Vinology Wine Classes

Vinology, 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor, is a wine bar and restaurant owned by the Jonna Family, price is \$45 each for all six classes, \$50 per class for a four-class package or \$55 per class individually. Classes are Take the Road Less Traveled: Discover New Varieties and Regions, April 18; Wines of Spain and Portugal, May 16; Wines of Italy, June 20; Wines of France, July 18; call (734) 222-9841.

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## HOME CALENDAR

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Art Van stores invite guests to bring the kids to meet the Easter Bunny 1-3 p.m. at the following Saturdays and locations: March 24 at 22555 Greenfield in Southfield, and April 7 at 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia.

### Backyard, Pool & Spa Show

The 12th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will take place Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, at the Rock Financial Showplace, on Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi. The focus is on home relaxation, fun and recreation, including swimming pools, spas and outdoor entertaining. Transform your outdoor living space. Visit [www.showspan.com](http://www.showspan.com) for more information.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com).

In Simple Curtain (5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, March 22 to April 5; cost is \$60), beginning sewers will learn how to dress up a room with a simple rod-pocket window treatment to use alone or with blinds or shades.

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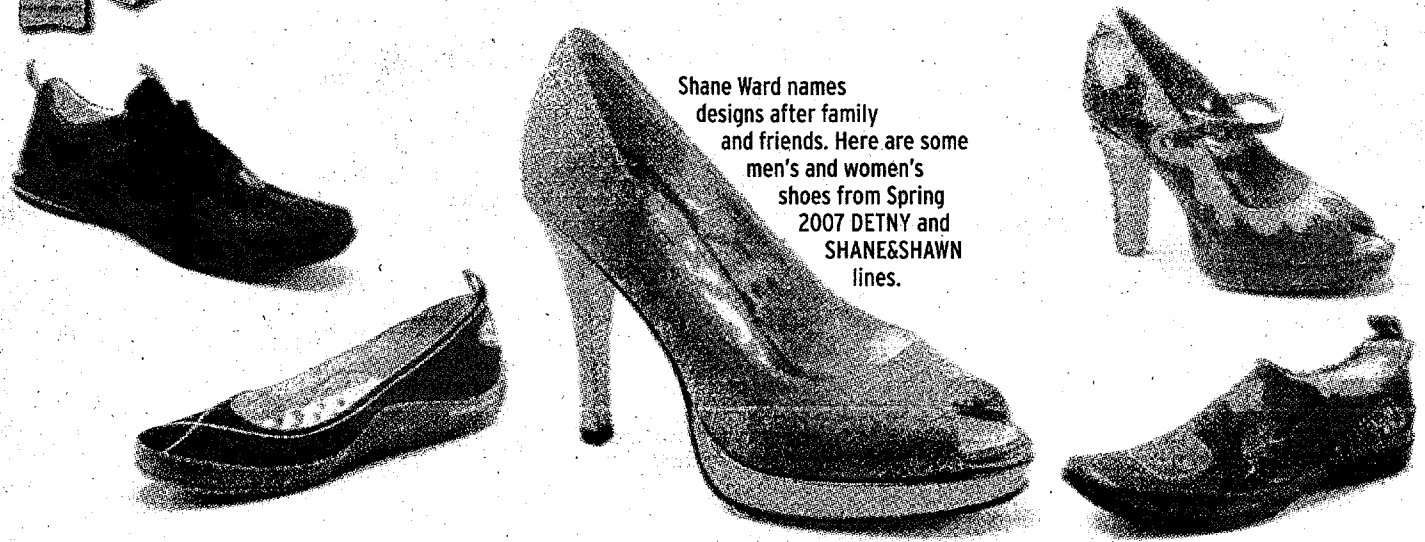


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Shane Ward names designs after family and friends. Here are some men's and women's shoes from Spring 2007 DETNY and SHANE&SHAWN lines.

## DETNY twins bare soles at FGI Career Day

By Wendy Von Buskirk

Walk a mile in Shane and Shawn's shoes, and you'll be as comfy as you are stylish.

The Ward twins, 34, are founders of an international shoe design business that's revolutionized the comfort shoe industry.

The Detroit natives returned to their hometown to speak to students during Fashion Group International's annual Career Day, held at Glen Oaks Country Club on March 2.

"Shane and Shawn are twins from Detroit who are rocking, literally rocking, the shoe design world," said Susan Howes, fashion editor of Hour Detroit, as she introduced the pair. "Sport comfort shoes — that design influence is coming from Detroit, our boys."

Shane and Shawn, dressed in jeans, blazers and skinny ties, charmed the audience as they described their steps to success. The journey began after they graduated from Detroit's Cass Technical High School in 1991 and went to the University of Michigan.

Shane was the 'creative' one. "When you grow up in the Midwest, you wonder 'what am I going to do with an art degree?'" Shane said. "I finally became comfortable with being an artist when I saw career paths you could take."

Earning a degree in industrial design, Shane created exhibits for General Motors until he got a call about a job opening at Adidas in Portland, Oregon.

He flew out for an interview and found employees wearing shorts and flip-flops, a basketball court in the center of the office, and a keg in the corner for Fridays.

He took the job, and set foot on the path to shoe designer.

Shane quickly became recognized as a shining star, creating signature shoes for famous athletes and traveling the world to find manufacturing plants and inspiration.

"It changed my life," he said. "It really opened my eyes to different cultures, what people wear, what they eat, how they feel."

Shane became the youngest person ever to head a department at Adidas. As senior designer for cross-trainers, women's workout and cleated shoes, he oversaw \$300 million in business annually.

After four years with the company, Shane left for a stint at And 1 in Philadelphia, designing footwear for basketball stars. Soon, he got the urge to venture off on his own.

"The entrepreneurial spirit inside of me was just ready to explode. I learned about the business of freelancing and consulting and I had a great portfolio to present to different customers," Shane said.

And that's where he got back in step with Shawn.

Since the twins had parted ways, Shawn had been forging a unique career of his own, although he downplays his achievements.

"My story's not as cool," he quipped.

Shawn earned a degree in mechanical engineering and was completely satisfied working his way up the corporate ladder at Chrysler. That is until his vagabond shoes strayed to



Shoe gurus Shane and Shawn Ward recently visited Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Here, the twins pose at the piano with their Seso shoe for men.

New York City.

After a few trips to the Big Apple, Shawn sold everything and moved there to become a day trader.

"I left my house, my motorcycle, my Durango and moved into a two bedroom place with a roommate I had never met before," he said. "That's what you do — you sacrifice what you think is really important for a long term goal."

Shawn was smart on the stock exchange, and made money before the market crashed in 2001. Shane eventually joined him in New York City and their partnership began.

"I had been designing sneakers for all these great companies, but we never wore sneakers, except to the gym," Shane said. "We started noticing that women in New York wore high heels at the office, but wore their New Balance to walk to work. We thought, why don't we close that gap and create shoes that are as comfortable as a sneaker, but sexy enough to wear to a bar or club."

Shane set to work sketching hip, fashion-forward sneaker hybrids under the label DETNY, which stands for Detroit-New York. Shawn put his business acumen behind the brand, pursuing a patent on an inlay sole and writing a solid business plan.

They ordered samples from China, and their line was born.

"We were building what we thought would be the next great shoe," Shane said.

It turned out they were right.

Orders from a single boutique turned into contracts at major department stores. Now, their men's line is carried at Nordstrom and their women's shoes are at Macy's Herald

### Lace up your future

DETNY's Shane and Shawn Ward shared advice with students at Fashion Group International-Detroit's Career Day on March 2. Here are their three steps to success:

**1) Make a 5-year plan.** Think about where you want to see yourself in five years, then make the necessary moves to get there. Take classes, network and above all, find a mentor. "Everything you do should lead up to that goal," Shawn said.

**2) Be yourself.** Embrace the things that make you unique and others will take notice. When you acknowledge what you are truly passionate about, you will find your calling. "You will become incredibly successful, and even more importantly, incredibly happy," Shane said.

**3) Stay focused.** The path to success isn't always smooth, but persistence pays off. "We've been through so many ups and downs," Shawn said. "We've had to cancel thousands of shoes because they didn't work out, but whatever you're doing, don't give up."

Square. The twins were recently featured on the WE reality show "Unwrapping Macy's," and they have signed with Picture This Productions to do a reality show of their own, possibly this fall.

Their new, higher-end line of men's and women's shoes under the label SHANE&SHAWN will hit the market April 15. The collection is comprised of heels and boots for women and dress shoes for men featuring sleek European silhouettes and imported leathers. But the styles still stress comfort.

They feature cushioned insoles, injected rubber pods on the soles for padding and traction, and platforms made from foam instead of wood or stacked leather.

"Someone said to us once 'If you guys can do this kind of comfort in high heels, you'll be millionaires,'" Shane said.

They might be onto something. Oprah Magazine recently listed a SHANE&SHAWN pump among "45 killer shoes that won't kill your feet."

The twins plan to launch an accessory line with handbags, belt buckles, tees, hats and limited edition jackets in the fall.

Yet even with all their success, the pair aren't resting on their insoles.

"Our drive is to be more than a small shoe company. We want to be the next lifestyle brand, the next Kenneth Cole, the next Diesel," Shawn said.

DETNY shoes start around \$115 and are available in Metro Detroit at Edward Dorian, Sole Sisters and Simply Casual. For more information, visit [www.detny.com](http://www.detny.com).



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### Designing a Future

The Detroit Chapter of Fashion Group International awarded two student scholarships during its Career Day on March 2, held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Inga Lenz of Farmington Hills (left), an aspiring designer, received a \$500 scholarship for fashion merchandising. Raminta Vilkiene, of Livonia, received a \$1,000 scholarship for fashion design. She stands next to a gray suit with silver inlay of her own creation. Both are students at the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy.

## Local lady wins AARP model search

AARP The Magazine recently announced that Dearborn Heights resident Hoda Amine was chosen as a 2007 "Faces of 50+ Real People Models."



Amine

In December, she was flown out to New York City where she had a skincare and beauty makeover in preparation for a professional photo shoot.

The Magazine toured 10 cities last summer searching for beauties over 50.

Women entered by having their pictures taken at AARP The Magazine Road Show stops.

Editor Steve Slon and Beauty Editor Gabrielle Redford sifted through applicants looking for vibrant, healthy individuals who reflect the magazine's core belief that life starts at 50. They hand-selected nine women out of a pool of nearly 2,000 applicants.

Amine, the only winner from Michigan, entered during the Woodward Dream Cruise last August.

Amine and the other 'real people' models represent women in their 50s, 60s and 70s, and appear in the March/April edition along with a feature story which gives readers tips on how to determine the best skincare regime for their skin type.

Due to the popularity of the Faces of 50+ Real People Model Search, eligible applicants will be able to apply online this year.

For more information, visit [www.aarpmagazine.com](http://www.aarpmagazine.com).

### Local List

#### Girls Night Out

Join Saks Fifth Avenue and the Troy Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Forum for a Girl's Night Out March 29. Donate gently-used career clothing to "Dress for Success," then enjoy an overview of spring 2007 fashion and beauty must-haves as you sip wine and sample hors d'oeuvres. Tickets, \$35, include a \$25 SFA gift card. Call (248) 641-8151.

#### Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic

The Detroit Ignition Dance Team will host a dance clinic on Saturday, March 31 at High Velocity Sports, 46255 Michigan Ave., Canton. Participants will learn dance techniques from the Ignition's official dance team, The Spark, then perform live during an Ignition

home game April 1 at Compuware Sports Arena. Dancers ages 13-18 will participate from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for \$55; dancers ages 7-12 will take part from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for \$40. Fee includes lunch, a ticket to the April 1 game, and discounted tickets for friends and family. Call 1.888.436.GOAL or visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com).

#### Materialistic

See head-to-toe creations by three Metro Detroit artists during "Materialistic," 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 30 at The Community Arts Gallery, 22635 Woodward Ave. Individual and collaborative works include jewelry by Sarah Kate Burgess, dresses by Annica Cuppetelli and shoes by Tom Carbone, exhibited and modeled for patrons. Call (248) 414-6500.

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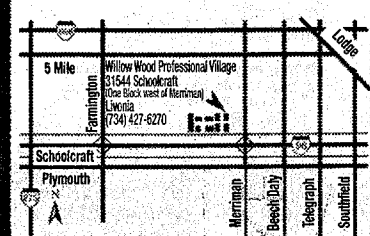
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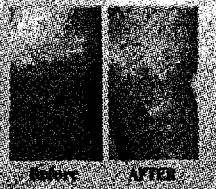
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**Rahim AlHaj** oud  
**Souhail Kaspar** percussion

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 8 PM  
Rackham Auditorium

Iraqi oud player Rahim AlHaj and Lebanese percussionist Souhail Kaspar join forces to present an evening of music from their new Smithsonian Folkways CD, *When the Soul Is Settled: Music of Iraq*.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 8 PM  
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The marriage between jazz and tango was virtually unheard of 30 years ago — until Pablo Ziegler burst onto the music scene. Joined by Chilean vocalist Claudia Acuña, Ziegler and his Quintet present an evening of music that blends Latin rhythms with jazz sensibilities.

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**David Krakauer's**  
**Klezmer Madness**

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 8 PM  
Rackham Auditorium

This isn't your grandmother's klezmer! Clarinetist David Krakauer and his band blend Eastern European klezmer with rock beats and guitar riffs to produce a truly unique sound that keeps the music out of the museum and in the 21st century.

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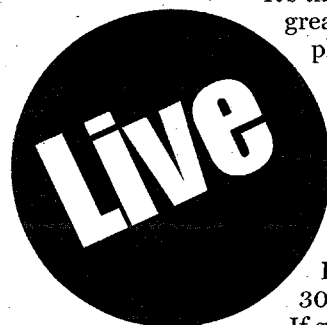


Hedorah was a crowd favorite at Battle of the Bands last year and is competing again this round.

