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# Senate cuts would affect local funding

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The news the Republican-controlled Senate voted to cut state-revenue sharing to local communities by 10 percent came as no big surprise for local government officials.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards has been saying for years the township can expect to continue to lose the lion's share of its statutory revenue sharing purse, which for the

moment stands at some \$200,000.

"Five years ago, we were getting \$700,000 or \$800,000, and they were telling us it was going to grow," Edwards said. "As far as anything the state does to us, we've been planning for it for two or three years now, and it's really not going to affect anything for us. We'll be OK."

Plymouth financial director Mark Christiansen has been so sure the state would cut the funds he's built a 12-percent loss into the city's five-year

financial plan. The city currently gets some \$240,000 in statutory state revenue sharing.

"It's the same old story: The state taking care of its problems on the backs of the local communities, whether it's the school districts or cities and townships," Christiansen said. "We've already programmed into our five-year budget projections the total loss of the statutory share. We've already accounted for the fact it's probably going to happen, and sure

enough it's right on target."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Senate agreed on \$344.6 million in budget cuts in an effort at dealing with the state's \$940 million deficit. The Senate then voted to remove some \$377 million from the State School Aid Fund and \$255 million from the general fund, including \$40 million in revenue sharing. The plan now goes to the Democrat-controlled House.

The school funding cut - \$34 per

pupil - would cost the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools some \$600,000, a pay cut district officials said would have to be made up out of the fund balance.

"Our ability to react so late in our budget year is zero," said Patricia Brand, Plymouth-Canton Schools assistant superintendent for business services. "It will just have to come out of fund equity, and we'll have that

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## City OKs money for study

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners literally voted to "show me the money" by authorizing payment for its share of a feasibility study to determine if a regional fire department can work for several communities in western Wayne County.

Representatives from a possible six communities - Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Livonia, Westland and Northville Township - could decide Monday if they will hire consultants Plante Moran to conduct a \$100,000 feasibility study on the regionalization of fire and EMS services, and how much money it may save. If not, the effort could be shelved.

"Plymouth has been in the forefront, the leaders of it, and I think this is just another example of that," said Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has spearheaded the effort to consider regionalization. "I think it (the vote) will help other communities to remain in the process."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said earlier his community would opt out once a monetary commitment was needed to continue. Westland has balked at the cost. The others are wait-and-see.

If based on community population, Livonia would pay nearly \$30,000 for its share of the feasibility study, while the city of Plymouth would contribute \$2,700. However, Dwyer has said he would propose each community pay the same, which would average the cost at \$16,667.

"We need to start looking at other options that are more cost-effective, yet provide the same or better service," said Commissioner Michele Potter, who voted in favor of the study. "If it costs us \$16,000 to find that out, the savings will more than outweigh it, in my opinion."



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## Practice makes perfect

Down in the orchestra pit, cellists Karl Riggs and Derek Thieleman warm up for the dress rehearsal of the Park Players' production of "Footloose." For more on the play's preparations, see page A3.

## More jobs on block among additional \$1.5M in cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is expected to announce another \$1.5 million in budget cuts Tuesday, which will get closer to the \$5.5 million the Board of Education wants to cut to balance the 2007-08 budget.

Ryan said among the reductions will be the layoffs of two key personnel: Tom Sklut, the district's development director, and Terry Sawchuk, Plymouth High School athletic director. Contractually, administrative cuts need to be made by the end of March. Both could be recalled by the Board of Education.

Ryan also indicated he'll accelerate some of the cutbacks planned for the 2008-09 school year to next year.

On Tuesday, Ryan announced \$3.3 million in cuts for 2007-08. The cornerstone of his plan - \$2.37 million - is the elimination of 40 teaching positions and raising class sizes.

Trustees also want Ryan to reduce the structural deficit - the amount of expenditures that is greater than revenue - to keep from using fund equity to balance the budget.

According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services, the structural deficit for next year is estimated to be \$7.4 million. That would mean an additional \$4.1 million in cuts for the 2007-08 school year. Brand projected the structural deficit for 2008-09 at \$4 million.

"We'll always have an incremental structural deficit," Brand said. "It occurs when we don't have enough revenue to cover our expenses, including increas-

es in health care, utilities and the retirement rate."

Trustees want to eliminate the structural deficit to keep more money in the fund balance.

"We need an answer on ... how you recommend we address it each year," said board Secretary Judy Mardigan to Ryan. "I brought up the idea of a three-year projection because I don't think it's achievable in two. I don't know how to make the numbers work, but I want to find the kinds of cuts that aren't in a classroom."

Board Vice President Mark Slavens wants to investigate more administrative cuts, such as in purchase services, and the finance, human resources and technology departments.

"It looks like we're doing a whole lot of cutting with regard to instruction, but I'm not seeing a whole lot from finance, technology ... we need to have cuts across the board," Slavens said. "Have you made the analysis there's absolutely nothing else to cut? I'd like them to put their thinking caps on."

Ryan said he'll look into administrative reductions, but reminded the board those kinds of cuts were made first, before the educational cut recommendations.

"We've cut in those areas before and left instruction alone," Ryan said. "That's why you're seeing a higher end of instructional people cut now."

"If we make cuts in those (administrative) areas, there are things we won't be able to do," he said. "We've stayed away from things like privatization of our custodial, maintenance and transportation because it's not feasible for our district. We're just too large."

## GEMS conference focuses on math, science

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When 13-year-old Emily Prieskorn attended her first GEMS (Girls Excel in Math and Science) conference, she had no idea what a landscape architect was.

Now she wants to be one.

"I didn't know about some of the careers we learned about, like engineering and landscape architecture," said Prieskorn of Canton Township, an eighth-grader at East Middle School. "I'd never even heard of a landscape architect, and I never really thought about engineering before, but it was pretty

interesting. I think it's really good to get out there and really explore some different possibilities that you might not know about."

Janet Kahan, Plymouth-Canton Schools K-12 curriculum coordinator for math and

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All-Saints Catholic School students Mary Ganich (left) and Lindsay Anstess handled some slime when they went to the GEMS competition.

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## Coming Thursday in Filter

### READERS' FAVORITES

Check out Thursday's Filter for our Readers Choice list of favorite restaurants, nightclubs and family entertainment venues.





**Plymouth 101**

Spaces are still available for "Plymouth 101," the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's workshop series that replaced the Leadership Plymouth program.

There are still two sessions left on the schedule: "Main Street to Wall Street, Part II," 8-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, during which students take an in-depth look at the City of Plymouth government, services, people and programs; and "Law & Order," 8-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, during which students follow a crime from beginning to end as someone is moved through the system from arrest to trial to prison. The session starts at 35th District Court and ends at the Detroit Regional Correctional Facility.

Plymouth 101 consists of half-day sessions designed to help participants get involved and learn about their community. Cost is \$45 per session.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**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 web site [www.plymouthchorus.org](http://www.plymouthchorus.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.

**Council on Aging**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host "Diet and Nutrition" sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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

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**Guests at Crescent**

Some 35 Plymouth-Canton teachers and administrators, members of Delta Kappa Gamma, were guests at Crescent International Academy in Canton earlier this month, where they heard Sister Sommish, Crescent's principal, speak about Muslim students and their community. A focus of the presentation was to inform public school teachers and administrators of the needs of their Muslim students. Delta Kappa Gamma is a sorority for women educators.

ter. Free coffee and nutritional snacks.

Sounds of Canton, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, will perform 1:30 p.m. April 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 ASAP to register for this performance of song and dance.

**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) 354-3243.

**Antiquing opportunity**

There's a friendly group who travels to different locations once a month to shop and have lunch, and they're looking for more members.

Anyone interested can call Helen at (734) 455-4863.

**Wine tasting**

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

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

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

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

**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)

**Little Lambs registration**

Little Lambs Christian Preschool is now enrolling for 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.

**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-PCCS 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.

**CORRECTION**

A story in the March 11 issue about a fund-raising walk for Lighthouse of Oakland County listed the wrong Web site address. Walkers can register now for the June 2 event at [www.light-houseoakland.org](http://www.light-houseoakland.org) on the Internet.

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# Park Players cut 'Footloose'

## Spring musical a challenge for huge cast

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

In her tenure as director of the Park Players, Kristen Quesada has always loved a challenge.

With 55 cast members, many of them auditioning for their first production without stage or dance experience, producing *Footloose* certainly qualifies. That's the task the Players took on for their spring production, which continues Friday and Saturday at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

"*Footloose* drew a variety of students, many of whom have never auditioned or been in a show before," Quesada said. "There's talent everywhere, though. There's lots of dancing to choreograph, which I love, but it's a bit of a challenge with so many new cast members who haven't had any dance or stage experience."

The Park Players' production of *Footloose* is based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon and Lori Singer. , 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. McCormack falls for Ariel Moore, the daughter of town preacher Shaw Moore.

Quesada had a big cast to choose from, with 55 cast members, 30 on the production staff and 25 in the orchestra pit — all of them students.

From among that vast group, Salem High School senior Chris King was chosen to play McCormack, the role played by Bacon.

"He was cast for his raw, believable portrayal of a confident city kid, and his rock-style singing voice," Quesada said. "Footloose is a rock musical and calls for some non-traditional voice types."

Playing opposite King is Plymouth sophomore Jen Schinker as Ariel, the rebellious daughter of Reverend Moore, who ends up falling for Ren.

"Jen was cast because she IS Ariel," Quesada said. "From her amazing belt voice, to her acting abilities, to her look, she fit the part best out of everyone who auditioned for the show."

Salem junior Brandon Verdi, whom Quesada called "experienced and highly talented," plays the conservative Reverend Moore.

"(Verdi's) acting and vocal skills are rich beyond his years," Quesada said. "He puts his heart and soul into this role and will amaze the audience. He's dependable and focused, and one of the most genuine people I have ever met."

Performances are at 8 p.m. 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.



Reverend Shaw Moore (Brandon Verdi) tries to keep a lid on the activities that kids enjoy during the Park Players' production of *Footloose*.



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The Park Players continue their production of "Footloose" Friday and Saturday at the Gloria Logan auditorium in Salem High School.

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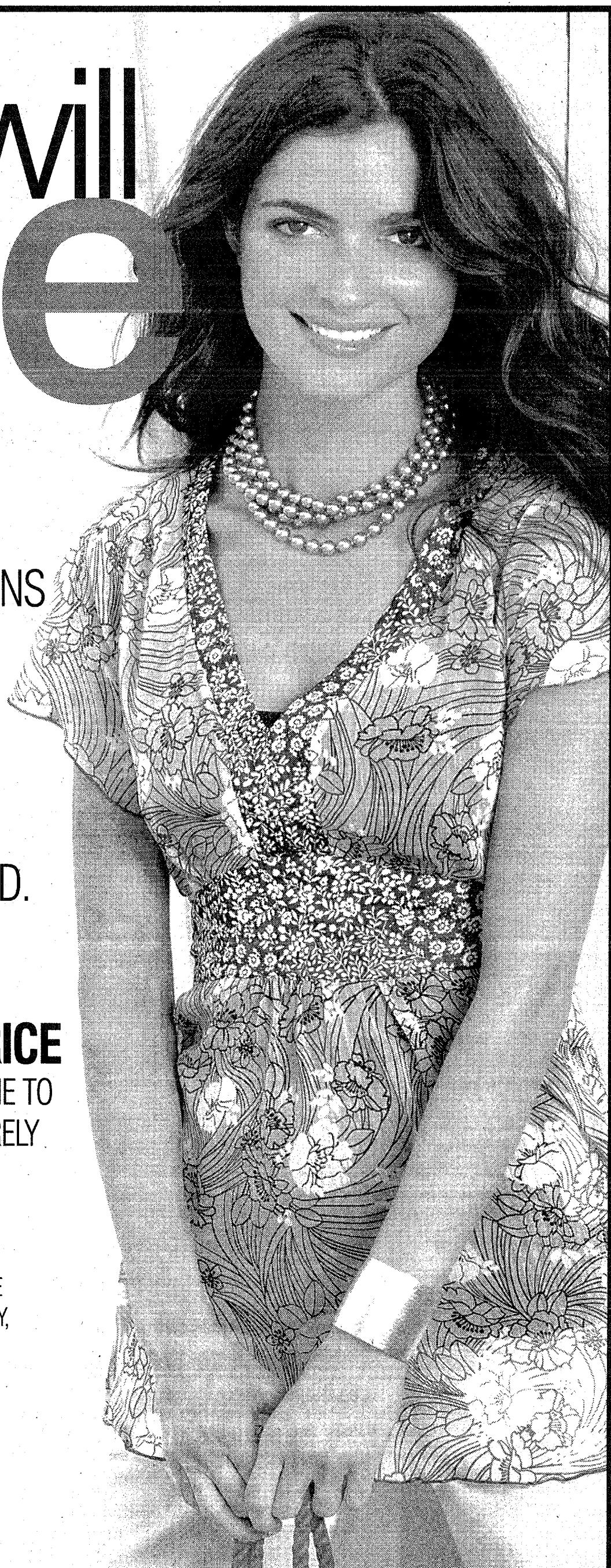
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- Monday, March 19 — Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Beck and at N. Mill at the railroad crossing; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; industrial rescue run on Schoolcraft.
- Sunday, March 18 — Vehicle accident on Beck Road at the M-14 ramp; vehicle accident with extrication and downed wires on eastbound M-14 east of I-275; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; vehicle accident (with wash-down) on the eastbound M-14 ramp to Sheldon; residential rescue runs on Newport, on Orangelawn and on Northville Road.
- Saturday, March 17 — Rescue run on N. Territorial; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Junction and on Sutherland.
- Friday, March 16 — Residential rescue runs on Adams and on Howland Park Drive; special run on Sheldon, south of 5 Mile; vehicle accident at Northville Road and 5 Mile.
- Thursday, March 15 — Residential rescue runs on Spicer, on Northville Road, on Harvest, on South, on Coolidge and on Plymouth Road; commercial rescue run on Beck; investigation on Roosevelt.
- Wednesday, March 14 — Residential rescue runs on Jackson, on Trailwood, on Turtlehead, on Northern, on Andover, on Sheridan and on Orangelawn; vehicle accident on Beck south of Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue runs on Genoa and on Beck.

**DEATHS**

**B**  
Mary Alice "Mickie" Beyer Beyer, 79, of Plymouth, died March 17.

**C**  
Charles Victor Booth Booth, 83, of Rochester, died March 18.

**Jon Lee Brimhall** Brimhall, 44, died March 9.

**C**  
Marilyn Madge Cresswell Cresswell, 87, formerly of Rochester Hills, died March 15.

**E**  
Elmer (nee Bell) Emorey Emorey, 80, died March 18.

**H**  
Roberta Cole Holcomb Holcomb, 83, of Birmingham, died March 16.

**M**  
Miguel A. "Mike" Menendez Menendez, 60, of Southfield, died March 20.

**R**  
Harold W. "Rex" Rector Rector, 88, died March 19.

**T**  
Manson G. Taylor Taylor, 88, died March 22.

**W**  
Marguerite E. Webster Webster, 88, formerly of Redford, died.

**W. Douglas Wright** Wright, 79, formerly of Rochester, died March 20.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C7.

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11:20 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50

**TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE (PG)**  
11:15 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
FRI/SAT LS 11:15

**SHOOTER (R)**  
11:00 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

**PREMONITION (PG-13)**  
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20  
FRI/SAT LS 11:30

**300 (R)**  
1:10, 3:40, 6:55, 9:25  
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**GEMS**

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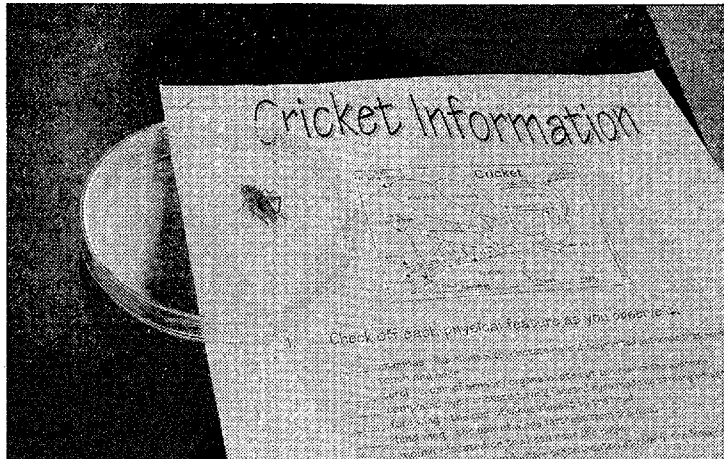
science, said the GEMS conference — for fifth- through eighth-grade girls — showcases some of the career paths open to girls with strong math and science backgrounds.

"Our keynote speakers are a pair of women from General Motors, and we want for them to tell about what they do, how it matters to them and the world, and how they got ready to do it," Kahan said. "We want kids to see that people who have careers didn't decide what they wanted to do when they were 6 years old. They'll see how you go from being a person who doesn't know what you want to do to ending up with a career you love."

"We're trying to encourage girls to consider math and science technology, engineering and math-related careers," she added, "because we think it's a wonderful way to make a living."

Some of the role-model sessions at the half-day conference March 31 at Plymouth High School will include presentations by an architect, banker, engineers, a museum educator, a bio-chemistry researcher and a forensic scientist.

"It's important to expose young girls to careers in the science field, things they may not be familiar with, and show them the opportunities out there for them," said Danielle



Cricket were among the items of interest in the science categories at GEMS, a conference for girls in fifth through eighth grades, focused on careers involving math and science.

Hankinson, a forensic scientist at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Northville, who will speak at GEMS. "Giving them a realistic viewpoint of working in the field and letting them know it's not like CSI on TV."

"I will tell them that while sometimes they might think it's boring, there are a lot of exciting things about working in science," she added. "As a forensic scientist, I use the same techniques every day, but there are different types of evidence, and it's certainly not boring."

"Math and science are relevant to things in everyday life. You can't ignore the fact that if you didn't take math, you couldn't balance your check-book."

This year, Plymouth-Canton is teaming with Livonia Public Schools, which signed up

about a third of the 150 girls who registered for GEMS. Kahan said she wants them to know that those in math and science aren't like the stereotypes — nerdy people who wear long, white coats.

"It's really important for girls to know there are lots of choices, but it doesn't just fall on you, you do have to do some work," Kahan said. "In a lot of cases it's a helping profession. Science isn't isolated, it's really a very social endeavor, lots of interaction with people."

When it comes to high school, Kahan debunks the perception there are more boys than girls taking math and science classes.

"Girls are well-represented in the science and higher math classes," Kahan said. "But women are still underrepresented in the science and engineering fields, and there are

still some constraints in entering or pursuing those careers. In math, statistics continue to be that women are not entering in these fields the same degree as men."

Kinjal Suthar of Canton, an eighth-grader at East, doesn't believe girls are less inclined than boys in math and science.

"I think everybody is equal, it doesn't matter if you're a girl or a boy," said Suthar, who wants to be a doctor or surgeon. "You have different learning abilities. If anybody tries hard they can be successful."

Mary Elizabeth Winther, 14, of Canton said she can't wait to attend GEMS again. One of the sessions she enjoyed last time was with a museum curator.

"I never really thought about how all those artifacts in museums got there, it was just kind of a given that you went to museums and saw the stuff," Winther said. "GEMS made me realize there are jobs out there you never really think about, and maybe I should explore them more."

Kahan said many of the GEMS sessions are filled, but there are some still open. Registration forms are on the Plymouth-Canton Schools Web site at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 416-3005. Any student in the Plymouth-Canton or Livonia communities, including those in non-public schools, are eligible to attend.

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**CUTS**

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much less to cover current expenditures. Even though our fiscal year ends June 30, the state aid payments for us are still being received in July and August. They'll probably just take off one of those two state aid payments."

Brand said if the Senate cut eventually makes its way through the legislature, next year's projected \$9.4 million fund balance will be trimmed to \$8.8 million as a result.

"That's about five weeks

worth of expenses," Brand said. "That's not very much."

Christiansen doesn't think residents will actually notice the effects of the latest proposed cuts because city officials have already planned around them.

"We are finding ways to cope with the overall problem," Christiansen said. "Because of the big cuts we went through two years ago, we're actually doing fairly well right now. I don't see this manifesting itself in any particular way because we anticipated losing that money."

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# Ignition charity bowling event to benefit orphans

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The cost is \$20 per bowler, which covers bowling, shoe rental, pizza, salad and pop. Tickets to the bowling outing are available in advance by calling Mike Laginess at (734) 560-6686 and will also be available at the door.

All proceeds will go to ROSE, a local non-profit Christian group that was formed in 2005 by a group of people from Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and South Lyon. The group's mission is to

raise money to fund nutrition, education, shelter and other needs for orphan children, who receive little or no attention.

In a recent mission trip by ROSE, the ROSE team, worked with a Russian charitable organization to distribute 240 pounds of coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to homeless children and those living in orphanages. The trip also helped the mission team members inform ROSE members about the great need for support of orphans in Chita, Siberia and other portions of Russia.

If you want to support ROSE, but cannot attend Tuesday's bowling benefit, call Mike Laginess at (734) 560-6686 or reach ROSE by mail at P.O. Box 871007, Canton, MI 48187-6007.

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

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

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS/PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**, Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — For nearly 10 years, the Arts Council has offered exceptional presentations about the DIA's

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■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, March 26, 10 & 11 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies

and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

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

# People Mover moving on

## Transit system's first retiree ready for open road

Charles Goodwin, 63, has always enjoyed being a part of something big.

He was there two decades ago when cranes first lifted trains onto the Detroit People Mover's downtown Detroit guideway. He was there with the 40 million passengers who have taken a ride on Michigan's only automated light rail system. He's been up several stories high in the snow and rain, walking the 2.9-mile loop. And he's been under the heavy vehicles making repairs on the midnight shift.

Now Goodwin has ended his transit career on a high note: As the first person to retire with the Detroit Transportation Corporation, operators of the Detroit People Mover began operating July 31, 1987.



Charles Goodwin of Plymouth is presented with a commemorative plaque and is congratulated by Detroit Transportation Corporation General Manager Barbara Hansen on his retirement from the company, where he worked for more than 20 years since the opening of the Detroit People Mover.

Goodwin has been promoted several times, including serving as Assistant Maintenance Manager and Maintenance Supervisor, his last position. He was recognized for his numerous contributions to the company with a commemorative plaque and luncheon where DTC's staff all wished him well.

"I will miss the job in general," said Goodwin. "I enjoyed my work because I always believed that I could contribute and make the system better."

Prior to joining DTC, Goodwin had 20 years in electronics and went back to college for his degree at age 39. While working at the Detroit People Mover, he said some of his greatest accomplishments

have been on the technical level. Always organized and known for his knowledge of the system, Goodwin even left his original training manuals for the next generation of maintenance staff.

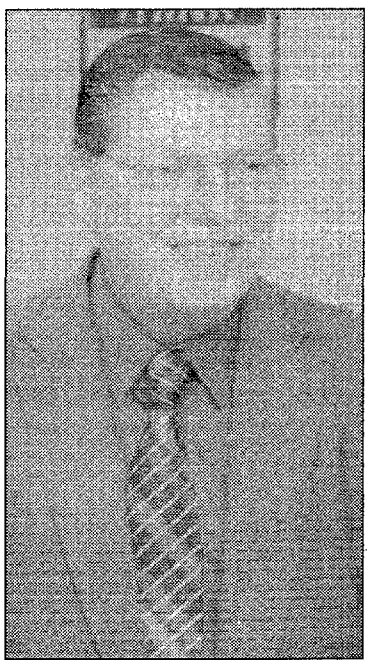
Goodwin remains proud he was part of a system that was ultimately built to last. Back in 1986, only Vancouver, British Columbia operated a similar mode.

"At the time (it was constructed), the People Mover was on the cutting edge for rail technology, propulsion power, Automatic Train Controls,

communications," Goodwin said. "The whole place had landmark stuff."

"We greatly value the time, dedication and experience Mr. Goodwin has given to DTC and to the Detroit People Mover," said DTC General Manager Barbara Hansen. "As the People Mover begins its next 20 years of service, it is the staff, like Charles Goodwin, who make it possible to serve our patrons quickly and efficiently."

DTC has 15 employees who have been with the company since its inception and DTC will celebrate the People Mover's 20th Anniversary with public events in late July.



Charles Goodwin of Plymouth hopes to hit the road to do some traveling after retiring from the People Mover, where he worked for more than 20 years.

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**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article I of the Water and Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 73, Paragraph C of Section 73.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**C. Minimum Water Rates.** The following Minimum Rates shall be charged in addition to the appropriate Service Charge and Capital Charge.

Meter Size	Minimum Quarterly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged	Minimum Monthly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged
3/4x5/8"	\$ 11.80	5,000	\$ 4.72	2,000
3/4"	\$ 14.16	6,000	\$ 7.08	3,000
1"	\$ 23.60	10,000	\$ 9.44	4,000
1-1/4"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
1-1/2"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
2"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
3"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
4"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
6"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
8"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
10"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000

**SECTION 2.**

Article I of the Water and Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 73, Paragraphs B and C of Section 73.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**B. Minimum Sewage Rates.** The minimum monthly and quarterly sewage use rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Minimum Quarterly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged	Minimum Monthly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged
3/4x5/8"	\$15.30	5,000	\$ 6.12	2,000
3/4"	\$18.36	6,000	\$ 9.18	3,000
1"	\$30.60	10,000	\$12.24	4,000
1-1/4"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
1-1/2"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
2"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
3"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
4"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
6"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
8"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
10"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000

**C. Single Residences Unmetered Water.** For single residences having unmetered water supply, the rate shall be \$308.60 per year billed at the rate of \$77.00 quarterly and for each trailer in a trailer court having an unmetered water supply, the rate shall be \$308.00 per year billed at the rate of \$77.00 per quarter.

**SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.**

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2007, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2007  
Adopted: March 13, 2007  
Effective: March 25, 2007

Publish: March 25, 2007

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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07-04 277 Fair Non-Use Variance Requested  
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Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Frank Brace

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FY2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN**

On April 10, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2007 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Canton Township Leisure Services handicap accessible athletic equipment purchase, \$1,500; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; HelpSource Teen Parenting, \$4,000; HelpSource Adult Day Services, \$2,000; Leisure Services Department doors retrofit for handicap access at Summit community center, \$30,000; Canton Township Human Services Center building improvements, \$58,760; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,000; Construction Contingency, \$20,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2007 CDBG allocation is \$374,160. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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**PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)  
FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

The Plymouth Housing Commission (the Commission) is seeking proposals from individuals and/or organizations interested in providing coordination and/or case management services for the Commission's Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS).

Interested parties may respond to provide program coordination services, case management, or both.

A copy of the RFP describing the scope of service requirements, general instructions, and evaluation criteria may be obtained from the Commission at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by contacting Sharon Thomas at 734.455.3670.

Proposal packages shall be submitted on or before 3:00 pm, Friday, APRIL 20, 2007. Six (6) copies of the proposal package are to be addressed and submitted to: Plymouth Housing Commission, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI 48170. All packages must be clearly marked as RFP FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY COORDINATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

We reserve the right to reject all proposals in the event that less than three (3) are received.

Plymouth Housing Commission  
Sharon L. Thomas, Director

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# With a little bit of vision, county can reverse decline

Two weeks ago, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano was telling *Observer* editors about the challenges facing a county with 2 million residents.



Hugh Gallagher

Well, not exactly. According to U.S. Census figures released Thursday, the county's population is down to 1,971,853, a 4-percent decline since the 2000 census, representing a loss of 89,309 people.

Though, undoubtedly, many of those people have made their way to the booming counties of the south and west, many have also just moved around to Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Livingston grew by a healthy 18 percent in the same period, Washtenaw by 7 percent and even blue-collar Macomb by 6 percent.

Detroit has seen its population wither away and the process goes on unabated. Estimates are that the big city is now under 900,000. Older housing, high crime, fierce poverty, troubled schools and a lack of retail shopping are driving Detroit's population into the suburbs. This has been a trend since the early 1960s and now the city's majority black population is making the move once made by white Detroit residents.

Some sections of Wayne County, particularly Canton, have been growing despite the state's economic problems. But communities closer to the central city such as Redford are continuing to lose.

It's easy to get panicked by these figures. Everyone remembers the 1970s and the jokes about the last person leaving Michigan. Foreclosures are at record numbers. The auto companies seem to be laying off thousands of workers every other week. Other businesses are more quietly going out of business. Only the hurricane-devastated counties of south Louisiana have lost more residents than Wayne County.

Though the state's population is holding steady, that's not enough to offset the growth in Florida, Texas, Arizona, Nevada and California. Experts predict we will lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and the political clout that implies.

But in a glass half full view, the fact that many residents are moving within the region rather than away from it says

something about a desire to hang on and see if things can turn around.

Ficano sought inspiration in another Democrat facing dire economic challenges, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Ficano said Roosevelt probably failed at 70 percent of the ideas he advanced in his first term. But his programs and his optimism gave people hope and helped them survive through the Great Depression.

With that in mind, Ficano has been vigorously promoting several ideas. On top of that list is a renovated and expanded Cobo Center. As Ficano sees it, Cobo is central to reviving downtown Detroit, keeping the city as a major venue for conventions and trade shows, particularly what Ficano calls the city's trademark, the North American International Auto Show. He is also tossing out some interesting tax proposals — making Cobo a tax-free zone (and possibly the airport as well) and a tax holiday during the shopper-heavy, back-to-school period.

More long range, Ficano envisions Wayne County's future centering around its two airports along I-94, Metro and Willow Run. If anything holds a promise of reversing the population trend for Wayne County, the aerotropolis is the most visionary and also the most practical.

The two airports could serve as a hub for high-tech businesses demanding just in time delivery, for warehousing operations, for growth in research and development at corporations and at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

It's argued that those businesses will stimulate residential and retail growth. Ficano argues that mass transit, realistically a combination of mainline commuter trains and buses, is essential to the overall development.

This model has been successful in several European and Asian countries. In April, Ficano will be leading a delegation to Amsterdam and Frankfurt to see how it works in the real world.

Cobo Center, the aerotropolis and restoring and revitalizing the city of Detroit are important not just to reversing Wayne County's population decline. They are central to the future health and vitality of Michigan.

Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*. He can be reached by e-mail at hgallagher@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 953-2149.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### State needs fiscal restraint

I have had the good fortune to have traveled our great country from one end to the other over a 20-year career in the Air Force. When I retired from the military, my wife and I decided that Michigan (the state where we both were born) was to be our permanent retirement site. That was 30 years ago and we haven't regretted that decision for one moment. We feel the same today as we did then — Michigan is one of the most beautiful states in the entire country. Over that period, we have seen a great deal of change in our home state, some good, some not so good. We are now going through one of those not so good periods.

Michigan has been blessed with a wide diversity of talent in the political arena, again, some good, some not so good. At the present time, we have an administration in Lansing that feels raising taxes on business as well as the individual taxpayer base is the answer to all of our economic woes.

Fortunately, we who live in the 21st state legislative district, and the 7th state senatorial district, have chosen two very fiscally responsible individuals to represent us. Bruce Patterson and Phil LaJoy. Phil has had the presence of mind to suggest to our governor that there may be other avenues to explore before we ask our tax-weary citizens for more money. Phil has proposed setting up a commission to thoroughly examine every Michigan state agency to determine how much excess fat can ultimately be trimmed. This time, the panel would not be made up of former tax and spend governors such as James Blanchard and William Milliken, but, rather, professionals whose jobs are dependent upon getting results.

In the past, I suggested our representatives should consider taking a 10 percent pay cut and putting a hold on any future compensation increases until our fiscal mess is cleaned up. Imagine my astonishment when I heard state Sen. Bruce Patterson, on the radio, propose an immediate 50 percent pay reduction for all state electeds and department heads. To some skeptical individuals, such a gesture might be construed as political gimmickry. However, Bruce puts his money where his mouth is. He has written a check for \$3,500 as a first installment to be deposited in a special "Turnaround Fund" when the rest of our state electeds do the same. Let's see how long it takes the others to respond in kind. Go Bruce!

Ralph Shufeldt  
Canton

### Don't bail out Singh

Count me among the many Canton residents opposed to the building of an Oakwood Hospital facility or any other commercial or institutional project at the corner of Geddes and Beck. I have read with interest the *Observer* articles, editorials and reader opinions regarding the proposed Oakwood Hospital project. I won't repeat but do endorse the many well-stated valid reasons against any deviation from the Canton Land Use Map to accommodate commercial or institutional interests.

But, let me add one more perspective. To the concerned Canton residents Mr. Kahm of Singh Development states that "Things change and it's a part of life." However, evidently neither he nor Singh

is prepared to accept and live with the fact that, at least for this moment in the state's economy, they may have made a poor investment decision. The Planning Commission should not allow Singh to "bail out" of their commitment to the community by letting Oakwood or any other commercial or institutional entity obtain "bargain priced" land for their project in a residential area of the township — no matter how many berms, ponds or walking paths they promise.

G. K. Peters  
Canton

### Wake up

People, please wake up and smell the coffee. Canton must keep growing or else we will be the next Livonia. Sure, I know these people paid a lot of money for their houses. But we live north of Ford Road and we paid a lot for our home. Did we have any say in the Ikea building? No, but we adapted and to tell the truth it ain't that bad. There's some vacant land east of Warren and I-275, why can't they put this hospital and let them build exit ramp there, too?

Bob Hourly  
Canton

### Quit complaining

The people complaining about the Oakwood proposal asked for a new hospital just by coming here in such numbers. Don't they understand, where there are more people, you need more doctors. I have lived here for 28 years and have seen all the newcomers destroy the farmland and woods by putting their houses on top of them. I am now seeing people speed down Saltz Road doing 90 mph because there are no speed signs posted between Beck and Ridge. And now a hospital. Makes perfect sense. There are going to be a lot more accidents in Canton with all these people moving in, good thing a hospital will be so close by.

Nancy Tychevicz  
Canton

### Area not suited for Oakwood

I live on Beck south of Geddes. I think a hospital at the intersection is a wrong move. It is residential land. The condominiums on the northeast corner have stopped being built because the builder has run out of money and the site looks horrible. Building berms and retention ponds does not hide a four-story building towering over the neighborhood or stop the traffic or emergency sirens at all hours. There is plenty of land on Michigan Avenue which I think would be better suited for a hospital. I understand Singh wants to sell the property.

They already have office property located on Michigan Avenue that I believe is not leasing well. If you travel Beck Road you will notice that it has remained residential with a few exceptions. Hospitals first, banks next, followed by gas stations and 7-Elevens. Let's not spoil what little we have of peaceful locations to live. Does every location have to have businesses?

Joanne Mendal  
Canton

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# Public safety expo

## Recruiters educate job seekers and bring out the big equipment

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Considering Michigan's tottering economy, it was understandable that a recruiter from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department was getting a good response March 21 at Schoolcraft College's Public Safety Career Expo at the college's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

But why was Dallas coming to metro Detroit?

Population is booming and the need for police is growing.

"We have 350 openings and we'll have 1,500 over the next five years," said Monique Alex, a senior corporal with the Dallas Police Department. "We tested in January at Schoolcraft and had a good response. With the economy here, we do testing and recruiting. Yesterday, we tested 126 applicants. The last time, we tested 186."

The Dallas Police was among many local, state and federal safety and law enforcement organizations putting their best foot forward for job seekers.

A recruiter from Fairfax County, Va., was telling some young future police officers that things were booming in Virginia. But many local police and fire departments were making their pitch as well — Canton, Livonia, Kalamazoo, Troy and Wayne and Oakland county sheriff's departments, plus the state police.

### TOUGH MARKET

But job some seekers were not optimistic.

"It's hard to find a job," Bryan Kubasta of Detroit said. "It's really competitive."

Kubasta and Josh Wischmeyer of Redford are students in Schoolcraft's fire academy.

"It's always been the job for me," Wischmeyer said.

Wischmeyer and Kubasta were interested in seeing what is available.

Marty Heator, director of marketing at Schoolcraft, said having the departments from other states at the fair gives Schoolcraft students and other job seekers another option.

"Alex said Dallas had much to offer."

"We're offering a \$10,000 signing bonus, which helps," she said. "We're also selling climate. I'm from Alaska and went to Texas for the warmer weather."

### EDUCATING APPLICANTS

In addition to enticements, recruiters were also educating job applicants on what they need to do to get the job they want.

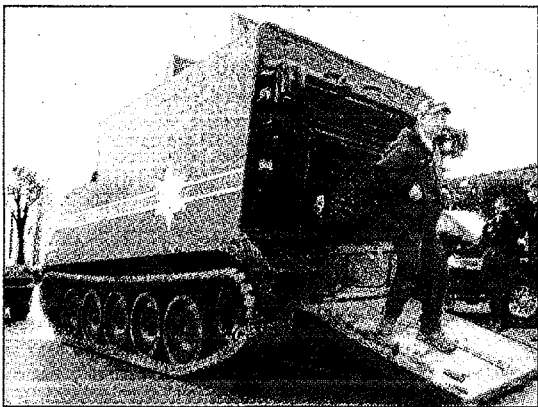
For Tom Kiurski of the Livonia Fire Department, it's a matter of explaining what being a firefighter means.

"I tell them, the minimum requirements are certification and training as a paramedic.



Dan Ketvirtis, with the Michigan State Police bomb squad, talks with Rob Hunter and Rob Domenzain, both from Canton.

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Mike Twigg, from Garden City, checked out Wayne County's armored personnel carrier, used by the special response team.

An associate's degree can come later," he said.

The paramedic requirement comes as a surprise to some.

"This has been changing over the last 10 years," Kiurski said. "We were not on the cutting edge, but somewhere in the middle on this."

For Cheryl Lozen, forensic scientist with the Northville laboratories of the Michigan State Police, it's a matter of separating fact from the highly popular fiction of the CSI programs. She said many are surprised that most forensic scientists do not go out to the crime scene, but do their work in the laboratory.

"That's a surprise to a lot of people," she said. "It's really a science degree, rich in chemistry and biology."

She said CSI glamorizes and exaggerates what real forensic scientists do.

"We don't wear high heels and tank tops to crime scenes," she said.

But there is an element of show business to police and fire work. The state police had an officer from the bomb squad demonstrating bomb protection gear and a bomb detecting robot. Outside on the Radcliff parking lot, a carnival atmosphere prevailed with fire engines, motorcycles, rescue units and a tank-like personnel carrier on display.

The armored personnel carrier was one of several vehicles displayed by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which has motorcycle, patrol car, mounted and marine units. The black box on a rubber track



Pittsfield Township brought their largest fire truck.



Hailey Robinson and Erika Dickman, both of Canton, talk with Monique Alex of the Dallas, Texas Police Department.

was drawing a steady line of visitors according to Lt. Richard Holme.

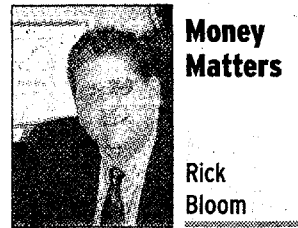
"It's to get members of the team into hostile situations," he said. "Say a barricaded gunman

in a house. This gets us as close as possible. It stops just about anything and it's very solid."

Other participants at the expo included the federal Immigration, Customs and

# Choose a mortgage that is right for your needs

We are in the process of purchasing a new home. We have not purchased a house in a number of years and I wanted to get your thoughts on the type of mortgage that we should get. In addition, does it make sense to purchase the most expensive home we can afford considering real estate prices in Michigan?



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

In today's mortgage world, there are virtually hundreds of mortgages that an individual can obtain. To me, there is no one right answer. It is similar to investing because you have to choose the best strategy for your situation. The key to determining the right type of mortgage is knowing how long you plan to be in your home. If you plan to live in the house for a short period of time, less than five years, then one of the adjustable-rate mortgages may make sense. On the other hand, if you plan to be live in the house longer than five years, a traditional fixed-rate mortgage is what you should get. Mortgage rates are favorable at the present time and I would lock in for the long term.

If you are going to be in your house long term, the issue is whether to choose a 15-year or 30-year mortgage. I recommend the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. My theory is based on the fact mortgage interest is tax-deductible. After taxes, in today's market, the mortgage is costing you 4-5 percent, which is relatively inexpensive. I would take advantage of the inexpensive money and lock up the mortgage for 30 years.

I recognize many people do not want to have a mortgage 30 years from now and that is why they choose a 15-year mortgage. A better strategy is to have your house paid off in 15 years, get a 30-year mortgage and then have the discipline on a monthly basis to take the savings of a 30-year vs. a 15-year mortgage and invest it on a regular basis in a good growth mutual fund such as the Selected American Shares Fund. Fifteen years down the road, you should have enough to pay off the mortgage and have money left over.

In today's market, I only recommend adjustable-rate mortgages for someone who is going to be in their house short term. One of the reasons the sub-prime mortgage market is going through some difficulty right now is that too many people went with adjustable-rate mortgages in order to get into a house they could not afford using a traditional fixed-rate loan. The longer you stay in a home with an adjustable-rate mortgage, the more risk you have when rates begin to climb.

How much should you spend for your home? My view is that houses are great for quality of life, but not good investments. After all, many people in Michigan are in a situation where they paid more for their house than it's now worth. You have to make sure you own your house and it doesn't own you. In deciding how much you can afford for a home, factor into the equation other financial goals

that you have, such as saving for retirement or a child's college education. And don't forget to factor in the other costs that go hand-in-hand with the more expensive house, such as increased maintenance, homeowners insurance and property taxes.

I am 54 years old and will not retire for at least 10 years. I heard something on your radio show regarding Roth IRA conversions. Can you tell me when someone should consider converting into a Roth IRA?

When it comes to converting an existing IRA into a Roth IRA, my general rules are as follows:

- You have to have the money to pay the taxes on the Roth conversion without touching any of the money converted.

- You should convert an amount that will not push you into a higher tax bracket.

- You can invest the money long term, generally at least five to seven years.

If you meet those three criteria, then it generally pays to convert. The advantage of converting an existing IRA into a Roth IRA is from this point on money would grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. Money in a traditional IRA is always subject to ordinary income taxes money when withdrawn. In a Roth IRA, withdrawals made after age 59 are never subject to income taxes. In addition, in a Roth IRA you are not subject to the minimum required distribution rules. At 70, in a traditional IRA, you must begin to make withdrawals. That is not the case with a Roth IRA. A Roth IRA can grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

The downside of converting into a Roth IRA is that you must pay income taxes on the money. However, by taking a short-term hit on taxes, you will have a long-term gain. Remember, a Roth IRA grows tax-free, not tax-deferred. By converting to a Roth IRA, you are paying your taxes earlier, but you would have always had to pay the taxes down the road if you stayed with the traditional IRA.

Many seniors who are over 70 are under the mistaken belief that they cannot convert their IRAs into a Roth IRA. That is not the case. Although you cannot convert your required minimum distribution, you can convert anything above and beyond that.

One last note, you have until April 17 to make a Roth IRA contribution for 2006.

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

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## Time's on Joe's side

### OHL rookie Underwood earns veteran minutes for playoffs-bound Guelph

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On a scale of 1-to-10, Canton native Joe Underwood's first year as a defenseman for the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm could be graded somewhere in the 7-plus range.

However, on the scales, Underwood admits there's room for growth.

"Things are going better than I expected as far as the number of minutes I'm playing," said Underwood, a 17-year-old OHL rookie who played in 60 of the Storm's 68 regular-season contests. "Rookies usually don't get the opportunity to play much, but because of injuries and some other things - a few guys played in the World Juniors - I've been able to play a lot."

"The hardest thing for me has been putting weight on. I lost 15 pounds during training camp due to the intense workouts and I haven't been able to put it back on. I'm at about 170 (pounds) now. They eventually want me to get up to 185 or 190, so I'm going to have to work hard over the summer and drink a lot of protein shakes."

#### TOUGH COMPETITION

The 6-foot-1 Underwood, who attended his first two years of high school at Canton, said the game-by-game competition level is quite a few notches higher than he faced prior to this season, but it's nothing he didn't expect.

"Everybody is bigger, faster and stronger, but that hasn't really been a surprise to me," he said. "Some of the guys I'm going up against are 6-foot-4,

220 pounds and they can skate like the wind.

"Maybe the most important thing I've learned is that you have to be mentally tough every minute you're out on the ice because if you're not, the puck will be in the net real fast."

#### HOME SWEET HOME

The first round of the OHL playoffs, which started Saturday night, will serve as a sort of homecoming for Underwood, who will be skating against his hometown Plymouth Whalers. Guelph finished as the seventh seed in the OHL's Western Conference while the Whalers skated into the post-season in the No. 2 spot.

"They've been playing very well, so it was a tough draw for us," Underwood said of the Whalers. "They have an experienced team while we're a little younger, but you never know what could happen. Maybe we'll be the Cinderella team of the playoffs."

Underwood's statistics are about what you'd expect from a rookie defenseman: one goal, three assists and 18 penalty minutes. His plus/minus rating is an impressive plus-9.

#### LAMP-LIGHTER

His lone goal came in a pre-Christmas 6-3 Guelph victory over OHL power London.