# Battle of the Bands set in Canton for March 30

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

On your mark, get set and play that guitar!



It's time again for a great way to sample local music — at the Battle of the Bands competition scheduled at Summit on the Park in Canton on Friday, March 30.

If going to a nightclub to check out a band you've never heard before seems like too much of a time investment, then this event should please many music lovers.

Competing bands will perform just three songs each — including one cover song. You don't have to wait an hour between each band like you do at the local clubs. At Battle of the Bands, there are two stages so bands can play back-to-back.

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"Anyone can enter regardless of age," said station manager Bill Keith who organizes the event.

The main rule is that bands cannot be signed with a record label.

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**Where:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

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**Tickets:** \$5 at the door - profit from the event benefits WSDP radio station.

**Details:** [www.881theescape.com](http://www.881theescape.com)

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Last year's winning band was VERB, a hip-hop duo reminiscent of Kid Rock. About 400 cheering teenagers and some parents attended in 2006, and more are expected this year.

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Not all bands are from Plymouth and Canton.

For more information about the bands, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

"Last year the contest was focused on the Plymouth-Canton Community," Keith said. "This year we decided to expand it to western Wayne County. We have bands from Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Northville and Livonia."

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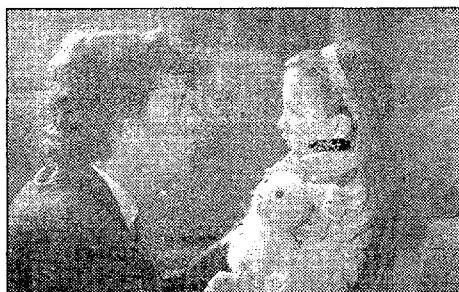
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**'Wonderful Town' encourages audiences to follow their dreams**

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

For actress Allison Barry, portraying the role of Eileen in *Wonderful Town* - opening tomorrow at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts - echoes a bit of her own life experience.

The musical follows the journey of two sisters, Ruth and Eileen, as they move from Ohio to New York City, ready to follow their

dreams, fall in love and take Manhattan by storm. The production features a memorable score by Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

Like her onstage persona, Barry, a 2002 Michigan State University graduate, is an Ohio native. Though she's lived in Ohio, Michigan and Florida, she moved East after college, to study at New York University. And, like Eileen, she pursued her dreams of performing.

"I'm having the time of my life," Barry said. "I feel like everything she's done, I'm doing or have done."

Barry took to the stage early, in youth theater, and has

**WONDERFUL TOWN**

**What:** A Broadway hit musical featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24

**Where:** The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$35 to \$69.50, buy them online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call (248) 645-6666.

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Allison Barry

been singing since childhood. She studied music, not acting, while in East Lansing. Though she wished the show was stopping at the Breslin Center on the campus of her alma mater, Barry is pleased to come back to Michigan.

She initially auditioned for a role in another show, but was called back to try out for the part of Eileen, a leading role in *Wonderful Town*. Six plane trips later, she landed the role in this touring production. Auditions began in October, with the cast and crew hitting the road just three

PLEASE SEE **WONDERFUL, E4**

**Who gets your 'American Idol' vote?**

Who are you voting for on American Idol, and why?

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Do you prefer Lakisha Jones because she's a Michigander with a strong voice and sweet personality - even though she shunned the advice of Motown queen Diana Ross who said to sing with a mic stand?

Or maybe you're in a military family rooting for Navy musician Phil Stacey.

Or perhaps you're a Justin Timberlake fan and therefore support Blake Lewis (and his white Timberlake-style gym shoes) or Chris Richardson who sports Timberlake-style hair and attitude.

Tell us who deserves your vote.



Lakisha Jones



Sanjaya Malakar

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- B. William Hung
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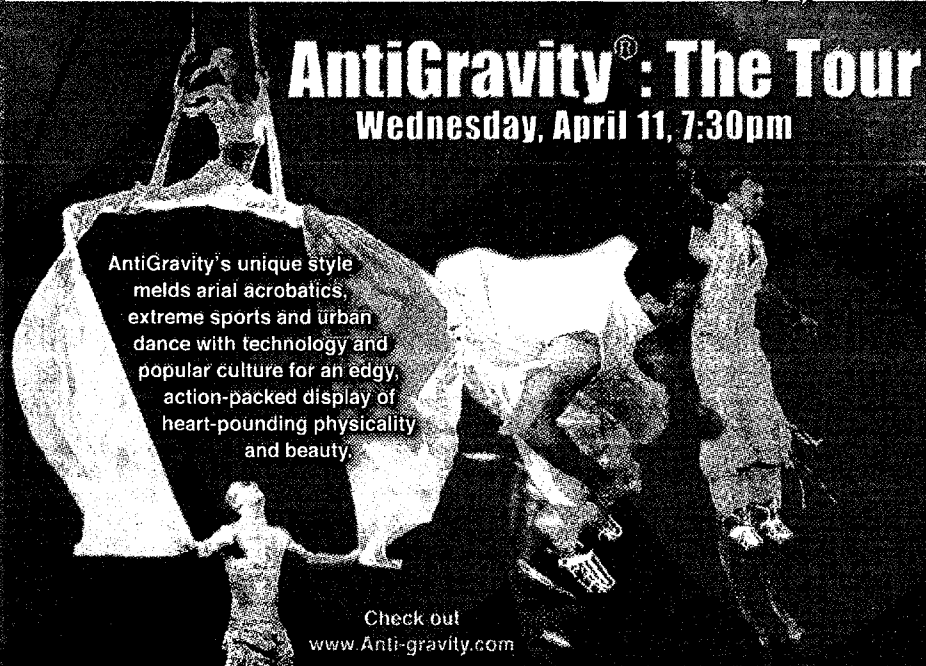
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weeks later.

"Eileen, on the surface, is a blond bombshell," said Barry.

But that's not all. "She's very beautiful on the inside," she added. All of Eileen's actions are backed with the best of intentions, especially when it comes to her sister, Ruth.

Knowing that Ruth is pursuing a writing job, Eileen invites a smarmy newspaper editor to dinner. "She has good intentions even in a ridiculous situation," said Barry.

A fan of Bernstein's work, Barry said she studied some of his better-known works, *Candide* and *West Side Story*, but *Wonderful Town* was written much earlier in his career. "You can hear a lot of his later work in it," she said. "(It's as if) he was testing it out."

The show includes a wide variety of genres. From swing to a Conga line to a ragtime number and more, it's all in there.

Her favorite scene in the show occurs just after Eileen is arrested. She manages to charm the entire police precinct - and an Irish jig ensues to the tune of *My Darling Eileen*.

"Most people don't know the show," said Barry. "It's a sleeper."

She's pleased to be part of a national tour that's calling attention to *Wonderful Town* once again. The show premiered on Broadway in 1953, showing at the Wintergarden Theatre. It was revived in 2003, following a film version.

Barry said she particularly enjoys performing her solo number, *A Little Bit in Love*, and a duet she sings for the song *Ohio*.

Coming from the Midwest herself, Barry said she sees a lot of truth in the story. Making that move is "never easy," she said, and as a result Ruth and Eileen adapt to a new culture. "They have to learn to adjust quickly."

For Barry, a similar adjustment came after graduate school, when she had to find an apartment, meet new people and move out of the comfort zone of academic life. "That's when the real transition took place," she recalled.

As for *Wonderful Town*, Barry said it's a show for audiences of all ages.

"Kids will love it for the dance numbers," she said. "Older people will relate to the story and music. Everyone will love it."

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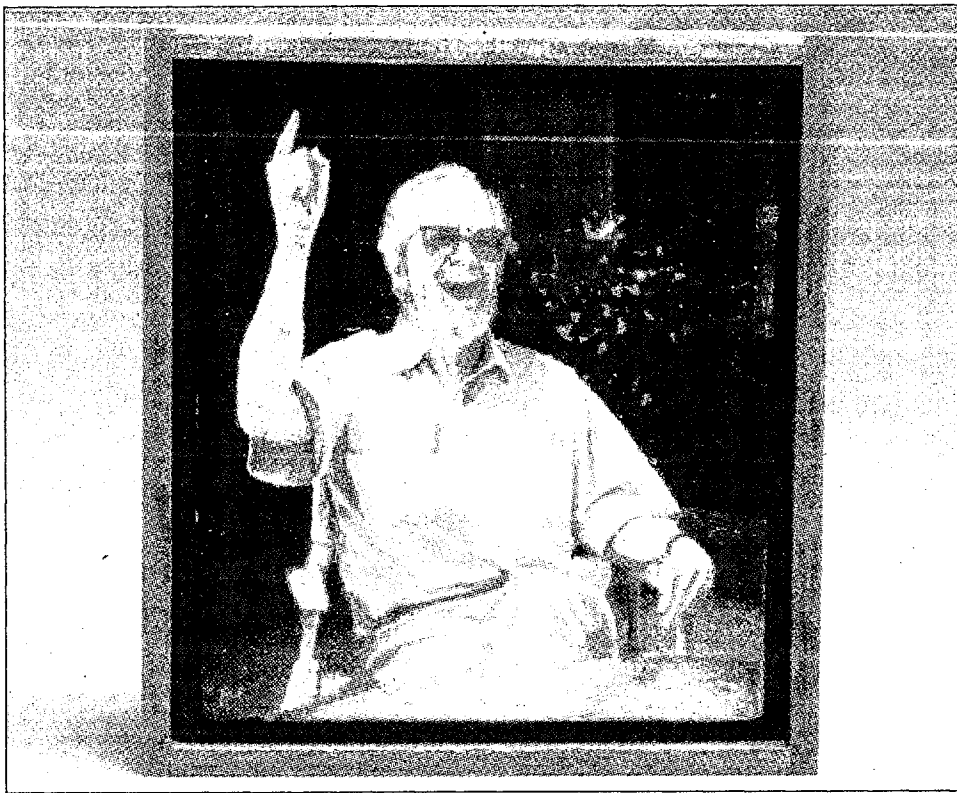
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Ann Mikolowski's painting of author Elmore Leonard is part of the exhibit.

## Painter celebrated at exhibit

Ann Mikolowski, a Michigan painter who passed away in 1999 after a battle against breast cancer, will be celebrated with a six week exhibit.

*Ann Mikolowski: Two Ways of Looking in a Mirror* is presented by The College for Creative Studies' Center Galleries in Detroit and runs through Sunday, April 28.

The CCS alumna and visionary painter was known for her lively style. The exhibit includes a catalogue and also a series of public programs.

"We are thrilled to present this exhibition and hope to encourage interest in and critical reassessment of Ann Mikolowski's work on a national scale," said Michelle Perron, director of CCS' Center Galleries and exhibition curator. "This exhibition will also serve to introduce (her) work to the next generation of Detroit artists and CCS students, thereby providing a forum through which today's emerging artists can study and learn from her work and ideas."

*Two Ways of Looking in a Mirror*, focuses on two art series which Mikolowski devoted much of her career: paintings of large-scale land and water-scapes and also miniature portraits.

The miniature portraits were inspired by Mikolowski's snapshots of artists, musicians and poets. Miniature in size, the largest is just three-by-four inches.

The larger paintings captures the seasonal changes of water and land, much of it on Lake Huron.

During her career, she often used thin layers of paint rather than heavy impasto that resulted in paintings that appear almost photo-like.

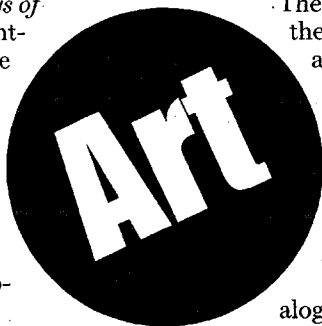
An illustrated scholarly catalogue will be available with an essay on Mikolowski's talents by internationally renowned art critic and scholar John Yau.

A lecture will feature poet, cultural critic and National Public Radio commentator Andrei Codrescu at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, and a poetry event at 8 p.m. Friday, March 30.

This exhibition is located at Center Galleries on the CCS campus in the Detroit Cultural Center, 301 Frederick Douglass at the corner of Brush.

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Chris O'Neil and Rhiannon Leigh Wryn play two children who don't realize the toys they find are actually something that can save the world in the movie 'The Last Mimzy.'

# 'The Last Mimzy'

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FORMER DETROITERS WEAVE MAGIC WITH NEW FILM

★★★★★  
(OUT OF FIVE)

BY LANA MINI  
FILM CRITIC

Whatever you're doing this weekend, cancel it.

Grab some friends, the family or go alone to see the most magical movie to come out since *E.T.* and *Close Encounters of The Third Kind*.

Take the writer of *Ghost* and the producer of *The Lord of the Rings*; and when they work together the result is ... *The Last Mimzy*.

The film, opening Friday, March 23, was created by two men who went to Detroit's Mumford High School together and both are now Hollywood hitters.

Robert Shaye, 68, the founder of New Line Cinema, the company responsible for *Lord of the Rings* and *Nightmare On Elm Street*, is the director of *The Last Mimzy*.

The writer is Bruce Joel Rubin, 64, and Oscar winner who also created *Jacob's Ladder*, *Ghost* and *Deep Impact*.

Both were in town last week for screenings of the film at the Detroit Film Theater and the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

"It's a 'what if' movie," Shaye said. "It's not a message movie ... it's an idea movie. It's all about 'what if.'"

Such as: What if a stuffed animal could travel through time and talk to children — would they listen? Would the world listen?

The movie is about a very

messed up future world and scientists' desperation to go back in time (present day) to find a way to correct the mistakes.

So, to save the future, toys travel back in time in search of one soul pure enough to change the world. The purity, they believe, can only be discovered in children.