"At the beginning of the year, I wasn't pressing and I wasn't necessarily looking to score," said Underwood. "But as the season went on, I started to feel

PLEASE SEE UNDERWOOD, B4

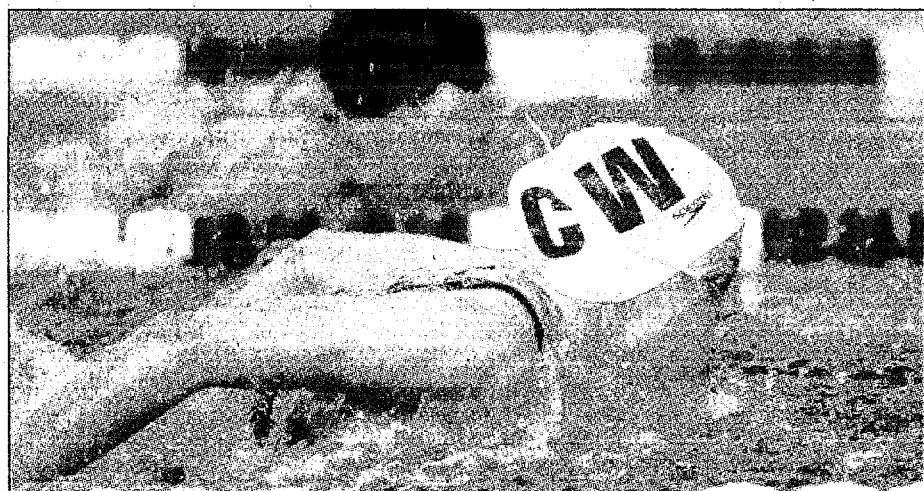


WALT DMOCH

Canton native Joe Underwood has been playing regular shifts for the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm despite his rookie status. The 17-year-old defenseman will be squaring off against the Plymouth Whalers this week in the first round of the OHL playoffs.

#### THE BOOK ON UNDERWOOD

- Name: Joe Underwood;
- Age: 17
- Size: 6-foot-1, 165 pounds;
- Hometown: Canton;
- Parents: Doug and Tammy;
- Current team: OHL's Guelph Storm;
- 2006-07 statistics: 1 goal, 3 assists, 18 penalty minutes in 60 games;
- Off the ice: Underwood has compiled a stellar grade-point average at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Guelph;
- Year eligible for NHL draft: 2008.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton resident Lauren Seroka is one of the most-accomplished 12-and-under swimmers in the state based on her six first-place finishes at the state meet held March 9-11 in Jenison.

## Seroka blazing fast trail to pool stardom

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Lauren Seroka wore out a path to the medal stand during the 12 & Under Michigan Swimming State Championships March 9-11 in Jenison.

The Canton 12-year-old is also stroking an early path to greatness in the pool.

While competing against Michigan's elite swimmers in her age group in

Jenison, the Club Wolverine standout collected six individual first-place medals and was a key member of two gold medal-winning relay teams. The all-around effort earned Seroka the top spot on the high-point leaderboard for the talent-rich tournament that attracted the best 11- and 12-year-old swimmers in the state.

"What Lauren did was more or less

PLEASE SEE SEROKA, B2

## MISL final set for Plymouth

The Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) announced this week that the 2007 MISL Championship Series final game has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at Compuware Sports Arena, home of the MISL Detroit Ignition in Plymouth Township.

The opening kick is set for 4 p.m.

Tickets for the 2007 MISL Championship Series Final are available through the Detroit Ignition Box Office, online through TicketMaster and at all TicketMaster locations, or by phone at 888-436-GOAL (4625).

The MISL Championship Series final game will be nationally televised on VERSUS, to a potential audience of over 72 million homes. This marks the first-ever nationally televised soccer match originating from Compuware Sports Arena.

"We are honored and excited to be selected to host the 2007 MISL Championship Series Final," stated Greg Bibb, president of the Detroit Ignition. "We look forward to bringing the league's marquee event to Compuware Sports Arena as a finale to our inaugural season in the MISL. We're eager to present a first-class sports entertainment experience to not only the fans in the arena, but to our fans around the country on VERSUS."

The 2006-07 regular season concludes on Saturday, April 7. The 2007 MISL Championship Series is scheduled to begin with the semifinal round on the weekend of April 13-15, 2007. The Championship Series consists of four teams.

The MISL regular-season champion will earn an automatic bid to postseason play and receives the No. 1 seed as determined by regular-season winning percentage. The other postseason spots are allotted to the three teams with the next best regular season win percentage, determining the No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 seeds.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Defensman Jonathan Greenfield has turned into a fan favorite at the Compuware Sports Arena during his first season with the expansion Detroit Ignition.

## Greenfield stabilizes the Ignition defense

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Jonathan Greenfield's Major Indoor Soccer League career was progressing quite nicely with the perennially strong Milwaukee Wave last summer when he received a career-altering piece of news that jolted him like a close-range penalty kick to the mid-section.

"I received a call and was told that I had been taken in the MISL Expansion Draft by the Ignition," remembered Greenfield. "And to tell you the truth, I wasn't real happy about it."

Who could blame Greenfield for being a bit miffed? He was an established member of a Wave team that regularly qualified for the MISL playoffs and he had just grown comfortable with a new set of friends as well as a new environment.

"I had met a lot of people in Milwaukee and was just starting to settle down when I got the news that I would have to move again," he said. "Also, I knew that the expansion team in California had lost its first 10 games the year before, so I dreaded the idea of going to an expansion team with all new guys and getting crushed."

"But now that I've been here a while, I realize that getting drafted by the Ignition was a blessing in disguise."

#### TWO-WAY BLESSING

As it turns out, it's been a blessing for both Greenfield and the Ignition. The 6-0, 170-pound native of Cape Town, South Africa, has been a stabilizing force on a defensive unit that is among the stingiest in the MISL heading into the league's

PLEASE SEE GREENFIELD, B2

## 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.

### Detroit Lions football camp

The third annual Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

The \$159 camp fee includes:

- Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruction;
- A Lions camp T-shirt;
- Guest appearances from current or former Lion players;
- Chalk talk and video sessions; and
- Skills contests and scrimmages.

For more information, call (313) 262-2248.

### Coaches: Please call in results

The local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their team's results to the Observer so that their players' achievements can be deservedly publicized.

Coaches are encouraged to report the scores whether their team wins or loses; or whether their team is home or on the road.

To report results, either call Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108; e-mail results to ewright@hometownlife.com; or fax results to (734) 591-7279.

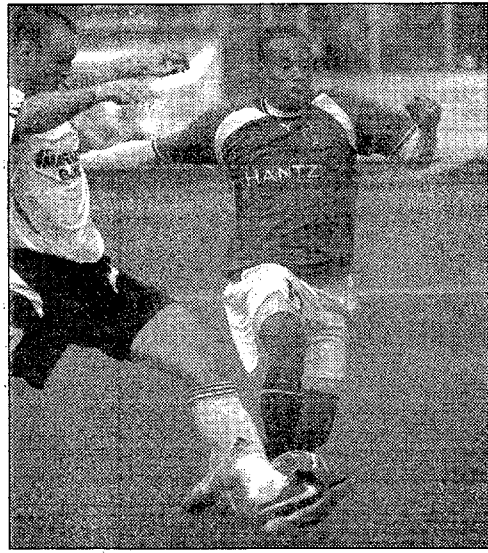
### OLGC football

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 at 1151 William St. in Plymouth. OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third-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.



# Ignition clinch MISL playoff berth



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, registered his 100th point of the season during Friday night's victory over California.

The Detroit Ignition defeated the California Cougars, 17-8, before a sell-out crowd at Compuware Sports Arena Friday night to secure a Major Indoor Soccer League playoff berth in their first year of existence.

The Ignition improved to 17-10 while the Cougars slipped to 6-22.

The game-winning two-point goal was registered by league-leading scorer Jamar Beasley at the 6:22 mark of the third quarter. Beasley led all Ignition scorers with six points, including his 100th of the season.

Hewerton ignited the scoring with a goal to hand the Ignition the early 2-0 advantage at 2:17 of the opening frame. Detroit defender Jonathan Greenfield registered the club's second shorthanded goal of the season, a two-pointer off a pass from Droo Callahan, to extend the advantage to 4-0 just over five minutes later.

Greenfield close the first-quarter scoring with his second goal of the night five minutes before the break.

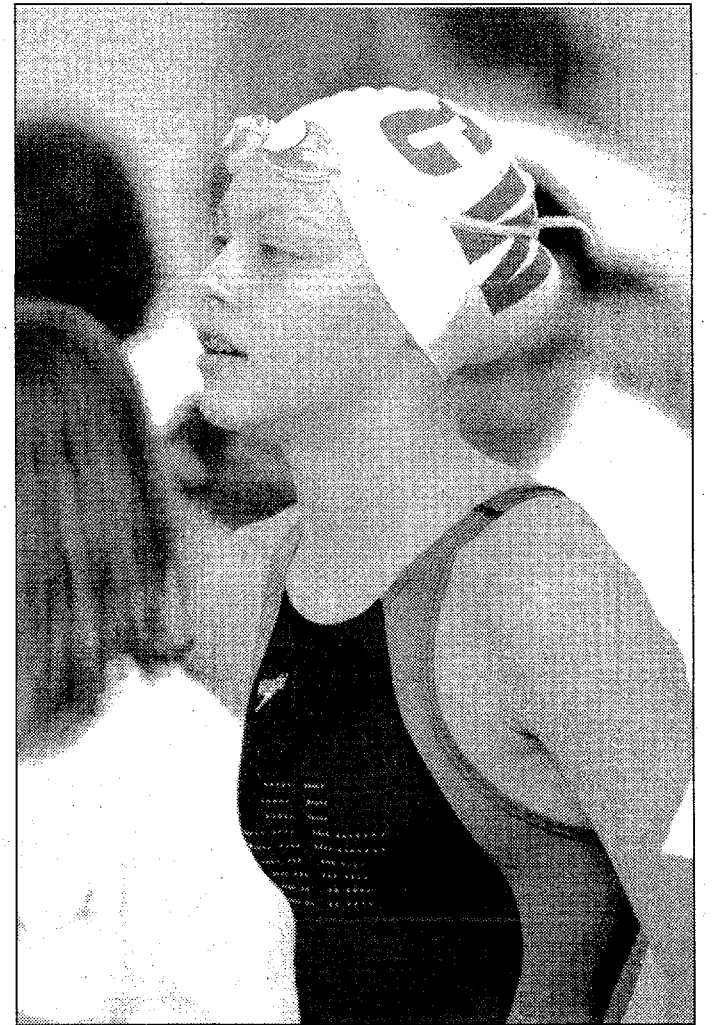
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The second frame began with a two-point goal from Ricardinho at 4:44, extending the Ignition advantage to 8-0. California midfielder Brian Farber put the Cougars on the board for the first time at 10:05 to make it 8-2. Cougars midfielder Craig Scheer brought the Ignition's lead down to 8-4 with a two-point goal at 11:12 at the end of the second quarter.

The third quarter began with a two-point goal just 59 seconds in by Farber, his second of the game, as the Ignition was cut to 8-6. Beasley then recorded a power-play net-finder for the Ignition at 6:22 to pad his team's edge to 10-6.

Carlos Farias's 16th goal of the season, a two-pointer past Cougars net-minder Bayard Elfvin, made it 12-6.

Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman (4-1) earned the victory between the pipes for the Ignition.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Lauren Seroka prepares to race during a meet earlier this year. The seventh-grader is a straight-A student at West Middle School.

## GREENFIELD

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2006-07 stretch run. His hustling, all-out style of play has also made him a fan favorite among the first-year franchise's growing legion of enthusiasts.

He's also chipped in with a few timely goals, including a pair in Friday night's playoff-clinching 17-8 victory over California.

"In the beginning, it was hard here because everybody needed time to adjust to the new team, a new coach," he said. "But everything has worked out great and we actually have a chance to win a championship in our first year."

"Playing in Plymouth has

been unbelievable. The arena only holds about 4,000 people, but it's great because the fans are right on top of you.

In Milwaukee, we played in an arena that held 9,000 to 10,000 people, so if you had two or three thousand people at a game, it felt empty."

### LONG WAY FROM HOME

The 25-year-old Greenfield was born and raised in soccer-rich Capetown, South Africa, where he resided until he moved to the United States in 2004 to follow his pro soccer dream.

"In South Africa, soccer is everything," he said. "It's like football and basketball are here."

"When I came over here, I had never played indoor soccer, so I found it kind of

bizarre at first. But it's addictive after a while and I really started to like it. It's a lot like hockey — fast-paced and high-scoring."

Living half a world away from his homeland hasn't always been easy, Greenfield admitted.

"Obviously, I miss seeing my family," he said. "I haven't been home in three years, so that's been hard. It's a 27-hour flight (to Capetown), so it's difficult to just go home for a little while. I've promised myself that I'm going home for a couple of weeks after this season is over no matter what."

### NO REST FOR THE WEARY

Greenfield won't be taking it easy once the indoor season concludes next month. He'll

take a few weeks off before competing for the Vancouver Whitecaps in a professional outdoor league.

"That's soccer — you do what you have to do," he said of his indoor/outdoor career. "Indoor soccer is probably more grueling on the body because the surface we play on is so hard. But it's easier in a way because we only play 45-second shifts and then we rotate out. When I play outdoor, I'm playing 90 straight minutes on a lot bigger field."

"Playing indoor and outdoor definitely takes a toll on my body. I just have to make sure I look after myself, eat right and get a lot of rest. It's all part of being a professional."

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## SEROKA

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what we were aiming for," said Josh Morgan, Seroka's Club Wolverine coach. "We certainly knew she had the capability of winning all those events. Lauren did a great job of managing herself throughout the week-end."

"Lauren has great physical abilities. She's a natural in the water and she works hard in practice. She doesn't stop working on something until she perfects it. In fact, she probably works as hard or harder than a lot of the high school swimmers we have."

The week after her performance in Jenison, Seroka excelled in a 15-and-under competition, where she placed second in the mile event. The West Middle School seventh-grader is ranked in the top 10 nationally in three races — the mile, 1,000-meters and 400 IM — events that aren't even offered in her age-group tournaments.

"In the eight years I've been coaching with Club Wolverine, we've only had a handful of swimmers her age who were ranked in the top 10 nationally," Morgan

said. "The sky's the limit for her as far as swimming in college and at the international or Olympic level."

Seroka displayed flashes of brilliance at the age of 7 when she started swimming competitively at the Colony Swim Club.

"I remember when she first started taking swim lessons when she was 7 and the kids had to show that they could swim the width of the pool before they could use the diving board or slide," said Lisa Seroka, Lauren's mom. "She jumped in there and did it right away. Not long after that, she was placing and earning points in races for the Colony team."

By the time she was 8, Seroka was breaking records for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers — the team for which she competed before switching to Club Wolverine last fall.

Seroka works out two hours a day five or six days a week.

"My goal is to eventually swim for a D1 college and then — like every young swimmer — I'd like to someday qualify for the Olympic team."

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

#### SECOND AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO: C-07-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C-99-02 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART I, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE C-99-02.**  
Section 9.010 Definitions, of Chapter 9, Part I, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 9

#### PART I ADMINISTRATION

#### COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### SECTION 9.010: DEFINITIONS

**Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their deviations shall have the meanings given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words using in the singular number include the plural, and words used in the plural include the singular. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

**A. Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material.** The release, spillage, or leakage from its container of any material or substance that has been identified by the Charter Township of Plymouth, State or Federal laws or regulations to be dangerous or hazardous, including, but not limited to, chemicals, and gases, poisons, etiologic (biologic) agents, flammables and corrosives, or obnoxious by reason of odor, when the party that caused or controlled the release, spillage or leakage fails to immediately remove the dangerous or hazardous substance or material and fully restore the area of the release, spillage or leakage to its condition before the release, spillage, or leakage.

**B. Utility Line Failure.** The failure of disabling of operation of a cable, conduit, wire, pipeline or other transmission device, used to transport electricity, natural gas, petroleum products, water or sanitary or storm sewage, when the party responsible for maintaining the cable, conduit, wire, pipeline or other transmission device fails to undertake repair of the failure or disabling within a reasonable time, not to exceed one hour for the time a Township representative or employee notifies the party responsible for repairing the failure or disabling, or when the party responsible fails to complete repair of the failure or disabling within a reasonable time. This section shall not apply to communication transmission devices or facilities.

**C. Illegal Fire.** A fire set or determined to have been set in violation of a Federal, State or local law and shall include and arson fire and a fire set in violation of a "no burning" ban or order, but does not include a fire caused by an act of God.

**D. False Alarm.** Any device designed to request or summon emergency assistance, which device is activated intentionally or otherwise, in the absence of an actual need for emergency assistance. The determination that there was no actual need for emergency assistance shall be made by the most senior person responding to a false alarm. A false alarm shall not be deemed to have occurred if caused by an act of God or originated from a motor vehicle alarm system.

**E. Bomb Threat.** The verbal or written threat of a bomb or other

explosive device which, if discharged as threatened, would violate a Federal, State or local law.

**F. Threat or harm to Oneself or Others.** The verbal or written threat of physical harm to oneself or another or another's property, which if carried out would be a violation of Federal, State or local law.

**G. Structure Demolition.** The tearing down of a structure damaged by fire which must, in the opinion of the Building Official or his/her designee, be promptly demolished following the fire to protect public safety.

**H. Emergency Response.** The providing, sending and/or utilizing public service, police, fire fighting, ambulance, or inhalator services by the Charter Township of Plymouth to protect the health, safety, or welfare of persons or property located in the Township, including, but not limited to, the release of dangerous or hazardous substances or materials, utility line failure, false alarm, illegal fire, bomb threat, threat of harm to oneself or others, structure demolition, extrication, standby suppression, medical assistance, and similar services.

**I. Expenses of an Emergency Response.** The reasonable costs incurred by the Charter Township of Plymouth in making an emergency response. Such reasonable costs shall include the salary or wages, including overtime pay, of police department, fire department, and emergency medical service personnel for time spent responding to, managing, correcting, treating, and clean-up of an emergency response and all persons or property affected thereby. Such costs shall also include the cost of equipment and supplies lost or expended by the police department or fire department in responding to the emergency.

**J. Extrication.** The response to, and removal of individuals from vehicles and/or structures requiring the assistance of emergency response personnel and/or equipment.

**K. Standby Suppression.** The response to circumstances involving or expected to involve fire suppression, whether fire suppression activity occurs or not.

**L. Medical Assistance.** Providing medical assistance, equipment and personal to the elderly, the infirm, the handicapped, or any individual requiring medical assistance, transportation or support.

#### SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

#### SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2007, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2007  
Adopted: March 13, 2007  
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## Late error dooms MU

After more than a week of inactivity due to rainy, snowy March weather, Madonna University finally returned to action Friday in Kentucky, losing 6-5 to host Spalding University.

The Crusaders trailed 5-4 until shortstop Kyle Fedorka doubled in the tying run in the top of the ninth. But Fedorka's error in the bottom half of the frame enabled the Golden Eagles to come away with the victory.

Taking the loss for MU (8-6) was senior right-hander Mike Hand, who came on for Regits to open the eighth.

After playing Saturday and Sunday games against Spalding, Madonna will — weather permitting — open the home portion of its schedule 2 p.m. Tuesday against Rochester (Mich.) at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Madonna already has had two home doubleheaders cancelled — March 17 against Malone and March 20 against Indiana Wesleyan.



**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007  
7:00 PM  
(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

RZ 07-01 Proposed Rezoning  
445 W. Ann Arbor Trail  
Currently Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential  
Proposed Zoning: B-3, General Business  
Applicant: Carol Hathaway

#### SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 07-02 Sweet Dreams, Pastry & Coffee House  
614 S. Main  
Zoned: B-1, Local Business  
Applicant: John Janviriya

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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# Warriors aim to make final season a special one

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team hopes to go out with a bang in its final season of unification.

After the last stick is raised later this spring, the Warriors will be split into three squads, one for each of the schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Mike Costello, who has served as the program's head coach since its inception six years ago, has mixed emotions about the break-up.

"It will be bittersweet," admitted Costello, who will coach one of the three teams next season. "It will be great to see the teams branch out because more kids will be able to play the sport. But I like the unified aspect, too, because it's neat to see kids from all three schools pull together like they have the past six years with no politics involved.

"We haven't talked a lot about this being our last year together, but I'm sure we will more as the season goes on. I'm sure everyone — especially the seniors — will want to leave a lasting legacy."

The Warriors enjoyed a superb season in 2006 when they racked up a 13-5 record and were ranked as high as 25th in the state's power rankings. Although they lost several key players to graduation — including All-Staters Chris Sorensen, Johnny Groat and Mitch French — optimism prevails thanks in part to a strong turnout at the first practice two weeks ago.

"We had 74 boys come out for the team this year, which is the most we've ever had," said Costello. "I like what I've seen in practices so far and we have some good players back from last year.

"Our biggest problem may be our depth. Our top 10 players can handle their own, but our second and third teams aren't quite where I want them to be yet, but that's the same as it is with a lot of teams out there. The thing that separates the elite teams like the Brother Rices from the rest is that their third- and fourth-team players



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior Jared Ruark is one of the top returning players for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team, which is playing its final season as a unified squad.

are as experienced and talented as our first-team players."

A quartet of seniors — attackmen Nick Cote (Plymouth), Jared Ruark (Plymouth) and Devin Murphy

(Canton); and defenseman Brian Walsh (Salem) — will lead the Warriors into competition this season.

"Nick has the potential for greatness this season," said

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Costello. "He's a hockey player and he brings a lot of the fire and passion from that sport into lacrosse. He's not afraid to speak his mind if he feels guys aren't putting forth their best effort.

"Jared is a special player and he'll be playing for Division III Kenyon (Ohio) next year in college. Jared has started since he was a freshman for us. His skills are phenomenal.

"Devin works hard and he's in great shape. He leads by example. Brian will be one of our first defensemen off the bench."

Filling the large shoes of Sorensen this year will be junior goalie Justin Scott, who has impressed Costello with his skill level so far in practices.

"Justin has been working throughout the off-season with our goal-tending coach, Kevin

Riley, and he's really developed great foot speed along with the skills it takes to be a top-notch goalie. He's a very hard-working player."

The Warriors' mid-field will be manned by a trio of sophomores — Connor Martin (Plymouth), Norm Freda (Plymouth) and Mark Barath (Canton) — along with junior Scott Wisniewski. Barath and Wisniewski were battling for the third starting slot as of Thursday night.

"We brought Connor up from the JV team last year for the playoffs and he more than held his own," said Costello. He's a tremendous athlete. Norm is a soccer player who has good quickness."

PCS's starting defense will consist of senior Alex Avramoski (Salem); along with juniors Mac Ganzak and Sam Kokoszka, both Canton students.

"Mac has really developed his game the past three weeks,"

said Costello. "He's a big kid, with great footwork, and he's tough. Sam is a lot like Mac. They've both come along way after picking up the game last year."

Key reserves for Costello will include Patrick Downey (Plymouth), Alex Loiselle (Canton) and John Olevnik (Plymouth).

The Warriors will open their 2007 campaign Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Andover. Their home opener is Tuesday, April 3, when they host Ypsilanti at the P-CEP junior varsity stadium located just south of Plymouth High School.

"Like always, we have a tough schedule," said Costello. "Everybody on our coaching staff enjoys a challenge and our schedule reflects that. We're not afraid to play anyone. The only way you get good is to play good teams."

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Twins Kristie (left) and Keely Kowalski recently earned post-season honors following their stellar play for the state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team this past season.

# Madonna softball team wins 5th in row in sweep

The Madonna University softball team picked up its fifth consecutive victory after earning a doubleheader sweep over Spring Arbor Tuesday afternoon.

After taking a 4-1 victory in the opener, MU (13-6) defeated Spring Arbor 11-3 in a five-inning nightcap.

Shannon Noder picked up the win in game one after tossing a complete game, while scattering four hits and allowing just one run, a solo homer in the second inning.

Livonia Ladywood product Stephanie Day, Heather Richardson (Canton) and Caitlin Sidor (Churchill) each had two hits each against Spring Arbor (3-13).

Sidor and Richardson each recorded a double and Sidor led the Crusaders with two RBIs.

In game two, Liz Ballinger picked up her seventh win of the season after allowing five hits and three runs in a complete game effort. Richardson again led the Crusaders at the plate with a 3-for-4 performance with a double, a home run and four RBIs.

Day, Sidor, Tedi Johnston and Hannah Godfrey all racked up two hits to help the MU offensive attack.

Freshman infielder Britney Scero (Canton) continued her assault on opposing pitchers by recording a hit in each game to stretch her hitting streak to 18 games.

## Crusaders sweep Urbana

Madonna wrapped up a three-day tour of

Ohio with a doubleheader sweep Sunday at Urbana, winning 8-3 and 8-6, the latter in nine innings.

In the opening game, the Crusaders pushed across four runs in the first two innings to claim a 4-2 lead.

Madonna added their fifth run in the fourth inning after Sidor scored on an error with Scero at the plate.

Sidor started MU's rally in the sixth inning with a single and later scored on an RBI single by Christina Finch. Scero and sophomore outfielder Hannah Godfrey also scored in the sixth inning to increase the lead to 8-3.

Senior lefthander Shannon Noder earned the win after tossing a complete game and striking out six batters.

Noder (5-4) also picked up the win in game two after pitching four innings in relief of Ballinger - who lasted four-and-one-third innings and allowed four runs, all of which were unearned.

The Crusaders scored five runs in the fourth inning to take a 5-4 lead, capped off by Sidor's first collegiate homer, but the Blue Knights (7-7) plated a run in the fifth inning off Ballinger to tie the game 5-5.

After heading into extra innings, neither team could muster much offense until the ninth inning when MU busted through with three runs.

Freshman Samantha Bell, Godfrey and junior Heather Richardson (Canton) all scored to put the Crusaders ahead for good.

## METRO GIRLS HOCKEY

### MICHIGAN METRO GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE - ALL-STATE TEAMS

**First-team:** Katie Zeminick, Grosse Pointe North; Katie Zimmerman, Plymouth-Canton-Salem; Laura Szwed, Livonia Ladywood (Miss Hockey); Keely Kowalski, Plymouth-Canton-Salem; Brittney Holtz, Ladywood; Clarice Grantham, Ann Arbor.

**Second-team:** Audrey Stapleton, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood; Ariel Magidson, Kingswood; Elizabeth Palmer, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; Angie Chronis, Ann Arbor; Erica Schilkey, Harper Woods Regina; Catherin LaGrasso, Kingswood.

**ALL-LEAGUE**

**Goalie:** Kristie Kowalski, P-C-S.

**Defense:** Jacq Roberg, Mercy-Marian; Alex Sturgeon, Ann Arbor; Lauren Krajewski, Walled Lake; Shauna Siebert, P-C-S; Carolyn Gard, Kingswood; Erin Hietala, Northville;

Monique Squires, Liggett.

**Forwards:** Maura Gregory, Mercy-Marian; J.J. Chronis, Ann Arbor; Joann Meserve, Regina; Marissa LaValley, Grosse Pointe North; Shami Enteman, Grosse Pointe South; Amanda Marsh, Grosse Pointe South; Molly Baker, Walled Lake; Lindsey Szutka, Walled Lake; Nikki Songer, P-C-S; Adrienne Cercone, P-C-S; Krysten Ruzio, Northville; Penella Semma, Ladywood.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**Goalie:** Meghan Smerecki, Regina; Tori Bogan, G.P. North; Lauren Hutchinson, Walled Lake.

**Defense:** Carly Mocny, Regina; Lauren Walsh, G.P. North; Pilar Ming, Kingswood; Melissa Koztowny, Northville; Angie Iafano, Ladywood.

**Forwards:** Rachel Vogel, Ann Arbor; Anneleise Heeringa, Ann Arbor; Lexie McGillis, Regina; Caitlin Lariscy, Regina;

Alexa Quinlan, G.P. North; Lisa Fishbeck, Northville; Danielle Hirka, Northville; Heather Sartorius, Ladywood.

**ALL-ACADEMIC (by Hockey Weekly)**

**Liggett:** Elizabeth Palmer (4.5 grade-point average); Monique Squires (4.13); **G.P. South:** Shami Enteman (4.3); Elizabeth McCaughey (3.56); Amy Hathaway (3.55); **Regina:** Tara LaMilza (4.13); Lexie McGillis (3.94); Jenna Moore (3.85); Brandy Gartley (3.81); Diana Langlois (3.68); Joann Meserve (3.64); Liz LaRiviere (3.63); Morgan Copp (3.6); **Kingswood:** Kelsey Goin (3.96); Ariana Shane (3.55); Elizabeth Belen (3.5); **G.P. North:** Katie Zeminick (3.94); **Ladywood:** Rachel Killian (3.8); Brittney Holtz (3.57); Angie Iafano (3.56); **Plymouth-Canton-Salem:** Kristin Callahan (3.78); **Ann Arbor:** Anneleise Heeringa (3.5).

## UNDERWOOD

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more confident and I started taking more chances — maybe more than I should have at times.

"On my goal, we were up 5-3 in London and there were about 20 seconds left in the game. Our point guy passed me the puck and I shot it high glove side in the slot. I didn't see it go in because there were a lot of people in front of the net, but when I saw the red light go on, it was pretty exciting. There was a sellout crowd — probably about 9,000 people — and my parents were there, too, so that made it nice."

### NOT QUITE THE 'PARK'

Underwood is a junior at Our Lady of Lourdes in Guelph, an 800-student Catholic school that hardly compares to the 6,000-student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park complex that he called home his first two years of high school.

"Size-wise, it's more like a middle school in Canton," said Underwood. "It's a lot smaller than the 'Park,' but it has a nice atmosphere because everybody knows everybody."

"The Storm players don't get any special attention. We take the same classes and wear the same uniforms as everybody else. The only difference is we have our personal counselor."

The different atmosphere hasn't affected Underwood's stellar academic performance. He compiled the team's highest grade-point average during his first semester at Lourdes.



WALT DMOCH

Canton native Joe Underwood, a rookie defenseman for the Guelph Storm, had tallied one goal, three assists and 18 penalty minutes heading into Saturday night's OHL playoff game against Plymouth.

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## Strength training, weight loss, and water, water, water

Keeping your weight in perspective will help you develop practical, achievable goals.

Think about how long it took to gain excess weight. It probably took months or even years. Therefore, it's unrealistic to expect to lose all your excess weight in a few weeks.

For example, if you have 50 pounds to lose, a goal of six months to one year is reasonable. Expecting to lose 50 pounds in three months or less is neither practical nor healthy.

Also, try to keep things in perspective in terms of how much progress you've already made. If your goal is to lose 50 pounds, hitting a plateau around a 25-pound loss is frustrating. However, looking at things from a different perspective can keep you motivated to hang in there.

Find something that weighs about the same amount as the pounds you've lost. A favorite of mine is bowling balls, but you can also use five-pound bags of potatoes, one-pound bags of sugar or free weights.

Pick up enough items to equal the amount of weight you lost. Think about how heavy it is to carry this weight around. Then think about how you used to carry this weight around on your body. This will help you realize how much you've already achieved. It'll also help you feel how much weight you still want to lose so you can imagine how much better you'll feel when you reach your goal.

Among successful dieters polled by *Consumer Reports* magazine, physical exercise is the most important aspect. Counseling and guidance come in a distant, but important, second. As you age, you may find your metabolism slows down. This is a result of muscle loss, as we lose muscle and increase body fat with age.

For example, an average 25-year-old woman has 25 percent body fat, which is a healthy percentage. An average 65-year-old woman has 43 percent body fat, which is considered obese. A healthy body fat percent for women over 60 is equal to or less than 31 percent.

You can prevent muscle loss and increase in body fat with strength training exercises. Strength training two to three times a week can help you burn more calories and fat, even while you are at rest.

In addition to helping with weight control, strength training can help improve cholesterol levels, prevent diabetes, prevent high blood pressure, relieve arthritic symptoms, prevent osteoporosis and reduce the risk of cancer. If you decide to begin a strength training routine, consult your physician prior to starting. It is also best to consult a personal trainer to develop a safe, effective program for you.

Any personal trainer will also impart to you the importance of getting in enough water every day. He may not tell you, however, how water affects your weight on the scale. Your body retains water if you don't drink enough to keep yourself hydrated. This, of course, will make the scale go up.

However, water has a more significant impact on your weight loss than just influencing what you see on a scale. Water is the body's most essential nutrient. It impacts so many of the body's metabolic processes, including burning fat. An increase in water intake can actually help reduce the body's fat stores.

As little as a 2 percent water loss slows down your metabolic rate, resulting in lower energy levels.

Not enough water also particularly affects fat metabolism. Fat is metabolized in the liver for energy. But when the body doesn't get enough water, the kidneys cannot function properly. When the kidneys can't work well, the liver takes on some of its work. This causes the liver to work less metabolizing fat. Of course, this results in more fat remaining in the body, and fewer pounds lost.

Drink a minimum of 64 ounces of water daily, plus an additional eight ounces for every 25 pounds you want to lose. You should also drink more if you are active and live in warmer climates. When you're meeting your body's water needs, you will experience a decrease in appetite, improvement in energy levels, and better weight loss.

Linda Aubuchon is owner of Diet Center of Canton, a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. E-mail comments or questions to Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call her at (734) 414-9200.



Linda Aubuchon

# Derby Girls



Roxie Hurt, also known as Dawn Deonellas, of Novi, is ready to rumble.



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Cold Fusion (left) aka Emelia Emerson of Redford, mixes it up with Sass Knuckles aka Genevieve Harrison of Roseville.

## All-woman league mixes strategy, speed and agile skating on the roller rink

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

Roller derby is a physically demanding, rough and tumble sport of strategy, speed and strength.

And according to Lesley Krul of Beverly Hills, it's also a bit like driving a car with stick shift.

**'Every position multitasks and on top of that, you've got to be steady on your skates. You have to be able to skate'**

Lesley Krul  
Beverly Hills

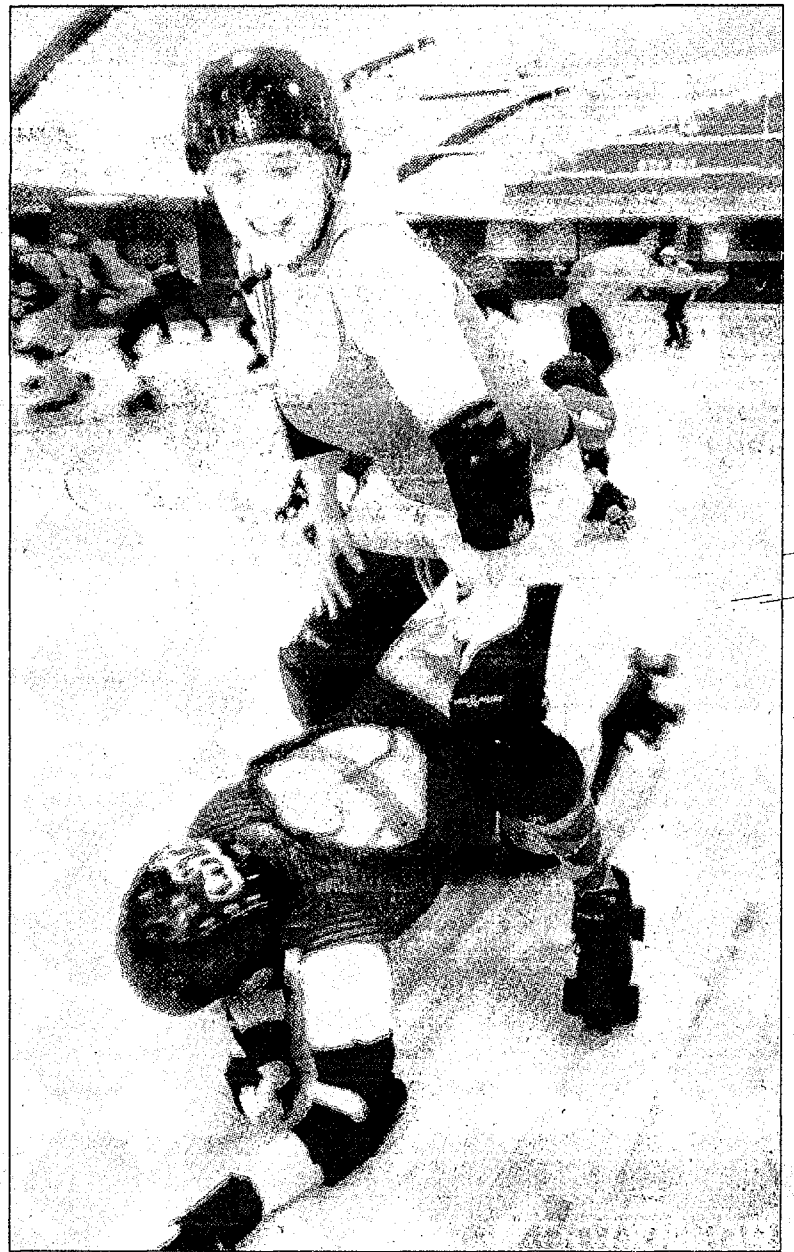
"It's overwhelming at first, but after a while it becomes second nature. You've got to pay attention to so many things. You're playing offense and defense at the same time," said Krul, 32, a single mom and high school science teacher in Southfield schools. "Every position multitasks and on top of that, you've got to be steady on your skates. You have to be able to skate."

Most of the original members who founded Detroit Derby Girls (DDG) league two years ago didn't even roller-skate, let alone knew anything about falling correctly or scrimmaging on wheels.

Krul, known as "Ima Wrecker" when she skates with her DDG team, the D-Funk Allstars, at Masonic Temple in Detroit, had roller-skated as a hobby, but hadn't competed before she and others formed the league.

When Emelia Emerson, 34, of Redford joined nearly two years ago, she was more familiar with dance skating, being "in synch" with a partner and looking graceful on the hardwood floor.

PLEASE SEE DERBY, C3



Barberica (Erika Propst of Commerce Township) plays team freeze tag during a practice.



The Canton High School Destination Imagination team, (standing, from left) Kyle Burdette, Alex Magee, Andrea Burdette and Hannah Bartlett, pose with the Destination Imagination teams from Plymouth-Canton who qualified to move on to the state finals.

## Teams try to 'Imagine' a shot at Global Finals

The Plymouth-Canton school district will be well-represented when the state finals of the Destination Imagination competition take place in Mt. Pleasant next month.

Five teams — the Canton High School team, three teams from Workman Elementary School and one from Smith Elementary School — will be among the teams vying for a shot at the Global Finals at the University of Tennessee.

Destination Imagination is a competition that urges teams to solve long-term challenges and complete "instant" challenges using creativity, teamwork and

problem-solving skills. The Plymouth-Canton district has had teams qualify for the state finals nine straight years.

The Canton team earned first-place honors for conquering the "Round About Courage" problem by presenting a theatrical performance of a team-created heroic adventure where the hero had to overcome a personal challenge.

The team presented its performance in a "theater-in-the-round" style integrating technical set pieces into the presentation.

Smith Elementary's team earned third-

PLEASE SEE IMAGINATION, C2



**IMAGINATION**

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place honors in "Switching TraDitions!" during which their challenge was to create an original six-minute improvisational skit during a 30-minute time period at the tournament. The team — fourth-graders Joslyn Longe, Justine Berry and Marianna Lazich and fifth-graders Rachel O'Neill, Audrey Reding, Jack Chaney and Joshua Dunn — researched six different team-selected nations and randomly choose three to integrate

into their skit. Workman Elementary had three teams qualify for the state finals, including its "CSI-DI" team, which earned first-place honors after developing and presenting an original story about the investigation of a case, the supporting evidence and a case resolution. The team — Madhurima Das, Nitin Ram, Brandon Cheung, Annika Nuler, Sowmya Vhasure, Tiberiu Vileu and Krishna Vermulapalli — also had to design and build a gadget that used one or more properties of

color, shadow and/or light. Workman's "Cardiology" teams earned third- and fourth-place honors. Their task was to design, build and test a structure made completely of playing cards. The team created an architectural drawing of the structure and made a creative story of how the cards impacted the characters in the story. Third-place team members included Chithrini Sivashankar, Sharanya Jayachandran, Nora Ackasu, Varun Krishnamoorthy, Kevin Shi, Nikhil Tase and Zain Ahmed. Fourth-place team members included Ananya Vasudevan, Aditya Bhatt, Jil Shah, Grace Martin, Sagar Rafai and Varun Krishnamoorthy.

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  5. "The Trouble with Tilly Trumble," Lynn Manuel

**Michigan State**

Lauren Stemberger was commended for academic achievement at Michigan State University for Fall Semester. Lauren made the dean's list for maintaining a 3.6 grade point average. Stemberger, a freshman majoring in Communications and Broadcast Journalism, is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School. She is the daughter of Brian and Karen Stemberger of Plymouth.

**Madonna Dean's List**

Named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University in Livonia were the following Canton residents:

- Stacey Alcorn; Sandra Balewski; Jo Ellen Baringer; Ruth Beckman; Scott Benner; Kristina Birch; Nadine Bonnet; Sherry Browning; Marianne Carter; Nicole Chambo; Carrie Cluff; Sarah Cole; Suzanne Cox; Tamica Dean; Gina Dembinski; Andrea Dortch; Amanda Ellul; Kevin Entsminger; Shannon Ferguson; Robin Fraser; Tina Gelardi; Noah Goldberg; Ashley Gray; Lauren Green; Kimberly Guilfoyle; Jennifer Hebel; Janet Hedrick; Karen Henke; Amy Henry; Charles Henry; Joshua Hoover; Jennifer Jablonski; Andrea Johnson; Jonathan Johnson; Christine Keena; Adam Kerfoot; Young-Kyu Kim; Ashleigh Klimek; Christina LaDuke; Bridgette Lansu; Christopher Leach; Elizabeth Lulek; Scott Marinski; Lisa McBride; Deborah McCoy; Robert McCoy; Carl McDevitt; Sharon Melton; Fadi Nader; Britany Norris; Rebecca Odqvist; Brandon Oyer; Bethany Paul; Janice Payne; Kristin Phillips; Emilie Pickert; Rachel Pinsky-Cail; Ann Marie Plagens; Andria Quigley; Swati Rajpurohit; Nifiah Nurena Reid-Sanders; Nancy Richards; Heather Richardson; Janice Rodrique; Allison Roy; Seong-Hwan Shin; Lisa Sprinkle; Ashley Stoychoff; Elizabeth Taboko; Teresa Tallman; Christina Todaro; Sara Veneziano; Carolyn Verla; Alexandru Vlad; Charles Walker; Yvonne White; Charles Wolfe; Nicole Worthington; Melissa Wroblewski; Christi Yettaw; Kristen Yuschak.

In addition several Canton residents graduated from Madonna after the past term. They were:

- Keith Arnold, Nursing; Ruth Beckman, Nursing; Jennifer Jablonski, Psychology-Business Concentration; Christine Keena, Child Development; Christina LaDuke, Nursing; Cheri Opaski, Merchandising

**ON CAMPUS**

Management; Janice Payne, Psychology; Andria Quigley, Business Administration; Nifiah Nurena Reid-Sanders, Nursing; and Sara Veneziano, Nursing.

**Albion Dean's List**

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed. The students are:

■ Matthew Baciak is a sophomore with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

■ William Fitzsimmons is a sophomore majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. He is the son of Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr. and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

■ Kimberly Heaney is a freshman at Albion College. She is the daughter of Michael Heaney and Karen Heaney of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

■ Sarah Jose is a sophomore majoring in economics and management, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard Jose and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

■ Andrew Leinart is a junior majoring in philosophy and English. He is the son of Susan Freeman of South Lyon and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

■ Amy Lindman is a senior majoring in Spanish education and minoring in secondary physical education, and is completing the secondary education program. She is the daughter of Russell Lindman and Carol Lindman of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

■ Ashleigh Munch is a junior majoring in speech communication and minoring in psychology. She is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

**Phillips Academy honor roll**

Randy X. Li, who is the son of John Lie and Ana Shu of Canton, made the honor roll for the spring term at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.

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■ **Members:** About 60, with others in training.

■ **Ages:** Range is from 18 to 40-plus.

■ **Positions:** Jammers earn points for their team by passing members of the opposite team; blockers try to prevent the opponent's jammer from passing through the pack of skaters; and pivots are blockers - one from each team - who skate at the front of the pack, leading its speed.

■ **Essentials:** \$30 monthly dues; annual \$35 fee to USA Rollersports (for insurance); skates, helmet, elbow and knee pads, wrist guard, mouth guard, practice clothing and bout-uniform.

■ **Commitment:** Average 12-15 hours weekly with Monday/Wednesday practice at Riverside Arena in Livonia; volunteering and committee work for the non-profit organization; competing at scheduled times.

■ **In training:** Women who try out and are accepted into training can expect to spend about 12-14 weeks learning the ropes. They must pass a basic skills skating test before being allowed to scrimmage.

■ **Web sites:** www.detroitderbygirls.com for more information on the teams, trying out and volunteering for the DDG staff; www.wftda.com for more on the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association.

**DERBY**

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Dexterity, speed and good communication with teammates is more important to her now as a derby skater.

"I'm a blocker," said Emerson, who's married and has a 13-year-old daughter. "I like being a blocker. You need to be really comfortable with knowing what's going on behind you, because the action is always coming up behind you. You need to be able to move at the last minute. And you have to be able to be good at taking hits and giving hits."

Emerson skates with the DDG team, The Pistol Whippers, under the name "Cold Fusion." The moniker is a tip of the hat to her career as a science teacher and grad student working toward a masters degree in multidisciplinary science at Wayne State University.

If she and other skaters make the game look easy, it's because they spend "a lot of time practicing" and learning how to fall in order to minimize injuries.

"It took us seven or eight months before we even started scrimmaging," recalled Jody O'Neill of Ypsilanti, aka "Crash Baby," and one of the League's founders. "There were 10 or 11 leagues in existence around the country and we e-mailed them and they started giving us advice on how to get started."

"We had no money. Practice space was expensive and we had a hard time getting it."

**LEAGUE RESURGENCE**

The group has come a long way in two years. Now into its second competitive season, DDG consists of four teams that challenge each other from late February through July at Masonic Temple in downtown Detroit and a travel team that goes head to head with other members of the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association throughout the country. Two coaches run the women through demanding skill exercises, endurance skates and practice scrimmages every Monday and Wednesday night at Riverside Arena in Livonia. Referees make sure the games are played according to the rules and volunteers - includ-



Team practice builds roller derby skills.