The film is based on a science fiction short by Lewis Padgett. Both Shaye and Rubin read the stories when they were in their teens but neither knew it.

"The original story doesn't have a real ending," Shaye said. "It ends 25 minutes into the movie actually. So I needed to find someone who could give it a proper ending."

Several writers have created

## THE LAST MIMZY

**Opens:** Friday (New Line Cinema)

**Directed by:** Bob Shaye

**Starring:** Joely Richardson, Timothy Hutton, Michael Clarke Duncan, Rainn Wilson, Kathryn Hahn, Chris O'Neil, and Rhiannon Leigh Wryn

**Synopsis:** Based on the sci-fi short story by Lewis Padgett, it's the story of two children who discover a mysterious box that contains some strange items they think are toys. As the children play with these "toys," they begin to display higher and higher intelligence levels.

**Written by:** Bruce Joel Rubin and Toby Emmerich

**Rated:** PG, very mild language, thematic elements

PLEASE SEE MIMZY, E15



# Crowds gather for glimpse of Sandler

BY LANA MINI  
FILM CRITIC

Scores of people waited for hours outside the Palladium Theater in Birmingham on Sunday for a glimpse of Adam Sandler who was in town for the premiere of his new drama, *Reign Over Me*.

"Michiganders are an intense bunch," Sandler said, as he tried to walk the red carpet swarmed with autograph seekers.

Sandler signed as many autographs as he could, paying special attention to anxious children who waited in the cold.

The crowd was so excited for Sandler that many didn't notice Bob Seger walking the red carpet until he passed and entered the theater. Once they realized, the excitement intensified. Fan faces among the crowd included Richard Golden (of D.O.C.) and Linda Solomon, celebrity photographer.

The screening of *Reign Over Me* happened in Michigan because the film's writer and director, Mike Binder, is a native of Birmingham.

"It was really important for

me to hold this event in Michigan," Binder said. "And it's really great that (Sandler) agreed to do it. He didn't hesitate at all when I asked."

WRIF's morning personalities Drew & Mike hosted the film, that screened in two theaters at the Palladium simultaneously.

"All I could think about during the movie was that Sandler looks just like Bob Dylan," Mike (Clark) joked.

During the film, the audience erupted in applause when character Charlie Fineman (Sandler) tested the coolness of another man by asking Bob Seger trivia.

After the screening (see related story), Binder and Sandler held an audience Q&A session. Moderator Steve Black, a DJ at WRIF, told both Binder and Sandler the film nailed the emotions he experienced one year ago when his 35-year-old wife Sabrina passed away. Black's comment momentarily silenced the audience, and Binder and Sandler expressed sympathies, respectively.

Binder began his career as a standup comedian and has had successful HBO shows. His last

film *Upside of Anger* starred Kevin Costner and Joan Allen. He is also the writer of the film *Coupe de Ville* and HBO's comedy series *The Mind of the Married Man*.

"This guy (Binder) was one of my favorite comedians when I was in high school," Sandler said.

Binder said Sandler initially turned down the role.

"And then one day I was walking down the street in New York and got the phone call that he was in," Binder said. "I knew the role would be perfect for him because there's so many funny and tender moments - he can do both so well."

"I turned down the role at first because I was afraid to do it," Sandler said.

After the event, Seger, WRIF personalities, Sandler, Binder, Binder's family and a small group of guests attended a small gathering at The Palladium before limousines whisked everyone away separately.

Fans waited outside the Palladium for hours even after the film ended.



COLUMBIA PICTURES

Adam Sandler stars in 'Reign Over Me,' written and directed by former Birmingham resident Mike Binder and produced by his brother, Jack Binder.

## 'Reign Over Me' - Sandler at his best

★★★ out of five  
BY LANA MINI  
FILM CRITIC


Local writer, director, actor Mike Binder created a character that, so far, is the best one Adam Sandler has played in his career.

Sandler is funny, that's certain. But lately his roles seemed cliché. I prefer him in dramas, like *Punch Drunk Love*.

But *Reign Over Me*, which opens Friday, is perfect for Sandler. It gave him opportunity to blend both humor and drama in his character, Charlie Fineman.

There's little to complain about in *Reign Over Me* (Columbia Pictures) except maybe that it's a little too long. And, while most of the writing and directing in the film flowed wonderfully, every once in a while, a character's line seemed choppy or unnatural. But that doesn't make the movie not worth seeing.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Mark Kuszczek arrived in 1980 from Poland when he was 15 years old. As an adult, he worked in the trucking business.

He found that he could find Polish food here at some restaurants, but it was never quite like how he remembered it from his native land.

When his trucking partner retired, he decided to go into the restaurant business. Kuszczek bought Thomas' Family Dining in 1999 and since then, has added Polish fare to the menu, the way he likes it and the way he thinks it should be prepared.

Kuszczek describes the restaurant as "casual dining." "I think about how that's changed. I almost cringe when someone says family-style restaurant, you remember when you thought of the little greasy spoon.

"It's casual dining. It's something that the customer can have a decent meal at a

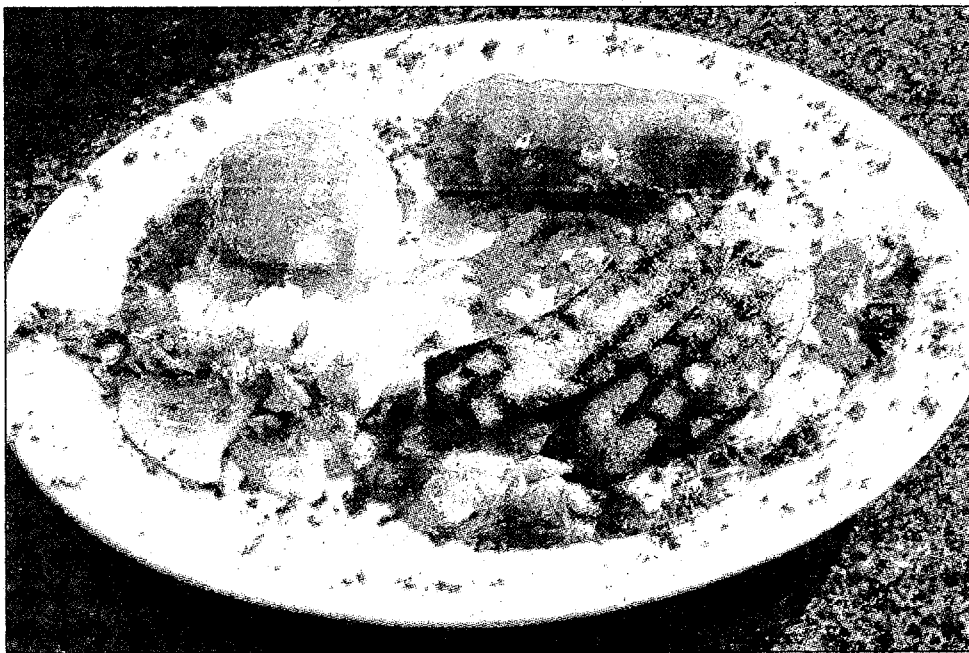
reasonable price in a reasonable time."

Polish dishes are the restaurant's specialty. The Polish platter features a grilled kielbasa atop delicious sauerkraut, slowly simmered with a ham bone, brown sugar, stewed tomatoes and caraway seed, along with a stuffed cabbage topped with tomato sauce and pierogi covered with onions and bacon. Oh, there's authentic mashed potatoes, too, all for under \$10.

The menu features typical family dining fare: Chef and Cobb salads, liver and onions, and breaded pork chops. But the burgers and steaks are certified Angus beef. Of course, breakfast fare features ham and eggs, crepes and homemade hash and other egg dishes.

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The Polish Platter at Thomas' Family Dining in Livonia features classic Polish favorites, including pierogi with onion and bacon (left front), kielbasa on a bed of specially prepared sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage and mashed potatoes.

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# THOMAS

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They've added turkey burger and veggie burger to the menu and also serve homemade minestrone and German tomato soup.

There are 14 different sandwiches, salads, fish and chips and broiled cod. Early bird specials are served each day between 3 and 5 p.m. The restaurant serves Blazo's pies for dessert.

The restaurant is kid-friendly with wooden boards available to hold ice cream sundaes so children can build the sundaes themselves. Holes are cut into the top piece of the boards to hold small cups of sweet toppings for kids to use to top the ice cream. "The kids love it. We're trying to think of different ways to keep 'em busy," Kuszczek said.

Kuszczek credits his kitchen staff for their input on the menu. Chef Rodrigo Valencia arrived from a Marriott in Cleveland about eight years ago, while chef Elana Gavrisemigrated from Romania six years ago. Kuszczek said the chefs take pride in creating homemade dishes and used Elana's chicken noodle soup as an example.

## THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-8890

**Menu:** Casual dining, with some Polish items.

**Hours:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. During the summer, those hours are extended to 10 p.m.

**Reservations:** accepted. Nonsmoking restaurant.

"She cooks the chicken, and adds celery, carrots, onions, parsnips and celery root, and there's very little chicken base in it. She makes it the way they do in the old country."

Kuszczek plans changes to the restaurant. He received approval for a beer and wine license, and wants to give the eatery a new look with new upholstery on the booths.

The facility has had three different owners since 1970. Kuszczek said it was the first nonsmoking restaurant in Livonia, and one of first in the area.

"We try to do things right, and we try to do something different," Kuszczek said.

"We don't sell hot dogs. We're not going to buy coney islands (to sell). We buy certified angus beef, white marble pork. We cut the lettuce ourselves, and we don't buy the bags of lettuce, so it's nice and fresh."

## Gluten-free products sold at Westland bakery

Looking for gluten-free bakery products? Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 Wayne Rd., in Westland now offers them.

"After much research and testing of many formulas, we have some great tasting desserts available," Denning said. Gluten-free chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter cookies and snickerdoodles now can be purchased at the bakery.

"We are also making gluten-free yellow cakes or cupcakes iced and decorated with our famous French butter cream," Denning said. "Tuxedo bars and banana chocolate chip muffins are also available." For more information or to place an order, call (734) 261-3680.

If you're thinking about Easter Sunday meals at your local restaurants, you should contact them right away for reservations. Two restaurants of the Epoch Restaurant Group are serving Easter Sunday:

■ **Tribute**, 31425 12 Mile Road (west of Orchard Lake Road) in Farmington Hills, serves a luncheon menu from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a choice of soup or salad, entrée and dessert for \$35 for adults and children. Entrée choices include roasted chicken, grilled bistro

steak, roasted salmon, grilled whitefish, chopped chicken salad, braised beef short rib, grilled Kobe burger or grilled pork loin. Call (248) 848-9393 for reservations.

■ **Forté**, 201 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, serves a plated Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., some of which will include French toast, hueveos rancheros, house-made corned beef hash, open-faced omelets, steak and eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, bananas foster and house-made desserts. (This menu is a la carte, so there is no fixed price.) Forté has announced that brunch will be served every Sunday. For reservations or more information, call (248) 594-7300.

Panera's grilled salmon salad debuted Wednesday at bakery-cafes in southeastern Michigan. Panera uses farm-raised salmon, and gives it a whole new flavor with roasted red peppers, french green beans and wheat berries. Served on a bed of greens and topped with low-fat Meyer lemon vinaigrette, this salad offers customers a balanced meal and offers a way to include complex proteins in regular healthy diets.

Visit [www.panera.com](http://www.panera.com) for area locations.



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For an expanded calendar list, visit the Get Out! calendar online at the Filter Entertainment section at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

## ART EXHIBITS

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

### Detroit Public Library

70th annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition, opening reception 1 p.m. March 31, exhibit runs March 31-May 5, 5201 Woodward, across the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts, [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: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at MOCAD is an Artists Talk on Mythological Psychogeographies: Detroit and Music; 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, at MOCAD is a performance TimeStereo presents Princess Dragon Mom's Passport to Infinity with Demons; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at MOCAD see films: Featuring Gordon Matta-Clark's films: Fire Child (1971); Fresh Kill (1972); Day's End (1974); Conical Intersect (1975) and Sous-Sols de Paris (1977); 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Cranbrook is an Artists Talk with Mitch Cope, Benjamin Hernandez and Jody Huellmantel. For more information, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

## ART GALLERIES

### Artcraft Gallery

Texture Reflections, Alan Casadei, opening reception March 23, through April 28, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

### Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

### Charles Waterhouse Studio and Gallery

The Raw Beauty of Ireland, photo exhibit by Charles Waterhouse, through Saturday, March 24, the Village of Auburn Hills, 3342 Auburn,



(248) 853-6779, [www.waterhouse.com](http://www.waterhouse.com)

### Cranbrook Art Museum

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.

### Gallery 4

Cheap Shots, exhibition of photographic art with cheap, plastic cameras, a low-tech view of the world by 17 artists in the Krappy Kamera Club, March 23-April 6, 212 Nickels Arcade (on second floor above Arcade Barbers), Ann Arbor, [www.mattcallow.com/cheapshots.html](http://www.mattcallow.com/cheapshots.html)

### Lawrence Street Gallery

Alice Frank's multimedia solo exhibition runs from April 4-28, a wine and cheese opening is 6-9 p.m. Friday April 6, at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com), (248) 544-0394.

### Lemberg Gallery

Susan Goethe Campbell, Book, Not Book exhibit, through April 28, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com)

### Oakland University Art Gallery

Tergloba, exploring globalization's different aspects, exhibit runs through 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, exhibit runs through April 14; Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation, one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

### paukotulaprojects

Ann Mikolowski, Works on paper, through April 21, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, [www.paukotula.com](http://www.paukotula.com), (248) 544-3020.

### Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or [www.pewabic.org](http://www.pewabic.org).