**DERBY MATCHES**

**Who's skating:**  
 April 21 - D-Funk Allstars vs Detroit Pistoffs  
 May 12 - The Pistolwhippers vs Devil's Night Dames  
 June 2 - Detroit Pistoffs vs Devil's Night Dames  
 June 23 - The Pistolwhippers vs D-Funk Allstars  
 July 21 - DDG 2007 Championship Bout  
**When:** Bouts start at 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Masonic Temple, 500 Temple in downtown Detroit  
**Cost:** \$15, children under age 12 free  
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ing the skaters - staff everything from penalty box timekeepers to publicity to merchandise sales.

DDG is part of a new wave of all-women roller derby leagues that have steadily grown in membership and fans over the past few years. Most teams compete on flat tracks, unlike their coed predecessors who skated on banked floors in the 1950s and 60s. Many leagues are grass roots and non-profit. Broken bones, bruises and the occasional fight are real, as opposed to staged confrontations of roller derby in the early 1970s.

"We are a sport and all of us treat it as a sport," said Donna Malchie of Farmington, aka "Vicious Vixen," a member of DDG's D-Funk Allstars team. "We practice and train hard for



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 Vicious Vixen aka Donna Malchie, of Farmington Hills, laces her skates for the practice.

our bouts. The outcome is never fixed. Everything is very real. But anger and grudges stay "on the track."

Members say the atmosphere is friendly, even though teams compete against each other. Heidi Hillenbrand, 23, of Clawson, says being a Detroit Derby Girl skater "is like having 60 sisters."

"It's like a sisterhood. They accept you in and it's really fun," said Hillenbrand, who graduated from Rochester Adams High School in 2001. Hillenbrand works as a web designer in Southfield and skates under the name, "Addy Mantium" for Devil's Night Dames.

**NAMES WITH ATTITUDE**

Skaters register their names with the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association and must get permission before using a name that's similar to one already in use. Laura Hinojosa, a Ferndale resident who grew up in Livonia, calls herself "Vega Vendetta" when

she skates with the D-Funk Allstars and the DDG Travel Team.

"I love sports," said Hinojosa, who works as an art director at an agency in Bloomfield Hills. "I was in softball before I joined derby. Derby took over because softball became boring."

Hinojosa, who joined the league in April 2005, likes the speed and excitement of roller derby. As a jammer, she weaves in and around the pack of skaters, trying to score points for her team while dodging the opponent's blockers. She's a moving target on the track.

"All the girls are my friends. I love the exercise," she noted. "The outfits are great - part fashion and part sport."

Most teams wear short skirts with shorts underneath, short sleeve shirts or tank tops, fishnets or socks.

O'Neill said an attendance policy and dues requirement tend to screen out potential members who "are most likely to get hurt because they're here just to look cute."

The league requires all potential members to pass a basic skills skating test after 12-14 weeks of practice before they are allowed to scrimmage. Newcomers also learn how to fall correctly so they're less likely to break bones or bruise.

Members stress that joining Detroit Derby Girls requires a big commitment.

"If you're going to play on a team you have to come to practice. And you have to join a committee," Krul noted. "I like it because I like team sports. I've met a lot of great people. It's good exercise and it's fun."

"I think it's a positive thing for women to have their own team sport. We're strong women and we're a good role model for girls."

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
 AROUND TOWN

**Sciencepalooza**

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

**Southern gospel**

There will be a southern-gospel singing 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola Street, one block west of Inkster along Plymouth Road in Livonia. New Pastor Dan Strength welcomes a national group, the Journeymen. Call, (734) 425-6360.

**Great Lakes Doll Club**

The Great Lakes Doll Club's 18th-annual Grant A Wish Mini Convention, a benefit for the 32 Degrees Detroit Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children, takes place April 13-15 at the Livonia Marriott. The weekend event includes an exclusive Barbie doll, Friday night cocktail party and charity auction, Saturday luncheon with guest speaker Bill Greening from Mattel Collectibles, and a Sunday brunch. Tickets are \$180. The salesroom featuring fashion dolls is open to the public 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, April 14 and noon-2 p.m. Sunday, April 15. For more information, e-mail gawfund@aol.com

**Genealogical society**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets Thursday, May 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Speaker Cindy Gorstick, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will discuss "WWI and WWII Draft Registration Information." The meeting, which starts with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business portion at 7:30 p.m., will also serve as the group's annual meeting. The public is invited. Call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

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## Sweet! Fruit has healthy benefits in its own league

Allison from Lake Orion has been hearing about the benefits of pomegranate juice and e-mails for more information on its emerging popularity.

Allison, pomegranates are not as well-known as their fruity counterparts, but when it comes to healthy benefits they are in a league of their own! Studies now confirm that the juice reduces LDL, bad cholesterol, and that is just for starters. Just 8 ounces of pomegranate juice per day reduced high blood pressure by 5 percent in some test subjects. In fact, the juice mimicked the effects of some hypertension drugs.

### Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Like tea, pomegranate juice is packed with cancer-fighting antioxidants called polyphenols. It's also low in calories, about 140 in an eight ounce glass. One of the most widely marketed pomegranate juice products is called POM Wonderful. It has no added sugars and comes in a variety of flavors. It is not cheap, but well worth the price. Whole pomegranate fruit is also a delicious addition to your healthy diet strategy!

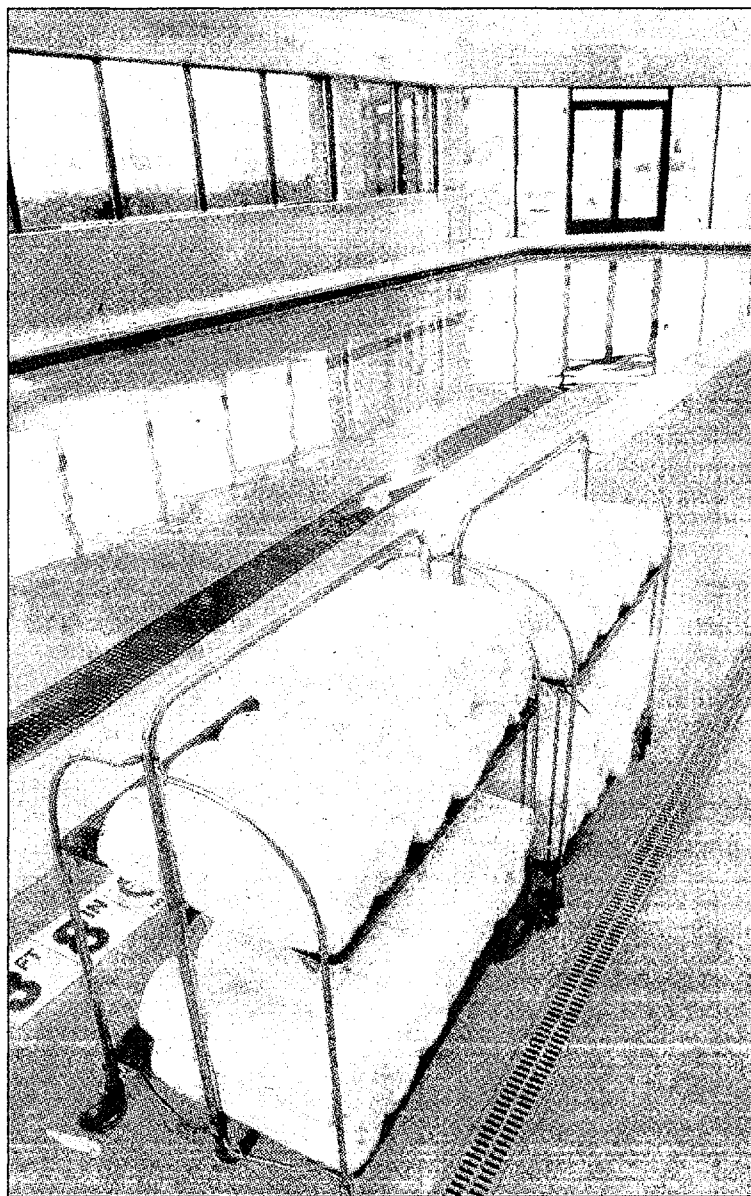
Randy from Port Huron is a longtime smoker who wants to know the life span for folks who manage to kick the habit in middle age.

Randy, I did the research and in this case it is never too late to get a nicotine-free new lease on life! Most studies now show that long-term smokers lose up to 10 years off their lives depending on how much they smoke and for how long. An interesting study out of Oxford University highlights the importance of quitting regardless of your age. The study followed 35,000 doctors over the course of 50 years. As I just mentioned, the long-term smokers died an average of 10 years sooner than their nonsmoking colleagues. But the study also shows that quitting can put years back onto your life expectancy. Quitting between the ages of 30 and 60 can add anywhere from three to 10 years back to expected life span.

Life expectancy has increased dramatically over the last century, but that trend does not hold true for folks who insist on making smoking a part of their lives!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## New breed of health club



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The facility contains an aquatics center with a lap pool where AquaFit aerobics is taught and a 92-degree therapy pool for low intensity exercise.

**'I appreciated the health assessment. It gave me a good indication of my upper and lower body strength, blood pressure. I work out on the treadmill, stepper machines and bikes. I have overall better health. It's comfortable and relaxing.'**

Todd Lipa



Fitness Specialist Cristina Noble checks Tom Cetnar's blood pressure. Cetnar is a Livonia resident.

## Botsford Hospital opens fitness center based on medical model

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Todd Lipa's in the prevention business so it makes sense that he should set an example when it comes to fitness. When the opportunity recently arose to bid on a six-month membership to the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Lipa was determined to win. He had put on a few pounds since playing football at Farmington High School.

Botsford Hospital's new medically based health club offers a proactive approach to fitness and wellness. Lipa hopes to be in shape by fall to launch a healthy kids program in conjunction with Botsford Hospital in Farmington. As director of youth and family services for Farmington/Farmington Hills Special Services, Lipa's worked for the last 11 years to help kids make better lifestyle choices.

"I run after school programs in five different buildings for 250 to 300 kids per day," said Lipa, 48. "I coach football at Power Middle School and noticed last fall it was a little more difficult."

### ASSESSING HEALTH

Lipa arrives at 6:30 a.m. three mornings a week to work out, alternating between cardiovascular and strength training equipment. Two evenings per week he spends time in the pool. The routine was prescribed especially for Lipa after a fitness assessment which included a health history. A second appointment orients members to the equipment. Afterward, certified health specialists and physiologists are available to answer questions during workouts.

"I appreciated the health assessment," said Lipa. "It gave

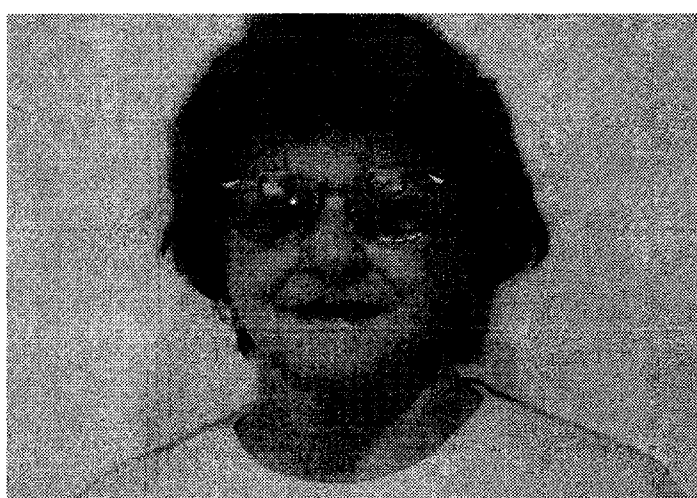
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## Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind Woman to See Again

**Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with low vision to enjoy daily activities like reading and driving.**

By Elena Lombardi

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. For most people, low vision means they cannot drive or do daily activities like reading a newspaper. With specialized treatment people with low vision can get back to doing the things they enjoy.



**Dr. Smith's Patient with Bioptic Telescopes for Driving.**

Michigan Optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other eye conditions. Just like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars, telescopic glasses make things look bigger, closer, and much easier to see.

**"Many of my patients consider me the last chance to help their vision," states Dr. Smith.**

Macular degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test.

The cause of macular degeneration is unknown. However, it has been shown that

UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition and aging are contributing factors. In addition, 15% to 20% of macular degeneration cases have been shown to be genetic.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "My job is to figure out anything and everything possible to help a person see at the best level possible."

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, Michigan was turning down music students because she could not see the music from the teacher's position. Dr. Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music. "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible. I can read music. It's wonderful to be able to see again. I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie.

There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Bioptic telescopes help some people continue driving, while special prismatic glasses can help for reading and other hobbies. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500.

"Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do. The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable."

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. To see if low vision care can help you or your loved one call Dr. Smith today at Suburban Low Vision.

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"I work out on the treadmill, stepper machines and bikes. I have overall better health. It's comfortable and relaxing."

Monica Pagels leads a tour through BCHI pointing out the more than 70 new pieces of equipment, aerobics center with floating floor to reduce joint strain, sauna, and aquatics center with a lap pool where AquaFit aerobics is taught and a 92-degree therapy pool for low intensity exercise.

The area previously housed Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) which has since moved to another building in the complex on Grand River, west of Haggerty in Novi.

After six months of renovation, BCHI's 30,000 square feet boast an indoor walking track and rooms for group exercise classes for yoga, tai chi, pilates, and spinning. Group exercise B room is bare except for the balls used in classes to strengthen the core.

A fitness class for seniors and others unable to participate in standing exercise also takes place here. Classes occur every day but Sunday.

Membership is less than \$60 a month and includes classes. A variety of services are offered at an extra cost including consultation with a registered dietitian, massage therapy, and assistance for those unable to exercise independently.

"There's no reason for them not to be successful. We keep them reaching their goals," said Pagels, manager of BCHI and an exercise physiologist.

"We talk to members daily about lifestyle changes and refer them to a registered dietitian for weight management and sports nutrition."

BCHI was a dream conceived more than 18 years ago, according to Jay Berry, director of the Botsford Wellness Complex which includes BCHI, TRACC, and the Botsford Center for Lifestyle Management for diabetes management.

## 'SAW A NEED'

"We saw a need with TRACC for people who would finish with rehabilitation and say now what," said Berry. "Hospital administrator Steve Faine was one of the administrators pushing for the center, saying wouldn't it be great if there was a wellness center, a preventative process."

"Over the years, the environment has changed. The medical community realizes it has to be preventive especially with rising health care costs. The question was how do you teach people to take care of themselves."

Deidra Jarmon knew she "needed to do something" when her physician prescribed medications for high blood pressure and cholesterol levels more than one year ago. On Jan. 6, she started coming to BCHI four to five times a week before heading to work at Blue Care Network in Southfield. In addition to walking on a treadmill, Jarmon takes classes including AquaFit and she's set up an appointment for nutrition counseling with a registered dietitian.

"I like the location, like the fact it was new and sparkling and clean," said Jarmon, 40, of Novi.

"I've lost weight, but I'm still on medication. My hope is to slowly wean myself off, but even if I don't I might be able to lower the doses."

Patricia Karimalis was recently diagnosed with diabetes. Her "internist told her she has to exercise." She has lost seven pounds since early March. She comes to the center four times a week.

"I've been in different exercise programs," said Patricia Karimalis, 60, of Novi. "When I came here I saw how beautiful it was, not restricted, you can do whatever you want."

"I like it so much. The people are nice and if I want my blood pressure taken they will."

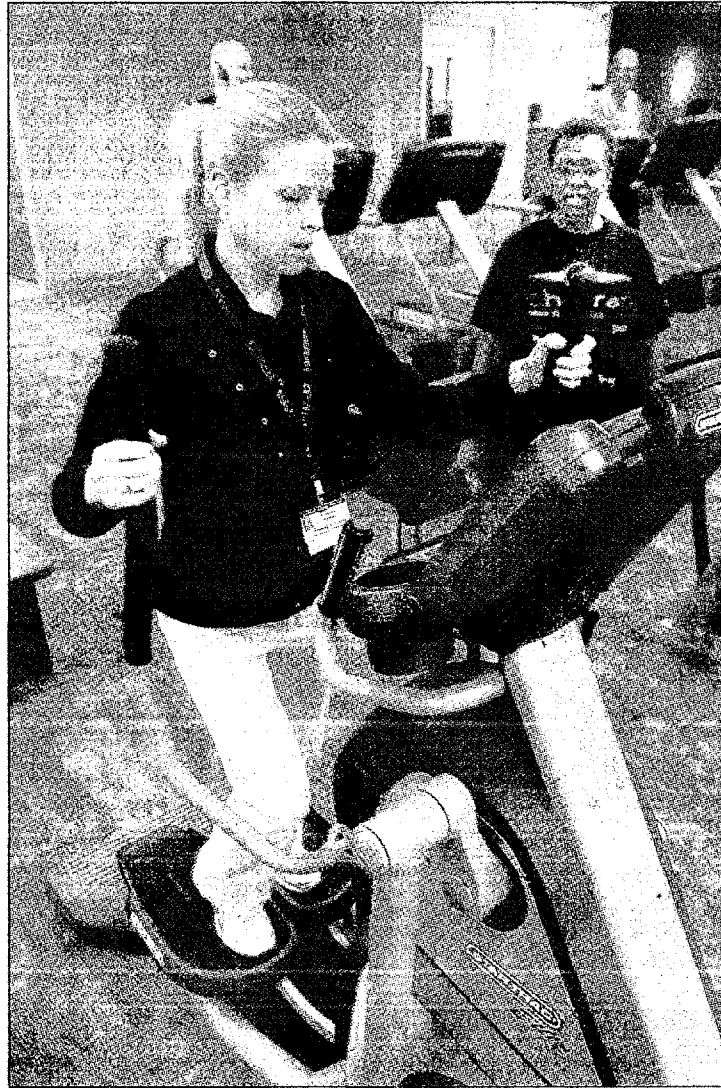
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The walking track.



Botsford Fitness Specialist Cristina Noble demonstrates the use of an elliptical trainer to client, Darnell Jefferson. Jefferson is a Southfield resident.

## Young cancer survivors sought for scholarships

The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation's Young Survivor Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications for the 2007-2008 school year. Applications are due 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 17.


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A limited number of tuition scholarships are available for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year. To qualify for the scholarship program, applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 17, 2007); a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan, and attend, or plan to attend, an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in fall 2007 as a full-time student carrying 12 or more credit hours per semester.

The college scholarship program is made possible by generous donations to the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation.

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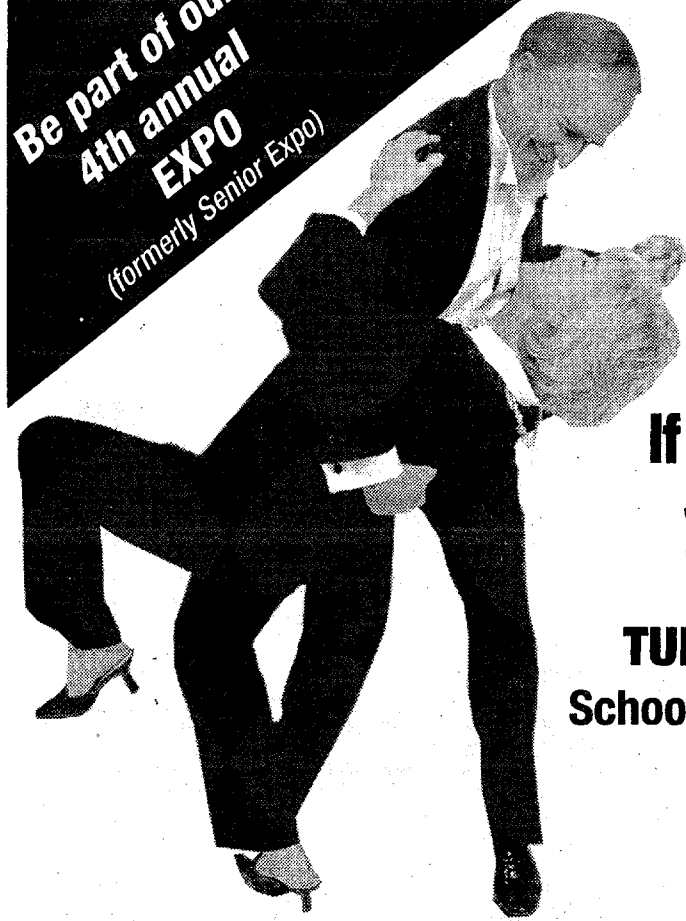
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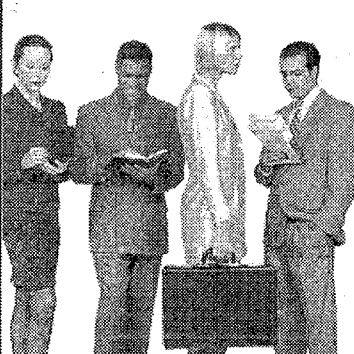
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 Real Estate One Accounting Department is looking for an accounting assistant to work full time. Position will be responsible for processing payments, balancing accounting reports and posting to agents A/R accounts. Ideal candidate will be able to assist department with various other tasks as requested. Requirements are: must be a team player, excellent customer service skills, working knowledge of Excel and basic computer skills, phone skills, basic accounting knowledge, attention to detail and a great deal of patience.

**ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR**  
 Danto Family Health Care Center, a 165-bed rehab/sub acute nursing facility, is seeking a full-time Admissions Coordinator. Successful applicant must possess excellent customer service skills, be computer literate, able to work with little or no supervision, be able to multi-task and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Prior sales and marketing experience a plus, bachelor's degree required. We offer an excellent pay and benefit package that includes:

**ASSSEMBLER**  
 You will assemble small components of rubber and metal parts. Manual dexterity and ability to count extremely important. Word and Excel required. Non-automotive (small units) assembly experience required. Rate of pay is \$8.75 per hour, with full benefits. Located near 10 Mile and Grand River.

**ASSEMBLY PRODUCTION COLLEAGUES/MATERIAL HANDLERS**  
 Hiring long-term, seasonal workers for a world class automotive supplier located in Plymouth. 1st & 2nd shifts avail. \$11.25-\$11.50/hr. Must have one-year production experience, HS/GED, clean drug screen & background check. Send resume to: [gretchenb@wskills.com](mailto:gretchenb@wskills.com) or FAX 810-227-1344 ATTN: GB-KA EOE

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 Local co. needs to fill 48 full-time permanent positions. Must start immediately! NO EXP. NECESSARY WILL TRAIN \$400/week to start. Call Today Start Tomorrow 734-641-4700

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 Must be able to run molder/shaper. Please fax resume to: 248-347-4095

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 To work with team. Basic tools needed. Experience a must. Hourly wage. 734-765-9213

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 Great for retirees and college students! Duties include landscaping; maintenance & cleanup of golf courses, parks & athletic fields; monitor use of City parks & skate park; assistance with street, sewer, & water maintenance duties; & other general duties within the City's Public Services Department. Applicants must possess a high school diploma, or equivalent, & a valid Michigan Driver's License. Starting at \$8/hr. Applications & more information at [www.ci.birmingham.mi.us](http://www.ci.birmingham.mi.us) or in person in the Human Resources Dept. at 151 Martin, Birmingham, MI 48009.

**CLERICAL & WAREHOUSE**  
 Positions. Full/Part time. Computer knowledge a must. Fast paced environment. Delivery exp a plus. Fax resume: 734-946-0710

**CNC MILL POSITIONS**  
 Horizontal, Vertical Mill. 3,4,5 Axis. The area's most advanced prototype shop looking for the area's highest skilled workers. [www.delcorp.com](http://www.delcorp.com) Delta Research 32971 Capitol, Livonia (734) 261-6400 or fax: (734) 261-0909

**DRIVER**  
 Must have exp. driving record. \$10/hr. Apply btwn 10am-1pm Mon, Wed, Thur, & Fri. only at: Native Wholesale, 38462 Webb Dr., Westland, or Fax Resume: (734) 721-4997

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 Fairfield Inn Canton 5700 N. Haggerty Experienced preferred willing to train No Phone Calls Please!

**INSURANCE**  
 Commercial CSR/Rater For Insurance Agency in Plymouth. Exp. necessary. [spieper@ameritech.net](mailto:spieper@ameritech.net)

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**JANITOR**  
 Part time to fulltime. Light store cleanup & maintenance. Floor care exp required. Send resume to: **JOE'S PRODUCE** 33152 7 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 Attn: Harvey No phone calls please.

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 Mon-Fri. 5:30pm-9:30pm. PLYMOUTH AREA. (734) 283-9934

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 Must be certified. Light landscape knowledge. Mechanically inclined. Mgmt skills. Pay based on exp. 734-454-1700 Also need tree climbers 734-454-1900

**LAWN SPRINKLER SERVICE TECHNICIAN**  
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 Part-time, for Canton apt. community. Leasing or sales exp. preferred. Please call (734) 397-1080 or fax resume to (734) 397-0319

**LEASING CONSULTANT Full-Time**  
 Singh is seeking to fill an immediate Full-Time leasing consultant position in the Canton area. Must be able to work consistent weekends. We offer competitive wages, commissions, health and dental insurances. EOE. Email resumes to: [Turnbury@singhmail.com](mailto:Turnbury@singhmail.com)

**LOAN OFFICERS NOW HIRING**  
 \$2,000-\$3,000/mo., part-time. No exp. 1-888-263-6269

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 Engine Lath operator needed. Experienced only. Westland manufacturer. Full time w/ overtime. Medical, dental, 401(k). Fax resume: 734-595-0149 or call 734-595-6400

**MAINTENANCE**  
 Local property management company has all maintenance positions available. Please fax brief resume or qualifications and salary requirements to: 248-477-2524 No Phone Calls, Please.

**MAINTENANCE**  
 Scotsdale apartments is currently accepting applications for a maintenance tech. Must be HVAC certified. Contact Terry at 734-455-7100

**MANUAL BORING MILL OPERATOR**  
 Large Floor Mill. Must be experienced with set-up & handling large die blocks. Interoxy prints, responsible for own work. We offer overtime, steady work, fringe package. Send resume & expected wages to fax: 248-477-0128, 31800 W 8 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48336, or email to [mcbeejenmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbeejenmiller@yahoo.com)

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 AW Transmission Engineering (AWTEC), located in PLYMOUTH, is an award winning, industry leader in remanufacturing of automotive transmissions, with a commitment to quality and equipment standards that is unsurpassed in the automotive industry.

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 For Tow Trucks. Contact Larry or Walter at: (734) 455-1130

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**POLICE OFFICER**  
 The City of Garden City is accepting applications for full-time Police Officers at GCPD until COB, 4-16-07 Employment App (Police & Fire), the job description and a detailed announcement available at [www.gardencitymi.org](http://www.gardencitymi.org) by contacting the HR Office at 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI. Phone 734-793-1640 Applications must be submitted in person to the HR Office.

**PURCHASING AGENT**  
 Full-time 40 hrs/wk, purchase raw or semi-finished materials for mfg, purchase machinery, equipment, tools, parts, supplies, and services required for operation. Requirements: 2 yrs exp. in mfg environment. Knowledge of MS Office (Excel) Mail resume to: D. Cox, R&D Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 701253 Plymouth MI 48170

**PURCHASING AGENT/CLERICAL**  
 Full time position with benefits. Plymouth area. Please send resumes to: Box 1513 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150

**PURCHASING/MANAGEMENT MRP**  
 For Manufacturing facility. Individual with exp. Offers benefits & 401k. Please send resume to: Human Resource Manager, PO Box 500 Hartland, MI 48353 E.O.E. or fax: (810) 632-9270

**RECEIVER/STOCK**  
 Receiving, electrical jack & Hi-to exp. Some heavy lifting. Good communication skills. Send resume to: **JOE'S PRODUCE** 33152 7 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 Attn: Harvey

**RESIDENTIAL WORKER**  
 Needed at a shelter. Part-time position, Midsights Fri-Sat. & Mon 3-11:30PM. Mail resume to: WCFC, Attn: J. Monroe, 30600 Michigan Ave., Westland, MI 48186

**RETAIL SALES CONSULTANT**  
 Livonia/Westland area. Cingular Wireless agent seeks highly motivated, energetic individuals to join our sales staff. Retail sales experience preferred. Please fax resume: 734-641-7112

**SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER**  
 Part-time for property management co. Farmington Hills. Good wages. Fax resume to: (248) 851-7414

**SECURITY OFFICERS**  
 Strategic protection group is hiring for qualified security officers for Canton & Wixom areas. All shifts. Please call 248-968-9800, Mon-Fri, 9-4

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 Swimming Pool Co. Must have exp. Pay & benefits commensurate w/exp. 248-477-7727

**SHIPPING CLERK**  
 Must have 2 to 3 years UPS and/or FED-X software experience. Experience with international shipping/customs documentation Requirements preferred. Pay rate for this position is \$8.75 per hour, with full benefits. Located near 10 Mile & Grand River. Resumes accepted until 5-21 Wednesday, 3/28/07.

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 Hi-lo & valid drivers license required. Fireplace knowledge and good organizational skills a must. Inventory management skills a plus. We do pre-employment drug screening. Send resume to: HR, 47220 Cartier Dr., Wixom, MI 48393

**WAREHOUSE/AFTERNOON**  
 Carpet Co. needs reliable hard worker for full time afternoon warehouse position. (10am-8pm approx). Good math skills, valid drivers license, ability to lift 70 lbs, hi-lo exp. with carpet pole necessary. Fax resume: 313-937-1823 Resume to: Code 1516 [eeeresume@hometownlife.com](mailto:eeeresume@hometownlife.com)

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 The Henry Ford is looking for part-time staff 18 yrs/older with 1-2 yrs' exp/equivalent working with school age children. The "G.A.M.E." program, offered during the school year, greets arriving groups and facilitates evening activities. Summer "Discovery Camp" overnight leaders supervise and facilitate outdoor activities with 6th, 7th & 8th graders, spending the night in a tent in Greenfield Village in dorm rooms, over six Thursday nights through the summer. Please apply in person: Lovett Hall, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn MI [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org)

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 Part-Time, 20 hrs/wk. Issue invoices for materials sold, process payments received, manage collection activities. Requirements: BA in Accounting. Knowledge of MS Office (Excel). Mail resume to: D. Cox, R&D Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 701253 Plymouth MI 48170

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 \$10/hr to start. Seeking energetic, organized individual to assist in our regional headquarters. Must be friendly, neat & articulate. Ideal for college student looking to start ASAP. Call today 734-525-5200.

**Administrative Assistant**  
 For a Property Management Company in Farmington Hills. Must be proficient in word perfect and Excel. Detailed oriented with flexibility for some night meetings. Please email resume: [coroure@johnpcarrillo.com](mailto:coroure@johnpcarrillo.com) or fax to: 248-888-7612

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
 Friendly person for a 3 member sales team. Job requires detailed individual w/excellent computer & admin skills. FT hourly w/benefits. Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Email/fax resumes to: [kellys@foxhills.com](mailto:kellys@foxhills.com) or 734 453-7339

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 The Mannik & Smith Group has an immediate opening in its Canton, MI office for the following: Administrative Assistant Candidate will be responsible for answering a 9-line phone system, directing and taking messages, typing and editing reports, filing, copying, binding reports, processing incoming and outgoing mail and distributing mail, and other duties as assigned. One to 3 years experience using Microsoft Word and Excel required. Microsoft Publisher experience a plus. This could be a part-time or full-time position. Email resumes to: [hr@manniksmithgroup.com](mailto:hr@manniksmithgroup.com) EOE

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 For Automotive Tier 1 supplier. To design automotive components using SDRC, I-DEAS, UNIGRAPHICS, CATIA, IGES & ProENGINEER. Requires Master's (or foreign educational equivalent) in related field of study plus 6 mos. relevant experience. Will accept any equally suitable combination of education, training &/or experience which would qualify applicant to perform job duties. Send resume to: NYX Inc. 36800 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Human Resources

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## ENGAGEMENTS

## Pitt-Salinas

Steve and Diane Pitt of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Abby Lynne Pitt, to Brandon Corey Salinas of Coopersville.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and is currently enrolled at Wayne County Community College where she is completing her nursing degree.

Brandon is the son of Steve and Tamara Salinas of Coopersville. He is a 2004 graduate of Coopersville High School and is currently a marine in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. He will be serving a second tour in Iraq beginning in August.

A July 28, 2007 wedding is



planned at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland followed by a reception at the Summit on the Park.

## Dempkowski-Kloote

Tim and Barb Dempkowski of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kay Dempkowski, to Christopher Kloote of Livonia.

Mary Kay Dempkowski is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a technical partner at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and is currently working on a registered nursing degree at Schoolcraft College.

Christopher Kloote is the son of Bill and Karen Kloote of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. His is employed as a IT intern at UHY Advisors in Southfield. He will receive a bachelor's degree in computer



and electrical engineering in April 2007.

The couple is planning a summer 2009 wedding. Details have not been set.

## Buffington-Davis

John and Beth Buffington of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Buffington, to Timothy Davis, the son of Jim and Lynne Davis, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, an Alexandria, Va., resident, is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a quality specialist with Baxter Healthcare.

The prospective groom, also of Alexandria and graduate of Michigan State University, is an engineer with Hensel Phelps Construction Co.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Livonia Stevenson High School.

A May 2007 wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, with the Rev. Doug Thompson officiating.



The couple plans to honeymoon in Australia before settling into their home in Alexandria, Va.

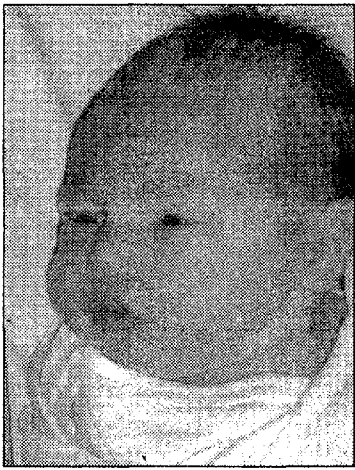
## BIRTHS

## Brianna Lynn Bartz

Susan and Brian Bartz of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Lynn Bartz, born Feb. 7, 2007 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Brianna weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

She was welcomed by big sister Paige and grandparents Sherry and Rick Bartz of Westland and Fran and Bill Poynter of Gladwin (formerly Livonia).



## Zoey Lee Patten

Ashley Martindale and Adam Patten of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Zoey Lee Patten, on March 8 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Grandparents are Becky and John Martindale of Livonia and Eve Patten of Taylor. Great-grandparents are Norma and Edwin Martindale of Cape Coral, Fla., previously of Livonia; Larry Mauney of Central Lake, Mich., and Maureen Patten of Taylor. Great-great grandmother is Clotilda Relle of Taylor.



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## REUNIONS

## Berkley High School

## Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimslasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

## Bishop Borgess

## Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

## Bloomfield Hills Lahser

## Class of 1976

Golf Scramble and/or casual dinner at Camp Ticonderoga, Friday, June 29, 2007. Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information go to www.Lahser1976.com or contact Jackie (McLernon) Bean at (248)399-9054. Dean Shipman at (313)701-8544, John Wallbillich at (800)707-7170 or Jeffery Given at (248)594-2401.

## Dearborn Fordson

## Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

## Dearborn Edsel Ford

## Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efrhs67@yahoo.com

## Detroit Chadsey

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

## Detroit Cody

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s' graduates. Deadline is June 25. Call 800-859-9502 or email lorel@widoopenwest for details. Cost is \$90.00 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, cham-

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## Detroit Cooley

## Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131. Website www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967

## Detroit Denby

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please email maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

## Detroit Girls, Catholic Central

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Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com.

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## Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvander@aol.com.

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A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

## Detroit Mackenzie

## Class of 1957

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## Class of 1962

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## Detroit Southwestern

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## Ferndale Lincoln High

## Class of 1947 January and June

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## Fordson High School

## Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

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A 10-year reunion is planned for June 9, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. For more information and to update your address, visit the reunion website at www.gchs97reunion.com.

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## Class of 1991

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## Ladywood High School

## Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion is planned for June 9-10, 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott, Laurel Park, Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681-7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information.

## Livonia Bentley High School

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion Saturday, June 9, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Cost \$45 per person due May 1. For information, call Janice Sue Fernandez, (734)427-1288.

## Livonia Churchill

## Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

## Livonia Franklin

## Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com.

## Northville High School

## Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 5th Avenue, Novi, private party on second floor. Cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple due no later than April 16. Make checks payable to Matt Zielinski, 12829 Lanatana Ridge Court, Austin, TX 78732. For more details join the Google group at http://groups.google.com/group/nhsparty97

## Novi High School

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A combined class reunion, July 28, 2007 at Rock Financial in Novi. For information please contact: Laurie (Maier) Butler (1974)

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## Our Lady of Sorrows

## Class of 1966

Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634.

## Redford Thurston High School

## Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Marnia@comcast.net.

## Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

## Roseville High School

## Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scgglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

## Royal Oak Dondero High School

## Class of June-Jan. of 1959

Seeking classmates for Aug. 4 reunion. Include name, address and e-mail address to: Jean (Elliotte) Palmer 248-435-7875, TJPalmer73@aol.com, or Mike Soule 248-853-7483.

## Southeastern (Detroit)

## Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

## Southfield High School

## Class of 1977

A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net

## St. Anthony Elementary

## All Classes

Reunion on Oct. 6, 2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrkf4@yahoo.com or call (734)995-9243 for further details and to give us your contact information:

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- Wedding date
- Wedding location
- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.



## MIGUEL A. MENENDEZ

"Mike", age 60, of Southfield, March 20, 2007. Mike is survived by his sister Patricia (John) Tector; uncle of Catherine (Brian) Keith, Christopher (Eliza) Tector and Sarah Tector; he is also survived by several other loving family members. Memorial Mass Saturday, March 24th, 3:00 p.m. at the Jesuit Residence Chapel at University of Detroit Mercy. (NOTE - Enter the Lansing-Reilly Hall from the east side doors facing the parking lot). The family will receive friends on Saturday from 2:30 p.m. until the time of Mass. Those who wish to further honor Mr. Menendez's memory may do so by making a contribution to the J. V. S. Miguel A. Menendez Endowment Fund, 29699 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).

## W. DOUGLAS WRIGHT

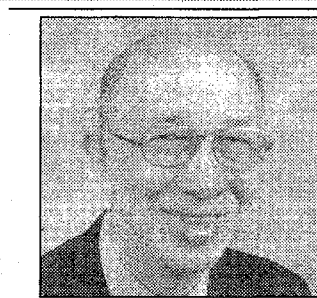
Age 79, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at St. Joseph of the Pines Health Center. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 30, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church, Pinehurst, with Rev. Rod Stone officiating. Born September 27, 1927 in Oakland County, Michigan he was a son of the late Ray and Leatus Douglas Wright and preceded in death by his brother Robert Wright. Mr. Wright was a US Navy Veteran of WWII, an Executive for National Twist Drill and Tool Company in Rochester, Michigan; Fansteel/V.R. Wesson in Waukegan, Illinois; and owner of Management Recruiters of Pinehurst. He is survived by his wife, Anne Bauer Wright of Pinehurst, and his brother, Ray J. Wright of Sterling Heights, Michigan. Memorials may be made to Community Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1449, Pinehurst, NC 28370, Powell Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines.

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## G. MANSON TAYLOR

Age 88, March 22, 2007. Beloved husband of Beatrice. Loving father of Terry (Darlene), Jan (Jim) Baty and Dale (Ellen). Dear grandfather of Jenny, Jeff, Robert, Jackie, Lori, Katie, Kari and the late Sara Jo. Great grandfather of Sadie and Nathan. Manson served as a School Administrator for 40 years in Detroit and retired as the principal of Joyce Elementary School. Visitation at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights, Sunday, April 1, 2007 from 2 PM until Funeral Service at 4 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the church. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

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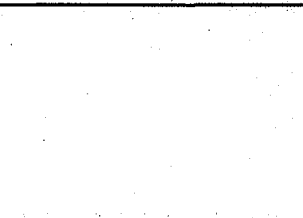
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# Cheap shots focuses on images created with plastic cameras

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Ralph Krawczyk, Jr. never thought he would shoot photographs with film again until a friend told him about the Holga. The inexpensive toy camera produces images unlike digital. The simple plastic lens creates blurring, light leaks and other distortions to create a mood.

Two of the photographs Krawczyk shot with a Holga are part of a group show presented by the Krappy Kamera Club of Ann Arbor. Observer Newspapers photographer Bill Bresler of Livonia also has work in the exhibit titled Cheap Shots: The Silver Dreams of Plastic Cameras.

The show continues to Friday April 6, at Gallery 4, 212 Nickels Arcade, on the second floor above Arcade Barbers, Ann Arbor.

Gallery hours are 3-7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and by appointment.

According to club member Michael C. Myers, there are 17 photographers in the show which features 28 images created with toy, pinhole, old and Polaroid cameras.

Krawczyk's images include a dramatic black and white of a goat at the Kensington Petting Farm, and Illuminated (from Behind), a photograph capturing the sun coming through



Ralph Krawczyk, Jr. used a Holga camera to shoot Illuminated (from Behind). It is one of the photographs on display in an exhibit titled Cheap Shots: The Silver Dreams of Plastic Cameras.

colorful autumn leaves. "I started last summer taking photos with a Holga," said Ralph Krawczyk, Jr. of Redford. Krawczyk became a member of the club about six months ago after visiting www.flickr.com, an online photo sharing community. "It has more soul, more mood, natural vignetting

around the edges, some blurring and distortion, but the central focus point is totally clear." Since discovering the Holga, Krawczyk says he's been "shooting just about anything with it - abandoned buildings, the zoo. Anywhere I go I take pictures." "I like things that are older

and show some character." Krawczyk developed an interest in photography while he studying graphic design at Eastern Michigan University. Today, he works for General Motors Creative Services designing exhibits for auto shows and corporate events.

"It really goes back to boy scouts," said Krawczyk. "I was always into photography. I plan to experiment with different types of cameras. I recently went to an estate sale and picked up cameras from the 30s and 40s."

For those interested in learning more about the cameras used by club members, a workshop takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Ross Orr and Matt Callow explain pinhole photography and guide participants through building their own with a few cheap everyday items. No charge.

Dust Off Your Old Cameras and Get Busy 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, when vintage camera expert Mark O'Brien shows examples of "orphaned" cameras found hidden away in attics and basements. He'll also talk about restoring the cameras (Argus, Brownies, old SLRs, etc.). Both workshops take place at Gallery 4.

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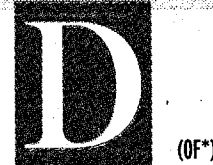
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## WRC offers career, educational help

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Let's say you're a woman, or man, who's been out of the workforce awhile or maybe looking to change careers.

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College provides the atmosphere and support so you can explore educational, financial, professional and personal plans.

Appointments are not required, and walk-ins are welcome.

"We serve anyone who comes in the door," said Nancy Swanborg, WRC director.

"We see all kinds of individuals, both men and women. Usually, a trigger is something has happened in their life and they are looking for a way to make some changes."

That may include a return to school at the Livonia or Garden City campuses, or a career change. "We see people in all of those categories," said Swanborg. The WRC goes back to 1968, and has been in its current McDowell location since February 1995.

"Most of the students that we see at the Women's Resource Center are mature adults," she said. However, they also see some still in high



school as well as individuals who wish to explore career changes.

"So we see students of all age groups," concentrated in the 25-50 age group. There's a Career and Transfer Center at Schoolcraft which can help. "We work very closely with them," she said.

The WRC offers a course, "From Chocolate Chips to Microchips to Blue Chips" to help people transition to the paid workforce, working with the Career and Transfer Center "as well as other parts of

the college."

Swanborg noted the WRC has always provided services for all people, including single parents of both genders. "We also serve nontraditional career seekers," such as a man who wants to be a registered nurse.

"Ours is primarily an education program. We're working with the client who needs skill development," Swanborg said.

During regular hours, peer counselors are available at the center.

They can assist those who wish to:

- Enter or re-enter college
  - Research new career possibilities
  - Find referrals for services or information
  - Talk through a difficult situation
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For more information, contact:

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER OFFICE (LIVONIA CAMPUS)**

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The program offers group and one-on-one counseling to help women who lack recent paid work experience re-enter the workforce. Women learn to become and stay employed, gaining the tools for a successful job search.

Women to Work at the JVS headquarters in Southfield includes help identifying skills and accomplishments, with an assessment that looks at interests and abilities. The program is funded by Oakland County Employment and Training as well as Charter One Foundation, affiliated with that bank. There's no fee to clients for services.

For additional information, contact Judy Richmond, employment specialist, JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48076, (248) 233-4232.



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**POLICE OFFICER**  
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Full-time 40 hrs/wk, purchase raw or semi-finished materials for mfg. purchase machinery, equipment, tools, parts, supplies, and services required for operation. Requirements: 2 yrs exp. in mfg environment, Knowledge of MS Office (Excel) Mail resume to: D. Cox, R&D Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 701253 Plymouth MI 48170

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**RETAIL SALES CONSULTANT**  
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**SEASONAL LABORER (Facilities & Parks)**

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**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SPECIALIST**  
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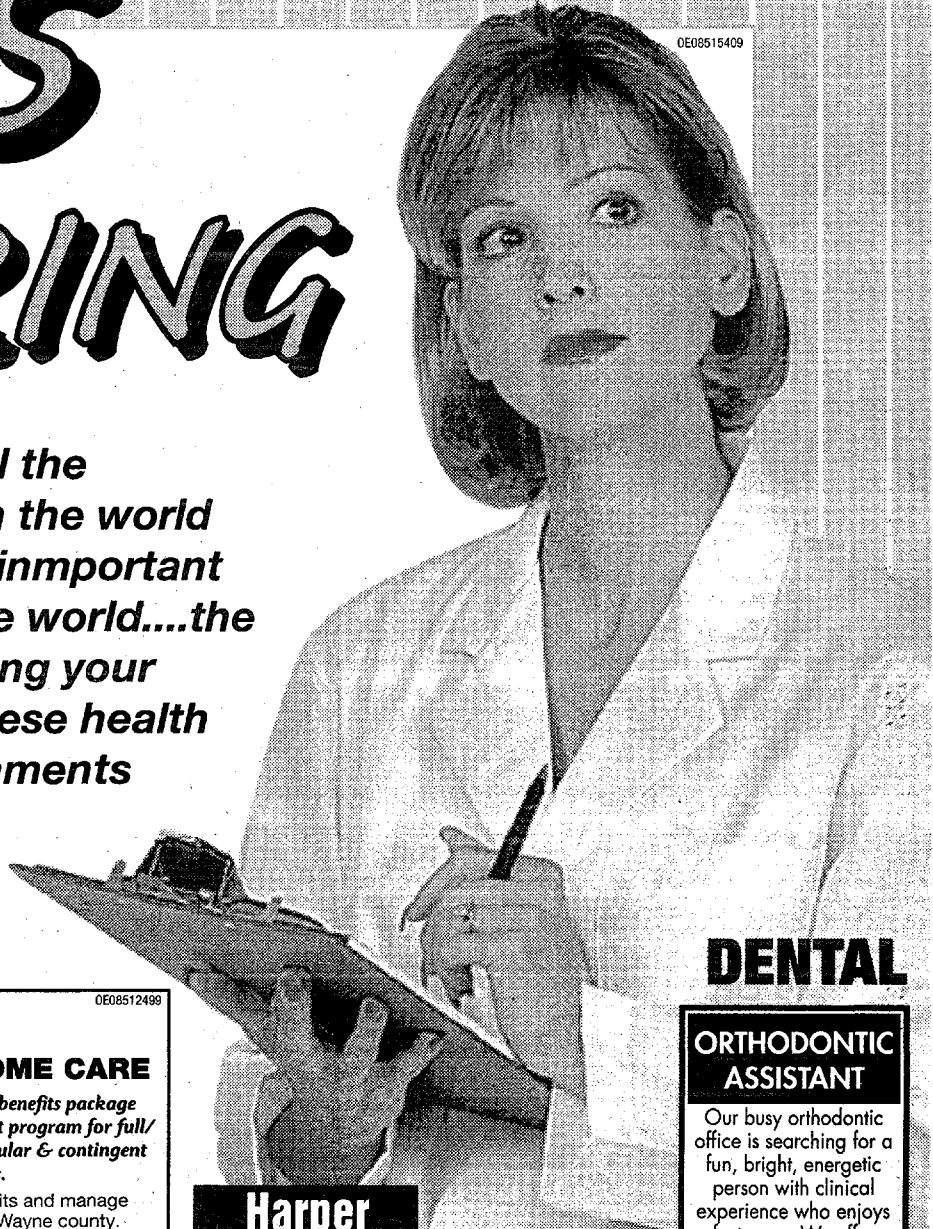
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**LAB SUPERVISOR**  
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**FULL/PART TIME POSITIONS**  
Dental office staff for growing progressive general dentist group located in Commerce Township. Fax resume: 248-363-5606  
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Are you the Nurse we're looking for?  
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### Accounts Receivable Supervisor

Part-Time, 20 hrs/wk. Issue invoices for materials sold, process payments received, manage collection activities. Requirements: BA in Accounting, Knowledge of MS Office (Excel). Mail resume to: D. Cox, R&D Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 701253, Plymouth MI 48170

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\$10/hr to start. Seeking energetic, organized individual to assist in our regional head-quarters. Must be friendly, neat & articulate. Ideal for college student looking to start ASAP. Call today 734-525-5200.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
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W/excellent computer, phone & people skills required. General office & special projects. Flexible - 20 hrs/week. Fax resume w/ salary requirements to: C. Curtis Financial 734-844-1410 or Email: joe@curtisfinancial.com

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT** Full-Time position for Farmington Dental Office. Exp. only. Fax resume: (248) 474-0052 Attn: Jill

**DENTAL ASSISTANT** 2 days/wk to start. Eventual full-time experience. Canton area. 734-459-5370

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**DENTAL COORDINATOR** Full-time, 2 yrs. or more exp. needed. Check in & out patients, collecting co-pays, SoftDent exp. a plus. Fax resume to: 313-535-5212

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# New Homes



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## Crosswinds Communities Announces Preferred Purchaser Sales Event On April 2nd

**Farmington Hills** – An unprecedented opportunity awaits discerning home buyers as a limited number of 24 graciously appointed single-family homes within the Legacy Oaks community are being released for sale on April 2, 2007.

Presented by Crosswinds Communities, an award winning builder in Michigan for over 40 years, "Legacy Oaks" offers an exceptional lifestyle highlighted by the ultimate statement of luxury, comfort and convenience.

Crosswinds is currently offering Preferred Purchaser registration opportunities for the upcoming April event. Registration is necessary as space is limited. Only preferred purchasers who have pre-registered before April 1st will be invited to pursue their new home in a personal meeting with Eileen Flemming, Legacy Oaks Community Sales Manager. The event, planned to take place at Crosswinds Community headquarters located in Novi, MI, will be scheduled by appointment only. Registration information is available by contacting Crosswinds Communities at [www.legacyoakshomes.com](http://www.legacyoakshomes.com) or by calling Ms. Flemming at (248) 388-1599.

"It is no surprise that Legacy Oaks has already drawn such an outstanding response. All the elements contribute to it being a unique community, unlike anything else available in the area. We offer homebuyers the highest standards of quality and architecture, design and construction, coupled with the ease, adaptability and flow in the floorplans," said Legacy Oaks Community Sales Manager Eileen Flemming.

Emphasizing the importance of the event, Flemming stressed that "Home seekers who recognize the rare value of Legacy Oaks must register their interest and make an appointment to finalize their decision. This is an incredible opportunity to own one of 24 limited edition showcase homes". Flemming concluded.

### A Community As Unique As The Home Designs, Set Beautifully In Farmington Hills.

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Situated on more than 11 wooded acres and nestled in the highly desirable community of Farmington Hills, the homes of Legacy Oaks are priced from the upper \$200,000s. The homes of Legacy Oaks, range from 1,800 to 2,586 square feet and feature the utmost in quality and craftsmanship. Luxury details include hardwood flooring, wooden cabinetry, 3 car garages, main floor owners suites, finely finished interiors, a fantastic setting and a premier location.

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"The quality and attention to design and detail, combine to create a lovely neighborhood of beautifully appointed, high-end homes," Ms. Flemming said. "The prestige of Farmington Hills has also proved very appealing as well as Legacy Oaks enticing upper \$200's price point."

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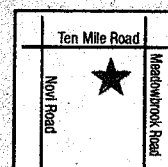
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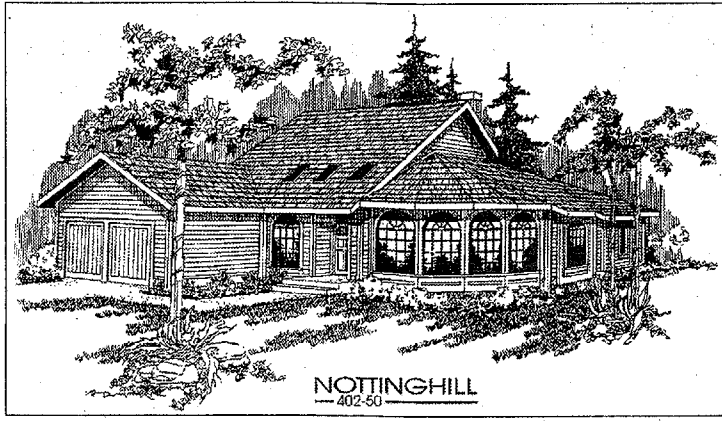


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# It is fun to live in the carousel-like Nottingham

The two richly windowed quarter-circular rooms in the Nottingham (402-50), puts viewers in mind of a carousel. These rooms - the family room and the living room - are fun to look at, and just as much fun to live in. Both have high vaulted ceilings, and are bathed in natural light streaming in through the wonderfully placed windows.



A large fireplace is tucked into the only square corner the family room. The merging, large country kitchen includes a cozy and bright dining nook. French doors open onto a quarter-circular deck, which invites warm weather outdoor dining amongst large pots of bright flowers. Other amenities in the kitchen include a cooking island, plenty of cupboard space, and a handy and generous walk-in pantry.

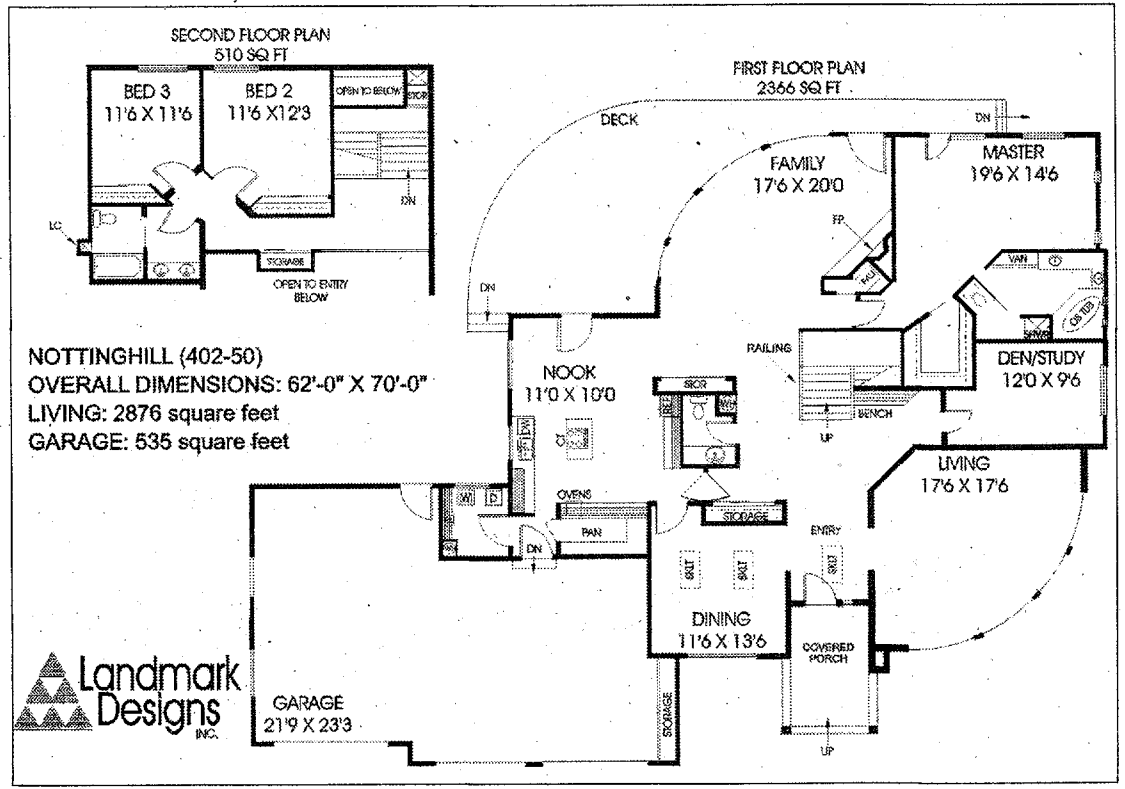
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4 Tree juices  
6 Sharp bark  
12 Prodigy rival  
13 Latin 101 verb  
14 Mock butter  
15 Banjo cousin  
16 Little known  
18 Coffee order  
20 Affect  
21 Houston's st.  
22 Awful  
23 Fibber, plus  
27 Trial VIPs  
29 Large vat  
30 Parrot's word  
31 Extra hrs.  
32 Creeping vine  
33 California's Big -  
34 Hirt or Gore  
35 MTV watchers  
37 Figure out  
38 Catch a bug  
39 Terminates  
40 Even as we speak

**DOWN**  
1 Modern-speed unit  
2 Blouse part  
3 Picks  
4 Feudal underling  
5 Exist  
6 Video game classic  
7 Waited in line  
8 Mountaineer, maybe

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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Level: Advanced

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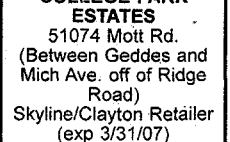
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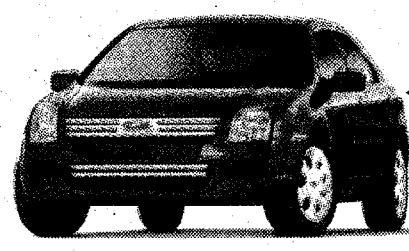
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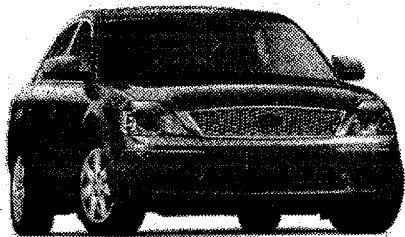
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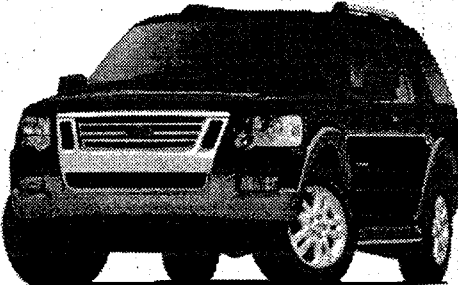
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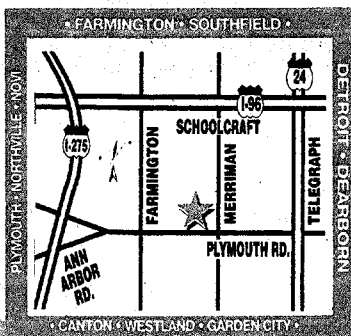
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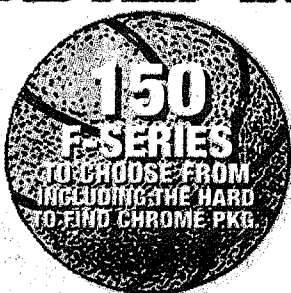
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**\$170<sup>37\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2540.59 DUE AT SIGNING

### 2007 EDGE FWD SE



4 wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS), 3.5 L V-6 Duratec engine W/6 speed auto trans, power windows/locks, remote entry, air cond., privacy glass, speed control & tilt wheel, advance trac w/RSC, front & side impact air bags. Stock #72174

Was \$26,070

NOW **\$23,563<sup>60\*</sup>**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$299<sup>00\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$242<sup>14\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1376.67 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$200<sup>37\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2392.39 DUE AT SIGNING



### 2007 FOCUS 5 DOOR SES

Power side windows, convenience group, integrated fog lamps, air, 16" alloy wheels, power locks, 2.0L DOHC engine, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires, safety pkg., anti-lock brakes, side impact air bags, weather pkg., heated seats, power heated mirrors. Stock #72229

Was \$18,930

NOW **\$14,309<sup>37\*</sup>**

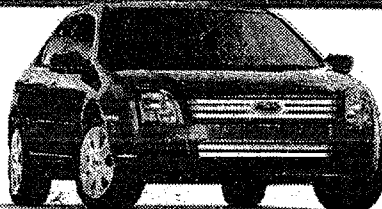
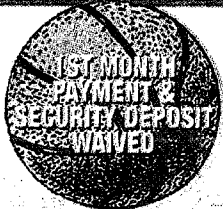
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**\$213<sup>14\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$159<sup>75\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1259.34 DUE AT SIGNING

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per mo  
\$2274.53 DUE AT SIGNING

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### 2007 FUSION SE FWD

2.3L I4 engine, 5-speed auto transmission, P205/60R16 all season tires, air cond., speed/tilt wheel, power windows/locks, perimeter anti-theft system, air bags driver & passenger, 1st & 2nd row air curtains, fog lamps, 6-way power seat. Stock #72105

Was \$19,705

NOW **\$16,938<sup>90\*</sup>**

36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$243<sup>50\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$206<sup>21\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1090.00 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$177<sup>44\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2150.00 DUE AT SIGNING



### 2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL FWD

3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, auto 6-speed transmission, 4 wheel ABS, speed control, tilt wheel, front & side impact air bags, P225/55R18 BSW tires, chrome package, chrome mesh grille, 18 x 8 chrome clad wheels. Stock #70939

Was \$24,725

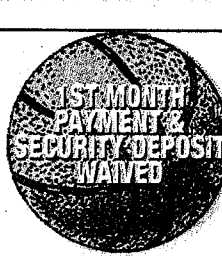
NOW **\$17,780<sup>15\*</sup>**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$318<sup>00\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$259<sup>00\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1143.00 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$217<sup>11\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2180.00 DUE AT SIGNING



### 2007 ESCAPE XLT FWD

Power 6-way driver seat, 16" aluminum wheels, floor mats, privacy glass, duratec 2.3L I4 engine, 4-speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires, power moonroof with shade mini-OH console w/sunglass bin sun and sound, rear cargo convenience group, audph/6-CD in dash/sat cap. Stock #71316

Was \$24,275

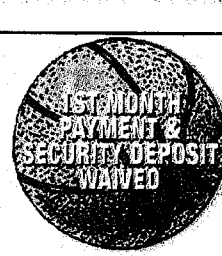
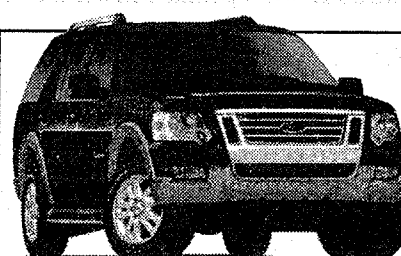
NOW **\$18,272<sup>94\*</sup>**

36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$270<sup>13\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$230<sup>30\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1180.00 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$202<sup>10\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2240.00 DUE AT SIGNING



### 2007 EXPLORER XLT 4X2

4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans, cargo area cover, XLT appear, P245/65R17 A/S OWL tires, running boards, 17" cast alum wheels roof rail cross bars, conven group, electrochromatic mirror, MSG cnr w/2 lines and compass, auto lamp headlights, keypad, XLT comfort. Stock #72252

Was \$27,235

NOW **\$23,086<sup>70\*</sup>**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$327<sup>33\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$262<sup>15\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1270.00 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$220<sup>00\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2330.00 DUE AT SIGNING



### 2007 FREESTYLE SEL FWD

3.0L 4V V6 duratec engine, continuously variable trans, P215/65R17 BSW tires, 5.19 ratio regular axle, 50/50 3rd row split seat, 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row, 4 wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS), power windows/locks, remote keyless entry, speed control/tilt column, safety & security package. Stock #72006

Was \$27,300

NOW **\$21,108<sup>90\*</sup>**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$352<sup>22\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$290<sup>11\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$1453.36 DUE AT SIGNING

**\$2000 DOWN**  
**\$248<sup>00\*\*</sup>**  
per mo  
\$2473.78 DUE AT SIGNING

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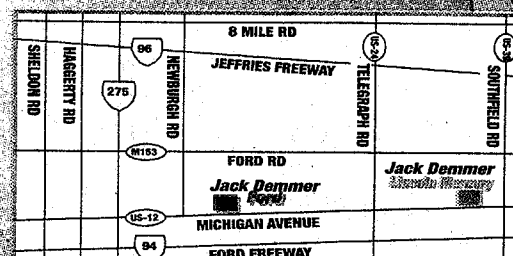
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By Wendy Clem  
Avanti NewsFeatures

What a great vehicle to encounter on yet another week when gas tops out at prices requiring a mortgage. The 2007 Dodge Caliber SXT brings economy to the forefront, as well as reasonable travel comfort and a few extras.

At 26 miles to the gallon in the city and 30 on the highway, this is the car to drive, whether you are running a dozen errands or taking to the highway for a quick getaway.

And at \$15,000, the Caliber is affordable, with an impressive list of standard features.

Billed by Dodge as "Anything But Cute," it delivers the goods, but really — it IS cute!

Similar to the PT Cruiser in ride quality, the Caliber maintains comparable acceleration, even with its slighter smaller engine. For the average freeway entrance ramp, the Caliber delivers, and city driving offers a sprightly presence, giving zip from lane to lane, and considerable ease in parking.

The doors are a bit clunky when exiting the vehicle, however, as they seem to be intent on swinging shut, despite efforts to keep them open. But, that heaviness may be a blessing as protection in a collision.

The 2.0-liter 4-cylinder provides 158 horsepower, with 141 foot pounds of torque. Look for bang for your buck in the Caliber — and one of the best aspects is the interior.

Snug as a bug in a rug describes your stance in the optional heated front seats, but it's the best extra Caliber has. Heating up comfortably and quickly, they'll give you no complaints even when venturing forth in miserable weather.

Standard features include a theft deterrent system, keyless entry, solar-control glass, rear window defroster, an effective rear window wiper/washer, AM/FM stereo with CD player, and sliding armrest with a swing-up cell phone/MP3 holder.

The gearshift is built into the dashboard, yet is surprisingly easy to get accustomed to. The location provides less driving clutter, while not taking anything away from the instrument panel.

Attractively arranged with the audio system and climate control, the gearshift, and instrument panel,



Caption: The 2007 Dodge Caliber SXT will get you where you want to go with capable acceleration and parking ease, economic gas mileage at 26 miles to the gallon in the city and 30 on the highway, and a well-designed crossover appearance.

look classy — despite a majority of plastic materials. It's all delightfully close to reach, in an environment reminiscent of a cockpit.

Driving visibility is good, especially since the SXT allows a driver more adjustable seating options, such as a higher vantage point.

A notable feature — standard, by the way — is the Chill Zone. Located within the glove compartment, it stores a few drink containers at chilled temperatures, even if the heat is engaged inside the vehicle.

The Chill Zone runs off the standard air-conditioning compressor, which might render mileage less efficient, but potentially saves on beverage stops.

Cloth upholstery pervades, but the Chrysler Yes! Essentials material makes that a win-win, with its focus on wear-, stain- and odor-resistance. Premium cloth or leather seats offer other options, if preferred.

Ample leg and head room round out the interior package, and the leather-wrapped steering wheel — now standard for many carmakers — is certainly among humanity's greatest inventions, particularly in extreme temperatures.

Two Caliber items might be problems, however. Additional sound system features in other vehicles, like radio performer and song display, make a trip more enjoyable, but the Caliber doesn't have it — even with the optional MusicGate Power Sound System. But that wasn't amid my two top complaints.

As an inveterate compass-user, I really missed that feature when navigating my way about town. I find

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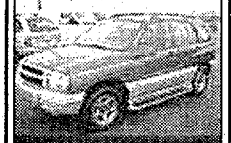
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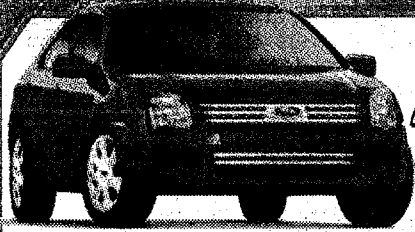
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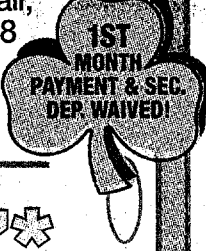
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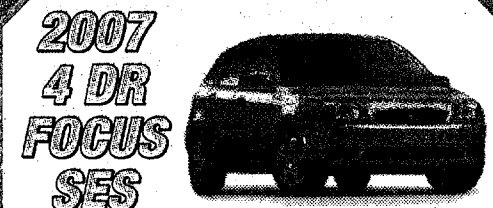
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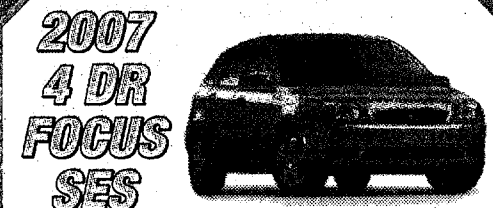
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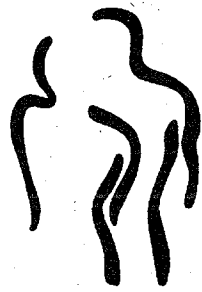
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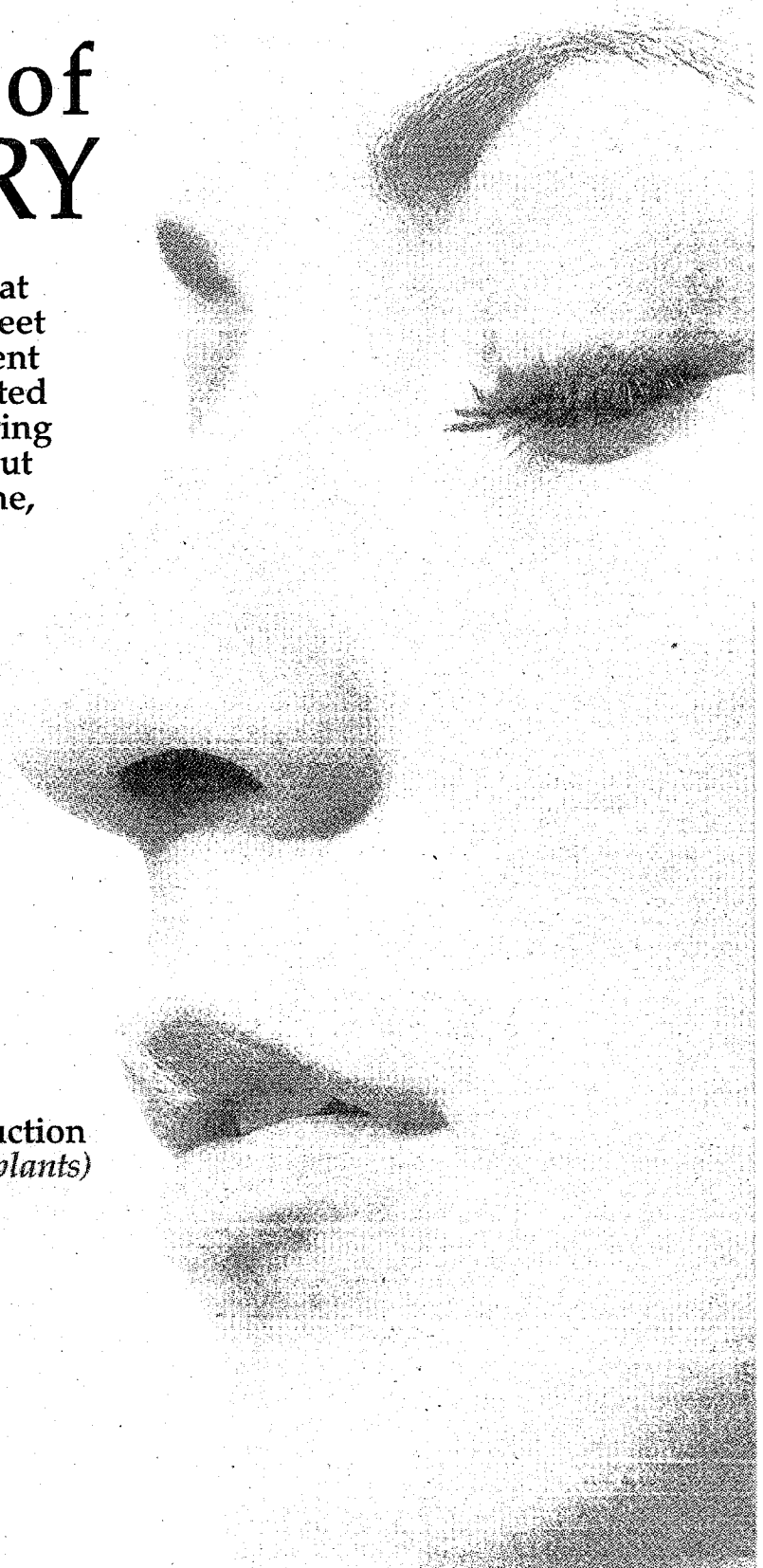
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# PINK changes its make-up!



Here at PINK, we're excited about the changes taking place in our pages. PINK, Metro Detroit's first publication devoted to women, was launched in May, 2004. It has since established a reputation for being on the cutting edge of local style — covering fashion, beauty, retail and trends.

As we gear up to celebrate our third anniversary, we are expanding PINK's coverage to include a wide variety of women's interest topics.

Keep your eyes on PINK for stories about fitness and wellness, along with advice from financial and travel experts.

The colorful, fun fashion features PINK is known for will still be there, but after all, there's more to life than a great handbag.

Right?

We hope you like the new shades of PINK.

Wensdy Von Buskirk,  
Editor

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## Fashion Winners!

Who knew Rochester Hills was so fabulous?

Model Jennifer Noser and designer Kate Abraham, both of Rochester Hills, were named winners of the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards, staged during the ARTrageous charity gala at MOCAD on Feb. 6.



Noser

About 35 models and 49 fashion designers entered the FAFFA contest last fall by submitting photographs and sketches. During a preliminary event, the entrants were narrowed down to 10 finalists in both categories. The 10 designers were asked to bring one of their sketches to life, tailoring their garment to fit one of the 10 model finalists. During the final competition at MOCAD, each model finalist walked the runway wearing the garment created to their measurements.

A panel of judges scored each model and garment separately, and winners were announced at the end of the evening.

Noser modeled a mod minidress by Super-Deformed Robot (Jason Humphrey and Amanda Jurban), and came out on top after scores were tallied.

Abraham, who designs a bridal line under the label Kate Bennett, was named fashion design winner for her cocktail-length, empire waist dress.

As part of their prize packages, Noser and Abraham will each receive a \$1,000 grant from the Royal Oak-based Fanclub Arts Foundation,



PHOTO BY SALLY GERAK

Fashion Designer Kate Abraham, of Rochester Hills (left) was named winner of the Fancub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards based on her bridal gown entry, featuring a colored sash and rhinestone pin. Here, model finalist Rachel Kausek of Saline wears the garment at ARTrageous.

which funds arts education programs. Noser also will receive a 5-look portfolio shoot by Photographer Christopher A. Jablonski. Abraham will be whisked away on a trip to one of the nation's top clothing shows by Treas Charow, owner of Shapes Boutique.

Watch for a photo shoot featuring Noser modeling Kate Bennett designs in an upcoming edition of PINK!

### ON THE COVER

Transition into spring with a lightweight suit you can wear all year. Semantiks Ibiza striped blazer, \$148, and skirt, \$68, with grosgrain detail, and scoop neck tee in white, \$42, are all available at Nordstrom. For more top spring fashions from Nordstrom, see pages 8-9.

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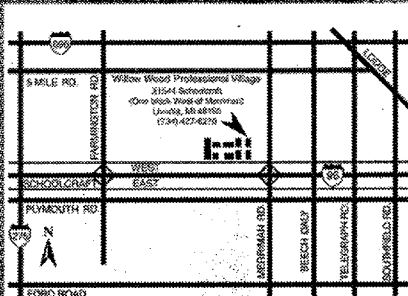
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# Don't fall for the 'flush factor'

By Carolina Di Cesare

Ladies, if we spent as much time planning our finances as we do planning our shoe collection, we might have the money for more shoes!

Spending money is easy. The tough part is getting the best value for our money. When it comes to our lifestyle, it's not so much what we earn that counts, but how we spend it. By paying attention to why and how we spend money, it may be possible to boost our standard of living virtually overnight.

### Two good reasons to spend money:

**Necessity:** To provide food, shelter, education, and other fundamentals for ourselves and our loved ones. This always gets our top priority.

**Fun:** The things we purchase that give us enjoyment. This may include donating money to a favorite charity, jetting off to the islands, or just treating ourselves to an evening out.

### Two bad reasons to plunk down your hard-earned cash:

**Boredom:** As in, "I think I'll go shopping." This reduces spending to a fairly expensive sport or hobby.

**Indifference:** As in, "I have it, so I guess I'll spend it." This is also known as the "flush factor," because we tend to spend money more freely when we are flush.

### Set a Goal

**Smart money management:** Know why you are purchasing so you can curb spending and learn to obtain maximum value for every cent.

### Take Control

Apply this formula to every purchase by deciding which factors are important to you. Keep in mind that they will vary depending on the item and your own personal situation. Depending on your objectives and needs, you can control the quality and price of the goods and services you purchase, and get the best possible value for the money you spend.

The payoff — you will have more money for the things you really want and need.

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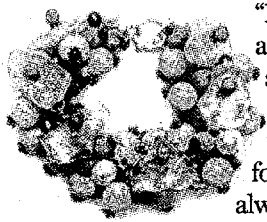
# Designs on Style

*Denise Ilitch creates fashion-forward jewelry*

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Denise Ilitch expected just to relax during a 10-day retreat at Canyon Ranch Spa in Arizona. Instead, she stumbled on a new career path.

It all began when she signed up for a class on how to make a bracelet.



"I wanted to learn a new craft," Ilitch said. "I think it is really important, especially for women, to always be on a self-improvement plan."

Ilitch found the class fun and creative, and discovered a latent talent for designing jewelry.

While still working as an attorney, Ilitch returned to Tucson for the Worldwide Gem & Jewelry Show and was inspired by bins of freshwater pearls and stones of all shapes and sizes. She brought back a treasure trove of supplies and began to craft necklaces, bracelets and earrings in earnest.

"I started making pieces for family and friends," she said. "Every time my sister wore a piece, she sold it, and people started pushing me to do shows."

With someone like Ilitch, whose parents are Little Caesar's founders Mike and Marian Ilitch, nothing can remain 'just a hobby'.

"When I really fall in love with something I create a business," said the mother of three. "I don't always think you should do that, but I got so excited."

Ilitch opened an online shop to sell her wares, and partnered with other Metro Detroit jewelry makers who help execute her visions, and provide their own creations to Denise Ilitch Designs.

That's not the only new venture Ilitch is cultivating. She recently opened an office for Ambassador Magazine, a lifestyle publication she launched last year with Dennis Archer, Jr.

Located on Cole Street in



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Denise Ilitch wears a necklace of her own design.

Birmingham, the office features huge windows that let in the light, and a loft-like design complete with contemporary couches and oversized chandeliers.

"I have been in the corporate world so long, it's always been my dream to work in a space like this," Ilitch said.

In addition to being Ambassador headquarters, the location will be a showroom for Ilitch's jewelry.

"One of the keys to being a successful business is keeping your overhead low," Ilitch said. "That's why I like the idea of an online store. The only problem is that with jewelry people want to touch it and try it on."

As soon as display cases are installed, customers will be able to browse Ilitch's selection of unique jewelry in person.

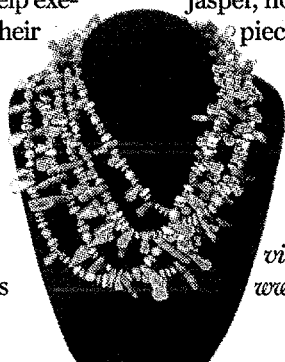
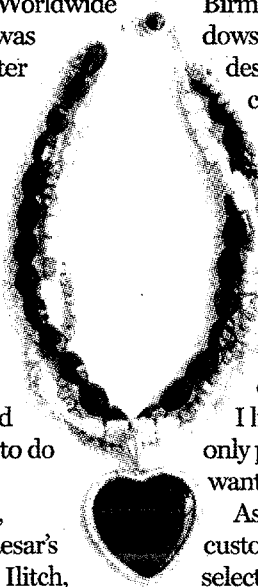
Among the 200-plus pieces in the collection are lariat necklaces, natural stone cuffs, and hand-knotted strands of stones in unexpected color combinations.

Many feature hearts, an Ilitch signature.

Made from exotic stones like imperial jasper, howlite, ruby and drusy, every piece is guaranteed one-of-a-kind.

"People can make their own personal fashion statement because every piece is different," Ilitch said.

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Why? Is it the number of pounds; is it the way you are going about it; or even the reasons you chose to lose weight in the first place? Here are some ways to help you set realistic goals and achieve weight-loss success.

■ **Set reasonable goals.** One of the biggest problems I encounter as a fitness instructor is that people don't set realistic goals. If you're 50 pounds overweight, rather than setting out to lose the 50, set a smaller goal of 10 pounds. Once you've lost five pounds of that 10, you will be motivated further.

■ **Work out with a group.** You're more likely to commit to exercise and weight loss if you have a support system. Body Beautiful Boot Camps are a good place to start since they will be something you fit in your schedule. With other campers and instructors around, there will be lots of help.

■ **Set time slots.** Put exercise and weight loss in your calendar — in pen! Decide it is a priority. Schedule an appointment for your workout like you would a visit to the hair salon or TiVo-ing your favorite television show.

■ **Equip a home gym.** Get exercise equipment that doesn't cost much, or use items around your house. There are Pilates balls and basic bands that are very effective, yet not expensive.

■ **Think big.** Make the commitment to your health, not the scale. Think about how exercise will impact your overall well-being rather than the short term goal of losing weight.

*Jennifer Gray, founder of Body Beautiful Boot Camp, is a 15-year fitness expert who has devised a system specifically for women who want to attain their personal fitness goals in a short period of time, utilizing the best of fitness trends and modalities, personal support and instruction, while incorporating a mind-body connection. For more information, visit [www.bodybyjenn.com](http://www.bodybyjenn.com).*

# Time for women to put out that cigarette forever

● By Linda Ann Chomin  
STAFF WRITER

There couldn't be a better time to put out that cigarette, especially if you're a woman. The American Heart Association recently came out with a new set of guidelines for physicians to not only suggest patients stop smoking but offer the women nicotine replacement therapy.

Dr. John Ruckdeschel, president and CEO of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, says the heart isn't the only organ damaged by nicotine. A thoracic oncologist, Ruckdeschel sees the cancer resulting from years of smoking. He has been treating lung cancer since the late 1980s. He says, while the catastrophic rise has tapered off, women are about 30 to 40 years behind men.

"Women started smoking later and the pressure to stop came later," said Dr. John Ruckdeschel. "The biggest group we have now are young women. I suggest much of that is related to their concern about weight loss."

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of men and women with more than 70,000 women dying from the disease this year, according to the American Lung Association.

"The population as a whole doesn't share the risk," said Ruckdeschel. "There seems to be a familial risk in developing lung cancer. Out of every 100 heavy smok-

ers only 10-15 percent get lung cancer. Everyone gets excited about going into a restaurant with smoke. It isn't harmful but is harmful to employees who work there."

Believe it or not Ruckdeschel has lung cancer patients who still smoke. He tries to encourage them to quit but it depends on the patient.

"If it's a new diagnosis I will point out that stopping smoking is not going to do away with the cancer they have," said Ruckdeschel. "What it is good for is to prevent them from developing another cancer, and they run the risk of increased infection during treatment."

Ruckdeschel is one of the medical experts scheduled to lecture at the Catch Your Breath conference and luncheon hosted by the American Lung Association of Michigan 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 at the Troy Marriott. The event is open to professionals and lay persons who are concerned about women's lung health.

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## Women sound off about spring

● By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

On a day too blustery for even a brisk walk outside, PINK instead chose to stroll around Westland Mall. Oh, the sights of warmer weather were apparent in the short-sleeved kimono shirts and strappy sandals in store windows.

**But what PINK really wanted to hear was what some local gals were anticipating about Spring...**



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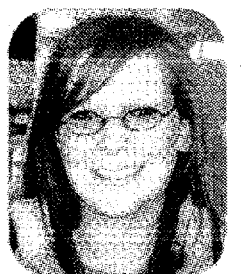
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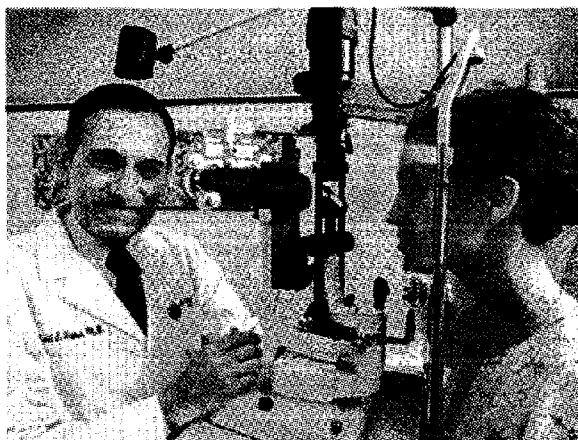
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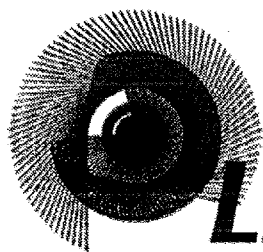
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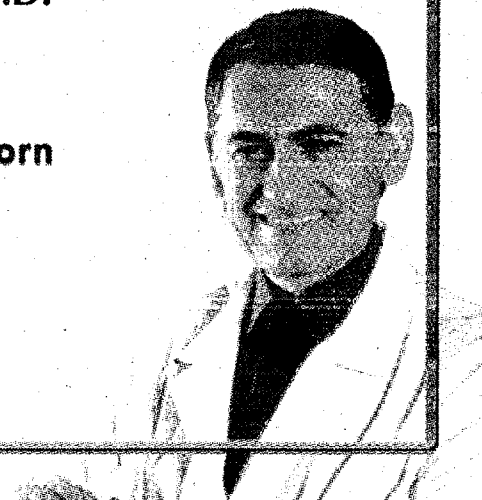


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Looking to thaw out your wardrobe? Here's a preview of trends for spring, courtesy Nordstrom.

According to John Bailey, based spokesperson for the store, the season will begin with a mix of color and a trendset of silhouettes, graphic prints and textures that shine. The it item is the dress.

### The Dress

This spring, it's all about the ease it brings to your wardrobe. Whether it's wrapped or draped, a body-skimming shift or a body-skimming dress, there is a dress for every day and size. New shapes and textures update this season's must-haves.

**How to wear it:** Add sweet details to the daring mini or a bold wrap dress.


### The City Short

With warmer weather just around the corner, the latest take on shorts is to update the spring wardrobe with your hemline — from casual bermudas that pair perfectly with a suit jacket for a modern workday look.

**How to wear it:** For an update, try rolling the cuffs or adding a belt to the blouse.

### Metallic

Precious metals make for a bright spring. Skirts, pants, jackets and blouses in platinum, gold and copper add instant brilliance to this season's wardrobe.



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stand-out accessories and cosmetics.

**How to wear it:** Update any look with a metallic handbag, ballet flat or even an all-over shimmer powder for the face.

### Patent Leather Accessories

It's all about shine this spring and what better way to incorporate this 80's-inspired trend than with a sleek patent clutch or oversized tote, shiny ballet flats or peep-toe pumps.

**How to wear it:** Patent looks fresh in colors other than red or black. Try a patent leather heel in camel or white for the perfect way to accessorize the lady-like dress.

### Polka Dots

This season's most popular print pops up on dresses, blouses, accessories and shoes. Vibrant red, green, navy and white appear on bold backgrounds for a vivid punch of color and cheer.

**How to wear it:** Add a polka-dot printed blouse to the new shorts or a spotted clutch to a shirtdress.

### The Color Yellow

From pale butter to bold marigold, the color yellow makes a statement this season. Sturdy jacquards, sweet cotton eyelets and modern stripes take their cue from the season's most inspirational hue.

**How to wear it:** Try a pretty eyelet blouse with a skinny pant, a nautical striped top with short shorts or a lemon jacquard shift dress. Add the color yellow to one of the items in the pair.

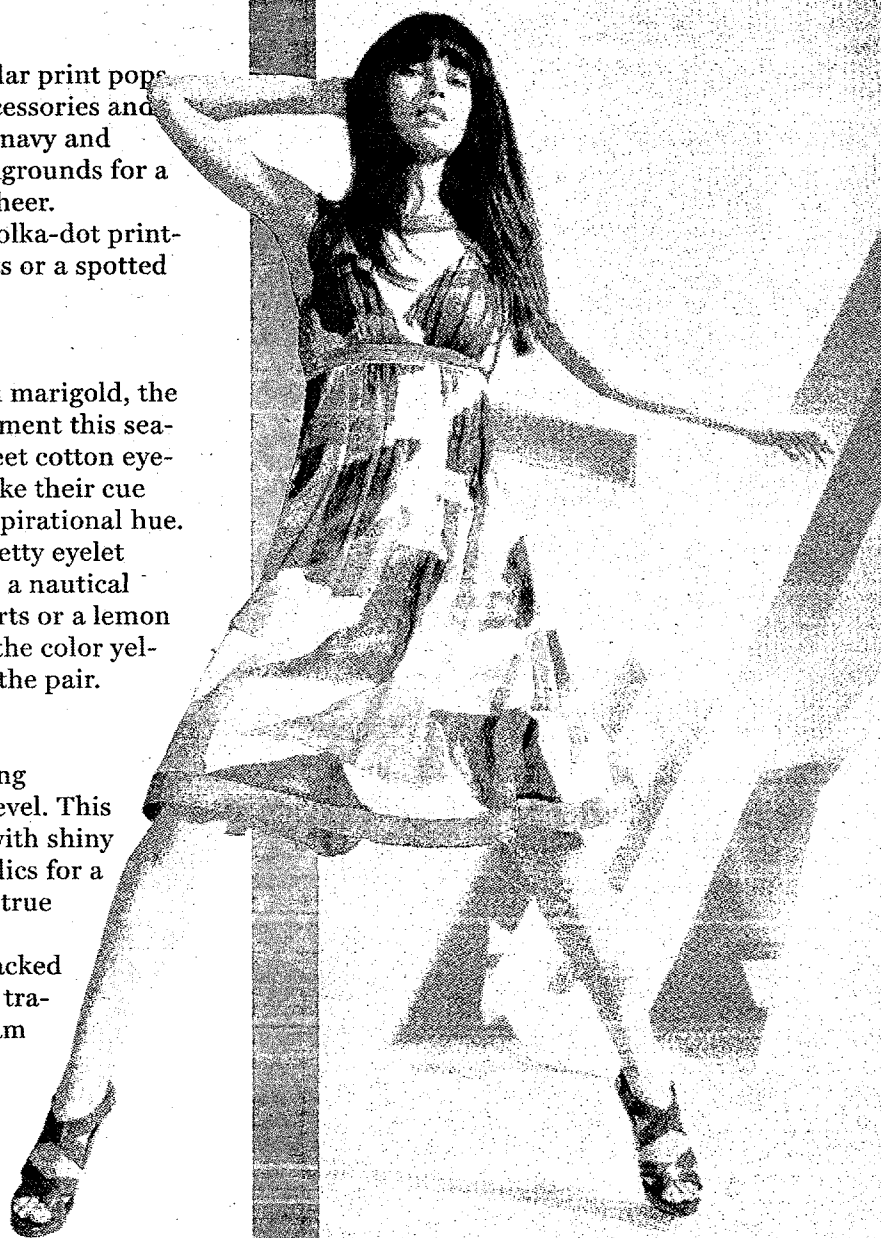
### Cork Heeled Sandals

The cork heel takes spring footwear to a whole new level. This natural texture is paired with shiny patent and brilliant metallics for a new spin on the tried and true espadrille.