### 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).

### Sherry Washington Gallery

Moments and Movements II: New Drawings and Paintings from Chun Hui Pak, exhibition runs through April 14, 1274 Library (at Grand River), Detroit, RSVP at (313) 961-4500, [www.sherrywashingtongallery.com](http://www.sherrywashingtongallery.com)

### Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Outpost, photographs by Tim Davis, John Lehr and Michael Vahrenwald, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, exhibit runs March 23-April 28, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

## ART, ETC.

### Block Party at MOCAD

Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward (at Garfield), Detroit (313) 832-6622, <http://www.mocadetroit.org>

### Southfield Public Library

Jane Alkon, mixed media exhibit, through March 31, 26300 Evergreen Rd., [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## BALLET

### Detroit Opera House

Where The Wild Things Are, children's ballet by the Grand Rapids Ballet Company, 2 and 5 p.m. March 31, \$20, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING or visit [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## BLACK HISTORY

### Sweets Project exhibit

Historian Stewart McMillan discusses history of black Detroit, 7 p.m. March 27, also exhibit through March 27 in circulation lobby, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road, [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## BOOK SIGNINGS

### Southfield Public Library

Laurie Halse Anderson discusses Twisted, 7 p.m. March 26, in the auditorium, 26300 Evergreen Rd., [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Neeme Jarvi conducts Tchaikovsky's Pathetique, March 22-24, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).



## ON STAGE

Mello-D's "Youth Under Construction" is a collection of students, teachers, and musicians with a positive vision of hip hop. Since 1992, the group has used music to spread a positive, character-building message. Teenagers interested in singing can participate with the group that performs throughout metro Detroit. Curious kids are invited to the South Oakland YMCA in Royal Oak throughout April to participate. Visit [www.youngpop.com](http://www.youngpop.com) for the full schedule and details or call (248) 545-4411.

### 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.

### University Musical Society

Pablo Ziegler and his Quintet for a New Tango, 8 p.m. March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

### 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)

### Cameron-Scott International Gallery

Spring concert series, Fabulous Sundays at 4, 167 Townsend, Birmingham, reserve seat at (248) 626-4625.

### Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

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.dearbornford-center.com](http://www.dearbornford-center.com).

### Wayne State University

35th annual Wayne Composer's Concert, 7:30 p.m. March 28, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, free, (313) 577-1795, [www.music.wayne.edu](http://www.music.wayne.edu)

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

John Adams conducts DSO in performance of Adams' Violin Concerto, March 29, 31 and April 1, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

### Stella Trio

8 p.m. March 31, Royal Oak Woman's Club for the Creative Arts Collective, 404 S. Pleasant (corner of 4th), Royal Oak, \$10-\$20, [spencerbarefield.com](http://spencerbarefield.com) (through PayPal or (313) 891-2514.

### Orchestra Canton

Season finale of Classical Canton series, Sunday Serenade, 4 p.m. April 1, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 children, tickets at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, (734) 394-5460 Ext. 0, [www.orchestracanton.org](http://www.orchestracanton.org)

## CLUBS

### Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge

Friday night dance party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; 10 p.m. Saturday, DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

### Edison's

The Randy Brock Group, March 2 Penn, March 23 and 24; Aaron V. March 29; The Blue Kings, March 3, 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645

### Fishbone's

bugs Beddow band, March 23-24, Fishb: Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 400 Monroe, Detr (313) 965-4600.

### La Dolce Vita

Vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Scott Gwinne, bassist Dennis Horvath, March 24 and 31, Ap. 14, 21, 17546 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 865-033

### 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

Buddy Budson Quartet, March 23; Scott Gwinne and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

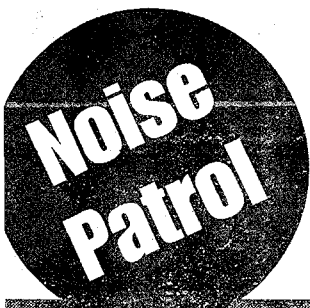
### Ginopolis on the Grill

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.

### Peabody's

Barbara Ware with Cliff Monear, 8:30 p.m. March 31; vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Vince Shandor, bassist Dennis Horvath, Saturday, April 28, 34965 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-5222.





# Hear, Now



Andrew Bird performs to a packed crowd at Emo's in Austin, Texas.

## Seeking the next it-band at South By Southwest

Indie rock heaven — that's about the only way to describe the four non-op days I spent at Austin's premiere South By Southwest Music Festival last week. Imagine just about every up-and-coming band you'd ever want to see converging on the Texas state capital — taking over every bar, club, patio and street corner — and you've got the idea. By the time I arrived Wednesday night, the party had already started.



Stephanie A. Casola

### 11:45 P.M. MARCH 14

The streets were crawling with black-clad bespectacled hipsters at every turn. After meeting up with friends Monica Kritzman, a former *O&E* co-worker now living in Austin, and fellow Detroiter Dawn Wegner, we headed to Red Eyed Fly for the French Kiss Records showcase.

Though we arrived just in time to catch Detroit darlings Thunderbirds Are Now, the lines stretched straight to the street. It was par for the course for this year's festival — night showcases fill up fast. We found out the hard way; it's best to choose a spot and stay there. The best time to catch new bands tended to be in broad daylight. Day parties hosted by magazines like *Spin*, *Filter*, *Vice* and *Fader* ruled the in-drenched Austin afternoons.

### 1:35 P.M. MARCH 15

The *Onion* newspaper and Tag Team Media co-hosted a particularly

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Robert Schneider of Apples in Stereo performs at Red 7 in Austin, Texas.

## Listen in, check out these artists

So you missed South By Southwest 2007? Check out these artists and comedians online and on tour:

### LOOK AND LISTEN

- Andrew Bird: See him April 12 at Majestic Theatre, Detroit, or visit [www.andrewbird.net](http://www.andrewbird.net)
- The Apples in Stereo at [www.applesinstereo.com](http://www.applesinstereo.com)
- Aquaduct: See the band April 15 at the Magic Stick, Detroit, or visit [www.barsuk.com](http://www.barsuk.com)
- The Berg Sans Nipple at [www.bergsansnipple.com](http://www.bergsansnipple.com)
- Cursive at [www.cursivearmy.com](http://www.cursivearmy.com).
- The Deadstring Brothers at [www.deadstringbrothers.com](http://www.deadstringbrothers.com)
- The Gossip at [www.gossipyouth.com](http://www.gossipyouth.com)
- The Hard Lessons: See the band April 21 at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, or visit [www.thehardlessons.com](http://www.thehardlessons.com).
- The High Strung at [myspace.com/thehighstrung](http://myspace.com/thehighstrung)
- Land of Talk at [www.landoftalk.com](http://www.landoftalk.com)
- Les Savy Fav at [www.frenchkissrecords.com](http://www.frenchkissrecords.com)
- Menomena at [www.barsuk.com](http://www.barsuk.com)
- Mew: See the band March 27 at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, or visit [www.mewsite.com](http://www.mewsite.com)
- The Paybacks: See the band March 24 at the Magic Stick, Detroit, or visit [myspace.com/thepaybacks](http://myspace.com/thepaybacks)
- The Pipettes at [myspace.com/thepipettes](http://myspace.com/thepipettes)
- The Ponys: See the band March 30 at the Magic Stick, Detroit, or visit [www.theponys.com](http://www.theponys.com)
- SSM at [www.ssmothership.com](http://www.ssmothership.com)
- The Stooges: See the band April 13 at the Fox Theatre, Detroit, or visit [www.iggypop.com](http://www.iggypop.com).
- Thunderbirds Are Now at [www.frenchkissrecords.com](http://www.frenchkissrecords.com)
- Tilly and the Wall at [www.tillyandthewall.com](http://www.tillyandthewall.com).
- Tokyo Police Club at [www.tokyopoliceclub.net](http://www.tokyopoliceclub.net)

### FOR LAUGHS

- Aziz Ansari at [www.azizisbored.com](http://www.azizisbored.com)
- David Cross at [www.bobanddavid.com](http://www.bobanddavid.com)
- Eugene Mirman at [www.eugenemirman.com](http://www.eugenemirman.com)
- Michael Showalter at [www.stellacomedy.com](http://www.stellacomedy.com)

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memorable day party at Austin's famed club Emo's. Despite the early hour for guitar-driven melodic rock, Montreal's Land of Talk owned the dark indoor stage and the crowd swooned. Party-goers sought out CDs immediately following the band's truly impressive performance.

After 4 p.m., Tokyo Police Club defied sweltering temperatures and earned that fickle spot among my favorite new finds. When singer and bass player Dave Monks sings "caught the fever that's spreading," you can't help but buy right into it. Guitarist Josh Hook didn't hesitate to take on tambourine duties — and even lend a well-timed hand to drummer Greg Alsop. With keys ably provided by Graham Wright, infectious melodies, hand-claps and abrupt endings, the Ontario band is redefining the future of rock.

The final performer, Chicago's classically-trained Andrew Bird, captured even more attention, while constantly trading in his guitar for a violin and accenting his dreamy imaginative lyrics by whistling. Yes, whistling. Songs like *Plasticities*, off his latest, *Armchair Apocrypha*, created a frenzy.

## 10:40 P.M. MARCH 15

Walking into The Ale House felt like coming home. The Detroit crowd was in full effect for hometown supergroup SSM and, later, The Paybacks. The band — con-

sisting of a former Hentchmen John Szymanski, former Sights drummer Dave Shettler and Marty Morris from the Cyril Lords — is currently recording.

The SSM boys drove 22 hours from an Ohio studio to the show, then couldn't help but draw comparisons to their hometown. "Is this the Lager House?" Szymanski shouted. It could've been the Corktown bar. From local press, like Ann Arbor photographer Doug Coombe and PR gurus like Becki Carr of Yarr! PR, to members of The High Strung, The Deadstring Brothers and The Hard Lessons, it was a night purely dedicated to Detroit.

## MIDNIGHT MARCH 16

From there I high-tailed it over to Buffalo Billiards in time to catch the last few Aquaduct songs, with much anticipation to see experimental rockers Menomena. Hailing from Portland Ore., Danny Seim, Justin Harris and Brent Knopf recently released the brilliant *friend and foe* on Barsuk Records. And anyone who hadn't spent the entire evening fighting to keep a spot in sight of the stage was relegated to the far reaches of that room.

## 2 P.M. MARCH 16

Red 7 won over indie rock and comedy-hungry crowds for two days in a row. It all started Friday with funny guy David Cross's Mess With Texas party. This free event boasted the likes of Eugene "The Tastemaker" Mirman, Aziz Ansari and Stella member Michael Showalter. The comedians came in support of MTV's coming attrac-

tion *Human Giant*, which premieres April 5, and shared clips from SuperDeluxe.com, a new site for comedy shorts.

Showalter crafted his act specifically for the audience at hand, delving into the guilty pleasures of his musical taste. He admitted to hiding his arena rock under other titles. He files Sheryl Cr w under Cat Power, for instance, and blasts Train's *Drops of Jupiter* while driving.

By late afternoon, the outside stage was drowning in fans for it-band The Gossip. Singer Beth Ditto, who wore a yellow dress, pink tights and turquoise shoes and resembled a punk rock Tracy Turnblad, completely commanded attention with her powerful voice. The Arkansas-based trio's mantra "Never die and never diet" seems to be working fine as audiences grasped that raw, raucous sound.

By late afternoon, Brooklyn indie punk pioneers Les Savy Fav hit the stage, and everything in its path. Frontman Tim Harrington ran wild — climbing up amp stacks, scaling walls and wandering the crowd. It was a sight to behold. So much so, fans who couldn't make it into the party peered over the high walls from outside.

## 1 P.M. MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day kicked off at the *Filter* magazine party with the likes of buzz bands The Pipettes and Mew. But the lineup at Red 7 won again as I headed over with high hopes of catching Matador's The Ponys, whose new record *Turn the Lights Out* is garnering worthy attention.

A few hours, a few detours and a free ice cream sandwich later brought us right inside (thanks Dawn) to catch the Ponys' last few frenetic songs. We skipped the rather overrated live stylings of The Walkmen and opted for a dance-worthy love-fest courtesy of The Apples in Stereo. The band, clad in stripy T-shirts, delved into new material from their Yep Roc release *New Magnetic Wonder*, including the ultra-catchy *Can You Feel It?*

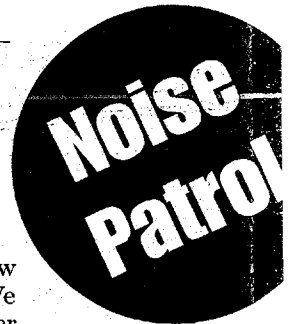
Afterward, armed with friends, we crossed town to grab dinner at Cuba Libre, where I met up with longtime pal Ken Taylor, a San Francisco-by-way-of-Windsor transplant who is managing editor of *XLR8R* magazine. After a quick bite, we headed toward Elysium for the Fanatic showcase.

On the way we ran into another former Detroit — Joshua Glazer of *Urb* Magazine — on his way to catch icons The Stooges at Stubbs. I knew the line was hopeless for me, sporting merely a media wristband.

Still, I was surprisingly pleased to catch The Berg Sans Nipple, an electronic duo from Paris that conjured up memories of the first time I heard the Postal Service.

It proved to be a quick stop as I wandered across the street and straight into

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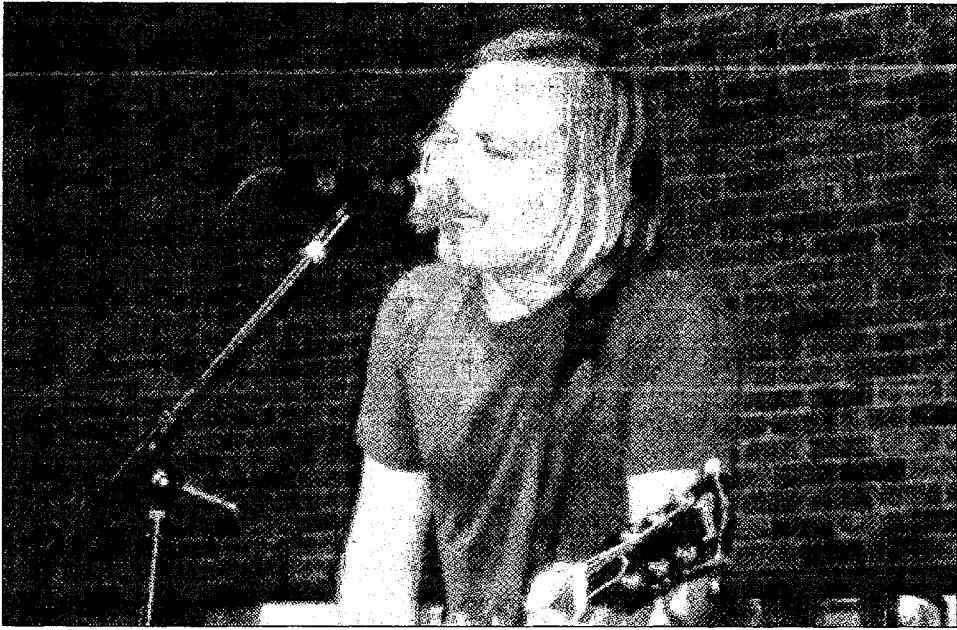
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The Sights singer Eddie Baranek captures the crowd at South By Southwest Music Festival.

**SXSW**

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line at the Beauty Bar patio, where Saddle Creek/Team Love hosted a sold-out, standing room only night including the endearing Tilly and the Wall and Cursive. With a little luck, I got an outside view of Tilly's tap-dancing percussionist Jamie Williams before capping off a St. Patrick's night that didn't include green beer.

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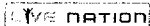
I sleep-walked straight into my cab and into a discussion of Detroit's shaky economy with my cab driver, James, who's convinced I should move to Austin. Somehow, I don't think my editor here would agree.

**Stephanie Angelyn Casola** left 80-degree heat to return to the snowy streets of Birmingham this week. She writes for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and can be consoled at [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com) or (248) 901-2567.

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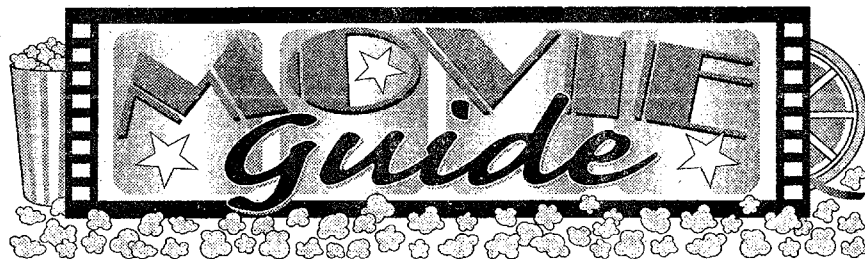
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## REIGN

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It's very worth seeing.

*Reign Over Me* has a lot of great aspects to it. The humor in it is completely unpredictable and smart. There's no pandering here and that's because Binder, formerly of Birmingham, is first and foremost a successful comedian.

What also makes the film memorable is it can't be labeled a drama nor a comedy. Even though it is a drama — we all know that in real life, humor is often found during the most serious of times. Maybe it's our survival tactic.

Starring Adam Sandler, Don Cheadle, Jada Pinkett Smith, Liv Tyler, Saffron Burrows, Donald Sutherland and Mike Binder himself, *Reign Over Me* is a film

about friendship.

"It's about communication," Binder said. "And it's a love story. (9/11) serves as a backdrop."

Binder was in New York on September 11, 2001. "I wandered the streets, seeing people who had lost their whole lives in one day," he said. "A year and a half later, I was back in New York with my family, remembering all those people I had seen. I kept thinking that for a lot of them, that day never ended — their trauma was ongoing. That sparked the idea to do a story about a survivor, years on, and the people in his life who pull him through."

Fineman (Sandler) is a once-successful dentist who has completely retreats from life after losing his family in one of the 9/11 plane crashes. The once gleeful New Yorker now spends his days playing video games, riding a scooter and mumbling to himself while remodeling his apartment over and over, alone.

He creates a mundane and secluded life in a deeply psychological attempt to avoid thinking not only about his loss, but also the fact that his family ever existed. One day, by chance, his former college roommate Alan Johnson (Cheadle) bumps into him on the street. Johnson, a very successful dentist, has a beautiful family of his own but spends his days in his own self-created seclusion.

The two men, entering middle age, need each other more than they're willing to admit. *Reign Over Me* will probably make hordes of money. Sandler has been called one of the most important actors in Hollywood because typically his films don't require mile-high budgets, yet earn mile-high profits.

It's a New York story and a good one.

Sadness and subtleties to look out for are:

■ Pay attention to the Bob Seger references shortly after a scene in a record store.

■ Fineman and Johnson standing near a store named "Addict" immediately following a scene after discussing video game addiction.

■ Dr. Angela Oakhursts (Liv Tyler), whose clothing changes from slimly tailored suits to bulky sweaters after a single comment about her sultry figure by Fineman.

■ The Who album *Quadrophenia* is prominent in the film. Listen for Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam performing *Love Reign O'er Me* in a pivotal scene. (Vedder and Sandler are close friends in real life.)

Bring a tissue, there's real life sadness in this film.

*Reign Over Me* is rated R.

## MIMZY

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screenplays based on the story, but none struck Shaye. He decided to seek Rubin's imagination.

"I was stuck," Rubin said. "I didn't know how this should end. I really wanted (Shaye) to love it. This man is the last real filmmaker in Hollywood — a director, studio owner, he's the real deal. You know, most studios are so corporate."

In *Mimzy*, a brother and sister find a mysterious box on the beach — the items they find inside become magical, but only when they touch them. This of course frightens their parents played by Joely Richardson and Timothy Hutton.

But it inspires, rather than frighten, an eccentric and open-minded elementary school teacher played by Rainn Wilson (*The Office*).

Rubin co-wrote the movie with writer Toby Emmerich (*Frequency*) and managed to capture the language of young children in the script, which is often hard for adults writers to do.

"Still we let them improvise a little bit," Shaye said.

For example, when child actor Chris O'Neil (his film debut) was asked to improvise what he would say upon discovering an intricate spider web, he said simply: "Sweet!"

"I wanted the kids to be kids," Shaye said.

The movie portrays children discovering the world around them away from video games, cell phones and computers. They discover a higher level of intelligence among themselves in seemingly basic toys. It's such a fun, fanciful and hopeful film, there's nothing not to love about it. This is one of the film's that your children's children will adore.

## Michigan creates big film talent

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan is known as a music state — birthplace of Stevie Wonder, The White Stripes, Eminem, Bob Seger, Alice Cooper and Iggy Pop.

It's also a movie state, but for some reason that isn't as well-known.

Big Hollywood names are Michigan natives, and many are returning because of the love for their hometown — regardless of a harsh economy and regardless of the reality that young artists tend to leave here for East and West Coast opportunities.

Filmmakers say they return to show their films here, to promote the state, to boost the economy and to show support for their hometowns.

For example, writer/actor/director Mike Binder, formerly of Birmingham, brought Adam Sandler here for the premiere of the film *Reign Over Me*.

Mega-producer and director Robert

Shaye (*Lord of the Rings*) and writer Bruce Joel Rubin (*Ghost*), formerly of Detroit, were here to promote the family film *The Last Mimzy*.

Hopwood Depree, a successful screenplay writer and actor (*Helter Skelter*), moved back to Michigan recently and has actually opened a studio on the west of the state called Tick Tock Studios. Joining him in that endeavor is Rebecca Green, of Dearborn, a Hollywood executive willing to take a chance on making movies here rather than Los Angeles.

There are also, of course, Tim Allen, Lily Tomlin, Michael Moore and Jeff Daniels.

But did you also know the following were either born or raised here? They are: Jerry Bruckheimer, Francis Ford Coppola, Robert Wagner, Ellen Burstyn, Sam Raimi, Steven Seagal, Tom Selleck, Sinbad, Elizabeth Reaser, Sandra Bernhard, Selma Blair, David Coulier, David Allen Grier, James Earl Jones, Tim Meadows and Tom Sizemore.



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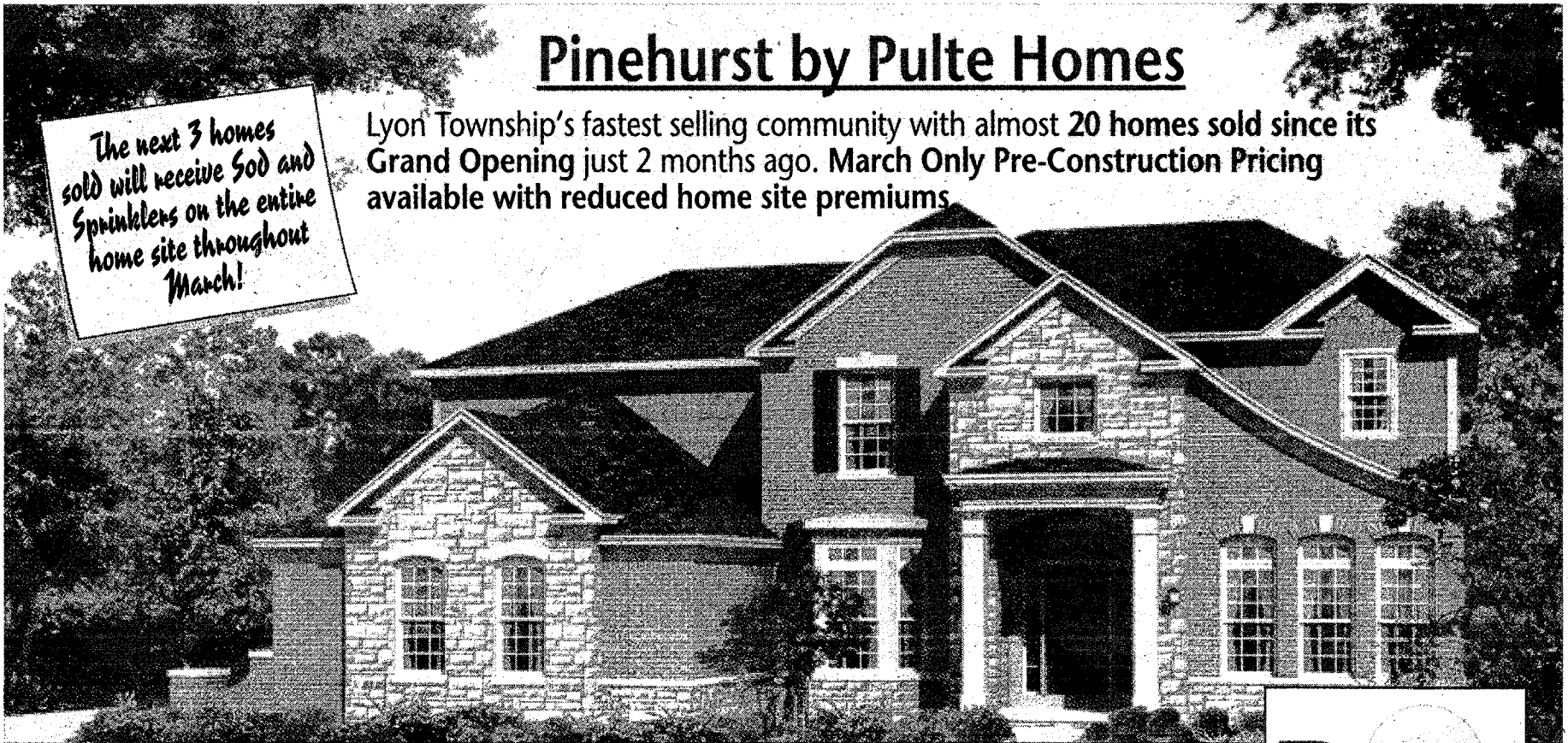
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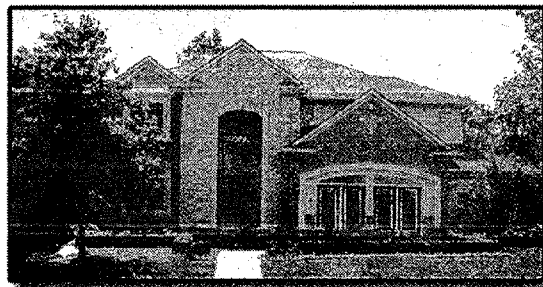


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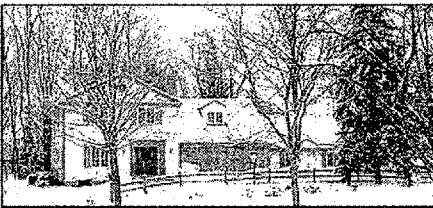
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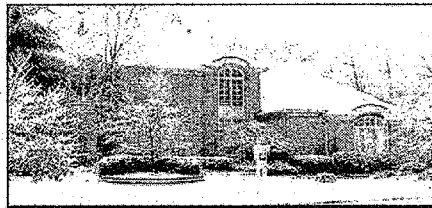
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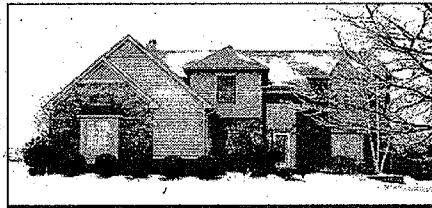
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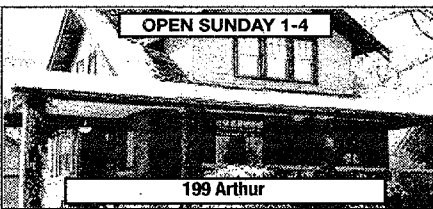
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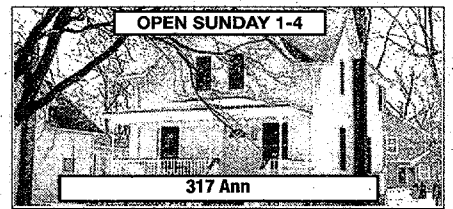
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**PLYMOUTH** **\$425,000**  
Walk to town location. 4 BR, 2.1 BA w/updates: maple kitchen, AC, roof/gutters, garage & driveway. Master BR w/att bath. LR, FR, DR, Library, 2 FP's.  
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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