**How to wear it:** Cork stacked heels instantly update the traditional shirtdress and glam up the city short.

*Nordstrom is located at the Somerset Collection, and will be coming to Twelve Oaks Mall in September, 2007.*

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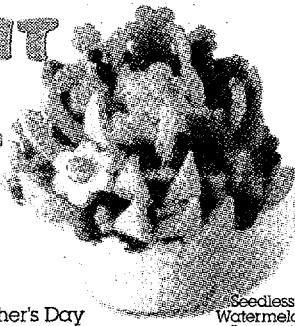
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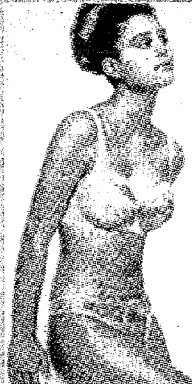
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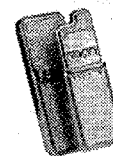
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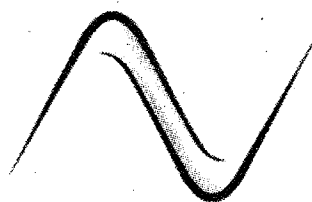
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# Defining a New Craft Movement online

● By Stephanie Tardy

As I sit down to write this column, I'm prepping to attend the first DIY/Indie Craft Congress in Pittsburgh. Gathering 50 crafty leaders at the end of March, the Congress aims to strengthen the ties between the many alternative crafters all over the country. But as I head to this national conference, I still find that few people in Detroit know the definition of "alternative crafting."

Some of the confusion may come from the name itself. It's been called "alt-craft," "indie craft," "punk craft," or "the DIY movement." Regardless of what it's called, there is no doubt that we are in a New Craft Movement, firmly rooted in a Do It Yourself foundation.

Many New Crafters create goods in response to issues of eco-sustainability

(using what you have, recycled crafts), feminism (finding joy in an empowered reclamation of traditional women's roles) and corporate consumerism (supporting local business, living simply).

Many are young and web savvy. In fact, the web savvy part is crucial.

Crafty web sites have given the movement a center and sparked its

growth. If you're new to the movement, here are some popular sites to explore.

● **Craftster** ([www.craftster.org](http://www.craftster.org)) is the best introduction to making stuff. Post your completed projects, participate in swaps or just browse the forum for the thing you like making the most ... you're sure to find at least one inspiring thing, and more likely, much more.

● DIY-focused super site **SuperNaturale** ([www.supernaturale.com](http://www.supernaturale.com)) features forums, a group blog and musings and reviews of the DIY nature ... everything from frugal living to making stuff.

● The best domestic-revival site on the net is **Not Martha** ([www.notmartha.org](http://www.notmartha.org)). On a typical week, blogger Megan will



post anything from a review of Chapstick to a snack cake sushi tutorial.

● Crafty business ladies may want to join **The Switchboards** ([www.theswitchboards.com](http://www.theswitchboards.com)), a forum for opportunity sharing and advice on running a small enterprise.

● For crafty mamas, **Kiddley** ([www.kiddley.com](http://www.kiddley.com)) is a must bookmark. Though the site is currently on a little hiatus, click through the archives for a ton of clever crafts to do together.

● Locally, the **Detroit Craft Mafia** ([www.detroitcraftmafia.com](http://www.detroitcraftmafia.com)) is keeping the spirit of the Austin Craft Mafia (you may recognize them from the DIY Network) alive.

● To find crafty makers, start with one of the best in the area. Ypsilanti resident Melissa Lekkner's T-shirt reconstructions ([www.lekkner.com](http://www.lekkner.com)) are widely popular.



Melissa Lekkner is a local crafty maven. Appearing in books and large indie craft fairs with her reconstructed t-shirt designs, she is currently prepping a line of fox-themed clothing.

**Lekkner** has appeared in several craft books, guest designed for *Herbivore Magazine* and participates in many large alternative craft fairs.

● Finally, because I can't let a plug opportunity go by, check out **Handmade Detroit** ([www.handmadedetroit.com](http://www.handmadedetroit.com)). We cover everything crafty and local and have a large link section of metro Detroit resources.

Happy exploring!

*Stephanie Tardy is the founder of the indie craft collective Handmade Detroit, which hosts Sunday Crafternoon, a monthly craft showcase at the Woodward Avenue Brewers in Ferndale. Submissions, events and ideas for this column may be sent to [stardy@hometownlife.com](mailto:stardy@hometownlife.com).*



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I caught the travel bug young. Blame my father who immigrated alone all the way from Sicily at age 13. Blame my great-grandfather who escaped Romania in his 30s and never stopped roaming until his death at 97.

Growing up my family constantly drove around the country; on wages my dad earned as a baker. Today I travel by car, air, boat — a dingy if that's the only way.

In the 70s, our family of five stayed occupied on long drives without in-car DVD players or computer games (Merlin and Simon when I was a little older). Fun back then were the license-plate A-B-C game and singing songs on the radio from Fleetwood Mac's *Rumors*.

*Little Miss Sunshine* had nothing on us.

With three girls all younger than nine years old, my parents drove through America's deserts, in an un-airconditioned Montego MX.

We once packed 14 family members in the same car and drove to Mackinac Island — child safety laws were lax back then. The kids were passed from lap to lap during the long, fun ride. I'm sure you have tales to share too.

The first trip away from my family was Daytona Beach, 20 years ago, high school senior year (we won't discuss that one). I brought two suitcases and one big carry-on. Two outfits, minimum, per day.

Today, it's different. On a recent seven-day trip to Paris I used one carry-on bag: rolled black jersey dresses were tucked in big ziplocks.

I roam every few months, and it's possible even on a budget.

Fancy cars and clothes don't make memories. Travel, for me, does. Finding nice rooms in great locations for under \$125 feeds the travel savvy ego. Finding great flight deals does too.

This column is all about travel, especially geared for women. We'll explore it all: traveling solo, with friends, families or lovers. We'll share tips, etiquette, tales and secrets, along with advice on landing good deals.

There's a lot to see out there, come with me.

*Lana Mini's new travel column will appear monthly in PINK. Contact her at [lmini@hometownlife.com](mailto:lmini@hometownlife.com)*



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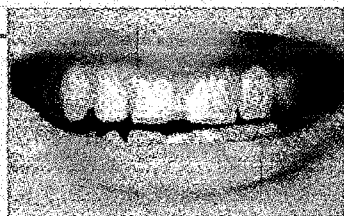
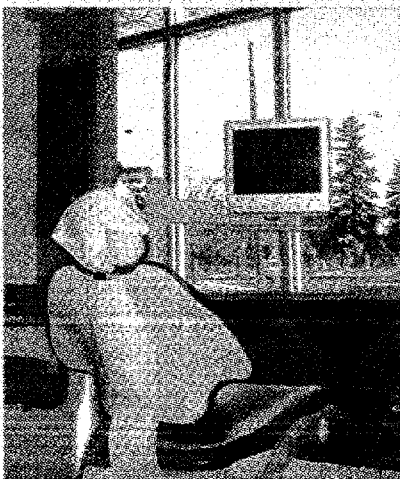
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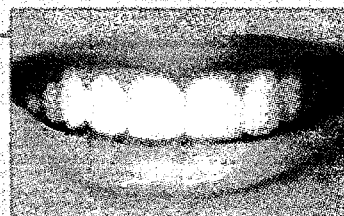
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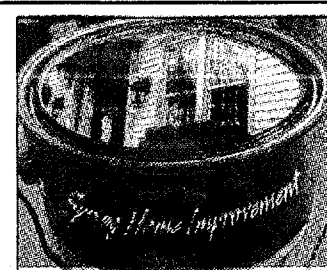
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## Brewing up the proper atmosphere

Box's beer menu gives eatery the right ambience

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Blackmer and Kristina Seniuch sat at the bar at downtown Plymouth's Box Bar, sipping their Coronas and enjoying a bright, sunny day.

In front of them sat a row of coolers bearing hundreds of examples of the beer menu the Box features, at times anywhere between 600-700 beers, depending on their availability.

In that regard, Blackmer and Seniuch, both Canton residents, were like many other customers who enter the Box, at least according to a "best of the best" readership survey sponsored by the *Observer*. The Box Bar was voted "Best Beer Menu" in the survey.

"I just think the variety is awesome," Blackmer said. "You can sit here and just look at all the different beers."

That's what Chip Falcusan had in mind when he expanded the menu some seven years ago. The Box Bar owner said his goal all along was to make the Box a "world class beer emporium."

"People enjoy trying the different beers, and we wanted to give them a place where they could do that," said Falcusan, who bought the restaurant 29 years ago. "There are very few places in the country that have a better selection. We've filled a niche that people have really enjoyed."

The Box has a variety of domestic and imported beers, including some 40 beers on tap. He said the only thing that limits the Box's ability to serve a beer is the distributor's ability to get their hands on it.

The beers range from imported classics like Chimay and Lindeman's, both Belgian beers, to domestic favorites like Budweiser. In fact, despite the extensive menu, it's a domestic beer that still reigns supreme.

"Bud Light is still the popular choice," Falcusan said. "It's really amazing how many of the imported beers we're able to sell, especially the high-end ones. (But) Bud Light is sort of the bread-and-butter everywhere."

Speaking of bread and butter, it's also the key to the success of the Box Bar, according to its owner. While the beers are popular, they work in concert with the food to provide the right atmosphere for the Box.

"Beer sales are important because it's the unique aspect of the business," Falcusan said. "What brings people back is the food. We haven't tried to get fancy. We do traditional food and we do it well, and we're conscious of the cost points."

The food and the atmosphere, according to Falcusan, combine to provide the perfect ambience for the beer menu.

"People come here to socialize," Falcusan said. "That formula, having a place for people from all walks of life to come and feel comfortable, goes hand in hand with all the different beers and the different tastes we have."

It's an ambience that can bring the customers in.

"You'd never think of trying all those beers if you just saw them in a store," Blackmer said. "But here you might."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Applegate lines up a few of the more than 600 bottled brews in stock at the Box Bar and Grill. Forty more beers are available on draft. Lots of bars claim to have a large selection, but the Box has them in the cooler, ready to pour.

### 'BEST OF BEST' RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Each week in the *Observer & Eccentric's* entertainment section, we "Filter" out the hottest art, theater and entertainment in Metro Detroit. Recently, we asked you, our readers, to help us pick out the best of the best.

Throughout the month of February, readers completed our "Best Of" survey in Filter and on-line. You shared your favorite restaurants, nightspots and places for family friendly fun.

Now, the results are in. Turn to today's Filter (March 29) for the complete list of local reader picks. See if your favorite haunts made the cut, and take note of places to try in the future.

Then, stay tuned to Filter for 'pure entertainment' every week in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

## Patterson agrees to seek more money

Senator tells district school fund hike would 'be miraculous'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson told Plymouth-Canton Schools representatives Tuesday he would carry their case for increased school aid funding to the legislature.

However, Patterson also admitted that getting an additional \$18 million for P-CCS will be more than challenging as the state continues to deal with an increasing budget deficit.

"I will do the best I can to serve the Plymouth-Canton school district," Patterson said after a meeting that lasted more than an hour in his Senate chambers. "Michigan is in crisis, people are losing their jobs — we've lost 300,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector — our wages are going down. How can we expect to get more money?"

P-CCS Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, Superintendent Jim Ryan and Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Patricia Brand presented their case to Patterson as to why the district — which is facing a \$7.5 million budget shortfall in the 2007-08 school year — wants an additional \$1,000 per student from its current \$7,410 per-pupil allotment from the state.

Among the issues presented by the trio that sparked Patterson to react were the state-mandated increases in the retirement fund for teachers and unfunded mandates for special education, which costs Plymouth-Canton nearly \$12 million annually.

"Help us with the state retirement system that allows for some people to get full health compensation when they only work five or 10 years," Ryan told Patterson.

As for the special education spending, Brand said Plymouth-Canton is required by law to provide services, even though they aren't funded.

"On an annual basis, we absorb nearly \$12 million that's not covered by any funding source," Brand said. "The general education student doesn't get a full foundation allowance behind them because the special needs child demands more, and you legally have to provide more."

It was at that point Patterson believed he had some ammunition to take to his colleagues.

"That has real meat and resonance, it's something that may gain some traction," Patterson said. "It's a legitimate shortfall in

PLEASE SEE PATTERSON, A6

## Justice Dept. saga familiar to fired lawyer

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has come under fire from congressional leaders who want to know if the firing of federal prosecutors was the result of political meddling by the White House in Justice Department affairs.

Democrats want President George W. Bush and his chief political adviser, Karl Rove, to explain their roles in the dismissals.

Plymouth attorney Rick Convertino, who is the subject of a federal criminal investigation after filing a whistleblower lawsuit against the U.S. government, said the latest accusations only lend credence to his case.

Convertino was the lead prosecutor in the first terror trial in the U.S. relating to the 9/11 attacks, and won a June 2003 conviction against two defendants on terrorist charges. The convictions were thrown out in 2004 after the U.S. Justice Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth attorney Rick Convertino of Canton, with his wife Valerie, said the Justice Department turned on him, and is now doing the same to the eight U.S. attorneys recently fired.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is offering boys and girls ages 12-16 a chance to be a ball girl or ball boy at an upcoming Detroit Pistons home game at The Palace.

Go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) and tell us who's your favorite Piston. The ball girl or ball boy — selected by random drawing — will receive four tickets (includes the ballperson) to either the Sunday, April 8, Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers game at 1 p.m. or Tuesday, April 17, Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors game at 7:30 p.m. (last home game of the season).

Each ball boy or ball girl will get a chance to rebound with the team before the game, receive Pistons merchandise and have his/her picture taken with a player.

There's no purchase necessary. For entrants under age 13, parents will have to fill out the online form. Tickets and other information will be mailed to the winners. There's no purchase necessary. Winners must abide by rules and regulations outlined by the Detroit Pistons organization.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Dr. Michael Roizen tells how to take years off your age.



**Compost collection**

Plymouth Township officials have announced the start of the township's curbside compost collection, which begins Monday, April 2.

Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days, and no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before. Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet long.

Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper Yard Waste bags available from various retailers, or in a 35-gallon container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large "Xs" or "Cs." Stickers are available at township offices. Filled containers shouldn't exceed 50 pounds.

For more information, call (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

**Good Friday breakfast**

The 32nd Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast, will be held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, 8 a.m. Friday, April 6.

Christian singer-songwriter Chris Kokenos will be the guest speaker. All men and boys are invited. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under and includes an All-U-Can-Eat breakfast.

Call the church office, (734) 459-3333 for details.

**Easter Egg hunt**

The Plymouth Jaycees host their annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7, at Plymouth Township Park, located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. We will be starting promptly.

The hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m., and the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. Other highlights include a police car and fire engine for youngsters to explore. Participants should bring their baskets, bags and cameras.

In case of inclement weather or for more information, call the Jaycee hotline, (734) 453-8407.

**Legion meets**

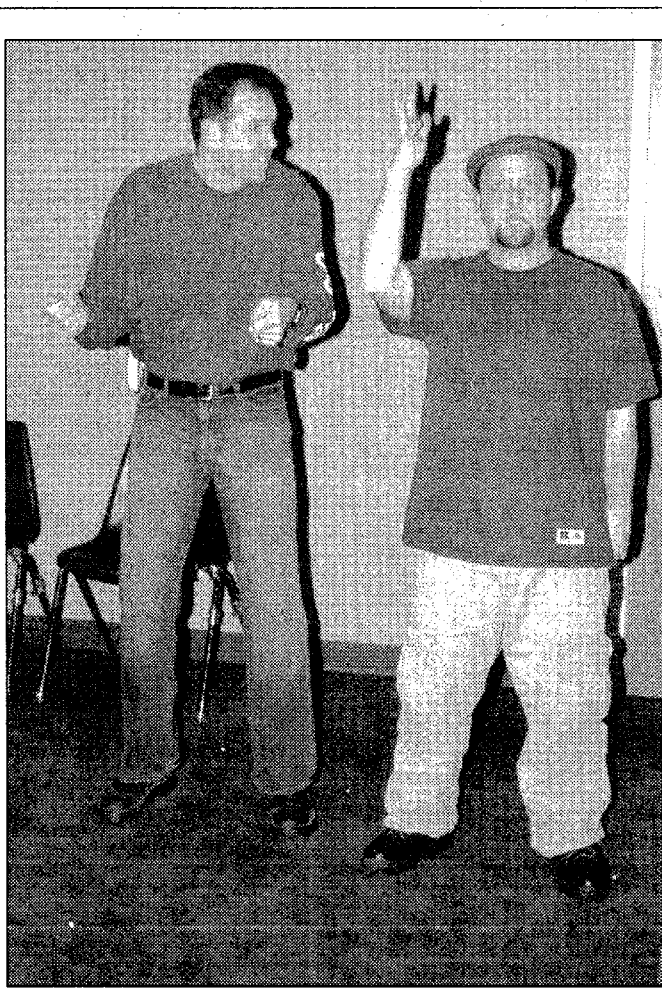
The American Legion, Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 and Ladies Auxiliary Unit 112 meet the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All war-time veterans are welcome. Ladies must be a mother, wife, sister, daughter, granddaughter or great-granddaughter of a war-time veteran and are also welcome.

Meetings are held at IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 459-7324.

**Top employee**

Jonathon Wolgat is the April 2007 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's, officials from LaBelle Management, which owns Bennigan's, announced recently.

According to spokesperson Becky Dell, crewmembers are selected for the honor "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."



**Night of improv**

Trinity Church drama team members Shadd Whitehead of Livonia and Caleb Gilbert of Canton hone their improvisational skills in preparation for a night of comedy at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Although Improv by its very nature isn't precisely rehearsed, those who perform it can participate in various exercises to sharpen the wit, spur creativity and learn basic structures of the craft. Whitehead, Gilbert and other drama team participants will warm up the audience March 30 when Trinity presents "Laughing Matters," an evening of food and fun featuring comedian Phil DiTommaso. The event begins with food and music at 6:30, followed by the comedy at 7:30. The evening offers a new approach to the church's annual coffeehouse program being held off-site for the first time this year. Tickets are required in advance. For more information, contact the church, (734) 459-9550.

10:45-11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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

Call (734) 453-1234 to register. Free coffee and nutritional snacks.

Sounds of Canton, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, will perform 1:30 p.m. April 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 ASAP to register for this performance of song and dance.

**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) 354-3243.

**Antiquing opportunity**

There's a friendly group who travels to different locations once a month to shop and have lunch, and they're looking for more members.

Anyone interested can call Helen at (734) 455-4863.

**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

**Little Lambs registration**

Little Lambs Christian Preschool is now enrolling for 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.

**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.

**Plymouth 101**

Spaces are still available for "Plymouth 101," the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's workshop series that replaced the Leadership Plymouth program.

There are still two sessions left on the schedule: "Main Street to Wall Street, Part II," 8-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, during which students take an in-depth look at the City of Plymouth government, services, people and programs; and "Law & Order," 8-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, during which students follow a crime from beginning to end as someone is moved through the system from arrest to trial to prison. The session starts at 35th District Court and ends at the Detroit Regional Correctional Facility.

Plymouth 101 consists of

half-day sessions designed to help participants get involved and learn about their community. Cost is \$45 per session.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**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.

A portion of ticket proceeds benefit the PCEP Choirs.

**Council on Aging**

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# Auction adds wine tasting

Proceeds benefit New Morning's programs

New Morning School officials announced a tasty addition to their 31st-annual fund-raising auction, "La Dolce Vita."

The school has added a wine tasting to accompany the auction, which is set for Saturday, March 31. The public is welcome to attend and indulge in tastings of their favorite wines with the some 600 attendees who bid fast and high on such one-of-a-kind items as a "Top Gun" style jet ride, a first-class ski trip to Lake Tahoe, tickets to see Oprah Winfrey, a day at the spa and a weekend of morel mushroom hunting.

"This is the second year we've added a sort of second feature to the auction," New Morning School executive director Elaine Kennedy said. "It gives people another activity for people to engage in during the silent bidding."

The silent auction features something for everyone, from sports memorabilia to children's items, electronics, original artwork, and more.

The New Morning School auction is held annually at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The auction will offer an Italian-inspired strolling meal, silent and live auctions as well as a wine-tasting room provided by Simply Wine of Birmingham and the Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail.

Anyone interested in attending the auction can purchase tickets by calling (734) 420-3331. Tickets are \$75 per person for the auction, which includes the meal, dessert, open bar and the silent and live auction portions of the evening. The wine-tasting room is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Judging by the pace of pre-registration, the wine tasting is going to be a big draw.

"We've had a lot of interest in the wine-tasting, judging by the number of people who have



Jared Wakefield and Dane Holst work on items for the New Morning School auction, set for Saturday night at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

pre-registered," Kennedy said.

New Morning School is the only preschool-through eighth-grade parent cooperative school in Michigan. New Morning School focuses on individualized learning, small class size and parental involvement.

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And much of it starts with money raised at the auction. This year's area of interest is technology and multi-media. Donors who raise their bidding paddles get a chance to donate toward that.

"It creates a lot of interest," Kenney said. "The auction is very important to what we do. Proceeds go to this year's operating budget, which allows us to offer the small class sizes, gives the kids cutting edge materials, improves our technology."

# St. Joe's announces addition

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has announced plans to add a 51,000-square-foot addition to its Canton Health Center.

The news of the center's expansion at 1600 Canton Center Road comes just days before Oakwood Healthcare Systems takes a second shot at convincing the Canton Planning Commission to recommend its tentative plans for a medical facility at Beck and Geddes.

Oakwood's plans, which include a 650,000-square-foot hospital, have faced sharp criticism from homeowners adjacent to the proposed site. Construction for the \$36

million Saint Joseph project is expected to begin in the fall.

The expansion calls for a two-story addition that will house an ambulatory surgery and procedure center, a renovation of the existing building's entrance and lobby area and the upgrading of current imaging technology.

Kathleen Kasperek-Korelis, director of oncology for Saint Joseph, says the health care provider began laying out plans for its extension last summer.

"We had always planned for a second phase," she said. "It's going to be a busy year but an exciting one. We are committed to this project."

The 85,000-square-foot center, which opened in 1998, offers primary and urgent care

and specialty practices. The building sits on 15 acres.

Saint Joseph, which has hospitals in Ann Arbor, Saline and Howell, has no immediate plans to turn the Canton site into a full-fledged hospital, Kasperek-Korelis said.

Julie MacDonald, Saint Joseph's chief operating officer, said several factors played into the timing of the proposed expansion.

"Continued growth in the western Wayne region, coupled with rapidly advancing technology have convinced us that now is the time to expand the facility," she said.

"Our efforts to expand services at the Canton Health Center reflect our recognition of the community's increasing desire for advanced medical care close to home."



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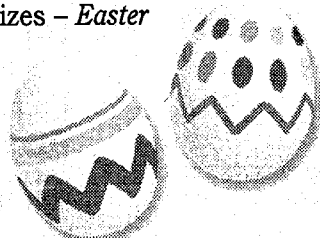
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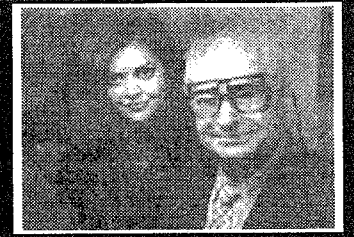
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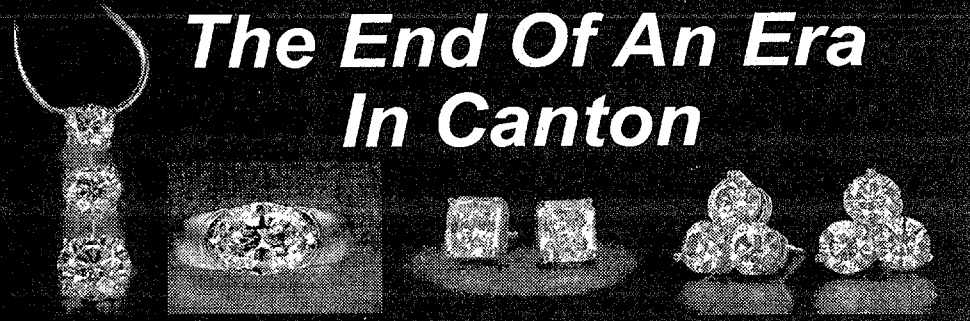
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# Local engineer appointed to board

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has appointed Mohammad El-Gamal, PhD, PE, to the Board of Professional Engineers, to represent the professional engineers for a term expiring March 31, 2009.



El-Gamal

El-Gamal, who has been with PSI since 1998, holds the positions of Chief Engineer as well as Geotechnical and Drilling Services Department Manager. Among the many technical and academic journals he has been published in are ACI Special Publications, Soils and Foundations Journal,

Transportation Research Record, The Canadian Geotechnical Journal and Computers and Structures Journal.

His education includes a Doctorate of Philosophy and a master of science in Geotechnical and Earthquake Engineering from the University of Nevada-Reno, and a bachelor of science in Structural Engineering from Elmsoura

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University in Egypt. El-Gamal is located in PSI's Plymouth office.

### Artists honored

Three Plymouth artists — Dennis Jones, Kathleen Montgomery and Cedric Tai — were accepted into the Michigan Fine Arts Competition being held through April 3 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Some 83 pieces were chosen

from more than 528 submissions. Among the jury panel were Gerry Craig, Assistant Director for Academic Programs, Cranbrook Academy of Art; Rebecca Hart, Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, Detroit Institute of Arts; Janet Teunis, Managing Director, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids; and Susan VanArendonk, Director of Collections and Exhibitions, Kalamazoo Institute of Art. For further information, contact the BBAC at 248-644-0866.



Plymouth Lions Club member Bill Moy manded an intersection collecting donations during last year's White Cane Drive. This year's drive is set for April 27-28.

## ON CAMPUS

### Air Force Academy

Austin McKinney, who was graduated from Plymouth High School in 2006, was named to the Superintendent's List of straight "A" students for the Fall Semester at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was one of only 32 cadets out of 4,000 total who received such high marks. The USAFA ranks all cadets based on grades, military leadership and athletics. McKinney is currently ranked 10th of 1,300 freshman cadets in his class.

McKinney's element set the fastest time in the obstacle course in Air Force Academy history last summer. He also led his squadron team to the Championship (out of 40 squadrons) in the Military

Knowledge Bowl Competition. McKinney is majoring in Business Administration/Finance at the Academy and will receive soaring instruction in gliders this summer.

### Earlham College

Jesse Varga, an Earlham College junior and son of Barbara Van Pelt and David Varga of Plymouth, has completed Earlham's Introduction to Caving course.

Varga explored the basics of caving. The course culminated in two trips to the world-class caving area in southern Indiana near Bedford during the weekends of March 3-4 and Feb. 24-25.

The Wilderness Program at Earlham is one of the oldest and most comprehensive of its kind in the country. It features

a unique, liberal arts approach to outdoor education.

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### Graceland University

Lauren Bevell of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at Graceland (Iowa) University for the Fall 2006 term.

Students named to the Dean's List earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64.

Graceland University operates campuses in Lamoni, Iowa and Independence, Mo., and offers degree completion programs at three other sites — the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa; the Indian Hills Community College campus in Centerville, Iowa; and the North Central Missouri College campus in Trenton, Missouri.

For information about attending Graceland University please view our Web site: [www.graceland.edu](http://www.graceland.edu), and follow the links to Admissions and Financial Aid.

### Walsh College

Students from Plymouth and Canton were among some 442 students who earned Walsh College diplomas at winter commencement ceremonies.

Canton students included Anton Botosan, Master of Science in Management; Christine Braun, Master of Business Administration; Holly Davis, Bachelor of Accountancy; Joseph DiPonio, Bachelor of Business Administration; Rayhana Karim, Master of Accountancy; Michael Merkel, Master of Science in Taxation; Roderick Miller, Master of Business Administration; and Michael Simmerer, Master of Business Administration.

Plymouth students included Justin Hawkins, Master of Business Administration; Daniel McGregor, Master of Science in Business Information Technology; Kevin Meiselbach, Bachelor of Business Administration; and Jesse Ray, Master of Science in Finance.

## Lions announce 'White Cane' drive

The Plymouth Lions Club has announced that it will hold its annual White Cane Drive on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2007.

On those two days, Plymouth Lions Club members will be stationed at intersections around the Plymouth community taking donations from passing motorists who wish to support projects that aid the blind and handicapped in the local area.

Volunteers will be easy to identify: All will be wearing bright yellow jackets and aprons with purple Lions logos. Project Chairman Gary

Kerstens said that while club members understand the depressed economic situation that envelops the area, he has found that residents are still willing to contribute and help those less fortunate.

"We were surprised and delighted with the outpouring of support during last year's campaign and hope that we can at least do as well this year," Kerstens said.

In addition to their primary focus on blind and handicapped causes, the Plymouth Lions support community parks, build handicapped ramps, award college scholarships, fund drug awareness programs and many other activities that touch the lives of school age, seniors and the less fortunate members of the community.

Anyone willing to donate or who wants more information on the Plymouth Lions Club and their activities, can contact Plymouth Lion Gary Kerstens c/o Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170-9609.

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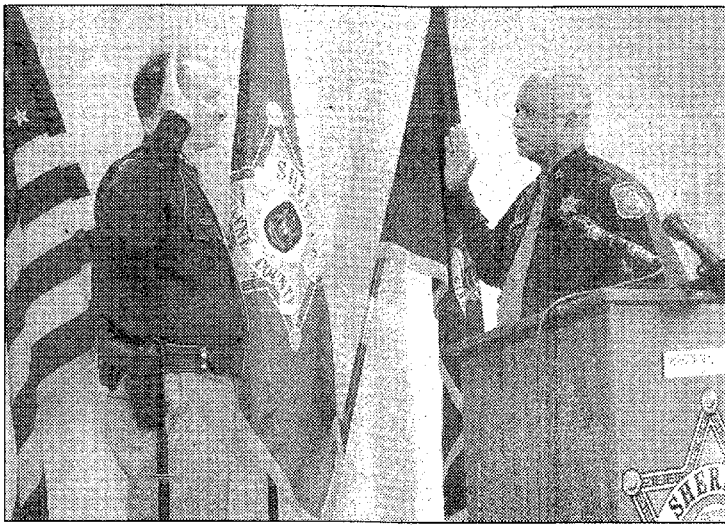
# Retired Westland police chief is county's new undersheriff

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans officially announced Monday that he has named newly retired Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes as his new undersheriff, making Pfannes the second-highest ranking officer in Michigan's second-largest police department.

Pfannes, 47, replaces Harold Cureton, who retired early this year after serving as undersheriff for two years.

"In the four years that I have been sheriff, my office has had no better partner in the law enforcement community than Dan Pfannes," Evans said. "He is bright, experienced and, above all, an excellent administrator. We are very fortunate to have him join our team."

Pfannes officially began his duties this week. As undersheriff, he will oversee all day-to-day police operations of the



Former Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes, with Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, is sworn in as undersheriff.

sheriff's office. That includes court and jail operations and the department's field services section, which includes all land and marine patrol activities,

fugitive apprehension, and specialty units such as Internet Crime, Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, Mounted Unit, Detective

Bureau, Deed Fraud, Auto Theft, Special Response Team and more.

Pfannes, who has spent his entire law enforcement career in Westland, worked his way steadily through the ranks, eventually being named chief in 2003. He joined the department in 1982.

Pfannes has served the Westland community as a police officer, evidence technician, detective, special investigations unit commander, SWAT commander and executive level administrator.

He has also served on a number of multi-agency task forces that have operated in the region. While working as a police officer, Pfannes obtained a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit.

He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan and

Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

"Mr. Pfannes' prior experience as a suburban police chief will bring an important perspective to my administration as we look toward more regional and collaborative approaches to making Wayne County safer," Evans said.

During his 25 years in Westland, Pfannes received numerous citations and commendations for his role in major crime investigations, including homicide, rape and robbery.

Pfannes said he looks forward to playing an important role on Evans' team.

"I always have had a great deal of respect for Sheriff Evans and his staff," Pfannes said. "As a local police chief, I appreciated his commitment to supporting local agencies

and developing data-driven crime reduction strategies. I look forward to being a part of what I believe to be one of the best and brightest law enforcement teams in the nation."

The sheriff's office has an annual operating budget of approximately \$120 million and employs more than 1,300 officers and civilian employees.

In addition to operating three jails and providing court security, the office operates a broad range of street units, including Secondary Road Patrol, Highland Park Patrol, Fugitive Apprehension Service Team, Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, Narcotics & Morality Enforcement, Detective Bureau, Park Patrol, Marine Patrol, Special Response Team (SRT), Mounted Unit and more.

## League book sale offers 4,000 titles

Now in its 25th year, the annual League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's used book sale has more than 4,000 titles for sale starting this afternoon. The sale runs through Sunday.

There will be a preview of the sale today, March 29, from 5-9 p.m. The sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and again from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the sale on preview night is \$2, the rest is free.

Sunday is the bag sale. Shoppers can purchase a brown paper grocery bag for \$5 and fill it with as many books as it can hold.

Over the past few days, a team of some 30 League members has been sorting the thousands of donated books into categories — fiction and non-fiction, science fiction and western — and putting them up for display at their sale location in Livonia Mall.

The mall donated a space (parallel to Seven Mile Road, near Sears) which used to be a Waldenbooks, which is perfect since it still has bookshelves throughout.

Almost all of the books are \$1 or less, although there might be a few better editions up for sale.

"We have Harriet Larson from the Friends of the Livonia Library come out to evaluate rare books," Book Sale Vice-president Ann Abdo said. "Occasionally she finds one worth more than a dollar."

It's a good thing, too, because the proceeds go to fund the League's most valuable services. The funds pay for the League's Web site and voter education programs like the "They Represent You" guides to elected officials, candidate forums and pre-election voter guides.

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For more information about the sale, check the League's Web site at

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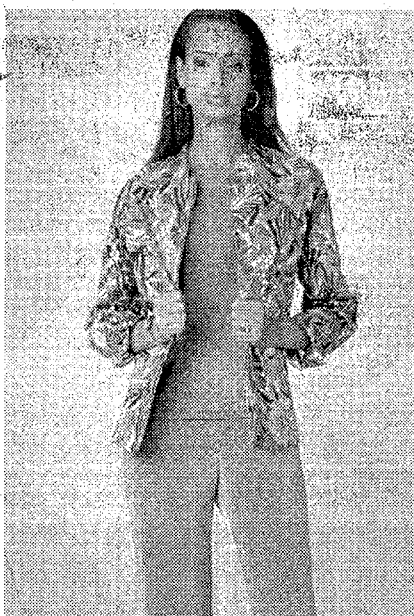
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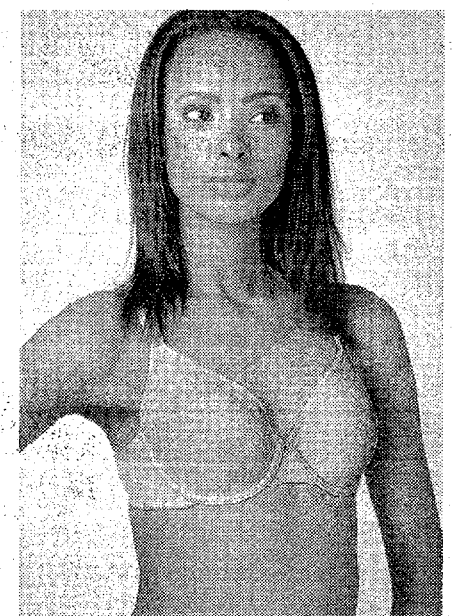
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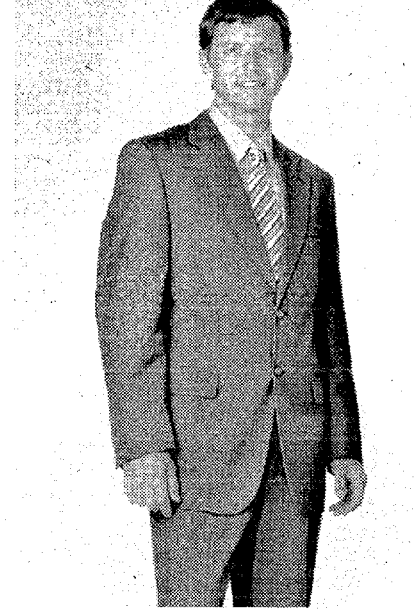
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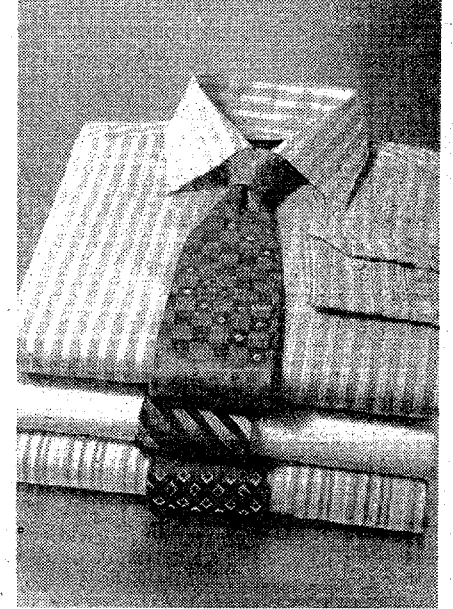
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**PATTERSON**

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funding that's being born out by other students who suffer."

At one point, Patterson asked, "What number should I be aspiring to get for Plymouth-Canton Schools?"

Brand only took a moment to suggest \$1,000 more per pupil.

"It will allow us to put back programs we've had to reduce

that has significantly impacted kids," Brand said. "That would put us in parallel with Livonia (\$8,490), Northville (\$8,435), somewhere near Ann Arbor (\$9,619) and even Wayne-Westland (\$7,781)."

Patterson never committed to seeking a specific increase, and indicated it would be a victory if he just could keep Plymouth-Canton from any further cuts, such as the \$34 per student being proposed by the Senate. That would save the district \$635,000.

"If I was able to hold them harmless, while everyone else took a cut, that would be miraculous," Patterson said. "To the extent I would be able to get them something in addition to what they get now, in light of what is looming on the horizon ..."

"In the grand scheme of things, I can't lose sight of the fact that if the revenue estimating conference says we're \$300 million below what's projected, there's no way I will be able to do anything. I have to be prepared for that."

The P-CCS school board earlier met with Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville Township) and Rep. Phil Lajoie (R-Canton Township) about the district's financial plight. Arranging a meeting with Patterson had been more difficult, and was arranged only days before the session in Lansing.

"I'm optimistic," Gonzalez said. "I think we opened lines of communication between the school district and Senator Patterson."

Ryan agreed, but admitted the chances of getting more state aid is a slim proposition. "I'm not overly confident," Ryan said. "I'm more pleased with his receptivity to listen to us."

Lajoie has been working on a bill to give Plymouth-Canton and a handful of other districts an additional \$750 per student.

"I'm still working on it," Lajoie said. "It's going slow at this point."

Patterson lamented the fact several years ago he introduced legislation to give Plymouth-Canton Schools \$9,000 per student, when the district's foundation grant was about \$6,000.

"I couldn't get a resolution from the board to support it, so it died," Patterson said. "There were certain members of the school board ... who nit-picked it, and said it wasn't enough."

Patterson, who has served four years in the House and is in his fifth year in the Senate, laid out the realities of attempting to pass legislation giving P-CCS more money.

"Logic and reason don't necessarily carry the day here," Patterson said. "Whoever can count to 56 in one chamber (House) and 20 in the other (Senate) gets what they want. That's just political reality. As the old saying goes ... you don't want to watch sausage or legislation being made because it's ugly."

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**LAWYER**

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Convertino came under internal investigation by the Department of Justice after telling a Senate committee his concerns about the federal government's war on terrorism, and filed a 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of the war on terror.

Convertino claims the Justice Department turned on him, and he believes it's doing the same to the fired federal prosecutors.

"You don't fire U.S. attorneys because they're discovering political corruption in your own party," said Convertino, who lives in Canton Township. "The intent of the Justice Department is not to use the executive branch powers to stifle dissent within the citizenry."

"It's clear to me the Justice Department, and the administration in general - individuals who are in the position of authority - deem it more important for their own personal agendas," he said. "This administration has acted with complete impunity, unchecked and with an in-your-face attitude. This is what we're doing, and if you're not on board, you're the enemy."

Convertino said in his case, high school and college records were subpoenaed by the Justice

Department, as well as telephone records, computers and e-mails. The federal government's case also includes interviews of more than 100 witnesses, including scores of friends and colleagues.

"If the government isn't in check, it has the ability to reach into your personal and professional life by illegally using things like the Patriot Act, that was passed in a moment of national crisis and emergency," Convertino said. "If they're allowed to do that with impunity, that's not America, that's totalitarianism."

Convertino said unless Congress intervenes, he's concerned about continued political pressures on the Justice Department.

"I'm concerned that Karl Rove has the ability to control a criminal investigation through the Justice Department," Convertino said. "Until there's complete oversight, or a crackdown by Congress, it will continue until there's a new administration."

"When I was a federal prosecutor, I never thought the government would do such things," he said. "But, I've come 180 degrees. I've seen government over-reaching and abuse, and it abhors and disgusts me. We don't have enough public officials who are standing firm against it because they're worried about the political ramifications against them."

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 08, 2007, REGULAR ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, May 08, 2007, from 7:00 a.m., until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

- PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION; AND
- SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

PLEASE NOTE that on April 09, 2007, is the last date to register for the Regular School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 08, 2006. Registration for electors within the Charter Township of Plymouth will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 9955 N. Haggerty Road or at any Secretary of State Office or state designated agency. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident. Phone 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 20, 2007**

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Conklin, Jill Tobin, Jon LaFever, Amy Lockmond, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, Phil Garcia **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Kirchgatter, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Leisure Service Update, Culture, Arts & Heritage, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill** Ground breaking May 2003 and opening in September 2004. As part of Canton Leisure Services the arts and culture receive support from the Leadership Team, Marketing and PR, Business Supervisor, Central Services, Summit Staff and Front Desk, with additional assistance from Parks to Public Safety, Maintenance to Recreations Staff, IT, Finance and numerous other Canton Township employees - for the operation of the 30,000 square foot facility, all its programs and activities. **Partners and Collaborators:** Spotlight Players, Ever After Productions, Canton Concert Band and its ensembles, Orchestra Canton and the Celebration Youth Orchestra, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, The Canton Cultural Commission, Ushers - currently there are 238 active volunteers. **Canton's Vision for the Arts: Village Theater Fast Facts 2006:** 61,497 visitors, Number of days used - 357, 1,166 total events **Program Development:** Community Band, Youth Theater, Community Choir, Orchestra Canton, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Destination Theater, Spotlight Players, Regional Performances, Emerging Artist **Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, 501(c)(3), Technical Director - 2007 Position with no increase in funding Public Art:** Public Art - permanent Sculpture by Kenneth Thompson - Canton Community Arch at the corner of Ford and Canton Center Roads. The committee wants to let the public know that the main body of the sculpture will turn a lovely chocolate patina in the next year. Dedication to be held in April. Temporary sculpture exhibition Joyful Dancer Celebration - April 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Canton Cinema for area dance schools. to perform and enjoy a day of celebrating dance during National Dance week. Registration necessary. Docent tours **African American History Through Artist Eyes** - a Dr. King committee event funded by The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities brought over 1,700 PCCS students to the theater in January and February 2007. **Financial support for the arts and culture provided by:** The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., State of Michigan arts and culture grants, Michigan Humanities Council grants, City of Detroit Cultural Affairs grants, Target, Uptown Apartments, Huntington Bank, McCabe Funeral Homes, Bittinger - REMAX Classic **B.L.O.C.K. - Youth & Teen Center Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids** Services offered through the B.L.O.C.K.: After School Program, offering door to door service from all 5 middle schools, Transportation offered daily to all Outreach Program locations, Continuous shuttles from the BLOCK to the Summit and Library, Special Events held each and every Friday night throughout the school year, On-site tutoring services and homework help Canton Express, transportation program offered for evenings and weekends, Computer Lab, Video game systems, big screen television, pool tables, kitchen, and study area, Attended by average of 50 youths per day. Total B.L.O.C.K. attendance: First month of operation 1,333, Year End, 2005 4,296, Total for 2006 10,380. A Community Effort: Sylvan Learning Centers, Public Safety, High Velocity Sports, Canton Community Foundation, Artic Edge, Growth Works, Inc., National City, Canton Public Library, Mary Kay, Canton Goodfellows, Community Financial Credit Union, Exchange Club of Canton, Starbucks, Boy Scouts of America, IKEA, Youth Investors Club **Health & Wellness, Progress Over the Years, Creating a Healthier Community, Estimated Costs for Canton Township: Heart Disease, Obesity, Diabetes, Steps to a Healthier Community, Program Highlight:** Canton's 100 days to Health, Senior Health & Wellness, National Senior Health and Fitness Day, Health & Socialization at its peak, Family Exercise, Family Fun **Canton Community Health Coalition** Formed in May 2005 Mission: The Canton Community Health Coalition exists to promote physical activity as a way of life in Canton Township Vision: Active lifestyles and increased accessibility to physical activity will be promoted in our community through special events, programs, policy and partnerships. Other Partnerships: Arthritis Foundation, A.F.E.P., Tai Chi, A.F.A.P., Juvenile Arthritis Aquatic Program (one of 3 sites in Michigan), Oakwood Healthcare System, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill & Waltonwood at Carriage Park, Canton Community Foundation Health and Wellness Outreach: Bike Helmet Giveaway, Liberty Fest 2006 The Future of Health & Wellness Adopting State & National Focus **Adjourn** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn. 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](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

**MAY 8, 2007 ELECTION**

**FOR THE**

- PLYMOUTH/CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
- VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT
- WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
- SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that April 9, 2007, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above School Elections to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Registrations will be accepted at the office of the Canton Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks' Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations will be accepted if postmarked by April 9, 2007.