**317 Ann**

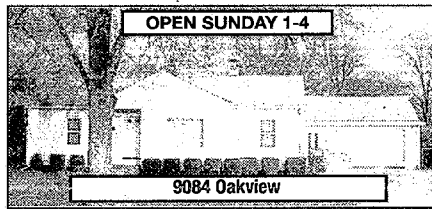
**PLYMOUTH** **\$369,000**  
3 BR, 2 Bath renovated T/O in '03. Prime Location! Chef's kit. Pella & Andersen windows, hdwd T/O 1st fl. Master ste w/wlk-in closet, 2 luxury baths.  
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**PLYMOUTH** **\$349,000**  
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**9084 Oakview**

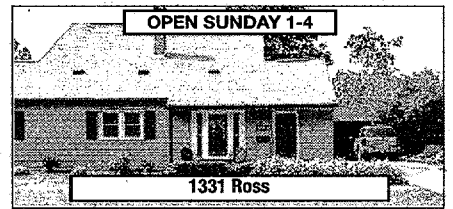
**PLYMOUTH** **\$189,900**  
Immaculate ranch! Updated 3 BR. Refin HDWD flrs. New siding, winds & drs! Fam Rm & lg oak kit. Fenced 1.5 lots, deck & 2 car att gar. Low taxes!!  
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**PLYMOUTH** **\$174,900**  
Walk to downtown Main Street! Great home on 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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Better Than New! Formal Living Rm w/bay Window, Family Rm w/Frpl, Vaulted Mstr w/private bth, 1st fl Laundry, Full bsmt, Fenced Yard, Patio & Hot Tub.  
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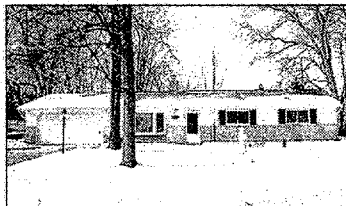
**NOVI** \$225,000  
Unmatchable Price! Formal Living/Dining Rm, Fam Rm w/Frplc, Kitchen w/new countertop, appliances stay, mstr w/private bath, full bsmt & Newer Windows.  
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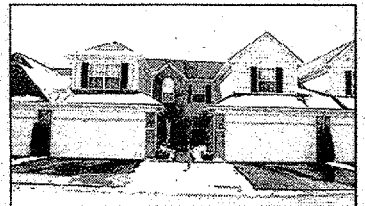
**SALEM** \$225,000  
Value In Land 4.10 Acres W/Northville Mailing & Schools & Washtenaw Taxes. Located Just Past Steeplechase Sub. Horses Allowed. Zoned Res/ agriculture.  
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$196,000  
Lg Grt Rm w/FP, Oak Cabs; Mstr W/Bth & Jet Tub, HW in Kit, Ceramic Tile in Foyer & Hallway, 2nd Fl Lndry,deck, Unfin Bsmnt W/Bth Rough-ins, C/A & 2 Car Gar  
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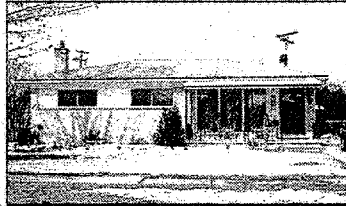
**CANTON** \$189,900  
Located on quiet cul-de-sac. 2BR 2.1BA Condo, prof painted. BRs have priv BA & lg closets. GR w/ vaulted cigs, skylite, FP. Fin LL. Condo has it all!  
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**LIVONIA** \$180,000  
Gourmet kitchen w/all appls, formal DR w/Pergo, large FR w/FP, formal LR w/crown mldg. Large fenced yard, updates incl: wind, crpt, drs, furn & C/A.  
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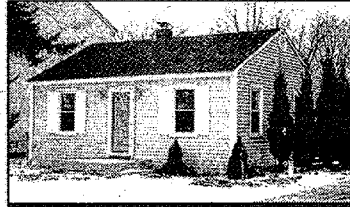
**REDFORD** \$155,900  
Clean 3BR 1.1BA w/FR. Fin bsmt, wood flrs, updates & fresh paint t/o. Lg lot w/patio & garden canopy. Great area, close to schools.  
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**WESTLAND** \$155,000  
15k Kit w/Hickory Cabs, Corian Cnters, Crmic Fir & backsplash, & Appls All Incl. New Bth w/Ceramic Tile & Vanity. Fresh Paint Fin Bsmt, Irg Yard W/ Deck.  
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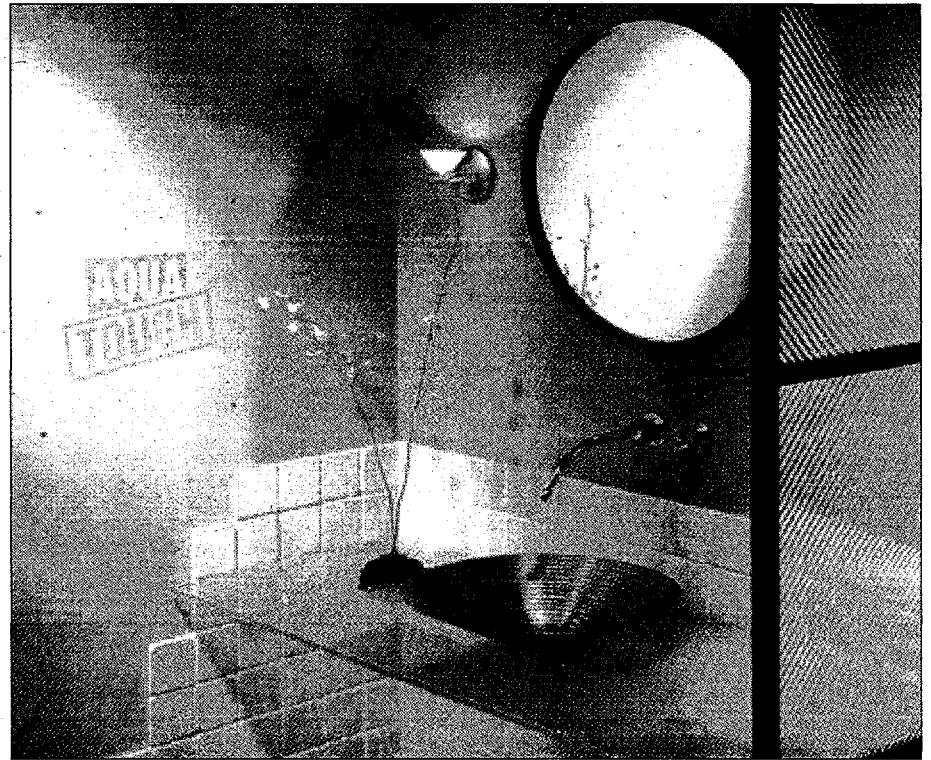
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# Pop-up property tax bill passes House; local Realtor forecasts it as stimulant

The state House passed legislation Wednesday that would temporarily eliminate the "pop-up" in taxable value that occurs when property is sold. House Bill 4440, which passed the lower chamber 77-31 and now goes to the Senate and is sponsored by state Rep. Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale), would allow consumers who buy a house in the next 18 months to inherit the seller's taxable value for as long as they own the home.

Currently, under Michigan's 1994 Proposal A school-finance reforms, the taxable value can rise dramatically at sale, to match the property's assessed value. Meisner's bill would eliminate the pop-up on the transfer of a principal residence from March 1, 2007, to Sept. 1, 2008.

According to Nanci J. Rands, Realtor with SKBK Sotheby's in Birmingham and former president of the Michigan Consolidated Association of Realtors®, "The ability for a buyer to move without experiencing an enormous increase in the tax

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Realtor, SKBK Sotheby's, Birmingham

base is a true incentive to many buyers who have been sitting on the fence."

In areas that have experienced significant appreciation, the proposed suspension is even more important, but Rands noted that the ripple effect will stimulate not only the housing market overall, but also the local economy. She expects the positive impact to reach two secondary markets: 1) title companies, lenders, Realtors and insurance agents first, then 2) home improvement retailers, contractors/handyman, carpet and furniture retailers and finally nurseries and landscapers.

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needed, this bill is a temporary fix on the unintended consequences of Proposal A," Rands said.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nov) said the Senate will soon start looking at the bill in committee. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has already endorsed the version passed by the House. It includes a nearly 13-percent increase in the real estate transfer tax and the extra money goes directly to local governments instead of K-12 schools.

"Our plan was to help pull Michigan out of this temporary economic slump," state Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield) said. "Residents who buy a house during this window of opportunity will not have to pay the pop-up tax for as long as they own the home and may use these added savings on big-ticket items like furniture and appliances, which will help jump start local economies."

Home builders are generally opposed to the bill because all those new houses have the highest possible tax assessment, making them less attractive to bargain hunters.



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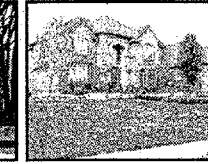
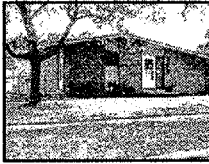
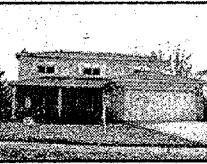
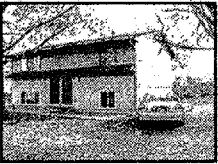
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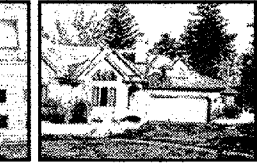
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**LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH**  
Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Florida Room, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & attached Garage. Great lot on a dead end street.

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Fantastic opportunity to own this totally updated Novi condo. 2 large bds w/private baths, Living Room w/doorwall to Patio, Garage, finished bsmt w/bar & lots of storage, & seller offering \$2,000 towards closing costs.

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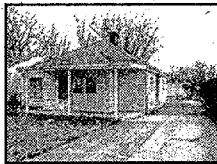
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This 3 bd ranch is ready for you! Move in condition, all appliances stay (inc washer & dryer), large addition can be used as a bedroom or Family Room, new carpet, part finished bsmt, & more.

**INVESTORS DREAM!**  
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**WALK TO DOWNTOWN**  
Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath home on a cul de sac. Open floor plan, hwd, prof landscaping, redwood Deck, updated bath, 1st floor Master, formal Dining, newer furnace, & lots of storage space. Great for entertaining.

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Breathtaking 3 bd, 3 bath ranch on a 1/2 acre lot in Livonia. This quality built home offers volume ceilings, Kitchen w/granite, Solarium w/ views of private fenced yard, Master w/luxury bath, finished bsmt w/2nd Kitchen, more.

**SPACIOUS HOME**  
Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet & flooring, 1st floor laundry, Library, Family Rm w/crown molding & frpl, doorwall leading to paver Patio, island Kitchen w/pantry & all appl, & side entry Garage.

**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
This immaculate Ann Arbor condo is perfectly situated a short distance from downtown & sits on a quiet cul de sac. Offering an attached Garage, full bsmt, large Living Room, luxurious Master w/frpl & abundant closet space.

**SWEET CANTON COLONIAL**  
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**CLASSIC RANCH HOME**  
Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Living Room w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & professionally landscaped.

**WHY RENT?**  
This 2 bd home is clean & ready for you! Updates include tear off roof, windows, & updated bath. Partially finished bsmt w/large rec room, playroom, laundry, & bath. Don't miss this one!

**LOCATION! LOCATION!**  
Fantastic ground floor 2 bd condo in Dearborn. Great storage space, all new appliances, move in condition, & within walking distance to everything Dearborn has to offer.

**PRICED TO SELL**  
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\$124,900 (C-926MO)

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\$359,000 (C-265NO)

\$279,900 (P-690NO)



**BRICK STARTER**  
Great home featuring 2 bd, full bsmt, Garage, newer cement, nice neighborhood, city repairs are being completed by seller, & move in condition. A must see!

**BACKS TO THE PARK**  
1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Room w/frpl, doorwalls leading to large Deck, skylights, 1st floor laundry, bsmt, garage, & Livonia Schools.

**STUNNING!**  
5 bds, 4 full & 2 half, bath Northville colonial boasting a magnificent finished walkout bsmt w/billiard room, full bath, convenient Ann Arbor location, & only 6 years new. A must see!

**POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD**  
This spacious end unit condo features 2 bd, 1.5 baths, garage, finished bsmt, convenient Ann Arbor location, & only 6 years new. A must see!

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# Laws govern display of U.S. and foreign flags

**Q. I understand there is a new federal law regarding the American flag. Do you have any information about it?**

A. The Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 bars associations from prohibiting residents from displaying the American flag in areas where residents have exclusive use, such as in their windows, or on their terraces, or on their doors. But the new law also lets associations place reasonable restrictions on the time,



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when displayed on buildings or on free

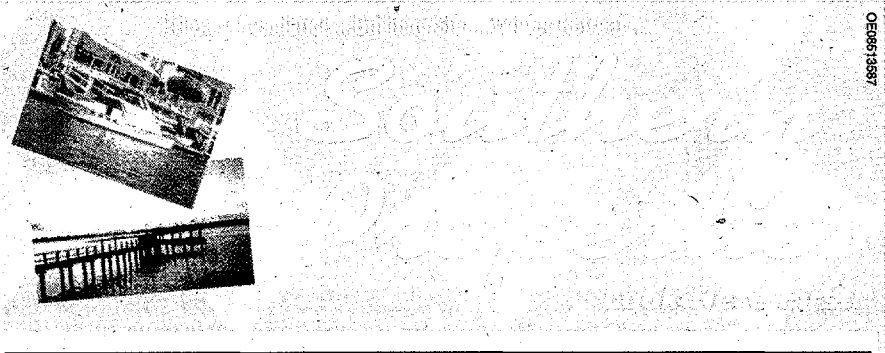
place and manner of the flag's display. The new law went into effect on July 24, 2006. The law states that any display of an American flag must comply with the United States Federal Flag Code which details a proper display of the American flag. The USFFC specifies that

standing flag poles, the flag may be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag is properly illuminated in the hours of darkness. The USFFC also states that the flag should not be displayed in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag. In addition, the flag must be taken care of properly at all times. It should never touch the ground or get soiled or torn. Moreover, no disrespect should be shown to the American flag as it "represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing." The association may wish to promulgate regulations concerning the use of the flag that reflect the USFFC requirements.

A. Associations may wonder whether they can continue to prohibit residents from displaying other flags such as those from other countries. Under the current law, it seems that associations continue to have the right to ban the display of all flags except the American flag but, of course, it depends upon your documents.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

**Q. I understand there is a new law with respect to the American flag but what about foreign flags?**



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■ "Energy Efficiency Home Building Training" - from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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LEED AP) of WARM Training Center will lead the seminar, using real-life examples of homes built in Michigan to compare different energy standards. The seminar will compare the Michigan Residential Code, Energy Star and the Federal Tax Credit standard and look at what it takes to get there, how much it costs, and how to market it.

The registration fee is \$10 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Green Products: What You Need to Know - What You Need to Have" - from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs Manager, WARM Training Center will instruct attendees on the basics of green building products, and will provide many pass-around samples, from bamboo flooring to low-VOC paints, recycled glass terrazo to all-natural carpeting, and much more.

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■ A comprehensive builder's license preparation course on Thursdays, April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3, 2007

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Prepared by NCI Associates, Madison Heights, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

The registration fee is \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 548-2090.

■ A "Design/Build" seminar from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) series.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to create a well-managed, full-service building or remodeling business that can pocket more profits while maximizing customer satisfaction.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "A 10-Point Game Plan for Success" seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

on Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver Road, in Troy. The seminar is sponsored by First Horizons Home Loans.

Tom Richey of Richey Resources will instruct attendees on "Heeding the Ten Commandments of Today's Challenging Economy," "marketing to address the new market," "bringing sales management up to an A-performance level," and "learning how to neutralize the negotiators."

Registration fees are \$35 for Sales and Marketing Council and Remodelers Council members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Codes and Quality Control" - from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 20, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on defining quality within one's company by identifying five essential quality components. The course outlines a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provides tips on code enforcement and compliance on the job site.

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<b>Farmington Hills</b>	22631 Camille Ct	\$235,000
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	34106 Northwick St	\$244,000
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<b>Garden City</b>	6442 Arcola St	\$130,000
	6616 Arcola St	\$146,000
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	1034 Henry Ruff Rd	\$207,000
	7007 Lathers St	\$100,000
	32731 Maplewood St	\$90,000
<b>Livonia</b>	33436 Six Mile Rd	\$255,000
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	17458 Edgewood St	\$305,000
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	19962 Sunbury St	\$170,000
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<b>Northville</b>	48427 Binghamton Dr	\$570,000
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	16407 Mulberry Way	\$384,000
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<b>Novi</b>	31092 Arlington Cir	\$185,000
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	47106 Sunnybrook Ln	\$637,000
	27291 Victoria	\$358,000
	30223 Viewcrest	\$345,000
	43680 W Nine Mile Rd	\$316,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	14800 Greenbriar Ct	\$266,000
	51384 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$605,000
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<b>Redford</b>	15505 Beech Daly Rd	\$160,000
	19192 Negaunee	\$104,000
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<b>South Lyon</b>	229 Brookwood Dr	\$113,000
	809 Huntington Dr	\$304,000
	23683 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$517,000
	116 Maplewood Ct	\$160,000
<b>Westland</b>	30127 Ann Arbor Trl	\$175,000
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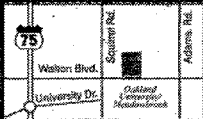
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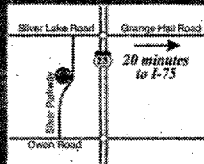
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■ A "Negotiating Skills" course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate and Graduate Master Builder designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for specific negotiating situations through a combination of lectures, exercise and role-playing.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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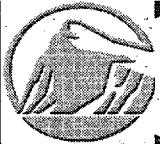
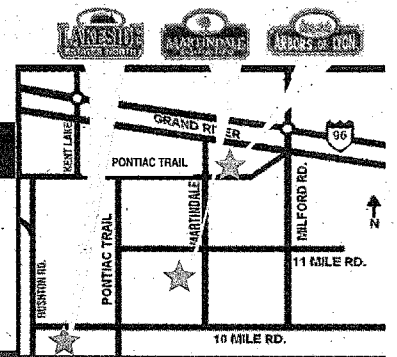
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<p><b>824,900 Northville</b> - 4 Bdrms, 4.1 Baths, Lake Frnt, Prof. Fin Walk Out L/L w/ 5th Bdrm &amp; Kit., and Lrg Gathering Area.  <b>674,900 Troy</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Proff. Fin Bsmt w/Kit and full bath, Sunroom, extra lrg lot, pool table Exl.          Also for lease at \$4,500  <b>489,900 Northville Twp</b> - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Colonial Condo, 9 Ft Ceilings on 1st Floor, 2 Story Foyer, Home Warranty, Many upgrades.  <b>469,000 Livonia</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, New Custom Built Colonial on Cul-De-Sac, 3 Car Garage + Basement.  <b>385,000 Canton</b> - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Finished Basement, Large Deck overlooking Golf Course.  <b>379,900 Canton</b> - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Two way fireplace in Fam Rm and Study, Prof. finished Bsmt.  <b>349,900 Novi</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, Granite Kitchen, 2 Story Foyer, Patio, +3 Car Garage and Basement.  <b>299,900 Canton</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo &amp; hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100  <b>287,500 Canton</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.  <b>285,000 Plymouth Twp</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Located on a</p>	<p>wooded lot, wet bar in FR, Walk To Park, Oversized 2 Car Garage.  <b>280,000 Canton</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths - Stately Colonial w/ Master Ste w/ cathedral ceilings, prof. landscaped and drwl to brick paver patio.  <b>274,900 Plymouth</b> - 3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths. Built in 2004 w/open floor plan. Finished Basement. Walk to Downtown.  <b>254,900 Farmington Hills</b> - Updated 4BR, 2.5 Bath Brick Colonial located deep in the sub. Newer roof, windows &amp; more  <b>249,900 Canton</b> - 3Bdrm, 2.1 Bath, Family Room, Fireplace, Fin. Bsmt. W / Rec Room, Mstr. Suite W/walk in closet  <b>224,000 Farmington Hills</b> - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath Colonial located on a quiet St. Library, newer cement driveway.  <b>219,900 Wayne</b> - 4 Unit, 4 Bath Multi-Family, Separate Unit Entrances and private parking lot, close to shopping and restaurants.  <b>219,900 Livonia</b> - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, Huge Deck, Lrg Great Rm w/cathedral Ceilings.  <b>214,999 Canton</b> - 4 bedroom, 2.1 baths, Colonial with loads of updates: hardwood, carpet, roof, HVAC, solid wood doors  <b>199,900 Dearborn</b> - 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath - Brick Cape Cod, prof. english gardens landscaping, walk to schools, parks, shopping, and restaurants.</p>	<p><b>194,000 Plymouth</b> - 3 bdrms, 2 Baths - New Kit in '02 w/Maple Cabs, New Furn, Humidifier and C/A in '03, Beautiful Hdwd in living room.  <b>164,900 Madison Heights</b> - 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Baths, Brick Ranch, W/ Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. FR, CA, Updated Home  <b>159,900 Dearborn</b> - 3 Bdrms, 1.1 Baths, Huge 23x16 Master Bdrm, Fenced Yard, Basement and 2 Car Garage.  <b>159,900 Dearborn</b> - 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Stunning Family Room, New furnace, CA, Hwt, Windows, Roof, Electric, &amp; Kitchen, First floor laundry, 2.5 Car Garage  <b>149,900 Dearborn</b> - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Oakwood Hosp Area, Hdwd Floors, Fin Bsmt, New Cherry and Corian Kitchen. 1 Yr Home Warranty  <b>149,900 Dearborn</b> - Move-in condition, 3 Bdrm, Brick Colonial with partially finished Bsmt, 2.5 Car Garage, Newer Windows, Pretty Backyard  <b>124,900 Redford</b> - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Brick Bungalow, 2 Car Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. Deck, Many updates.  <b>122,500 Center Line</b> - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charmer, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway. Finished Basement.  <b>77,500 Wayne</b> - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Ranch, Located in a great neighborhood, Big Master Bedroom, 2 Car Garage</p>	<p><b>Condos</b>  <b>299,700 West Bloomfield</b> - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath Ranch Condo. Lrg Deck, Vaulted Ceilings, Full Bsmt, Fabulous Master Suite and 2 Car Att Garage.  <b>259,900 Farmington Hills</b> - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath.  <b>244,900 Flat Rock</b> - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage.  <b>229,900 Livonia</b> - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2 Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond.  <b>209,900 Canton</b> - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - Detached condo in great location. Neutral décor, hdwd floors, 1 year home warranty.  <b>181,900 West Bloomfield</b> - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Townhouse Style Condo w/Garage and full Bsmt, Privt entry, All Appl, Immed. Occ.  <b>165,000 Canton</b> - 3 Bdrm, 2.1 Baths - End Unit in Lovely Canton Forest. private setting w/ lrg deck, full fin. bsmt, immed occ.  <b>159,900 Plymouth Twp.</b> - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sky lights in kit and Master bdrm, Lots of upgrades. Grt Rm w/Cath ceilings.  <b>134,900 Southfield</b> - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style condo, Common Pool, large basement storage.</p>
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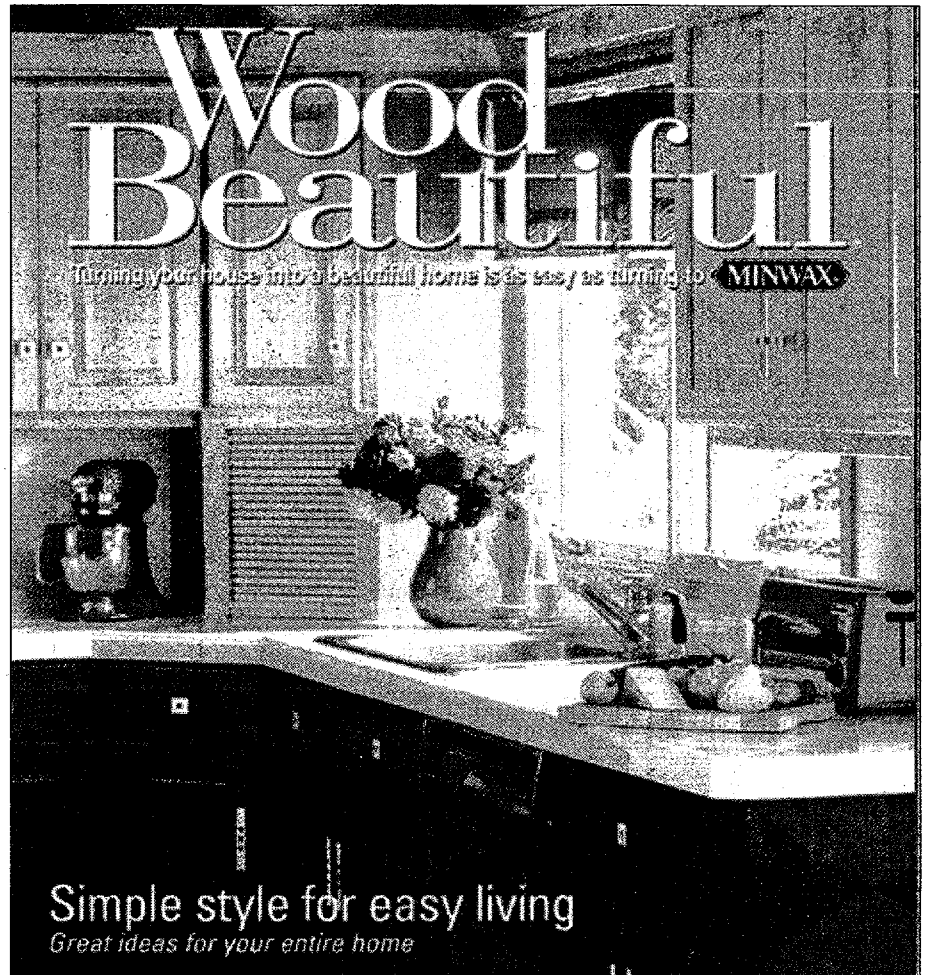
Decorating styles change, but one constant remains: The simple beauty of wood never goes unnoticed. The rich patina of mahogany doors redone to their original grandeur, the warm glow

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FARMINGTON HILLS  
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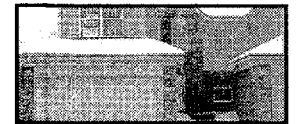
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and greenhouse addition, 2 sky lights, dining  
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baths, extra deep basement w/daylight win-  
dow, 3.5 car garage, pool, club house and  
tennis court in sub. \$650,000 (jgbil)



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TO COMMONS! FARMINGTON HILLS  
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with rec rm & wet bar, sparkling in ground  
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# Detroit to be featured at CREW Midwest conference

Downtown Detroit's riverfront will play a key role in a May conference of several hundred commercial real estate professionals from 11 Midwestern states and Ontario.