Terry G. Bennett  
Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN**

On April 10, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2007 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Canton Township Leisure Services handicap accessible athletic equipment purchase, \$1,500; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; HelpSource Teen Parenting, \$4,000; HelpSource Adult Day Services, \$2,000; Leisure Services Department doors retrofit for handicap access at Summit community center, \$30,000; Canton Township Human Services Center building improvements, \$58,760; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,000; Construction Contingency, \$20,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2007 CDBG allocation is \$374,160. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Wrong idea, but right approach

As good an idea as it potentially may be, the chances of a regionalized fire service operation actually happening are slim and none.

But you still have to admire Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer for his dogged pursuit of something he believes would be in the best interests of his residents.

Dwyer has been pushing the idea and trying to convince officials in the neighboring communities of Westland, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth Township and Northville Township of its positives. Unfortunately, from Dwyer's point of view, the idea is falling largely on deaf ears. Thus far, the only ones who seem genuinely interested are the folks in Livonia.

Canton Township officials believe their residents are satisfied they're getting a good value, and Westland officials seem uninterested in spending money they aren't sure they have. Northville Township officials have backed out of the talks because they're looking for a new fire chief. And Plymouth Township officials are balking because they don't believe financially it's to their benefit.

Still Dwyer plugs along, breathing life into an idea in which he believes. He talked his fellow commissioners into agreeing to spend money on a study (although they probably won't have to because no one else wants to spend it).

It's the kind of leadership he's shown during his mayoral term, which ends when he's term-limited out of office this fall.

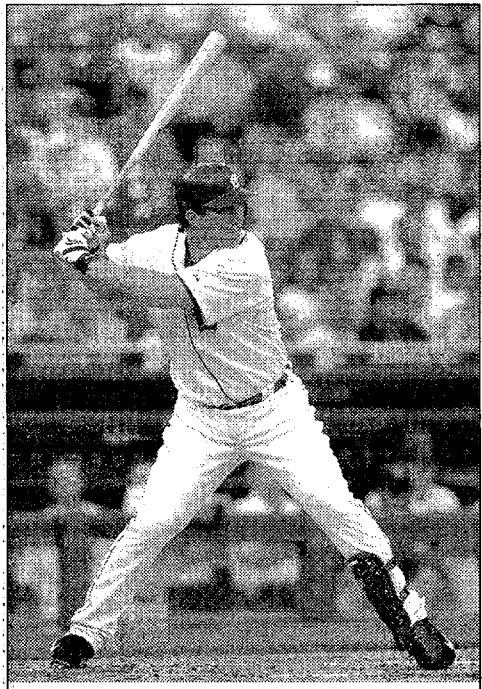
The plan would save Plymouth (assuming everyone else came on board) some of the \$1.2 million it now pays Plymouth Township for fire/emergency services. As Dwyer correctly points out, it's the method the city has used to edge away from the financial precipice they appeared to be approaching a few years ago.

Though this particular plan may not work, it could at least lead to some other ideas that will. Dwyer, and the rest of the commission, should be commended for that.

## Opening Day heralds new season of hope

On Monday afternoon, thousands of people from across metro Detroit will play hooky from work and help the Detroit Tigers kick off what has to be one of the most anticipated baseball seasons around here in two decades.

Opening Day is kind of the unofficial start of summer, even though the weather is oftentimes more winter-like. But there is just something about that crack of the bat,



Magglio Ordoñez and the rest of the Detroit Tigers will open the 2007 season Monday against the Toronto Blue Jays at Comerica Park.

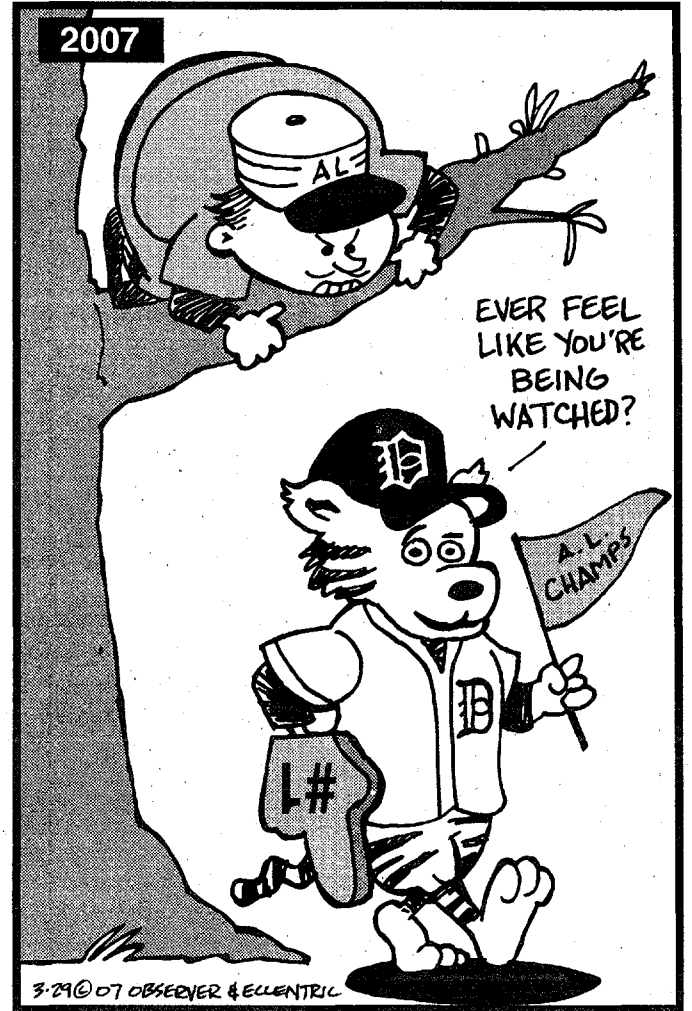
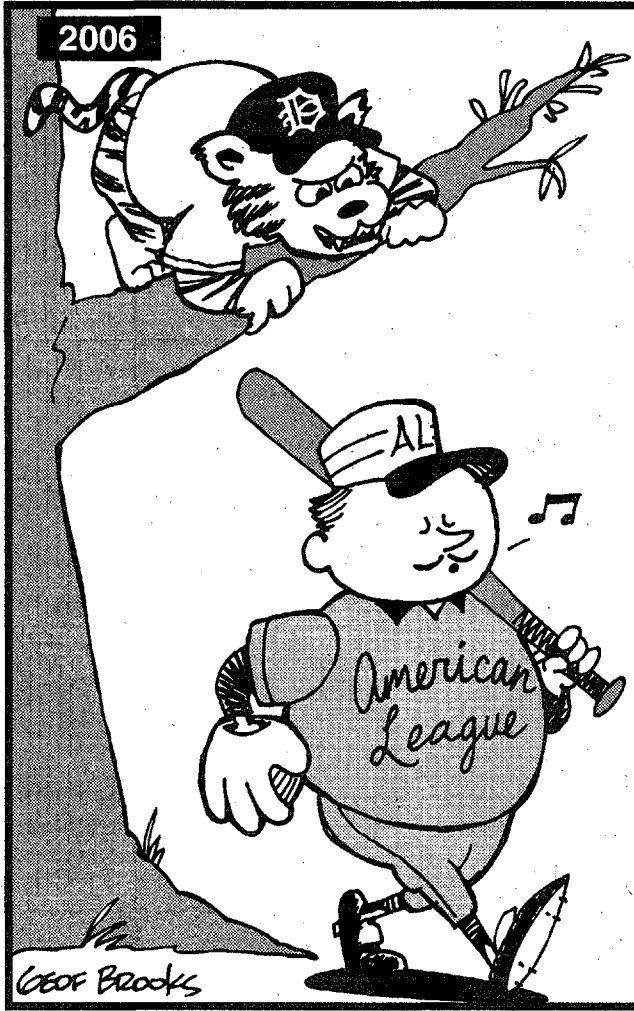
pop of the glove and calls from the vendors selling their peanuts and Cracker Jacks around the stadium that makes one think about warmer weather. They are not called the Boys of Summer for nothing.

Opening Day is always anticipated by baseball fans, but this year, there is a bit of a bonus. The Tigers, fresh off of their improbable run to the World Series, will surely be

one of the favorites to get back there again this year. They will not surprise anybody this year as they did in 2006, but that is the price for fielding a quality team — something the club hadn't done in more than a decade until last year.

There are expectations now, especially from the hometown fans, who were starved for so long. The Tigers proved last year that this is a baseball town. They also showed how a baseball team can bring together a region that is often consumed with petty differences.

So as we get ready to start a new season, let's give three cheers that the Tigers can repeat the magic of last year. We're all pulling for you. Bless you, boys!



### LETTERS

#### Nice words won't work

I have so many issues with the editorial by "Canton resident" Terry Ahwal. Let's start with full disclosure. She is a longtime Democrat party activist, McNamara crony and Arab activist. She definitely has her political views, and should not be mistaken for just a regular resident.

OK, I'm a Libertarian with some conservative streaks, I'm white, I'm male. I think Israel has a right to exist. I also have definite political views. So now we know. You see, unlike leftists and most in the press, I will disclose where I stand before hitting you with my thoughts.

Now to the substance of this piece. I will agree that calls to nuke Islamic holy cities are inflammatory. My agreement with Ms. Ahwal ends there. Mr. Friedman is correct, just like Golda Meir was: Much of the violence in the Middle East will end when all the Arabs love their children more than they hate Jews and the West.

I'm sorry, we are not the ones allowing our children to be used as homicide bombers. And our 60-something grandmas don't blow themselves up to kill Jews, either. Glen Beck is correct also that there is great apathy among American Arabs. Where are the protests against Islamic terrorists? How many Arab-Americans have marched on the Saudi, Iranian or Syrian embassies? Have there been demonstrations where the flags of terrorist nations have been burned? Have effigies of terrorist leaders been hanged and burned in any of our cities?

Funny, I have not noticed one. And Ms. Ahwal, why do you have a problem with ANY American president who wants to fight "radical Islam"? Don't we always hear that it is the "radicals" who are hijacking a peaceful religion? I would think you would be right behind the effort to stop radicalism.

As all good leftists and anti-Americans you can find will say, you suggest we just try and get along with those who hate us. I guess nice words and saying you're sorry work with 6-year-olds arguing over the swingset, but it just doesn't seem to work with these rascals who keep blowing people up.

I don't know that I trust the words of a man like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (one of the infamous 1979 U.S. Embassy kidnapers) or of Assad Jr. I guess you think that maybe they have had their fill of Jewish and Christian blood... I'm not buying it. I don't know that any responsible government leader can trust these criminals. It frightens me to no end that we have people in America advocating our surrender, and suggesting appeasement. Sure worked in the 1930s, didn't it?

Before you really start foaming, just know that I have a huge problem with our lack of victory in the war in Iraq. I would have adopted a MacArthur approach to this war myself, and think we could have had it taken care of in about eight-10 weeks. But now we will never know. But I do know one thing for sure. Kicking the hell out of our enemies late is better than never at all.

Jason Vorva  
Plymouth

#### Silence is deafening

As is the case every time I read an article by Ms. Ahwal, I find myself angered at her arrogance and wonder why she is even given a voice in this paper. Maybe so that

people like me will get angry enough to write in to rebuke her self-serving comments.

Ms. Ahwal is now claiming that "demeaning Arabs is becoming a national sport" and that "hateful rhetoric" is "dehumanizing an entire Arab-Muslim world." Well, the second part I certainly agree with. My view of the Arab-Muslim world is pretty de-humanized. Let's see... beheadings, kidnappings, mass murder, persecution of religious groups, kidnapping and killing of neutral reporters, suicide bombers, Chlorine-laced bombs, education of children to hate and become martyrs, refusal to recognize the state of Israel and renounce violence, systematic oppression against women.

The list goes on and on from Belsan, Russia, to Thailand, to Madrid, to London, to the United States, to Mogadishu. But yes, the groups that perform these acts are just a small minority that has hijacked the peaceful religion of Islam.

Well, the enormous outcry of condemnation from the peaceful majority of the 1.4 billion Muslims worldwide has been absolutely deafening! Instead we hear from the Muslim community that we are racists, bigots, colonialists, murderers and liars. That I have certainly heard.

Yes, please, let's end this war now and get our U.S. citizens out of that madness and let the radicals kill each other. What started as a noble cause has turned into some kind of sick display of human depravity. Even worse, U.S. citizens are dying over there and those stateside are fighting one another in a war of words.

Let's face it, most of the Arab-Muslim world is much different than American society with a long history of violence and religious strife. How foolish of us to think that toppling a brutal dictator would bring order and peace to this region. Let's get out and get out quick!

Ah, but then the big, bad U.S. will be criticized as racists for allowing the ethnic cleansing to take place. I can hear Ms. Ahwal's fingers typing now. Americans don't need more lecturing from the likes of Terry Ahwal. I believe her efforts would be better spent on getting her own Arab-Muslim community to stand up and demand change within their own ranks.

Up until this point, your silence has been deafening — in southeast Michigan, throughout the U.S. and worldwide!

Brian Hill  
Plymouth

#### Make Congress hear you

As I looked at the picture of the "group" outside Rep. McCotter's office recently, a sinking feeling came over me: No wonder the voice of the American people is not being listened to, we aren't saying anything. I think I counted six people in the picture, the paper says there were 30. Thirty people? That's the voice of America's citizens? Pathetic.

I didn't know that there was going to be a protest that day, or I may have been able to attend. Then I got to thinking, "How many people knew there was to be a protest that day?" Apparently people are not getting the heads-up, or everyone is just too busy to attend these functions.

Fine, you're too busy to attend. This is important stuff, my countrymen. It does matter. Are you too busy to write a letter to your representative too? No? Good. Might I make a suggestion then? Sit down,

TONIGHT, and write to your state representatives.

Ask your friends to also write a letter. Our representatives are only going to listen, if they think it means they will lose their position. If we aren't speaking, not to each other, to them, they have no fears.

Jamie Walker  
Garden City

#### Prop 2: People have spoken

Wow, whatever happened to the majority rules concept this country was founded on by our forefathers (the original settlers, not the immigrants, there's a difference between the two). Since the 2002 election (where the then-presidential candidate ran on less big brother slogan), it has been nonexistent.

The people spoke in that election, but alas it didn't matter. Some backroom deal called an electoral college decided to give the election not to the person we the people legally voted into office, but to the person they wanted in office. And his brother Jeb did absolutely everything he could to see that he was appointed into office, with the Florida fiasco and the hanging chad.

Anyway, in the present day we are again facing such shady deals, only this time it's on a state level. I'm talking about the Prop 2 fight. We the people stated in a legal vote to do away with a law we found unconstitutional, by way of discrimination. It was put to a public vote, shot down by a 2-1 margin, yet someone is still trying to over turn our vote, like we didn't know what we were voting on and it was all a big mistake.

Who are these people anyway, are they people who were too lazy to get out and vote that day? Or are they people who thought that Prop 2 never would have been defeated so they never considered to vote that day. Forgive me but I thought the people had decided already. Sorry it didn't turn out like you planned. Better luck next time.

And who is the idiot whose going to go against the wishes of the people. Is Prop 2 destined to bounce around the legal system until someone finds someone or pays someone to say "wait a minute," the people of this great and dying state didn't know they were wrong, but they were. Prop 2 lives.

Have we gone so far away from majority rules that now it's commonplace to overrule the people and have us not even care. That's the sad part. We the people quit caring about the loss of our national identity. Majority rules a thing of the past.

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Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent, on proposed cuts to the school district's budget

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## Elected officials continue to dance around problems

Dressed in elaborate costumes, faces hidden behind stylized masks, the actors in the famous Japanese theater art form known as kabuki engage in complex and ritualized dramas of conflict.

The term "kabuki dance" has come to mean a set of stylized, posturing maneuvers in which the performers act as if they will be hostile toward each other — even though everybody understands perfectly well that things will have to be worked out in the end. Everybody's benefit depends on it.

We observed last week two classic kabuki dances performed, in our own unique form of theater, in the political arena of the state capital. In Lansing, both Democrats and Republicans declared each other's proposals for resolving the state's \$940 million budget deficit dead on arrival. Gov. Granholm announced she would veto the \$630 million in spending cuts and accounting changes passed by the Republican-controlled state Senate. The Senate contemptuously rejected the governor's proposed two-cent sales tax on services.

Then they all repeated the play's classic and expected lines. Republicans called the governor's tax plan a further blow to the state's fragile economy and mocked her "sky is falling" portrait of the state's deep financial troubles. The governor said the GOP cuts would hurt kids and local government services and criticized the "cut taxes at any cost" ideology of the Republican base.

One highlight of the GOP plan: The senators would cut state funding for the public schools by \$34 per pupil from the current minimum appropriation of \$7,085. Most, but not all districts, have enough fund balance to survive — barely — the cut. Schools, however, fix their costs early on, commit to spending decisions and would find it terrifically hard to make cuts this far into the school year.

Local governments would also take a \$40 million hit in revenue sharing payments, which already have been slashed by around \$500 million since the state's economy began to soften in 2000.

And so it is back to the drawing board. Meanwhile in Detroit on Friday, the Detroit school board voted 6-5 to reject a plan to close more than two dozen schools, after a chaotic and contentious meeting that left no one happy.

Interim Supt. Lamont Satchel told the board that failing to close schools would

result in 1,800 employees being laid off. Worse, it could put the system in the grips of a state-required deficit-elimination plan that would require shutting up to 50 schools by 2010.

Not only did they not listen, board members declined to hear a presentation on the district's financial condition.

The cold hard facts are that the state faces an enormous deficit in this fiscal year's budget, which must be solved before Sept. 30. The Detroit district, already facing massive enrollment drops and reductions in state per-pupil aid, has stark but clear choices: Cut costs, lay off staff — or do some of both.

Most political insiders, whether in Lansing or in Detroit, see these kabuki dances for what they are: Posturing for popularity before highly motivated constituency groups, whether rabid anti-taxers or angry parents. But you cannot blame ordinary folks for failing to understand what all this saber-rattling is all about. Looking in from the outside, dimly aware that we have major problems, the average person has to be wondering why our leaders can't find common ground.

All this came home to me last Friday morning when I spoke at a session at the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, the main local government association for the Detroit area.

Most participants were throwing up their hands in frustration at yet another cut in their already stretched budgets. But most also said they would soldier on, trying to make do with ever-thinning resources, doing their best to be good and responsible public servants.

Certainly, the profound instinct of serious, professional government officials is to try to make do, to carry on in the face of financial difficulties.

It's the responsible, diligent thing to do. But it also enables elected officials to be irresponsible and continue to refuse to come to grips with the financial realities. Budget cuts have consequences. And if they are layoffs, school closures and elimination of public services, so be it.

Doing that just might push the political actors on our stage to take off their costumes and their masks and get down to business in the first act rather than waiting for the final curtain. That's a curtain, by the way, that Michigan very much needs to avoid.

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## It's time for the school board to lead or get out of the way

I had to chuckle at recent comments in the paper from Plymouth-Canton school board members regarding the recent bond defeat. The stream of excuses and "spin" on their failure would be truly funny if the situation didn't involve the welfare of our kids.

Upon reflection, my real emotion is disgust when I recognize how the spending policies of our most senior board members have fallen out of touch with the citizens they serve. When the previous Plymouth-Canton school board failed in May 2006, I offered suggestions that would have helped the board and administration save money on consultants and special elections.

I am sad to say that instead of listening to my previous suggestions, the Plymouth-Canton school board has done nearly the opposite. They reacted by spending hundreds of thousands on special elections and pollsters. Instead of listening and trying to better serve constituents, they conceived a "stealth" election, with a campaign financed by a "Citizens Election Committee" comprised primarily of corporations that would directly benefit from the construction of a new school.

They even turned down an opportunity to openly discuss facts with the League of Women Voters. During the run-up to the election, this board decided to staunchly avoid one fundamental question: How they plan to fund teachers necessary to staff the new schools they intended to build. This board never articulated their strategy, which, I believe, was to get the school built, and then use money from future tax increases to solve the staffing problem.

This approach, more than any other, underestimated the intelligence of voters. The miscalculation resulted in the biggest turnout for a single-issue school election in at least 15 years, and a margin of defeat about three times larger than the prior bond.

The saddest part of the whole saga is that our board has completely squandered an opportunity to reimburse the general fund for property recently purchased in Canton (which the community likely would have supported). Because of a refusal to develop contingency plans, the board is now faced with untenable choices: Either sell the property or permanently divert \$2.5 million away from the general fund, which results in even larger short-term borrowing, larger class sizes, and fewer books.

I feel empathy for the young first-year teachers who will be laid off this summer as result of this irresponsible "go for broke" strategy. Our teaching employees continue to do a good job of educating, in spite of a board and administration that refuse to take a leadership role.

Now that yet another bond has failed, I again offer the same five suggestions to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education:

- Begin actively listening to the community
- Stop treating those with different points of view as enemies of the schools

- Adopt a philosophy that "Every child is precious"
- Recognize that parents of private-school children are stakeholders, too.

- Develop a serious financial plan with full transparency

Voters sent the board a strong mandate — budget and spending priorities must change! For the past seven years, the district approach to money problems has been a cycle of laziness: The board complains in public about the lack of state funding and unsympathetic voters — then adopts a budget that spends well beyond what the district takes in.

The same cycle has been repeated for the past five years. (If you don't believe this board is lazy, ask why, when faced with a serious "structural deficit," they chose to meet for less than one hour during the month of July?)

As result, our fund balance is nearly gone, and the state is in no position to help. The only hope is to develop a responsible financial plan that balances revenues and expenses. The community deserves a full accounting, including plans on how the schools will be operated in a worst-case scenario.

If I were board president, I'd immediately schedule three hours per meeting to discuss budget issues, and schedule additional budget workshops at least one Saturday each month. The budget can't possibly be balanced without a major time commitment. Serious public question-and-answer time needs to be restored, too.

If the board is really interested in building public confidence, all questions from the public should be discussed on the spot and in detail. The problem of poor planning and the resulting lack of public confidence took a long time to create, and it will take a long time to fix. This board should stop ignoring the problem and get to work. The first and most important step in solving any serious problem is to admit you have one.

I know what I am suggesting won't be easy. It's far easier to blame the economy or factors outside your control. Our most senior board members learned lazy behavior from former Superintendent Kathy Booher, and have vigorously avoided making tough choices for years. To admit you are part of a problem requires LEADERSHIP. Fixing the problem requires long hours. Implementing solutions will mean tough decisions. Most board members resist long meetings, and they don't like saying "NO" to special-interest groups.

I hope some of our newer board members will begin taking more of a leadership role. All seven members should realize that the majority of the public has spoken — TWICE. This election was no fluke.

Despite the rhetoric sure to be coming out of the district the next couple of weeks, I now am certain a solid majority agree with me — the children of the Plymouth-Canton school district want and need a board that will quit whining and get to work. I hope that those board members who have demonstrated time after time the unwillingness to internalize the problem will either get the message or get out of the way.

Michael J. Maloney is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

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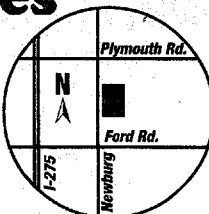
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# Playful looking lighters could be deadly

How many times have your children noticed an item in the checkout line of a store or on the counter of a gas station and asked you to buy it for them?

If your kids are anything like mine, this has happened plenty of times. But check closely before you agree, because some of the items meant to attract their attention could harm them, as well as other individuals in your home. The items I am speaking about are called novelty lighters, and are being sold



Tom Kiurski

today, with no age restriction on who can purchase them. These aren't the lighters we saw when we were younger. The rectangular chrome exterior that opened and exposed the mechanism that started a fire are being replaced by a much cooler-looking lighter that entices young children to play with

them. And they fool parents by looking like innocent kids toys. One lighter is shaped like a fancy pen, and it even writes! But when the top is flipped back, a flame shoots out. Another looks like a cellular telephone. When you push the button on top that looks like a retracted antenna, the "phone" rings three times and erupts into a two-inch flame. If your child puts it near their face, the results can be devastating.

Other lighters shaped like fun toys include one that

looks like a miniature fire extinguisher (ironic, isn't it?), a toy car with wheels that roll, a miniature adjustable wrench, a replica of a motorcycle and one that does a fancy sparkling light show through its clear case before sending fire into the air.

I shudder to think how many parents may have purchased these novelty lighters for their children, thinking they were harmless toys, and didn't know of their inherent dangers. Statistics from the

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tell us that fireplay is the leading cause of fire deaths among preschool children. Most of the people killed by child-play fires are under six years of age, although the victims of these fires are not limited to the children who play with fire. In many cases, the fatal victims are often younger siblings or playmates of the children who start the fires.

With approximately 20 million lighters being sold in the U. S. each year, the

potential for one of these lighters starting a home fire is high. A study suggests that most novelty lighters have a useful life of less than one year, but it only takes one spark to set off a deadly blaze.

Thoroughly inspect anything your child asks you to purchase for them. Many of these items are within easy reach of the children near check-outs, and are dangerous. Be safe!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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Marge Masek painted this flower garden. It is one of the works in the Livonia Artists Club Exhibit and Sale Saturday-Sunday, March 31-April 1.

## Livonia Artists Club shows work in spring exhibit, sale

The Livonia Artists Club is holding their 46th annual Spring Exhibit and Sale March 31-April 1, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The club has been in existence since 1960. Many of the artist members have been painting for years, but several new artists will be showing their work as well.

This year's exhibit features watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography. There will also be live art demonstrations during the show.

The club meets at the Civic Center Library in Livonia the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome.

For more information, call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774.

# Live trivia - a pursuit of many in area

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Don't be alarmed to see a haze of steam emitting from a Westland restaurant this Saturday afternoon.

It's only brain power — at full tilt — during the My Trivia Live Championship Round at Marvaso's Italian Grill on Wayne Road at Hunter.

There, 18 teams of four will put their noodles together for the latest craze in trivia to sweep the area's bars and restaurants.

My Trivia Live is an interactive, team trivia game that's played in six rounds. Nothing about it is electronic, so players write their answers and hand them to the Trivia Jockey, or TJ, who reads each question and plays a song while players come up with answers. Teams keep track on a score sheet, which looks like a place mat.

"It's interactive, it's something new and different and you have people behind it who really believe in it," said Amy Wells, a trivia jockey. "It makes people think and talk."

The game ends with a final question, in which teams may wager zero, or up to all of their points. The top three teams win gift certificates to the participating establishment.

Drew Cabot, of Wayne, a member of Team Dynamite, enjoys playing My Trivia Live.

"It's a great time," he said. "You meet great people and you're able to exercise your brain power. It's something different to do."

He likes taking a break from technology during the game, too.

"In this day and age of technology and text messages, I think it's great that we have to manually write out our answers and turn them in," he added.

Eighteen teams joined a five-week league, in which their points were tallied for each week of play. The final round will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Marvaso's, where the winning team will take home \$200 cash and a \$20 gift certificate to all participating bars and restaurants, a plaque and, of course, bragging rights. A new 10-week league starts April 1.

My Trivia Live, enjoyed by hundreds each week, is the creation of Garden City natives Cathryn Neracher and Scott



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Debbie Legleitner of Redford, left, and Jerry DeGrood of Canton figure out their answer as they play My Trivia Live at The Coach's Corner in Livonia.

Fowler. They saw a similar game while living in Atlanta.

"We thought this would be something extraordinary to bring to Michigan," Neracher said. "We tweaked what we saw in Atlanta to make it better in Michigan."

While the game is growing in popularity from week to week, Neracher and Fowler want to take it a step further, by offering the game as a fun way to do fund-raisers in the community, private parties, corporate events, even wedding showers. The questions can be tailored to specific people, topics, charities or businesses.

The game started in October at Marvaso's and is now offered at 31 bars and restaurants in Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Allen Park, Howell, Highland Township, Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Hamburg

and Whitmore Lake.

"We're extremely excited," said Neracher, who is normally busy practicing law as a criminal defense and personal injury attorney. "It breathes life into these communities."

Fowler continues to run his business, SDI, a security products distribution company, in Atlanta. The couple said they hope to expand My Trivia Live to 300 locations in the Detroit area and even more throughout the state.

Since the game is played Sunday through Thursday, the bar owners enjoy the added business.

"The game is designed to bring in business during otherwise slower time slots," Neracher said. "Our show puts butts in seats for bars."

Fowler focuses on offering a top-quality product to the bars and restaurants.

"We need to be partners with

them," he said. "We want it to be mutually beneficial. We want to make sure every show is a good one."

Neracher and Fowler continue to hire TJs, who earn \$60 per 2-hour show. They're always looking for "people people," who have a great personality. They're happy with the staff they've assembled so far.

"As this company has grown, these people have stepped up," Fowler said. "There's a lot that goes into it to make sure the bar owners are getting a good product."

Neracher praises her staff, too.

"They're second to none," she said. "They're the most devoted people I've ever worked with in my entire life."

To learn more about My Trivia Live, visit [www.mytrivialive.com](http://www.mytrivialive.com).

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## Residents now have until April 30 to file applications

Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, has extended the previous March 15, 2007, deadline to file an application for a property tax hardship extension until April 30, 2007. Residents should be aware that if their application is approved, this does not give them an exemption from paying property taxes. Instead, anyone receiving a hardship extension will merely be granted up to one extra year to pay his or her delinquent 2004 property taxes. Related fees and penalties will still apply.


In response to the Treasurer's extensive community outreach program, using cable, network television, internet broadcasting, radio and letters to churches and community groups as well as up-dates to county and local government officials, the Treasurer has already received

more than 636 applications, exceeding the total received in 2006.

The Treasurer believes at least 1,578 owner occupied properties remain that would likely qualify for hardship consideration. In addition to the continued outreach, in April the Treasurer will attempt to locate and personally serve the property owners to advise of the hardship program.

Anyone who is facing property tax foreclosure due to unpaid delinquent 2004 taxes needs to know that ignoring the tax bill hoping that it will somehow go away is the worst thing to do. What that person needs to do is get some help, and quick. One thing he/she can do right away is contact the Taxpayer Assistance Section of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Taxpayer Assistance can be reached at (313) 224-6105.

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**MARCH**

**Lenten concerts**  
12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 29, follows 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.

**Lenten services**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites 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. Services follow the church's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Lenten fish fry**  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 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 catfish dinner, \$7 whiting, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whiting.

\$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.  
**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.

**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 during 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. For information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

**UPCOMING**

**Holy Week services**  
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1; 7 p.m. Tuesday service of healing prayer April 3; 7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer around the Cross, April 4; 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, April 5; 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae, April 6; 7 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 7, and 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**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, south 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 concert**  
The concert features The Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir, Praise Bands, Handbells and various ensembles and consists of musical selections of the Easter Season 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Child care provided up to age 4. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

**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.

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

**Concerts**  
4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, organ and solo vocal music by Glenn Miller and Judith Zorn, tickets \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, music and readings for Good Friday by Kirk Chancel Choir (no charge), at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515, ext. 109.

**Holy Week services**  
The Downtown Lutheran German Language Holy Week Worship Service will be held 4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Graftot, Detroit. Procession of the Palms during each of the three worship services 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Sunday School children, each carrying palms, will lead the Procession into the church at 9:30 a.m. and will sing at the beginning of the worship service. Everyone present will receive a blessed palm to take home. Noon Maundy Thursday, April 5, Holy Communion service, and 7:30 p.m. (Communion); Good Friday, April 6, Three Consecutive Good Friday Services beginning at noon with the Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, 2:15 p.m. The Symbolic Sealing of the Tomb of Christ, and Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. with inspirational candlelight worship service built upon the Seven Words of the Cross.

The church was organized in 1850 and has remained in the City of Detroit, over the past 153 years. Three Worship Services are held each Sunday 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Sunday School, for all ages, is held at 9:15 a.m. For information, call (313) 567-3100.

**Jesus Unmasked**  
A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, 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.

**Holy week services**  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5; 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness Good Friday, April 6; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children's Easter Fair Holy Saturday, April 7, parents accompany their children through different activity centers such as egg decorating, craft making, cookie decorating, outdoor egg hunt, video of Easter story, and more, and 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Easter Sunday, April 8, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

**Holy week worship**  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy, April 5; noon Good Friday Contemplative service, and Liturgy of Darkness 7:30 p.m., April 6; 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter, April 7, and 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7249.

**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.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Lenten services**  
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.

**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.

**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?

**Easter at NorthRidge**  
Services scheduled 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 6; 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Saturday, April 7, and 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-7777.

**Holy week services**  
7 p.m. Good Friday, April 6, a candlelight service, and 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday, April 8, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

**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.

**Preschool registration**  
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.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.psalml2verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

**Peace pilgrimage**  
On Monday, April 9, a group of religious leaders and people of good 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 pilgrimages 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@provident.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 welcomed. 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.

**Herbs of the Bible**  
Presented by Jane Riddle, Lodi Farms 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge, but call for reservations (734) 421-7259.

**Religious leaders breakfast**  
The Freedom Institute for Economics, Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist, Rev. C.T. Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI. Vivian, along with local panelists, discuss The Political Influence of the Church. Tickets available online at www.freedomweekend.info, at the registration desk at Cobo Center, or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533-3035.

**Benefit concert**  
Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phylis Bengary perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The cost is a free will donation. The annual benefit concert raises funds for Angels' Place, a nonprofit providing residential and community-based services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Special guest is Barbara Oga, a flutist and instructor at Oakland University. For more information, call Barbara Urbel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to burbiel@angel-place.com.

**Hidden Secrets film**  
Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at presenting theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.



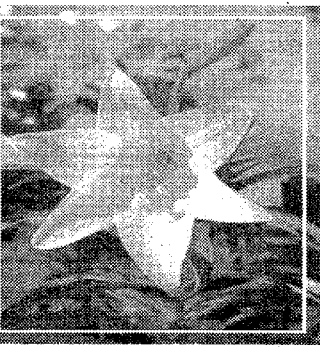
**EARL H. LONG**

Canton, MI. Age: 82. Services: March 25, 2007, burial Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. UHT Funeral Home



**PAMELA KAY GALOR (nee BUTSKY)**

Passed away on Friday, March 16, 2007. Pamela grew up in Redford Twp. and found love right next door. She leaves behind her husband of 40 years, Chester Galor, and her four children Adam, Paul, Lisa and Sandy; as well as eight grandchildren: Haily, Miranda, Terra, Ryan, Nathan, Mackenzie, Alex and Christopher. She is also survived by four siblings: Loretta, Carolyn, Ronald and Gary, and her mother-in-law, Beatrice Foster. Pamela's contagious laugh and outlook on life will be forever missed. With all the love there is, the family is holding a memorial service in honor of Pamela on March 30th at Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford Twp. at 5:00 p.m. at 9600 Levee, Redford, MI 48239.



**LINDA ELLEN BURRELL**

Age 67 of Traverse City, died on March 18, 2007, at the Munson Medical Center Hospice House. Linda dedicated her life to enriching the experience of children during her career as a teacher and through her numerous philanthropic activities. Linda was born in Detroit on Sept. 3, 1939, the daughter of John and Genevieve (Merritt) Chambers. In 1963, she married Donald Burrell, with whom she raised two sons. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University and embarked on a career teaching in the Birmingham and Grand Rapids school districts. After time off for the birth of her sons, Linda taught at the Livonia Co-Op Nursery school for 23 years while earning a master's degree in early childhood education. At the Livonia Nursery, Linda's inspiration and encouragement laid the foundation for many successful academic careers. Upon retiring with her husband to Traverse City, she became active in a number of charitable organizations, including Love for Children, Pi Beta Phi sorority and PEO. In addition to these activities, she belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City and enjoyed her family and granddaughters, entertaining friends and sunsets on Silver Lake. She is survived by her husband, Donald Burrell of Traverse City; sons Scott (Pamela) Burrell of Washington, D.C., and Greg (Susan) Burrell of Novi; granddaughters Avery, Zoe and Samantha Burrell of Novi, and siblings Joan Davis of Tucson, AZ., Wendy Worley of Chandler, AZ., and John Chambers of Glendale, AZ. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City on Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior. Dr. Homer Nye and the Rev. Becky Chamberlain will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Love for Children, c/o The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, 701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, MI 49686 or PEO Chapter EH (Scholarships for Women) c/o Kathy Nolan, 605 N. 11th St., Traverse City, 49684. Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guest book at: www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street-Traverse City, MI 49684; www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

**VIRGINIA M. HEMENWAY**

Passed away on March 24, 2007 in Rochester Hills, MI after an extended battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on October 9, 1925, the daughter of Myron and Laura (Wagner) Retherford in Royal Oak, MI. She married Floyd F. Hemenway April 21, 1960, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Hemenway graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1948 and earned her Master's degree from the University of Bridgeport, CT in 1967. She first worked in Physical Therapy. She then found her calling as a physical education teacher at the junior high level in Connecticut public schools where she retired in June 1981. Mrs. Hemenway was an enthusiastic gardener, skier, and golfer. She enjoyed attending the theater and traveled extensively. One of the highlights of her life was the year she spent in Scotland teaching. During this time she also traveled on the European continent as well as in England. During her working years she would travel throughout the United States in the summertime with her husband and friends. In her later years, she traveled to the Galapagos Islands, Alaska, and Morocco. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Joe (Marianne) Juliano, Jan (Chris) Blaha, Jill Juliano, John M. Retherford, Colleen Retherford, Scott (Kimberly) Retherford, and a brother-in-law, J. Gregory Juliano. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Gertrude M. (Joe) Juliano, and Kathleen Retherford, and one brother, John H. (Elizabeth) Retherford. Memorial service has been held. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**BILL LLOYD JR.**

Age 53. Died Saturday, March 24, 2007 in White Lake, Michigan. Loving husband of Sheila (Gay) Lloyd. Beloved father of Jenna and Bill. Dear son of Bill and Mollie Lloyd. Brother of Doug Lloyd and Susan (Lloyd) Baudry.

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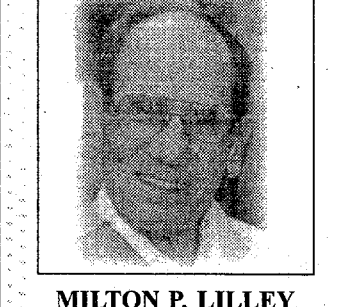
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**MILTON P. LILLEY**

Age 80, of Farmington, March 16, 2007. Beloved husband of 54 years to Marie; devoted father of LuAnn (Chuck) Totton, Rick, Bruce (Peggy), Rene (Eric) Moon, and Michele (Jeff) Manhire; cherished grandfather of 12. Mr. Lilley is a 1944 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, and was employed by J.L. Hudson's in their display dept. and then as a design stylist for Ford Motor Co. for 35 years. A Funeral Mass to celebrate Mr. Lilley's life was held Tuesday, March 20, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Burial, with Marine Corps honors, took place at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Those who wish to further honor Mill's life may contribute to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or the St. Vincent DePaul Society of O.L.S. Parish, 23815 Power Road, Farmington, MI 48336. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).



# Birmingham church holds peace, justice conference

The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham will host a three-day interfaith conference on issues of peace, mission and justice in the Middle East, March 30-31 and April 1, at the church, 1669 West Maple, in Birmingham.

The conference will feature workshops on Middle East history, current events and future prospects for peace and development.

The Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel, former moderator of the 3 million-member Presbyterian Church (USA), will talk about "A New Vision: Hope for Peace in the Middle East," on March 31.

The conference will open 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 30, with an interfaith dinner and panel discussion. Saturday's session includes Rev. Abu-Akel's keynote address at 9:15 a.m., workshops and discussion on Iraq. Rev. Abu-Akel will lead Palm Sunday

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morning worship at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sharona Shapiro, Michigan Area Director of the American Jewish Committee, will lead an adult education class on the Jewish/Israeli Viewpoint on Peace in the Middle East, at 11:15 a.m., on Sunday, March 31.

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mental breakfast; or \$40 for both days' programs. The Saturday program with no meals is \$15. The student fee is \$10 per day.

Participants may attend three workshops on Saturday. Topics include:

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- Iran — Its Role in Middle East Unrest/Plans for Peace — Ali Mojin, MD, Wayne State University School of Medicine.

- Presbyterian Initiatives to Support Development and Housing in Palestine — Don Mead, Presbyterian Church (USA) Self Development Of People, Palestine, and retired professor from Michigan State University's Department of Agricultural Economics.

- Presbyterian Witness for Peace in the Middle East — Mark Koenig, associate, Peacemaking Resources and Program Development, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

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Fundamentalism in World Religions — Rev. Hank Borchardt, retired Presbyterian minister.

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- Peace and Respect: The History of the Baha'i Faith — John Suggs, Chrysler engineer and board member of University Ministry in Higher Education at Oakland University.

- Interfaith Dialogue in Action: A Trip to the Holy Land — Rev. Fran Hayes, moderator of the Detroit Presbytery and pastor of Littlefield Church, Dearborn; with Donna Gray, Christian Educator of Canton Geneva Presbyterian Church.

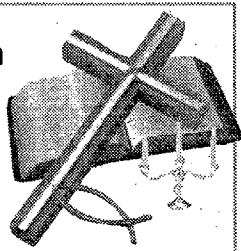
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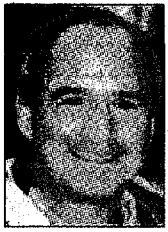
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# Spring's arrival has different face based on your locale

"Even the stork in the heavens knows its times; and the turtledove, swallow and crane observe the time of their coming." (Jeremiah 8:7)



## Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

Each day sunlight dawdles just a bit longer, maple sap drips less, and the county's dirt roads get muddier and hungrier for car swallowing: sure signs spring has completed the cyclic journey of life from the south into the Northern Hemisphere. Springs transition will be beautiful and perhaps furious, red sky dawns remind severe weather season looms.

For the past week I had been backpacking, trail-building, pick-swinging, cacti spine-dodging among the mesas and canyons of Penal County, Arizona, in a fiery taste of a desert summer without spring. I was busy being awed by nature's way in a rugged unfor-

giving land that missed a gentle spring transition.

Before the official dawn of spring reached Michigan on the 21st of March our team - constructing a new section of the Arizona Trail - experienced a record-breaking 101 degrees near Superior, Ariz. That was shade. No wonder a malevolently handsome western diamond back rattlesnake - unable to control internal body temperatures in searing heat - slithered into the shade of our U.S. Forest Service cook tent for a mid-afternoon siesta. We coexisted till he slithered off, rodent dreaming perhaps. We dreamed ice water. Those superbly adapted, venom-packed pit vipers, which can be six feet long and thick as your wrist, went from hibernation to full activity in just a matter of days.

Here in Michigan, we'll need a bit more warmth to stir finger-thick garter into their hunt mode. Spring peepers are prey for garter snakes when they emerge from under logs. And as mercury stabilizes in the low 60s our reclusive pit vipers, the area's only venomous snake, the massasauga rattler, will



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Robins must deal with remnant snow cover in their spring worm hunts.

emerge from moist crayfish holes where they hibernated. You don't want to hear about snakes as gifts of spring? I understand.

That ancient phobic feeling that has dwelled in the human psyche since our cave dwelling days still stirs. I felt it too, as I watched that coiled rattler tongue-flick in the desert.

For a change of pace, try visiting my old stomping grounds, the West Bloomfield rookery and witness frog-gulping great blue herons, in all their primordial early spring glory.

The mating melodies of spring peepers, chorus and wood frogs are tuning up in roadside ditches, marshes and wet meadows. But in many communities, where parking lots dominate landscape and small ponds are filled for more parking lots and chemicals and road salts leach into water, expect only silence. Seek elsewhere, while elsewhere still exists.

Nature's best spring moments are everywhere and anywhere. Back in Arizona, a journalist accompanied me on

a cliff scramble a bit east of Tortilla Flats: human population six. With a green light from the National Park Service, we entered a Salado cliff dwelling at Tonto National Monument, aware of the Africanized honey bee comb far above us. Turkey vultures soared even higher and (regurgitated) pellet of indigestible parts lay at our feet. Today I smiled as vultures soared over Great Lakes Crossing, riding parking lot-induced thermals. Different habitats, different adaptive behavior, same species.

Canada geese are winging home at night, honking in darkness. And one day soon, graceful sandhill cranes arrive, for all birds know the time of their coming. That is nature's way, even if lawn-loving robins will hunt worms in patches of snow one final time, before winter remnants make a final bow and native spring wildflowers appear in our woodlands.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. You can reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

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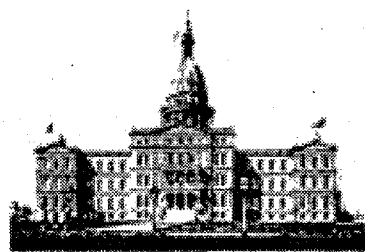
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You need to make sure that the ending balance of your last statement is equal to the beginning balance of the new statement. In addition, if the statement is from a salary deferral program, such as a 401(k) plan, you need to make sure your ongoing contributions have been properly credited to your account. Never assume that the statement is right and you are wrong. Banks and other financial institutions make honest mistakes and it is up



## Money Matters

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to us to correct them where necessary.

If you find a mistake, take immediate action to correct it. If the mistake is pursuant to a company retirement plan, contact the plan administrator. If it is a mistake on a brokerage statement or a bank statement, contact the company issuing the statement. If you are not satisfied with the resolution after your initial contact, document your issue by putting it in writing. Be persist-

ent in attempting to resolve your issue.

This quarter, we did see a pullback in the markets because of what happened in China and the difficulties in the sub-prime mortgage market.

Many may find that an account is lower at the end of the quarter than it was at the beginning of the year.

One of the mistakes investors make is they will adjust their portfolio and rush into things that made money over the first quarter and sell investments that lost money during the first quarter. As far as I am concerned, this is a huge mistake. What happens on a quarterly basis is relatively immaterial. If you attempt to chase returns by constantly going into

what's hot, you almost always will make the wrong decision.

Investing is more than looking into the rearview mirror, it is looking forward. What's hot last quarter may not be hot this quarter. We see this all the time when investors attempt to rotate their portfolio to what they perceive as a hot sector of the economy. Ultimately they end up getting into that sector when the market already had its rise. The key to success is to be patient. Don't be concerned quarter-to-quarter or even year-to-year.

I don't mean you should ignore the performance of your funds or investments because, ultimately, the only reason you invest money is to make money. What you real-

ly need to do is look at your funds over a two- to three-year cycle and judge those investments versus other investments in the same category. In other words, evaluate small cap international funds versus other small cap international funds not versus small cap domestic funds.

If you've been in a fund or an investment for a few years that fund is underperforming other funds in the same category, then a change is needed. It doesn't necessarily mean that you should leave that sector of the economy but rather go into a better-performing investment within that sector. We should judge investments on their performance relative to other

similar investments.

Loyalty is a good trait. However, when it comes to investing, we should be loyal to accomplishing our financial goal. When an investor lets emotion dictate their decision, they almost always will make the wrong decision. Our investments don't love us and we shouldn't love them. The only thing we should love about an investment is the financial goals and objectives they help achieve.

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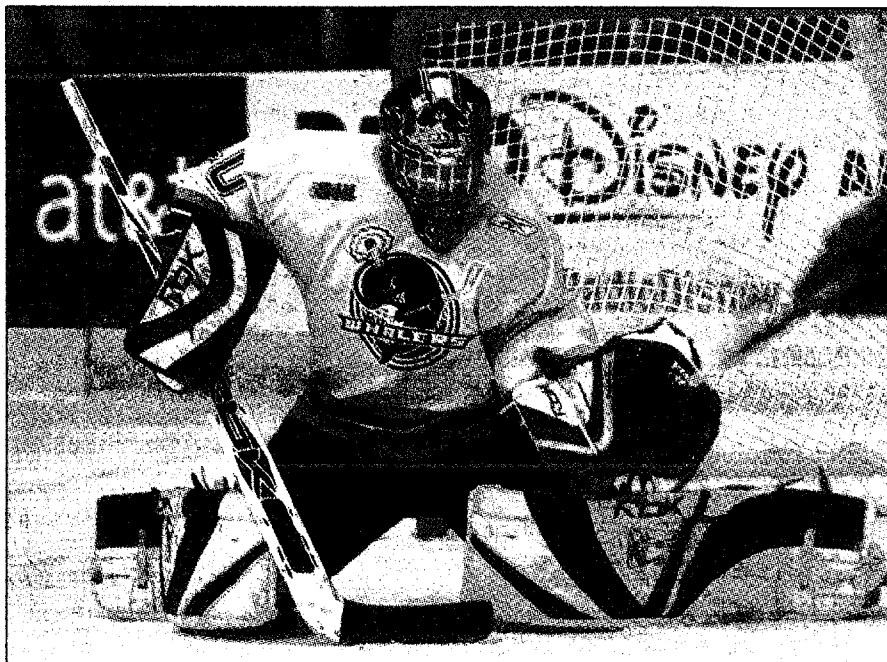
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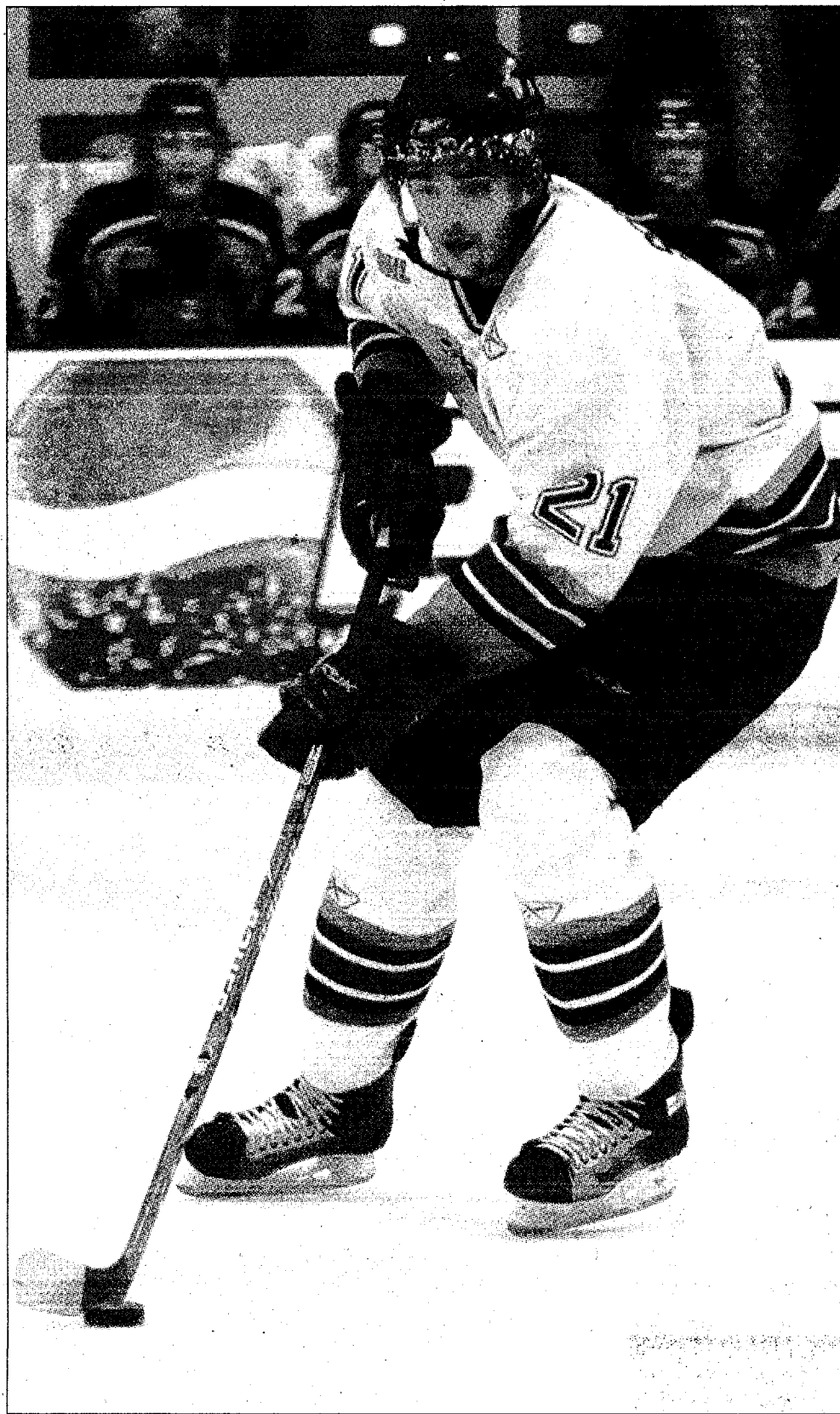
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## OHL playoffs: Round 1



Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth gets ready to put the squeeze on one of his 34 saves during Tuesday night's OHL playoff game against Guelph. Thanks to Neuvirth's stellar net play, the Whalers won, 7-1.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Two days after signing a professional contract with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets, Plymouth's Tom Sestito registered a hat trick in the Whalers' 7-1 triumph over Guelph Tuesday night.

## Weathering the Storm

Sestito notches hat trick as Whalers cruise, 7-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Following Tuesday night's 7-1 dismantling of Guelph, the Plymouth Whalers are clearly in the driver's seat in their first-round Ontario Hockey League playoffs series with the Storm.

And Tom Sestito is clearly the driver. Two nights after signing a professional contract with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Sestito sealed the Storm's fate by delivering a hat trick in a one-sided contest played before 3,276 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth is now up 3-0 in the best-of-seven series heading into tonight's Game 4 in Guelph. Games 5 and 6, if necessary, will be played Saturday and Sunday nights in Plymouth and Guelph, respectively.

The Storm offered plenty of light-

ning and thunder in the opening two games, which were competitive from the opening face-off to the final horn. However, on Tuesday, Guelph put up about as much resistance as a passing shower as the Whalers were never threatened after bolting to a 3-0 first-period lead.

"I think the key tonight was that we came out strong right away," said Sestito, who led the Whalers in goals scored during the regular season. "We started slowly in the first two games. Scoring three goals like we did in the first period really got us going."

Sestito's middle goal was worthy of an ESPN Sportscenter highlight. With the Whalers enjoying a 5-1 lead and a 5-on-3 power play, the rangy 6-foot-5 forward secured a rebound seven feet

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B4

## In pursuit of healthiness

Taping ankles just one part of trainers' workload

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Student-athletes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park would be hurtin' for certain without Tony Bowers, Glenn Edgerton and Lindsay Kokoczka.

The trio — who serve as the all-important athletic trainers at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools, respectively — have a seemingly never-ending to-do list that ranges from wrapping ankles to treating serious on-the-field injuries.

One spring minute they may be stabilizing a soccer player's sprained ankle. Ten minutes later they're liable to be jumping into their green Gator transport vehicles to treat a baseball player who's been beamed on the elbow by a wild fast-ball.

During the winter months, they shuttle between the Park's indoor athletic venues, often arriving at their respective schools at around 1 p.m. and not leaving until the final basketball buzzer sounds around 9 p.m.

And in the fall, they treat everything from cross-country runners' shin splints to football players' broken bones.

"All three athletic trainers at the Park play a vital role in serving the students athletes, from pre-game preparation to post-game treatment," said Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk. "It's a tough, demanding job with all the teams and athletes they treat, but they all do an outstanding job."

## TALENTED TRIO

Bowers, the elder statesman of the three with eight years at Salem, is the only trainer employed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The other two are employees of Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists (PPTS), which contracts Edgerton and Kokoczka out to the district.

PLEASE SEE TRAINERS, B3



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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's staff of three athletic trainers is well-equipped to handle a wide range of injuries as well as the knowledge that can prevent injuries from happening in the first place. Pictured (from left) are Tony Bowers (Salem), Lindsay Kokoczka (Plymouth) and Glenn Edgerton (Canton).

## SALUTING ATHLETIC TRAINERS

■ March is "National Athletic Trainers Month," four weeks that are set aside each year by high schools throughout the United States to recognize the professionals who help keep their student athletes healthy.

■ The observance is orchestrated by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), a professional membership association for certified athletic trainers and others who support the athletic training profession.

■ Founded in 1950, NATA has grown to almost 30,000 members worldwide.

## Canton runners take 9th

Canton's boys track team opened its season on Saturday with a ninth-place showing at the 16-team Pioneer Invitational Track Meet at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Northville won the event with 59 points followed by Saline (54), Ann Arbor Pioneer (51), Southfield (47) and White Lake Lakeland (45). The top 10 were rounded out by Pinckney (34), Grand Blanc and Novi Catholic Central (31 each), Canton (20) and Birch Run (17).

The highlight of the day for the Chiefs was senior Eric Thornton's school record-breaking performance of 6 feet, 8 inches in the high jump.

Canton also received a fourth-place effort in the shot put from Nick Moores (48-5) and a fifth-place showing from senior Eric Zech in the 1,600-meter run (4:41.2).

A pair of Canton's senior pole vaulters — Ryan Langdon and Brian Rakovitis — both cleared 12 feet even to tie for fifth place in that event.

Closing out the scoring for Canton was its 1,600-meter relay team's sixth-place finish in 3:41.7.

Plymouth placed 11th in the competition with 15 points.

The Chiefs return to action Saturday when they compete in the talent-rich Eastern Michigan University Relays in Ypsilanti. Their first dual meet of the season is set for Tuesday, April 3, when they host Northville at 3:30 p.m.

## Sidelines

## Baseball clinic

A one-day Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Kids in third through eighth grades are invited to the clinic, which is limited to the first 100 registrants.

For the \$40 registration fee, kids will receive a camp T-shirt, lunch and instruction on the following topics: hitting (stance, balance, swing plane), mental preparation and plate discipline; base running; infield play (corner and middle); fielding/throwing technique; outfield play; and catcher skills.

There will also be controlled scrimmages and each participant will be entitled to a video analysis of their swing.

If it is raining, the camp will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Campers will need to bring a baseball glove and wear a baseball hat. Bats are optional.

Offering instruction will be offered by 2007 Plymouth players and coaches. Contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

## Wrestling fund-raiser

The Canton High School wrestling program will be hosting its 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Wrestling Money Auction on Saturday, April 21, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The event will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The \$100 tickets include dinner, an open bar and a chance to win \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000. There will be a live auction, money boards, a 50/50 drawing, raffles and giveaways.

For more information, call (734) 582-6885.

## MU cagers hailed

Madonna University's players D.J. Bridges (Canton) and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) were recently recognized on the 2007 NIAA Division II All-America men's and women's basketball teams, respectively, earning honorable mention honors.

Bridges, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, made first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after averaging 19.8 points and 7.0 rebounds for the 12-19 Crusaders. He is just five points shy of the 1,000 career-point mark.

Franklin, also a junior forward, averaged 17.9 points and 9.3 rebounds for the 15-18 Crusaders, who reached the WHAC tournament championship game. The first-team All-WHAC selection is the school's all-time leader in blocks and already has surpassed the 1,000 career-point mark.

## NAIA All-Academic

Madonna University basketball players Adam Kerfoot (Gaylord St. Mary) and Caryn Inman (Oxford) were named to the Daktronics NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete teams in men's and women's basketball, respectively.



SPORTS BRIEFS

YMCA SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCAs 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](http://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. number.

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](http://www.hvsports.com).

IGNITION CAMPS

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:Bo@sprauer.com) or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

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FOOTBALL CAMP

The third annual Detroit

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For more information, call (313) 262-2248.

COACHES: PLEASE

CALL IN RESULTS

The local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their team's results to the Observer so that their players' achievements can be deservedly publicized.

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To report results, either call Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108; e-mail results to [ewright@hometownlife.com](mailto:ewright@hometownlife.com); or fax results to (734) 591-7279.

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 at 1151 William St. in Plymouth. OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. Contact Kevin Suppelsa at [ksuppelsa@wowway.com](mailto:ksuppelsa@wowway.com); or (734) 414-8275; or visit [www.olgcfootball.net](http://www.olgcfootball.net).

# Canton grad hurls MU to win

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

So far this spring, it's been raining down on Ilitch Ballpark, enough to force Madonna University's baseball team to twice postpone home-opening games.

On Tuesday, with late-afternoon thunderstorms looming, plenty of Crusader runs were all that rained down — at least, until after the 23-2 victory over Rochester (Mich.) was in the books.

Madonna (11-7) came out swinging, scoring runs in each of the first four innings to build a commanding 9-2 advantage over the Warriors.

Just for good measure, the Crusaders then put a 12-spot on the scoreboard in the sixth to take a 21-2 margin into the final stages.

The Crusaders belted four homers, two each by sophomore right-fielder Scott Boyer (3-3, five RBI) and junior first baseman John McCracken (2-6, four runs, five RBI). Lacing a pair of doubles was sophomore shortstop Ryan Morrow.

The beneficiary of all the hitting was junior right-hander Carl McDevitt (Canton), who started on the mound and pitched the first five innings. He gave up just two runs and five hits while fanning five.

Succeeding him on the

mound were sophomore Joe Kennedy (Belleville), sophomore Ryan Brodowsky (Farmington), senior Mike Hand (Farmington Hills), freshman Pedro Guerrero and freshman Keith Lelli.

For Rochester (4-7), Birmingham Brother Rice alum Jeff Pickens went 2-for-4 and scored a run.

Taking the loss for the Warriors was Joey Watros, who gave up the first nine runs.

All in all, 13 Madonna players contributed to the 19-hit attack. Also with two hits were senior third baseman Gary VanAllen and senior center-fielder Dan Miller.

Other local products with a hit included senior second baseman Matt Humenay (Westland/Livonia Churchill), junior catcher Ryan Powell (Canton), senior right-fielder Tony Luttman (Farmington) and junior left-fielder Mike Cauzillo (West Bloomfield).

Winning weekend

Madonna took two out of three from Spalding (Ky.) University over the weekend at Derby City Field in Louisville.

After splitting a Saturday doubleheader, the Crusaders scored three runs in the top of the ninth to come away with a 6-3 triumph on Sunday.

Junior catcher Garrett Ignasiak (Waterford) delivered

a bases-loaded two-run single to left to break a 3-3 tie and then Luttman followed with an RBI single to center.

Hand pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the victory, but Madonna received a sterling performance from junior right-hander and Westland John Glenn alum Will Kennedy to even be in position to win late.

Kennedy pitched seven innings and allowed three runs on seven hits, walking just one and striking out seven. He blanked Spalding from the second through the seventh innings before tiring in the eighth.

Collecting two hits each for the Crusaders were Ignasiak, Luttman and McCracken.

On Saturday, homers by freshman catcher Zach Flavin (2-4) and McCracken helped MU to the first-game 7-0 triumph. Combining for the two-hit shutout were junior lefty Eric Wendling (five innings, two hits) and Brodowsky.

Junior right-hander Ryan Bardonni was the tough-luck loser in the 3-1 nightcap. He allowed one run and three hits in 5 1/3 innings, but walked six batters.

Madonna took an early 1-0 lead on an RBI double to left-center by Ignasiak, but the Crusaders could only muster four safeties the rest of the way.

# MU softball team swept by Bethel

Madonna University's softball team couldn't quite crank up the offense Sunday, dropping a doubleheader to host Bethel (Ind.).

The Crusaders (13-8) lost the opener 1-0, managing just a single in the second inning by sophomore left-fielder Mary Kate Setta. Madonna senior pitcher Shannon Noder deserved a better fate, allowing just one run on four hits in six innings.

Bethel (8-6) then scored four runs in the bottom of the

fifth — with the help of two MU errors — to eke out a 6-4 win in the nightcap.

The Pilots entered the frame down 4-2 but scored an unearned run and then went ahead on a two-run double by designated hitter Brittney Fisher.

Madonna looked good early on, going ahead 3-0 in the fourth on run-scoring singles by sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson (2-for-3), freshman first baseman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and freshman

third baseman Brittney Scero (Canton).

After Bethel answered with two runs to cut MU's lead to 3-2, the Crusaders scored in the top of the fifth on a sacrifice fly by sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston (2-for-2).

Also tallying two hits each in the game for the Crusaders was junior right-fielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton).

Madonna is slated to play a doubleheader Saturday (1 p.m.) against visiting Cornerstone.



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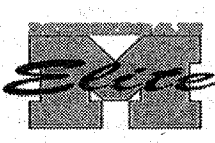
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## TRAINERS

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"Most of the kids I work with here at Salem really take the time to listen and learn about their injuries so that they can get better faster," emphasized Bowers, whose illustrious career has included stints with the Toledo Mud Hens minor league baseball team, the University of Toledo Athletic Department and at Ferris State University.

"During some of the longer rehabs I work on, I really get to know a lot of the kids pretty well. What's nice is that even when they've gone away to college or gone on to their careers, they come back and see me. Some of them will say, 'You know, Tony, I really didn't believe what you were saying back when I was injured, but now that I look back, I'm glad I listened to you.'"

"Tony has a great rapport with the kids," said Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette. "The knowledge and experience he brings to our athletic programs are invaluable."

### SATISFYING JOB

Edgerton, who has taught and practiced athletic training, said his job is both fulfilling and challenging at the same time.

"I like being the first person on the scene of an injury," he said. "I like being able to offer first-hand advice to the athletes and their parents and coaches."

"The hard part, though, is that I'm only one person and I'm dealing with hundreds of athletes and several sports each season. We have to micromanage in order to give the athletes the attention they need. When there are four or five events going on at the same time — or four or five practices — I have to set up in a centralized location and respond to each one as the need arises."

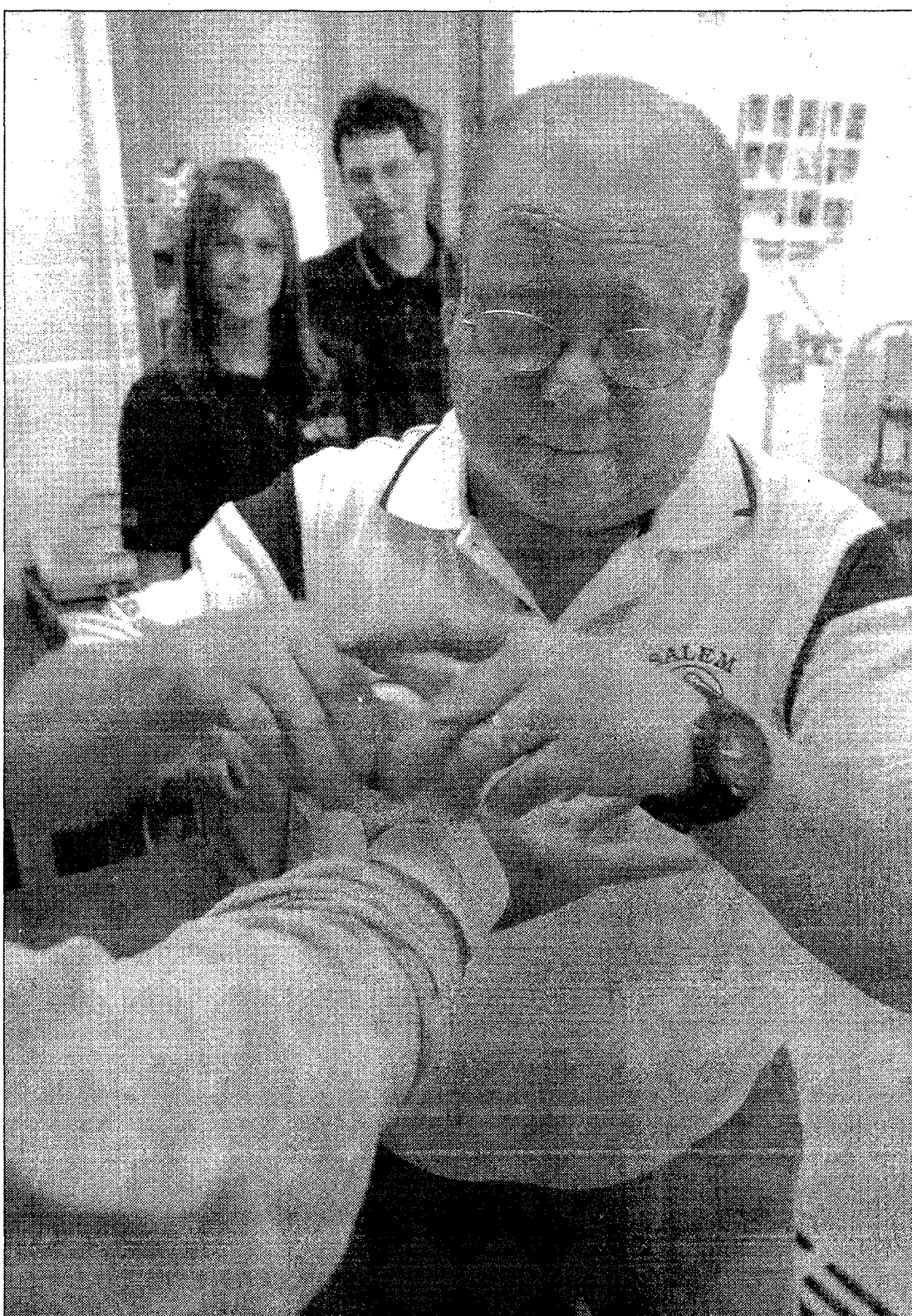
"Glenn has fit in extremely well here," said Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "He's done a great job and all of our coaches and athletes respect him. He's a very good communicator and he knows what he's talking about."

After graduating from the University of Michigan in 2005, Kokoczka headed south to Auburn University, where she served as the trainer for the varsity volleyball team, among other responsibilities.

"I like this job because it gives me the chance to help people get better and feel better," said Kokoczka, 24. "I had never worked with high school-aged student-athletes before, but I really enjoy this job's responsibilities."

"We've had quite a bit of turnover with athletic trainers here at Plymouth, so it's nice to have Lindsay here because she gives us some stability," said Sawchuk. "She's done a great job here."

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Salem athletic trainer Tony Bowers tapes an athlete's wrist as Plymouth's Lindsay Kokoczka and Canton's Glenn Edgerton look on.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### A LOOK AT THE TRAINERS

**Name:** Tony Bowers;

**School:** Salem;

**Family:** Wife - Cindy; daughters - Brittany, 16, and McKenzie, 12;

**Education:** Undergraduate and master's degree from the University of Toledo;

**Career:** Has over 20 years of experience in the sports medicine/athletic training profession, including stints with the Toledo Mud Hens and University of Toledo Athletics Department.

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**Name:** Glenn Edgerton;

**School:** Canton;

**Family:** Wife - Stephanie; children - Andrew, 7, and Gabe, 5;

**Education:** Undergraduate degree from Springfield (Mass.) University; master's degree from Northern Michigan University;

**Career:** Served as athletic trainer at Wayne Memorial before coming to Canton; has also taught athletic training classes at Eastern Michigan University and Northern Michigan University.

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**Name:** Lindsay Kokoczka;

**School:** Plymouth;

**Hometown:** Jackson;

**Education:** Undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan;

**Career:** Served as the head trainer for the Auburn (Ala.) University varsity volleyball team before moving back to Michigan last year.

## U.S. Girls Wrestling tourney set for the weekend in Livonia

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

On the heels of the NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships hosted recently at the Palace of Auburn Hills, it's time for another tournament to take center stage for the opposite gender.

We're not talking Wrestlemania at Ford Field, it's the 10th annual U.S. Girls Wrestling Association National Tournament scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Livonia Churchill High School's main gymnasium.

A field of nearly 700 female wrestlers, elementary through college-age, will compete for national titles in four different divisions.

Competitors will descend upon Livonia from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska.

"It's an incredible atmosphere, it's different in that the competitors are so supportive of each other," said Charlotte Tripp, who is secretary for the Motown Ladies Wrestling Club.

Wrestling is a family affair for the Tripps, who also belong to the Trojan Wrestling Club at Clarenceville H.S. where son Matthew, 11, and Amanda, 12, are involved.

Tripp's 9-year-old daughter Jennifer, who attends Grandview Elementary School in Livonia, will compete in the K-5 division at the Nationals.

Following a weigh-in Friday night, competition begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and will continue all-day before resuming on Sunday. Admission, which entitles fans with a two-day pass, is \$25.

Churchill, which hosts the high school Observerland Invitational each year, takes over the USGWA Tournament from Lake Orion H.S.

In addition for the Collegiate Open division, one of the most competitive divisions will be High School (grades 9-12). Titles will also be at stake for Middle School (grades 6-8) and Elementary (K-5).

Two Michiganders, Paige Rife of Fowlerville and Samantha Gorman of Allendale, are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes of 152 pounds and 144, respectively, in the High School division.

Also expected to compete at the Nationals is Nicole Woody of Arundel High in Gambrills, Md., the top-ranked 100-pounder who was featured recently in a *Sports Illustrated* article.

At U.S. High Schools, *Sports Illustrated* noted that the number of female wrestlers tripled from 1,629 to 4,975 during the last decade.

Women's wrestling has increased in popularity internationally. It was added an Olympic sport at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

To register for the USGWA Nationals, visit [www.usgwa.com](http://www.usgwa.com); or e-mail tournament director Kent Bailo at [kbailo@tier.com](mailto:kbailo@tier.com).

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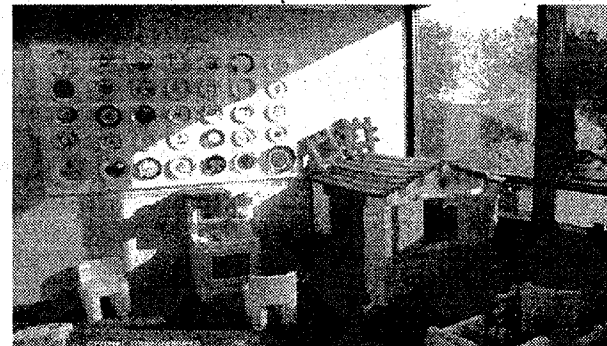
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## Jackets sign Sestito

On Tuesday, Columbus announced the signing of Plymouth Whalers' left wing Tom Sestito to a three-year entry-level contract.

Sestito was Columbus' third pick (85th overall) in the 2006 Entry Draft.

"It's exciting, but I really haven't thought about it much because I'm trying to focus on helping the Whalers win," said Sestito, moments after Tuesday night's 7-1 victory over Guelph in which he contributed his seventh hat trick of the season. "Columbus still had a year to sign me, so there wasn't a lot of pressure to get things done right away."

Sestito, 19, tallied 42 goals and 22 assists with 135 penalty minutes and a plus-six plus/minus rating in 60 games with Plymouth during the 2006-07 regular season. He led the club and ranked

13th in the OHL in goals; and was tops on the team and eighth in the OHL with 21 power-play goals. He also led the Whalers with four short-handed goals and was sixth on the club in points.

He helped lead Plymouth to a 49-14-2-3 regular-season record, which was tops in the West Division and second in the league.

The 6-5, 212-pound Rome, New York native has appeared in 152 career OHL games with the Whalers, registering 53-35-88, 399 penalty minutes and a +3 plus/minus rating.

He notched 10-10-20 and 176 penalty minutes in 57 games in 2005-06 and added 5-2-7 and 29 penalty minutes in 13 playoff games. Plymouth's roster also includes 2005 Blue Jackets' draft pick Jared Boll.

## Whalers calm Storm in first 2 playoff games

Sean O'Connor's power play goal at 14:24 of the second period snapped a 3-3 tie and the Plymouth Whalers came all the way back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat the Guelph Storm, 5-3, in Game 2 of the best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Quarterfinal game played Sunday night before 3,811 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

The victory extended the Whalers' lead in the series to 2-0.

Dan Collins led the Plymouth attack with two goals, while James Neal, Tom Sestito and O'Connor scored singles. Ryan Pottruff, Jamie Arniel and Drew Doughty replied for Guelph.

After being outshot, 14-4, in the first period, the Whalers rallied to take the game over, outshooting Guelph, 44-14, over the final forty minutes.

Plymouth outshot Guelph, 48-28, in the game.

Guelph built their 3-0 lead on power plays — Pottruff, roofing a shot from the slot at 10:26 of the first period, Arniel, in tight at the left doorstep at 17:26 of the first period and Doughty, hard shot from the slot at 2:55 of the second period.

Collins started the Plymouth comeback in the second period by scoring twice in the span of 38 seconds — slamming home a rebound from the left wing at 9:05 of the second period and then deflecting Wes Cunningham's point shot from the hashmarks at 9:43.

Neal scored his first of the playoffs to tie the game at 10:57, taking Brett Bellemore's pass from the right point in the Guelph zone and one-timing a shot from the lower rim of the left circle. O'Connor capped good Plymouth pressure on a

power play at 14:24 when he rammed home a rebound from a hard Jared Boll shot from the slot.

Sestito scored the only goal of the third period to close the scoring at 10:42.

**PLYMOUTH 3, GUELPH 2 (OT):**

Evan Brophey's goal at 2:14 of overtime snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers came from behind to defeat the Guelph Storm in Game 1 of the OHL first-round playoff series played Saturday night before 2,832 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Brophey took Chris Terry's pass from center ice and skated over the Guelph blue line. He took a shot from the top of the left circle that Guelph goaltender Thomas McCollum got a glove on, but the puck trickled over the line.

Daniel Ryder and Sean O'Connor scored the other Plymouth goals. Jamie Arniel

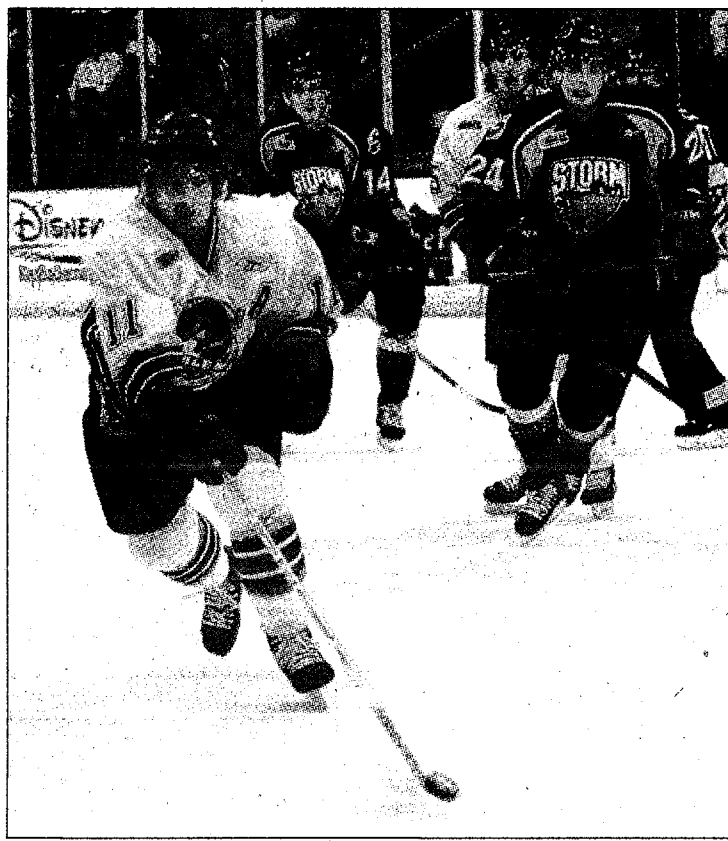
and Matt Kennedy scored for Guelph.

Guelph outshot Plymouth, 34-26, with Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth recording his first OHL playoff victory in stopping 32-of-34 shots.

Plymouth (49-14-2-3, 103 points) finished 25 points ahead of Guelph (33-23-3-9, 78 points) in the regular season standings, but the Storm built a 2-1 lead in the first period on goals by Arniel (0:50) and Kennedy (17:05) sandwiched around O'Connor's marker at 10:08.

After a scoreless second period, the Whalers tied the game at 13:21 of the third period when Ryder batted home a rebound out in front of the Guelph goal after McCollum made stops on Dan Collins and James Neal.

That set the stage for Brophey's game-winning goal.



Plymouth's Evan Brophey cruises down a patch of open ice with a pair of Guelph Storm players in hot pursuit during Tuesday night's OHL playoff game at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers won, 7-1, to forge a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven first-round series.



Plymouth's Joe McCann (23) skates past Guelph's Jamie Arniel during Tuesday night's OHL playoff game at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers won, 7-1.

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in front of the net and flipped a no-look back-hander past Storm goalie Thomas McCollum, much to the delight of the home crowd.

"Tom actually works on shots like that in practice," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He's been great for us all year. Whenever he gets the puck in front of the net like he did tonight, he's very dangerous."

The Whalers' penalty-killing unit ranked right up there with Sestito in terms of effectiveness as it snuffed out 11-of-12 short-handed situations. Following a calm and uneventful opening 20 minutes, the overhead scoreboard at Compuware was lit up like a Christmas tree for most of the second and third stanzas during which flashing neon "No vacancy" signs would have been appropriate for the penalty boxes.

"We've worked all year on our penalty-killing and it has shown in the games," said

Vellucci. "The most important thing you need to kill penalties is a great goalie and we have two of them."

Getting the nod between the pipes on Tuesday for Plymouth was Michal Neuvirth, who also started the opener before giving way to Jeremy Smith for Game 2 on Sunday. The Czech Republic native was brilliant, stopping 34-of-35 shots.

Neuvirth's most impressive save came with 2:55 left to play when he stoned a two-on-none Guelph breakaway. Seven seconds later, Sestito scored his third power-play goal of the night to close the scoring.

Desperate times required desperate measures for the Storm 23 seconds into the third period. With a 4-1 deficit looming over their heads, the Guelph coaching staff asked the referees to measure James Neal's stick immediately after he was whistled for a two-minute penalty. If the men in stripes ruled that the stick's curvature was beyond legal limits, the Whalers would have been assessed a second two-minute penalty, giving the Storm a 5-on-3 advantage.

Initially, the referees said the stick was OK. However, after Guelph coach Dave Barr insisted on a re-check, the refs re-measured and ruled that it was an illegal piece of equipment.

Unfazed, the Whalers killed off the Storm's two-man advantage.

"I think that fired us up a little bit, especially after we killed the penalties," said Vellucci, referring to stick-gate. "It kind of set the tone for (Guelph), too, because I think

their players realized it was a desperate act and it kind of demoralized them when they didn't get anything out of it."

Plymouth struck first on Jared Boll's off-the-post goal 7:19 into the opening period. He was assisted by Evan Brophey.

Neal doubled the lead to 2-0 when he maneuvered through three Guelph defenseman before back-handing a floater past McCollum with 6:11 left in the opening period.

The Whalers' first-period onslaught continued when Ryan McGinnis scored from Wes Cunningham and Sean O'Connor with just 15.9 seconds left before the intermission.

Guelph sliced its deficit to 3-1 on Rafael Rotter's power-play lamp-lighter with 17:07 to play in the second. However, Sestito subdued any momentum the visitors may have envisioned with a goal off a rebound at the 8:12 mark of the second.

O'Connor (from McGinnis and Dan Collins) and Sestito (two) found the back of the net in the third period.

Plymouth outshot Guelph, 58-35, after getting outshot 12-10 in the opening period.

In celebration of signing his first pro contract, Sestito pledged to take his teammates out to dinner.

"But only after I get my first check," he said, smiling.

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# How Szwed it is: Ladywood icer named 'Miss Hockey'

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the water, Livonia Ladywood High's Laura Szwed has both sides of the rink covered.

On frozen pond, the senior was honored recently in a banquet held at Livonia's Laurel Manor as Miss Hockey, recognizing the top girls high school hockey player in the state.

And when it warms up, she spends her summers on Brendel Lake near her home in White Lake perfecting routines as a barefoot water skier where she competes both nationally and in world competitions.

Last September, in 2006 Barefoot Water Ski World Championships held in Adna, Wash. (Lake Silverado), Szwed earned a bronze medal in tricks and fourth in the slalom for a sixth-place finish overall. She was also a member of the first-place U.S. Elite Barefoot Water Ski Team.

"I like both sports equally," said Szwed. "My brother (Kyle) and my dad (Chris) competed (in water skiing). My mother (Pat) roots us on."

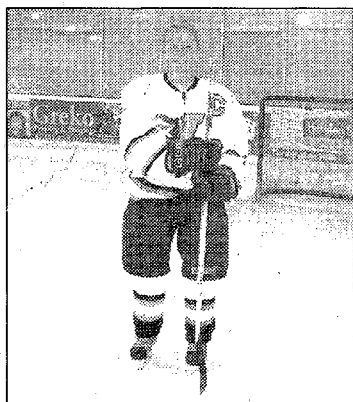
The family also had plenty to cheer about this winter as Laura led the Blazers to a 17-3-1 record and a berth in the semifinals of the Michigan High School Girls Hockey League playoffs.

Szwed ended her career (March 8) at Livonia's Edgar Arena with a pair of goals in a 5-2 loss to Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, giving her 42 for the season to go along with 17 assists.

Needless to say, Szwed earned first-team All-State honors along with teammate Brittney Holtz, a senior defenseman, and was one of six considered in the final voting for Miss Hockey.

"I figured I was in the running, but I was really shocked when they announced it," Szwed said.

Szwed, who carries a 3.4 grade-point average, plans to continue her hockey career in college. She would like to study



Livonia Ladywood's Laura Szwed was named "Miss Hockey" earlier this month.

International Business and is leaning toward Utica (N.Y.) College, an NCAA Division III school which offers hockey for women.

Despite standing only 5 feet, 2 inches, Szwed was adept at making big plays when the Blazers needed them the most. In 67 games at Ladywood, Szwed finished her career with 139 goals and 62 assists.

"I just try to use my speed out there," the new Miss Hockey said.

Szwed began playing at age seven and competed on boys' teams until a Pee Wee division (age 12) was offered for girls.

She decided to attend Ladywood because it had a high school girls hockey program.

"It's sad to be leaving, I really enjoyed playing," she said. "A lot of us have been playing together for three and four years."

There's a huge void that needs to be filled now that Szwed's prep career is over.

"We'll miss her leadership and her two-way style of play," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "She's not tall, but she really knows how to position herself on the ice. She has strong legs. It no doubt comes from the water."

"And she's the nicest person you'll ever meet. She's very humble and team-oriented. She's good in the classroom, very positive, and fun to be around."

# Eberhardt perks up at Coffeyville

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

When Barry Eberhardt arrived at Coffeyville Community College (Kan.) in the fall of 2005, men's basketball coach Jay Herkelman believed he had recruited a diamond in the rough.

The only thing he needed to do was to polish up the 6-foot-6 forward from Westland John Glenn High School.

Two years later, Eberhardt has become a gem, leading Coffeyville to a 30-4 record and its fifth berth in six years to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament.

Eberhardt scored 16 points in a 69-61 Region 6 championship game triumph over Barton County CC (Kan.) after tallying 25 in a semifinal victory over Cloud County CC (Kan.). He was named Region 6 tournament MVP and also was selected East Player of the Year in the Kansas Jayhawk CC Conference. The chisled 252-pound sophomore power forward is averaging a team-best 18.6 points, while shooting 59 percent from the field, including 40 percent from three-point range. He also pulls down 6.3 rebounds per game.

"I had him in an individual workout, and right away I could see he had the touch and could take people off the dribble with his size," said Herkelman, who coached University of Virginia All-America Devin Smith. "The body was the first thing. He's 6-6, 252, a guy who can catch the ball, and he was mobile. It's kind of like you had in Karl Malone, a guy who faces up and also finish around the basket."

Eberhardt now finds himself as an NJCAA All-America candidate who is being recruited by a slew of NCAA Division I mid-major schools including Dayton, UNLV, Wichita State, Central Michigan, St. Louis, Bradley and Illinois State to name a few.

Coming out of Glenn, Eberhardt earned All-Observer honors, but he was considered



COFFEYVILLE CC INFORMATION

Westland John Glenn grad Barry Eberhardt has become one of the Midwest's top junior college players at Coffeyville (Kan.).

a highly-skilled player with a questionable work ethic bordering on lazy.

"Nate Oats, the coach at Romulus, said Barry had played against them and he called me and believed he had a chance to be a good college player," Herkelman said. "Barry had really good offensive skills and a great feel for the game on the offensive end."

"There's a lot of guys like Barry that can shoot the 'three' or go inside, but don't have the mid-range shot. He can do all three. Those guys are hard to guard. He's a throwback in that regard."

Coffeyville sits in the southwestern corner of the state of Kansas, just down the road from Independence on the border of Oklahoma.

It's rural landscape came almost as a shock for the Inkster native. It proved to be quite an adjustment.

"There's acres of farmland, the environment was totally different," Eberhardt said. "There's no traffic, just a slower way of life, a slower pace. I was bored. No movies, no mall close by. I felt confined. The

only thing you could focus on was basketball and going to school."

Midway through his freshman year, Eberhardt began to buy into Herkelman's program.

And by the end of the season, he was averaging 25 minutes per game, was a pivotal player off the bench, and helped the 33-7 Red Ravens to a Region 6 crown where he was named All-Tourney. Coffeyville wound up with a seventh-place finish in the national tournament.

"Early in the year he struggled even though you could see he had a load of talent," Herkelman said. "I couldn't get it out of him and he was not as productive as he could have been."

"Then about halfway through our conference play, he started to contribute. We had a nice group of sophomores last year that really worked hard and provided great leadership. We had a 5-7 point-guard whose work ethic was unbelievable. Barry saw that. He saw those tendencies and he learned you're not going to be a success because

you're lazy or don't play hard. He finally figured if he played as hard as they did, he could be as good."

Eberhardt's dad, Barry, Sr., played at Orchard Lake St. Mary's College. He has never seen his son play a game live. He's watched tapes.

"He's got to take care of business at home, he's got to work," Barry said. "His game was similar, but he's a left-hander."

Eberhardt's future appears bright. He'll take his five recruiting visits after the nationals and would like to find his way back to a four-year school in the Midwest. But he also remains open-minded.

"It doesn't matter," Eberhardt said. "I'd like to be closer to home, but if it's not, that's the way it goes. All I know is this is what I want to do with my career. This is what I love to do and I want to do something at the next level."

Despite his early struggles, things have worked out for the best.

"His mom just sent me an e-mail and thanked me for all the things which I did to help him grow," Herkelman said. "I rode him pretty hard starting out, that's probably why he thought about leaving, but his mom said there was no way he was coming back home. She knew he had a bunch of growing up to do and I thought he had a chance in the right program. He started to figure it out."

"The other thing that helped a bunch is that Barry is a great kid. He doesn't have an ego and he's not arrogant to where he didn't want to get better. He's very coachable, just a great kid to coach."

Eberhardt also appreciates what his coach did for him.