Scheduled for May 3-5 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, the annual Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Midwest Regional Conference (MWRC) will feature Detroit River development efforts in several conference sessions, including a narrated river cruise, an expert panel discussion of Midwestern waterfront revitalization projects and a keynote address by Matt Cullen, General Motors Corp. general manager/economic development & enterprise services and an active proponent of Detroit River redevelopment.

The Thursday, May 3, afternoon riverboat cruise will highlight recent and planned developments on the Detroit and Windsor sides of the Detroit River.

On May 4, the conference's signature panel, "On the Waterfront: Revitalizing Riverfronts and Leveraging Lakefronts," will examine successful waterfront development projects in the Midwest and Ontario. The Friday

morning event will feature speakers from participating regional CREW chapters — including host chapter CREW Detroit — presenting case histories, best practices and biggest challenges.

Cullen, an instrumental figure in Detroit's riverfront revitalization since GM's 1996 purchase of the Renaissance Center, will deliver the conference's keynote address during Friday's afternoon luncheon.

GM has signed on as a \$10,000 "Superior" level conference sponsor, says Joan Cleland, conference chair and president of Acquest Development Inc. in Bloomfield Hills. Other sponsors include the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation as a sponsor of the conference "NetWalks" — morning walking and running tours of Detroit led by local CREW members.

Multiple sponsorship opportunities from \$1,800 to \$10,000 — which also include exposure at CREW Detroit events and on its publications and Web site throughout 2007 — are available. For more information, contact Debra Osuch at (586) 731-3100.

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*Wood Beautiful* provides specific details on how to create a fun and functional teen study area, find new life for kitchen cabinets as garage storage space or transform a weatherworn deck.

These are just a few of the many projects in the magazine that will motivate do-it-yourselfers to tackle a variety of home-decorating jobs.

### GET A FREE COPY

Do-it-yourselfers are encouraged to visit their neighborhood hardware store or home center during National Woodworking Month to pick up a free copy of *Wood Beautiful*.

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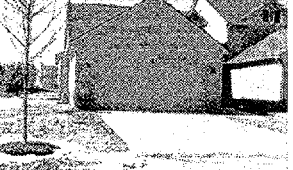







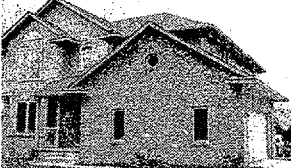













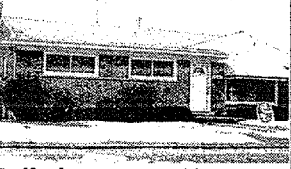


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 <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> 248-348-6430 4BR 2.1 BA COLONIAL ON PRIV 1 ACRE LOT Fabulous wooded view from all windows. 4 br, 2.5 ba colonial on 1 acre on a cul-de-sac. Neutral decor. Cozy fam rm w/FP. Private deck. Unfinished bsmt, 2.5 car gar</p> <p>(26162373) \$329,900</p>	 <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> 248-851-1900 FEATURE FILLED NEW HOME ON CORNER LOT 2 story ceramic foyer leads to incredible kitchen w/stainless steel prem appls, granite, elegant wood floors. Master ste cathedral ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower.</p> <p>(26199252) \$315,000</p>	 <p><b>Highland</b> 248-684-1065 Highland Solar heated ingrd pool.</p> <p>(26152383) \$219,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-348-6430 MOST STUNNING HOME IN PRICE RANGE Model-Like move in condition. Gleaming hrwd flrs, GR w/nat stone flrplc. Kit w/ceramic flr, rec'd lts &amp; huge eat-in ara, newly tiled ba's w/cherry cabs.</p> <p>(27022807) \$269,926</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-851-1900 NEWER CONSTRUCTION Ready to move in. 4 bdrm 2.5 bath, 2400 sq ft. Open floor plan, Maple kitchen. Fireplace in fam rm. Master ste w/WIC &amp; jetted tub. Great buy.</p> <p>(27033823) \$265,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 FANTASTIC RANCH WITH GREAT CURB APPEAL! Very clean home features a newer roof, winds, siding, rmdid baths, paint. Fin lwr lvl w/full bath, newer crpt, lrg open lr area. 1 yr hm wrnty, most appls stay</p> <p>(27038946) \$194,900</p>
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 <p><b>Orchard Lake</b> 248-348-6430 CASS LAKE SITE You're new Home site. Here's your opportunity! 41 acre lake lot on the southern shore of Cass Lake. Just remove the home.</p> <p>(27012444) \$1,499,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 248-851-1900 QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast &amp; family rooms, 1st fl laundry, 2 HUAC systems, wood floors, stainless appliances, deck, fenced.</p> <p>(27033422) \$450,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 STATELY CAPE COD! This 3BR/2.1BA Cape Cod is located on a premium lot with maple cabinetry, extensive hardwood floors, custom window treatments, paver patio and much more.</p> <p>(26193691) \$379,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 734-455-7000 ESTATE SALE -- MINT CONDITION! 2006 updates: Wallside wndws, glass block wndws, insulation, int/ext drs, plumb, elec, wndw treatments/carpet, kit flr, bath cabs, paint, eat-in kit, fin bsmt.</p> <p>(27034964) \$133,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 734-591-9200 GREAT STARTER BUNGALOW IN NORTH REDFORD 3 bdrms, 2 baths w/full fin bsmt. newer roof, wndws, kitch w/ new cnt'r tops, all kitch appl inc. hrwd flrs t/o and some new carpet 2nd lvl. cop plumb, new hwh</p> <p>(27030691) \$120,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 734-326-2000 GORGEOUS CUSTOM BUILT RANCH on a huge secluded lot. Country type living on a low traffic private street. Lovely formal LR w/hrwd flrs. Updt'd kit, FR w/FP &amp; French doors to deck &amp; patio.</p> <p>(27034082) \$265,000</p>





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Cass Maiorana, the studio designer, has an Associates Degree in Graphic Arts and Sculpture and is a national award winning jewelry designer. Cass creates unique and custom pieces and sets diamonds as customers watch, eliminating any doubts about getting the stone they originally selected.

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Owner Kevin Felts is proud to announce the 20th Anniversary of his wonderful jewel gallery. Plymouth Jewelry is the ultimate shopping experience with great prices and excellent customer service. Stop in and discover this hidden jewel for yourself...you'll be glad you did.

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Georgia and her children — Michael, Brad and Michelle — opened Georgia's Gift Gallery in 1983 in Plymouth's Old Village. Since then they've moved to downtown Plymouth with a 10,000 square foot showroom where shoppers will discover an incredible assortment of unique top-quality gifts at great prices.

Georgia's has everything from decorative home accessories to handbags, leaving shoppers surprised how easy it is to find that unique gift for that special person.

The store's regular customers know they can count on Michelle's great sense of style. She's brought in seasonal Berek sweaters, Lexee and One-Sole Shoes, Tobasco men's shirts, and, most recently, Pandora Jewelry.

Michelle can even customize and personalize items. She can take a family photo, ticket to a special event, etc., and create a keepsake ornament, an Italian charm for a bracelet, display it on a purse or even create a one-of-a-kind pair of shoes.

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Stop in to Georgia's and discover what's new as the store celebrates 25 amazing years!

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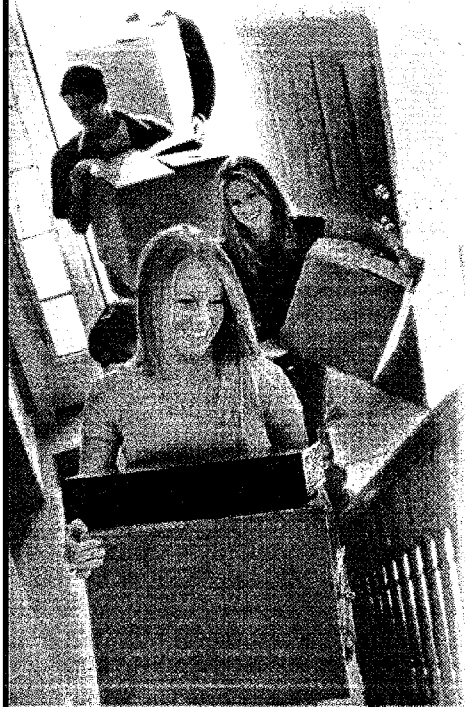
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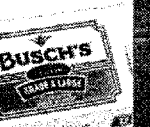
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Providing compassionate, personal care for your pet Dr. Vyvian J. Gorbea owns Plymouth Veterinary Hospital. She earned her bachelor of science and doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University. In addition, she completed an advanced degree in cardiovascular physiology that led to a Ph.D. She enjoys all aspects of veterinary medicine, but especially appreciates the opportunity to enhance the special bond between people and their pets. She focuses her interests in small animal medicine, surgery, veterinary dentistry and veterinary acupuncture. She is interested in all life stages of animal health. However, the special bond between people and "senior pets" is special for her. She wants to work with owners to achieve optimum health and quality of life for their pets. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association and the American Veterinary Dental Society. She enjoys traveling, leisure hiking and biking, reading, amateur photography, watching movies, and attending her daughter's swimming competitions. She currently resides in South Lyon with her husband Scott, her daughter Lauren and her dog Paco.

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital has developed a team of highly trained support staff, which includes veterinary technicians and assistants, pharmacy technicians and receptionists to maintain efficient quality patient/client care. Plymouth Veterinary Hospital has been an accredited member of the American Animal Hospital Association since 1992.

The staff has many years of experience in the veterinary field and their dedication to the profession is reflected in the compassionate care they give to each and every patient and pet owner. Their training complements the knowledge of the entire staff and creates a well-rounded team.

Plymouth Veterinary team philosophy is to treat each pet as if it were their own, providing quality compassionate care at all times.



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Dr. Elizabeth Sisk graduated from Logan Chiropractic College with Post-Graduate training in nutrition, exercise and rehabilitation. After successfully developing three Chiropractic Clinics in both California and Michigan became director of Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center. Dr. Sisk has an enthusiasm of health and well being and an enormous wealth of knowledge and experience. "Health is among our most valuable possessions", says Dr. Sisk. Her goal is to have her patients achieve the highest level of health they can. Her approach is simple... to provide her patients optimal function and health by uncovering the underlying cause of the health problem, suggesting a care plan to produce the fastest results possible, offer ways patients can participate in their recovery and explain the value of post-symptomatic wellness care.



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Celebrating 30 years in business, this small, storefront restaurant, located in a 115-year-old building in Plymouth's historic Old Village has deep-fried, grilled, baked and sells enough fish to fill an ocean, especially during Lent.

Besides serving succulent fish entrees such as grilled salmon, catfish or swordfish, the Toias stock over 20 varieties of fresh fish, as well as crab legs, frog legs and lobster tails. The fish arrives three times a week from various distributors. "We use only the finest quality fresh fish and seafood and if you don't see something you want, we'll order it." says Vince, owner.

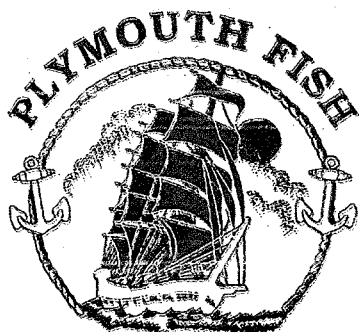
Every order of fish comes with steak cut fries, redskins, seasoned garden rice or vegetable of the day plus cole slaw and a roll. Carry out is available.

Vince and Lori Ann Toia welcome their regular customers and new friends with a warm greeting and make you feel like one of the family. The restaurant has a casual nautical theme and is one of the few non-smoking restaurants in Plymouth. They do, however, weather permitting have outdoor seating.

Plymouth Fish also offers catering. They service both large and small groups for any occasion and can provide on-site catering services for all events including: graduations, weddings, reunions, corporate events, picnics and barbecues.

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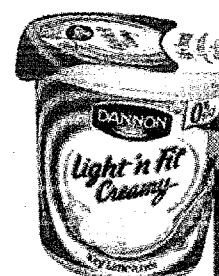
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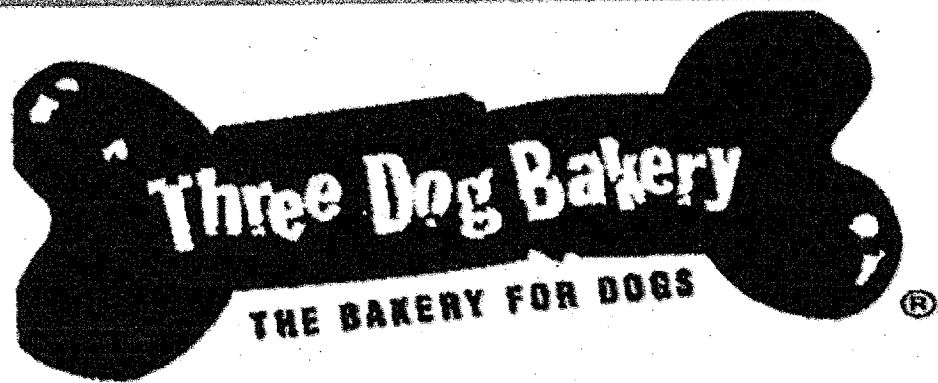
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