"He's made me comfortable in this situation," the Glenn grad said. "He gives you to freedom. He has trust in me and I trust him. I also learned you've got to play defense to contribute. He's showed me a lot and helped my game so much."

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175 Cady Centre  
Northville, MI 48167  
248 349-5600  
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1:00 - 4:00 PM

782 Bradburn Ct  
411 Horton  
124 High  
235 High  
21822 Connemara  
48439 Binghampton  
574 Morgan Circle  
41584 Waterfall

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39712 Muirfield  
44849 Broadmoor  
18048 Blue Heron  
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18171 Blue Heron

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Westland 3445

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- Find fault
- Yul's film realm
- Grain-like pasta
- Have debts
- Machu Picchu builder
- Put on
- Prompted
- Centurion's moon
- Wahine's welcome
- Force back
- Type of wolf
- Not give —
- Navaho foes
- Horror-flick street
- Chicle product
- Baby fox
- Whichever
- Musical sounds
- 31 Baby fox
- 32 Mountain curve
- 33 Son of Val and Aleta
- 37 Found a roost
- 38 Root beer treat

DOWN

- Thin strip
- Fishing spot
- Deli bread
- Position of leadership
- Overlook (2 wds.)
- Party-tray cheese
- Highest point
- Rx writers org.
- District
- Swabs
- Craze
- Hide — hair
- Astonish
- Mineral find
- Calculator key
- Sahib's place
- Domino pip
- Filled up
- Baby screacher
- Do another hitch (hyph.)
- Grey of western novels

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Auburn tint
- Pamplona shout
- Dressy event
- Part of BTU
- Ancient tale
- Give a lecture
- Conquistador's quest
- Toward shelter
- fatale
- Walk heavily
- Home, to Pierre
- Start all over
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## SUDOKU

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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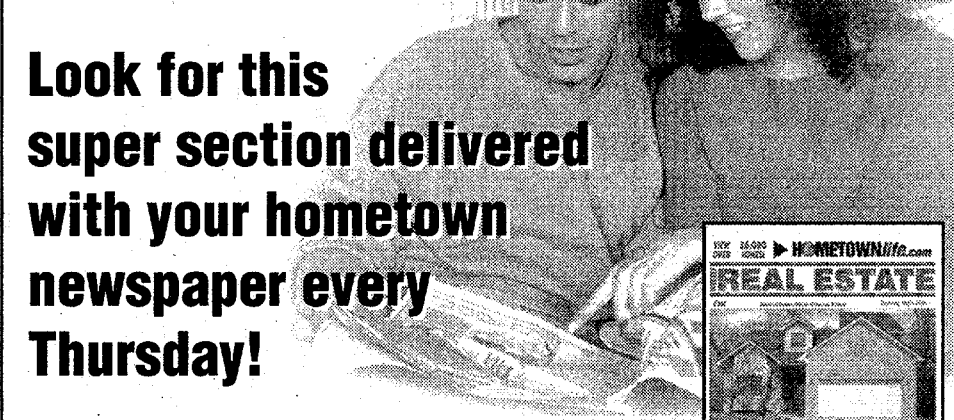
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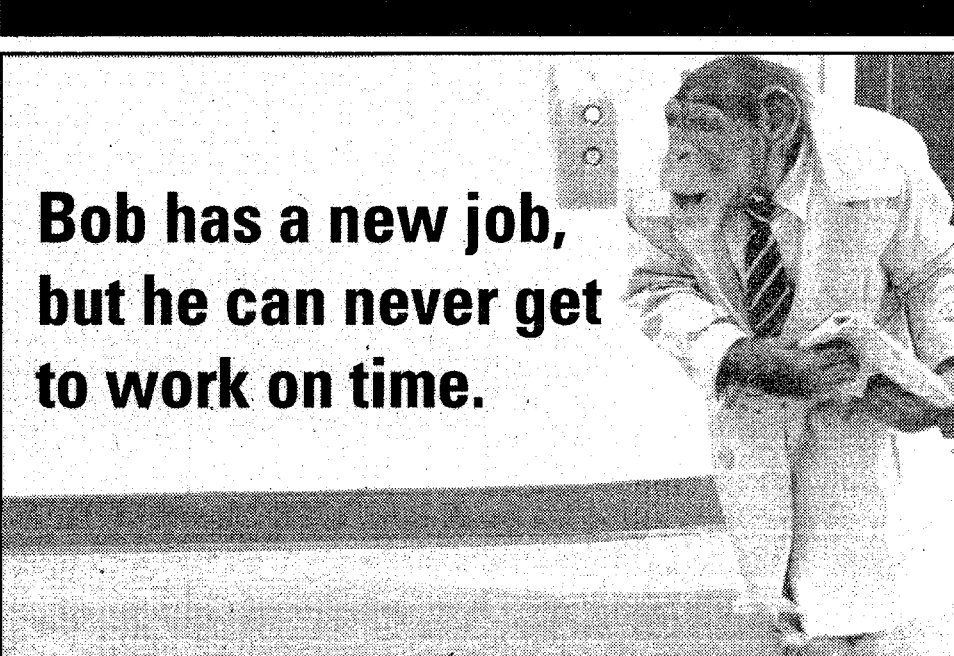
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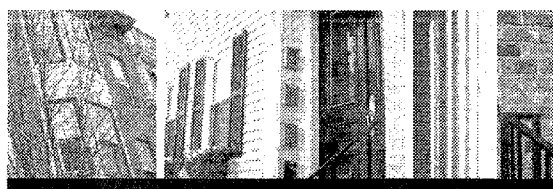
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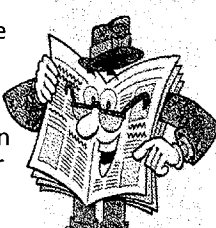
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# TAKING OBESITY SERIOUSLY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DESK



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

An employee's weight is a very personal matter, but the drive to reduce the cost of health benefits is fueling wellness programs, which seek measurable results. Boston's Virgin Life Care, in a pilot program, found that 84 percent of employees at one of its two pilot sites were obese or overweight. The company's activity-based HealthMiles, which rewards employees with merchandise, motivated up to 40 percent of its 939 total employees to establish a habit of walking up stairs rather than pressing the elevator button. A full 63 percent reduced body fat, some as much as 20 percent. Virgin Life Care anticipates cost savings in reduced absenteeism and decreased medical claims. HealthMiles launched nationally in December.

Is all of this dead serious? The \$3 billion diversified metal processor Worthington Industries, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, instituted its Healthy Choices Wellness Program. Employees could choose not to enroll and instead pay a modest premium to offset the increasing cost of health benefits. The program's "Tour de Plants" motivated 886 employees to get off their duffs. "10K Steps" inspired 511 to walk progressively up to 10,000 steps per day. The company estimates an

ROI of 2.15 to 1 over a two-year period.

## LOSING

Denise Cannon, systems engineer at Capital District Physician's Health Plan Inc. (CDPHP), in Albany, N.Y., testifies to the importance of co-worker support in her Slimdown program drop of 35 pounds and subsequent 15-pound drop from the Fall into Fitness program. She plans to lose 43 more pounds. Her 10-member Slimdown team, inspired by an undefined amount of money and a \$20 registration fee per employee, won first place (\$6,696 for the team). It contributed to a loss of 2,134 tons by a total of 189 employees. However, money wasn't the main motivator. "Our biggest inspiration," she says, "is that one person sent his current weight and his weight goals to the team -- we were shocked -- and 70 percent of the team followed. We graphed our progress, gaining or losing, on a chart and sent it to our team every week. That's where we would talk about what they did and try to change it. Something that worked for me didn't necessarily work for them. We gave each other low-calorie, good-tasting food." One of her favorites, T. Marzetti, found in Price Chopper's fruit aisle, curbs chocolate cravings. Total team loss exceeded a ton. Cannon captained the two winning teams.

Rod Sparks, operations manager at the 77,000-sq. ft. Louisville, Ky., facility of Worthington Industries, started with the company more than 26 years ago, when,

at 23, he weighed around 205 pounds. His sedentary workstyle began while driving a semi. He doesn't recall any discussion of health and well-being at the company in the 1980s. He ballooned. "I had no idea that the company would move us to a healthier lifestyle," he comments.

Inspired by Healthy Choices and four active young sons, Sparks dropped 80 pounds, lowered his blood pressure and his bad cholesterol from 235 to 180. "Worthington constantly provides programs that challenge you and keep you in structure," he says. "It generates communication and conversation among employees. We challenge each other and look out for each other. Some of the guys are competitive." The medical center at headquarters conducts an annual, multi-shift on-site health fair that spouses may attend. While his waistline shrank, his clothing budget expanded. The biggest challenge has been determining when to shop again.

"Family and co-workers supported me," he notes. "I've run a couple of mini-marathons with a friend. That type of support is the foundation. Seeing the guys helps keep me in the right frame of mind." Numerous compliments on the job keep him going, too. He's kept the weight off for about three years.

Bonding continued with the half of Cannon's Slimdown team that helped form the Fall into Fitness team, and



Denise Cannon, systems engineer, with her daughter Alena and Walter, her husband, she comes up a winner.

weight loss continued when co-workers communicated with each other. "We're a large IT department and we've gotten to know people outside of our own team," she remarks. It's a good team-building thing for work-related things; we already have a rapport. It makes things go better."

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

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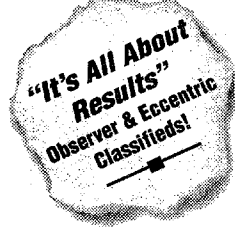
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**CAREGIVER**  
Assisted Living bldg., in Northville, is looking for a full/part time afternoon shift Caregiver. Must be out-going, reliable, and enjoy working with the elderly. Fax resume to: 248-344-8184.

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With exp. For upscale restaurant in Plymouth. Full/Part-time. Apply in person: **FIAMMA GRILLE** 380 S. Main Or **COMPARIIS** 350 S. Main

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**RN Full or Part Time**  
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When: April 4th  
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Position: Direct Sales Representative  
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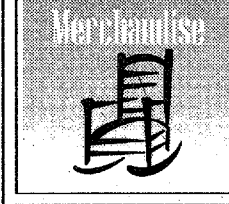
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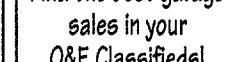
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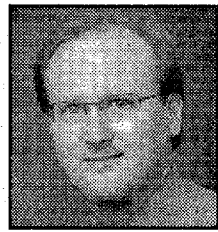
## Lexus Rx400h Sets A High Bar For Luxury Hybrids.

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By Dale Buss



Leave it to Lexus to redefine a category even before competitors have entered it. With its RX400h hybrid, Lexus last year introduced the first hybrid SUV that was available from a true luxury make. But even more interestingly, the RX400h is such a robust vehicle that it immediately began to restate what having a hybrid powertrain was all about. Instead of only providing a way to significantly boost fuel efficiency compared with their traditionally powered counterparts, Lexus made RX400h a better vehicle all the way around than its counterpart RX350. Among other things, the Toyota luxury brand equipped its new mid-size SUV with a big enough internal-combustion engine that drivers benefit from having ample power and experiencing improved performance in a conventional sense – and also get great gas mileage. It just costs them about \$4,000 more for a 2007 RX400h than for an RX350. There are lots of good things about the RX400h, but let's start with the reason the vehicle exists in the first place: the powertrain. Toyota has demonstrated its innovativeness with hybrid power from the beginning of the trend, starting with its Prius compact. The success of the Prius – and rising gasoline prices – set off a game of leapfrogging among other auto makers, who suddenly rushed to produce hybrid versions of their existing models. With the RX400h powertrain, Toyota changed the rules yet again on its competition. The vehicle uses an advanced system that combines a 3.3-liter V6 gasoline engine – powerful enough all alone to do the trick with this size vehicle – with a 288-volt nickel-metal battery pack and electric motor generators. The engine and motor generators



Lexus introduced the first hybrid-powered luxury utility vehicle in RX 400h, and the 2007 model builds on its appeal.

combine seamlessly, so the RX400h performs easily up to the standard that has been set by every Lexus SUV before it: plenty of power whenever you need it, delivered smoothly, resulting in another example of the brand's trademark fine ride. In other words, rather than exacting a penalty from the vehicle's performance for the fact that the RX400h isn't fully internal combustion – and rather than expecting drivers simply to be grateful for the mileage boost – this vehicle actually packs so much punch that you're glad it's a hybrid. The powertrain provides an immediacy in acceleration that is a match for most gas-hogging sports coupes. At 286 horsepower (38 more than the RX350), RX400h posts an impressive 0-60mph time of just 7.3 seconds (or 7.5 seconds for the all-wheel-drive model I drove). That is despite the fact that the hybrid model carries around an extra 300 pounds under the hood because of the extra powertrain equipment. And through it all, RX400h posts an EPA mileage rating of 32 miles a gallon on the highway and 27 in the city. The latter rating is as much as double the city-driving ratings for most V8-powered luxury SUVs. So if you can afford the \$42,580 sticker price for the RX400h, Lexus makes it worth your while. Of course, as with all Lexus vehicles, there's a lot more to the RX400h than the powertrain. The RX series is styled more distinctively than any other Lexus vehicle, with a severely streamlined

rear end. The 400h actually sports a different front fascia than the RX350, with an additional air intake and round foglamps, as well as LED tail lamps. But the taut styling doesn't diminish what the RX400h delivers inside. There's 38 cubic feet of rear cargo capacity that expands to nearly 85 cubic feet with the rear seatbacks folded down, and a gate that is plenty large. I was able to easily slide a new wide-screen TV and a bunch of other goodies from Best Buy into the cargo hold. Of course, there's no third row of seating. Lexus touches in this vehicle include nice touches of burled-wood-style trim throughout the front, including the gear-shift knob. A sensible platform on the floor in front of the center console had a lip so that it could easily hold a purse, say, or maybe even a laptop in place around corners, but the border was shallow so that it didn't get in the way. In the rear compartment, the RX400h sports nearly all the amenities available to the front seats, including a compartment in a center fold-down console, drink holders, and controls for the optional rear-seat DVD player that were sensibly placed on the ceiling along with the screen – instead of in the glove compartment, the front-seat center console, or some other equally inconvenient place that DVD controls so often end up. With RX400h, Lexus has thrown down an important gauntlet in the growing hybrid trade.

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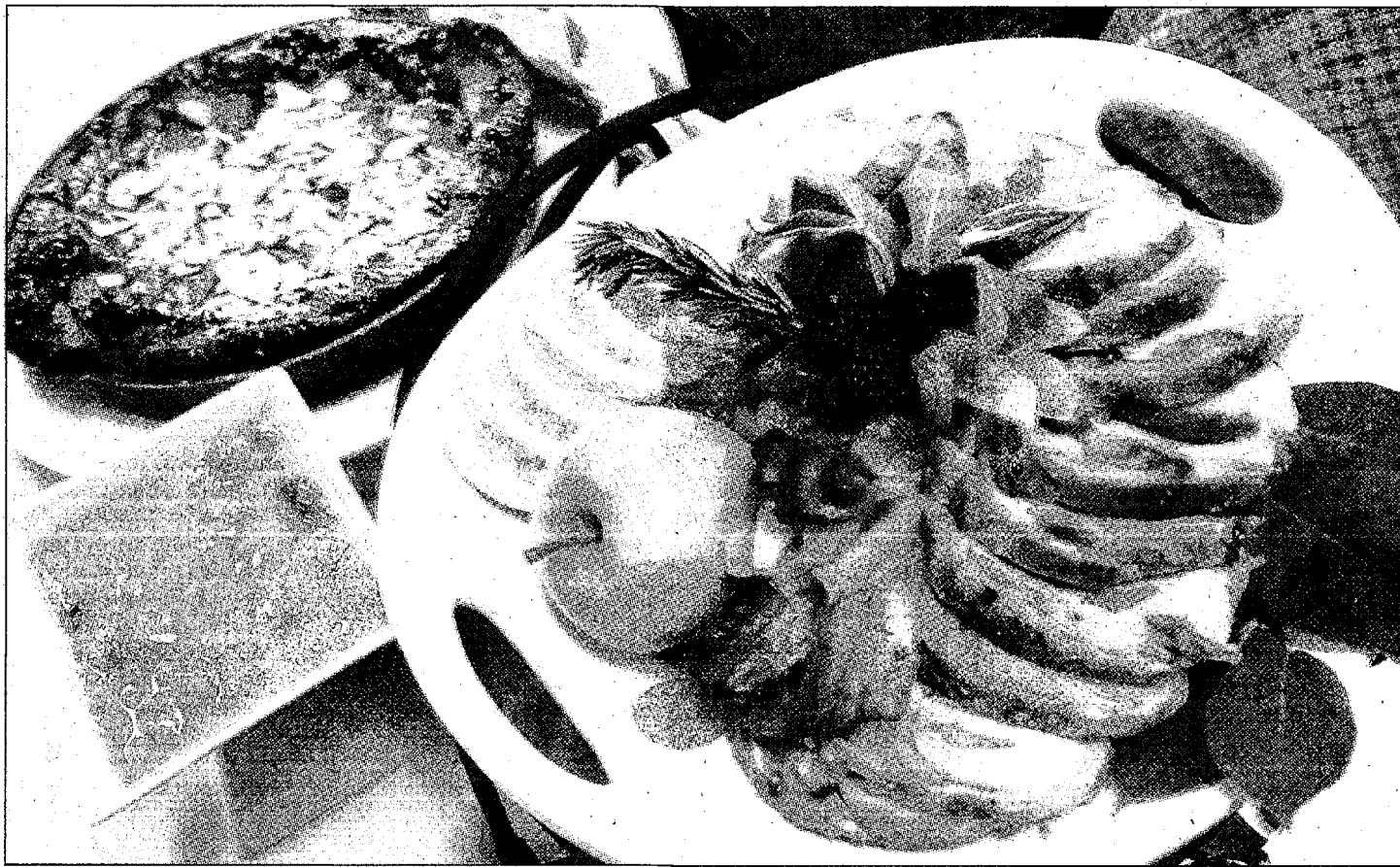
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For that spring brunch or Easter meal, try a studded roasted pork tenderloin with pecan sugar glaze. For breakfast or brunch, a pear puff pancake with cherry orange sauce (left) sweetens any morning.

## Spring into holiday brunches



This pear pancake is topped with cherry orange sauce.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

"Here comes the sun. And I say, 'It's all right,'" sang George Harrison and the Beatles in *Here Comes the Sun*. The song featured Harrison's warm vocals that made you "feel like ice is slowly melting." And with that warmth and break in the winter chill, spring also brings the traditional holidays and a look to break from the winter fare toward spring holidays and warmer temperatures in April, May and beyond. For Jews, there's Passover (starting at sundown Monday, April 2). For Christians, there's Easter (April 8). Spring is also a time just to gather with friends and

PLEASE SEE BRUNCHES, D3

### STUDED ROASTED CITRUS PORK LOIN WITH PECAN SUGAR GLAZE

1 whole cleaned pork loin  
**Brine:**  
1/2 cup kosher salt  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
6 peppercorns  
1 bay leaf  
2 quarts warm water

**Method for brine:** Mix all ingredients. Brine pork overnight or up to 48 hours in stainless steel, plastic or glass container.

#### Aromatics for studding pork loin

2 stalks of celery, cut into 4-5 inch planks  
1 large white onion cut in half and then cut into 1/2 inch strips  
8-10 whole figs, quartered

**Method to stud brined pork with aromatic vegetable and dried figs:** Place pork loin on cutting board, then randomly pierce slits through the pork loin 2 inches apart with long, thin, sharp "slicer style" knife. Randomly stuff celery, onion and figs into alternating slits.

#### Sauce/Glaze

2 cup brown sugar  
1 cup orange juice or apple cider  
3 ounces butter  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 cup corn syrup  
1/2 cup honey

**How to make glaze:** Heat all ingredients

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## Make the most of your iPod with these tips

I have no problem paying iTunes \$1.99 for an hour-long episode of, say, *Heroes*. But \$14.99 for Pixar's *Cars*, a movie I already own on DVD? That hardly seems fair.

Indeed, I think Apple should make it possible to copy DVDs straight to an iPod. After all, I did buy the movie; why can't I watch it where I want?

I can, and so can you. You'll need a Windows PC with a DVD drive and a couple of freeware software programs. (Mac users should check out HandBrake: <http://handbrake.m0k.org>.)

The first is DVD Decrypter, which will extract the movie from the DVD to your hard drive.

Next up: Videora iPod Converter, which, incidentally, is also available for Sony PSPs. This program converts the movie to a format playable on your iPod.

Links to both programs can be found in an online tutorial that also explains the rest of the DVD-to-iPod procedure: <http://tinyurl.com/yvoe4u>.



iTunes' free "Learn Along With Sesame" shows aim to teach children important life lessons.

### STOCK UP ON SESAME STREET

Apple's iTunes Store is offering six free Sesame Street videos, each designed to teach children an important life lesson.

For instance, *Talk, Listen, Connect* depicts Elmo feeling sad when his dad has to go away - a segment intended to help military families cope with separation. In *A is for Asthma*, Elmo and Rosalita learn what to do if a friend has trouble breathing.

Other segments address subjects like bullying, music and getting ready for school (they're not all downers).

The videos range from 13 to 42 minutes; they're free to download and can be viewed on your PC or iPod. If you're a parent of young children, you'll definitely want to stock up on all six.

To find the shows, launch iTunes and search for "Learn Along With Sesame."

### WATCH YOUTUBE VIDEOS

There's some brilliant stuff on YouTube. I'm thinking in particular of OK Go's nifty "treadmill dance" music video, the comedy serials Mr. Dietz and Chad Vader, and the video for Lily Allen's *Smile*.

A handy little program called Ares Tube (<http://tinyurl.com/yjob3e>) turns any YouTube video into an iPod video.

Just copy and paste the video's Web address (the program also supports videos from Google Video, Metacafe and other popular sites) and Ares Tube downloads the file, converts it to the proper format, and queues it in iTunes for immediate syncing to your iPod.

Like all the Web's best stuff, Ares Tube is free.

### PLAY MUSIC FROM OTHER STORES

If you bought music from another online store (like Napster, Rhapsody or Yahoo), you've no doubt discovered that those tunes won't play on your iPod.

That's because of pesky digital rights management (DRM) protections that limit what you can do with songs you bought.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D3

## Orchids thrive in any environment

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Orchids may have an elegant and exotic reputation, but they can be at home in any home. Orchids can be found for any spot in any environment, as they have different humidity, light and heat requirements.

"Anything that you would like would be in an orchid," said Macomb Township resident Betty Clindinning.

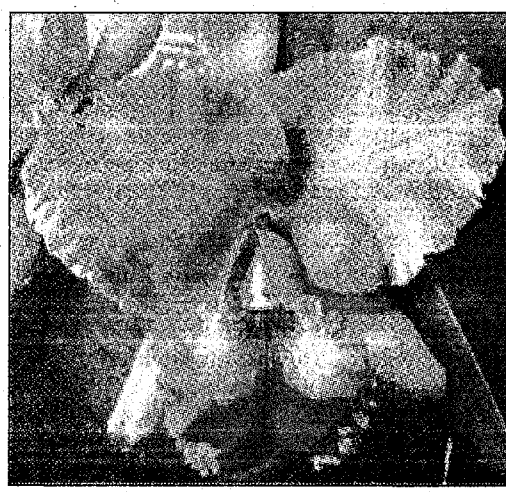
"They are probably the most intelligent of plants," she said, referring to the ways they attract the insects they need for pollination - giving off a scent or resembling a butterfly, for example.

Clindinning's home is filled with hundreds of orchids of various types that she grows in her basement under lights.

When they are in bloom, she places them around the house - on tables and kitchen counters.

Some of her orchids, which like it a little

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COURTESY OF BETTY CLINDINNING

Orchids come in many different shapes, some of which will be displayed at the Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Orchid Show this weekend in Livonia. This is the cattleya Spring Dawn, which has a corsage-like bloom.

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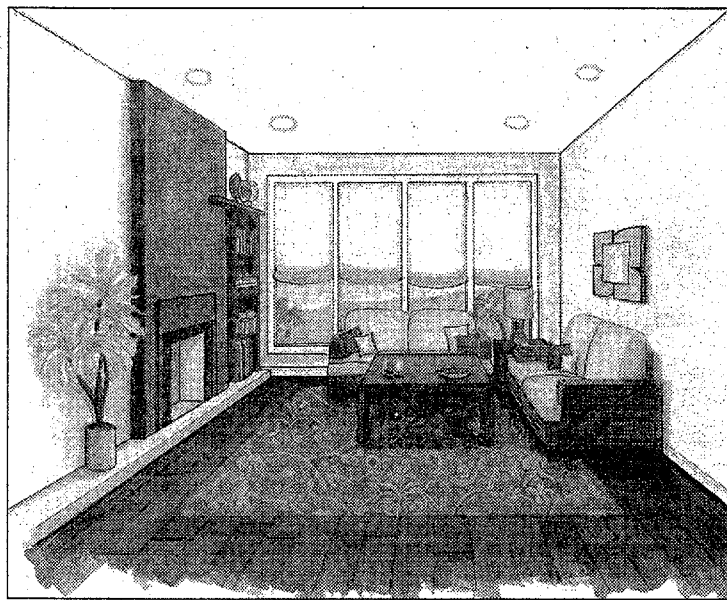
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In her entry in The Ghiordes Knot-ASID Student Creative Space Competition, Charlotte Ray used simple furniture to accentuate a rug in a room setting. Ray, a student at Eastern Michigan University, was awarded first place.

## Students use carpets in creative designs

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Style magic with carpets was worked again in this year's The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition.

In their entries, design students use furniture, accessories and even the outdoors to accentuate the features of rugs in imaginative ways.

"I was pleased with the response and the enthusiasm of the students," said Ann Parker, The Ghiordes Knot showroom manager at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

This is the 18th year of the competition, which design instructors use as part of their curriculum, Parker said. The contest is an opportunity for students to become educated about rugs, she said.

Students in the competition illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point of the space. The room design is to be set around an actual carpet that is provided by The Ghiordes Knot.

The Ghiordes Knot supplies photographs of the rugs. Students may also visit the showroom to see them.

"A lot of the students came in to see the actual rugs," Parker said.

A panel of professional designers, all ASID members, judge the entries.

Sixty percent of the judging is on presentation (the student's ability to convey the design within the environment), and 40 percent is on feasibility (the capability of carrying out the design).

The Ghiordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money: \$500 for first place and \$250 for each of two honorable mentions.

The winning designs will be displayed at the design center on Student Career Day on March 30.

Forty entries were received this year. They came from

Baker College, the College for Creative Studies, Eastern Michigan University, the International Academy of Design and Technology and Western Michigan University.

Charlotte Ray of EMU was awarded first place.

Agnishikha Choudhuri of EMU and Casey Peavey of WMU were awarded honorable mention.

This year, contestants could choose Flowing Coral by Asmara, a handmade carpet in needlepoint stitching with tones of orange; or Floral Spray by Lapchi, an 18th century continental European silk with Asian floral traditions.

Ray chose Floral Spray. In her entry, she said she selected "simple and clean" furniture to accentuate the rug, and used a neutral color scheme with red and green accents to balance color in the room and draw more focus to the rug.

Choudhuri selected Floral Spray, designing a living space as a "study in contrasts."

"A monochrome color scheme with clean geometric lines and modern furniture draw the eye to the intricate patterns of the rug," Choudhuri wrote.

"Its rich colors have center stage within the visual quietness of the room."

Peavey chose Flowing Coral, using natural colors to bring in the outdoors and harmonize with the hues of the rug, and large windows to let in natural light.

As the winding coral motif makes flowing movement in the rug, "soft curves in the furniture add movement to the room and straight lines create a sense of stability," Peavey wrote.

"The interplay of light, color and texture in the rug is replicated through the use of rich colors of greens, yellow-golds, and deep reds."

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## Specialists help with cancer treatment

Most appointments I see go in a light-hearted fashion. A dog licks my face repeatedly while getting vaccines and an annual exam, with the worst problems being bad teeth and obesity. I tell the owners to watch the diet, brush the teeth and get the dog more exercise, and they agree with every word I say.

I know the promise to improve is the same as my guarantee at every visit to my dentist that the next six months will see me become a hall of fame flosser. I have every positive intention, but in my head

### About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

there's that little voice saying, "Yeah, right."

Other times the words I speak slam hard into an owner's consciousness, and they become so focused they miss everything I say afterwards.

If I tell someone I hear a new heart murmur, they often won't hear another word I say, as the word "murmur" has stunned and scared them to numbness.

The ultimate word that does this is "cancer."

People fear cancer so much that historically the word wouldn't be spoken. For most people it remains a mystery, a nebulous ogre waiting to steal life from us or from those we love.

In pets, the thought of cancer crushes people for another reason. We think (incorrectly) of cancer as a disease only of the elderly, sparing the youth.

More people than ever think of their pets as their children, no matter the pet's age. I have more people calling themselves Mommy or Daddy than ever before.

This change in society's view of animals certainly could give some anthropologist a great

research paper, but more importantly here is that more and more people feel like pets are part of the family.

When a member of the family gets cancer everyone close to that individual becomes emotionally devastated, even if that family member happens to be an animal.

Few things are worse than delivering the news that an aspirate or biopsy has come back as cancerous, and hearing an owner cry. All you can do is try to be strong, try to be understanding, listen and try to help get things moving in the right direction.

Some people immediately give up hope, mentioning euthanasia the moment they hear the word. They don't want to pursue the fight.

Others become warriors, and will make a promise to never ever lose to this dread disease, or at least to pursue every avenue to make sure it doesn't win easily.

### OPTIONS

There are a number of options out there. One of them is Dr. Debi A. O'Keefe, staff oncologist at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield (www.michvet.com).

She is a Diplomate of the College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM), in both Internal Medicine and Oncology (the specialty of cancer). At MVS, veterinary patients can receive cancer care similar to that of human medicine, with chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and even immunotherapy.

"The type of treatment recommended is dependent on the type of tumor," O'Keefe said. "Some only need surgery, some need surgery followed by chemotherapy. Some need surgery and radiation therapy, (and) some need only chemotherapy."

"For some patients, there is no successful treatment for their type of tumor so treatment is more directed at quality of life and comfort."

Of course, in veterinary medicine, we often have to look at making things more comfortable a lot sooner than in human medicine. When there's no insurance to help pay for treatments, we have to be practical.

"There are some types of cancer treated with oral chemotherapy drugs that are relatively inexpensive and require minimal follow-up," O'Keefe said. "This type of treatment may only be a few hundred dollars."

"Other chemotherapy treatments are \$500-600 per treatment. Surgery can range from \$1,500 to several thousand dollars depending on what needs to be done."

Even though the financial demands might turn out to be less than what was feared, the greater concern I have found people have about going to a cancer specialist would be the side effects of the treatment itself.

Years ago I believed that cancer was like being tied to a car that's going over a cliff, pulling you rapidly behind, and that chemo was merely like putting on cleats. It wouldn't stop your fall, but it would break your legs as you get dragged along.

That's just not true anymore. "There are potential systemic side effects from chemotherapy - vomiting, decreased appetite (and) diarrhea, but these are much milder than in people and can usually be managed quite easily," O'Keefe said.

"Many dogs have no side effects. "Radiation therapy doesn't cause systemic side effects. The effects are only in the treatment field and include hair loss and moist dermatitis (skin irritation)."

### HELP

For many pet owners, treating their pet for cancer with an oncologist isn't an option, for financial or emotional reasons.

But having the service available can help many other peo-

ple keep their furriest family member around, and happy, for a longer time.

The specialists can also help an owner to decide what treatment options are right for their particular case.

"People do cancer treatments because they love their pets and want to give them additional good quality of life," O'Keefe said. "The ability of the treatment to do that is dependent on the type of cancer."

"Sometimes the treatment is curative, sometimes it improves their quality of life for one-two years but isn't curative, sometimes it only helps for a few months, (and) sometimes not at all."

"Since the side effects are usually minimal, treatment doesn't usually make the pets worse."

"I would always encourage an owner whose pet has cancer to go for a consult with an oncologist to discuss treatment options. That way any decision they make is based on the most accurate information."

We're very lucky in our area to have so many specialists in so many fields of veterinary medicine, including oncology.

Taking the time to talk to an oncologist can give your dog a chance, and can give you some peace of mind, knowing that you've tried to find out about all of your options before making your decision.

It is hoped your pet will never face a bad disease like cancer, but if it does, you can find the help you need, and that help will, hopefully, buy a lot of happy time.

Which will keep those visits to my clinic happy, and keep my face wet from lots of doggie kisses, which in this case is a very good thing.

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## ORCHIDS

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cooler and aren't bothered by direct sun, are grown in front of the door wall in the winter time.

Clindinning is program and publicity chairman for the Michigan Orchid Society, which meets in Birmingham. The organization has an annual Palm Sunday show that is one of the largest shows in the Midwest, she said.

This year's event, chaired by Diane Burton, will take place this weekend at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, which has hosted it since 1990 (see related item).

Approximately 35,000 species and more than 60,000 hybrids of orchids grow around the world. They are found on every continent except Antarctica, in every country and in every state.

Orchids are divided into four types, based on their growing conditions: epiphytes (air plants), which grow mainly on trees; litho-



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This is Sunset Glory.

phytes, which cling to rock surfaces; saprophytes, which grow in decaying vegetation on forest floors; and terrestrials, which fix themselves in soil or sand.

Orchids can be raised on windowsills, hanging in the air, in a greenhouse or outdoors.

Those that grow in the air can be mounted on wires, including wire coat hangers. Special orchid pots allow more air to get to the roots.

Orchids that don't need soil can be grown in fir or redwood tree bark, crumbled charcoal, or pebbles, or on tree-fern or cork plaque.

An orchid blossom can be as tiny as a mosquito or as large as a plate, with broad or spindly petals. Orchids bloom once a year, several times a year or continuously.

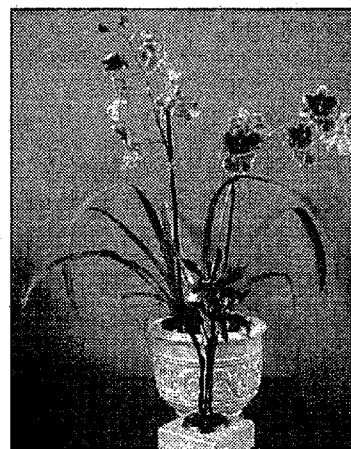
Clindinning started growing orchids in the early 1970s, raising them on windowsills.

"I probably saw one and thought 'I like that,'" she said.

Clindinning concentrated on growing roses and other flowers for a while. A few years ago, she saw a notice about the orchid show in the paper and went to it. This got her back into raising orchids and learning about them.

Clindinning's favorites include the cattleya, which has a bloom that looks like a corsage.

Going to the show and attending MOS meetings are



This is Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu.'

good ways to learn about orchids, Clindinning said. Club members like to share advice and experiences, and questions are encouraged.

"We're an educational society. That is how we get to introduce new people to the orchids," Clindinning said.

For your first orchid, choose a plant that is blooming so you'll know what the flowers look like, members suggest.

Phalaenopsis (called the moth orchid because of its appearance), which is easy to grow, is recommended for beginners.

The Michigan Orchid Society meets 2:30 p.m. the third Sunday of the month, September through May, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward. Park free behind the church. Web sites for the MOS and the American Orchid Society are [www.miorchids.com](http://www.miorchids.com) and [www.orchidweb.org/](http://www.orchidweb.org/).

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## La Tunella in Italy is a charming wine hamlet

Like many wineries in Italy, and in particular Colli Orientali del Friuli in Italy's far northeast, La Tunella experienced transition from tenant farming into the exploding world of high-tech grape growing and winemaking.

A brilliant family owner's decision in 1993 to hire a young, energetic and talented winemaker Luigino Zamparo established a long-term program for the wines that expressed the distinct personality of the vineyard, which took on the name of the hamlet where it's located.

### TERROIR IN THE EOCENE HILLS

The term terroir may be French but it has assimilated into the language of wine everywhere on the planet.

Call it site personality. Each vineyard is different. Owners of La Tunella, the Zorzettig family, wished to discover the site personality of their estate and have it expressed in the wines. Their winemaker Luigino Zamparo has done this.

La Tunella covers approximately 175 acres and all the wines carry the Colli Orientali del Friuli appellation, or as Italians refer to it, D.O.C.

Location in the Eocene Hills of the Colli Orientali is the first mark of terroir. Soil is predominantly clay, limestone and sandstone. Red varieties like cabernet franc and refosco like clay. White grape varieties take to limestone.

Vines are between four and 25 years old which indicates a balanced age going forward to maintain wine consistency.

All these elements speak to smart grape farming and an appreciation for the land that generally results in well above average wines. And that's the case for La Tunella – not your household name in Italian wine producers, but poised to become one. Try them.

### WHAT TO BUY FROM LA TUNELLA

2005 Pinot Grigio (\$17) pleas-



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

es with a pleasant floral bouquet and ripe tropical fruit scents, accented by grilled French bread aromas. Flavors mirror the aromas in a wine perfect for antipasti, especially prosciutto.

2005 Tocai Friulano

"Seleneze" (\$20) is marked by aromas of wild flowers, pear and almond. Dry and moderately acidic, it's an ideal pairing for pasta dishes and fish.

Following an international agreement on proper use of place names, beginning with the 2006 vintage, tocai in the grape name will be dropped for the now recognized friulano. Tocai is now restricted to use with Hungarian wines.

2005 BiancoSesto (\$22) has floral, vanilla and stone fruit aromas leading to similar flavors and a persistent almond note from the friulano grape that constituted half the blend with ribolla gialla. Perfect with white fish.

2004 Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso (\$24) may be hard to get your tongue around but your palate is soothed with blackberry, raspberry, fine tobacco and cocoa/chocolate.

Expansive with loads of intensity, pair it with a rich beef stew.

2004 Verduzzo Friulano (\$18/500mL) is a superb dessert wine value and delicious as an accompaniment to crème caramel.

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### WINE PICKS

Popularity of Pinot Noir is driving up prices but the following list holds some bargains. The priciest are, however, the most delicious.

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**Good deal:**  
2005 DeLoach California \$12

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## BRUNCHES

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family for brunch – a time for bridal and baby showers, wedding rehearsals and Mother's Day. Kelli Lewton, executive chef and owner of 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners, enjoys the spring, and for her, this spring marks a new beginning as her catering company moved from a church in Bloomfield Hills to a new storefront in Royal Oak.

"I like to take something I like to make and make it a little more groovy," Lewton said.

Take the Easter holiday. Many Christians who celebrate enjoy ham and usually serve it. Why not serve a pork loin instead? Lewton asks. Brine it, then score it and stud it with celery, onions or any favorite fruit.

"When you brine it, it acts like a ham," Lewton said. "It's a way to cure the meat. The brine helps the cut retain moisture and infuse flavor in the meat."

Score the meat randomly (or create a diagonal pattern of several cuts) and add celery, onions,

figs or apples, and you're on your way to a winning meal.

Like latkes for a Passover gathering? Add a little dill to the potato pancake mix – dill's licorice flavor a natural herb for potatoes – fry them, and top with gravlax and sour cream.

Salmon hash works for both holidays. Salmon's rich and full flavor adds depth to the hash. Top with eggs for a great brunch dish.

"You like to have them quick and simple, and you like to give it a little extra thought," Lewton said. "You like to think out of the box when you're cooking for a spring brunch."

Once the spring holidays pass, seasonal produce will soon be in stock at stores and farmers markets, once the latter open at many venues in April and May.

"People get so excited when the temperature hits 50 degrees," Lewton said. "You have to think produce. With spring, you're looking for lighter flavors. You're moving away from heavier, denser flavors."

Herbs can include rosemary and thyme, and both are appro-

prised all year round, Lewton said. Cilantro and parsley can be used in salads as both are available year round.

"Soon you'll start getting the farmers markets opening up, and you'll see the variety coming in, like the lemon verbena and the lemon thyme," Lewton said.

"This is the perfect time of year to dig out the waffle iron, dust off some old recipes or try some new ones, and spend a leisurely Sunday afternoon enjoying family and friends with a celebratory homemade brunch," Lewton said.

"With just a little prep and planning brunch can prove to be one of your more leisurely enjoyable holiday gatherings."

Kelli Lewton owns 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners, 4303 Delemere Court, Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.2unique.com. Lewton now teaches classes with Julie Kowalski, principal and Healthy Lifestyle coach from Forget Perfect NOW, about healthful whole foods. Classes are scheduled as follows: Healthy Soups and Casseroles, 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. Classes are \$49.

## RECIPES

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in heavy bottom sauce pan and simmer on low for 3-4 minutes until all flavors are combined.

How to cook pork loin: Preheat oven to 400° F. Brush pork loin with glaze and sear in 400° F oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° F, and continue to roast an additional 25-35 minutes. (Baste pork loin with brown sugar glaze every 8-10 minutes until pork reads 155-160° F.)

Let rest for 10 minutes, then slice and serve with sauce on the side. Garnish with a bouquet of fresh herbs and toasted pecans

### PEAR PUFF PANCAKE WITH CHERRY ORANGE SAUCE

3 ounces butter  
4 pears peeled, pitted and sliced thin  
6 eggs  
1/2 cups milk  
1 cup all purpose flour  
4 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
4 tablespoons brown sugar

Slice butter into baking dish; add pear slices and place in the oven at 425° F until bubbly and

butter is melted.

Mix remaining ingredients in separate bowl except brown sugar. Pour batter into pan over pears and sprinkle brown sugar on top. Bake for 20-25 minutes until lightly brown and puffy. Ladle cherry orange sauce (see next recipe) over top and sprinkle with toasted almonds or serve sauce on the side.

### CHERRY ORANGE SAUCE

1/2 cup orange juice  
1 cup frozen bing cherries  
3 tablespoons Grand Marnier (optional)  
Zest from 1/2 orange  
2 heaping tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in a smidge of water or orange juice

Bring first four ingredients to a simmer over medium-low heat in heavy bottom saucepan. Once ingredients are simmering, reduce heat to low and add cornstarch mixture, whisk continually over low heat for 3-5 minutes. Ladle over pear puff or serve on the side. (Chef Kelli Lewton suggests sprinkling toasted almond over the top of sauce for garnish. Dish also can be served with maple syrup, dusted with powdered sugar or honey.)

### POTATO PANCAKES WITH GRAVLAX AND DILL

1 small yellow onion, peeled and

grated on box grater  
3 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and grated  
1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped and grated, plus sprigs for garnish  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
Pinch of freshly ground pepper  
1 egg white  
1/2 cup sour cream  
Olive oil cooking spray

Heat oven to 450° F.

Place grated onion in a fine sieve, and press out as much moisture/water as possible. Combine onion and potatoes, chopped dill, salt, pepper, and egg white in a medium bowl, and stir to combine.

Melt butter in heavy bottom sauté pan and form pancakes to desired disk size, drop into hot pan and cook about 1 minute until down side is golden and crispy, then flip and repeat. Bake until golden brown on bottom, about 10 minutes, rotating trays once during cooking. Remove from oven and place on paper towel to blot away extra oil.

Serve pancakes topped with gravlax and a dab of sour cream. Garnish with dill sprigs. Yields 24-36 petit pancakes.

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton, executive chef and owner of 2 Unique Caterers & Events Planning in Royal Oak.

## BROIDA

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Fortunately, there's a fairly easy way around DRM: Just burn the songs to a CD using the store's music-management software (or Windows Media Player), then "rip" the songs with iTunes like you would any audio CD.

Sync your iPod and you're ready to rock and roll. Literally.

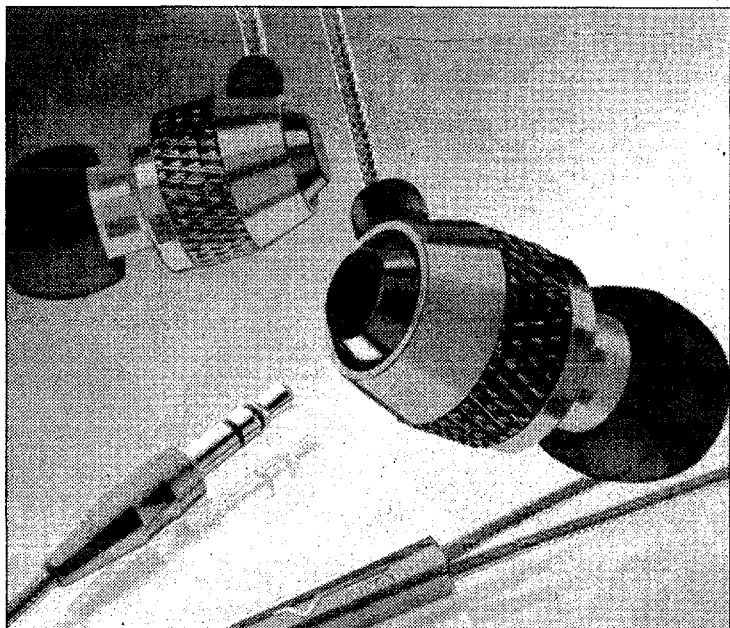
### UPGRADE YOUR EARPHONES

OK, this isn't so much a trick as a recommendation: Ditch those uncomfortable Apple earbuds and replace them with V-Moda's ultra-stylish Vibe (v-moda.com).

If you've never tried in-ear earphones, you're missing out. Vibe slips snugly into your ear canal, blocking outside noise and delivering truly outstanding audio.

In fact, the bass response from these earphones greatly exceeds that of pricier sets I've tried, including the Etymotic 6i Isolator and Shure E3c.

They're also way cooler-looking, with a choice of four metallic colors and a sleek, almost industrial design.



V-Moda's stylish Vibe earphones fit snugly in your ear canal, blocking outside noises and rocking your brain.

Vibe comes with silicon fittings in three different sizes; a slick little carrying case; and a rubber cord-management clip that keeps the earphones from getting tangled.

With a list price of \$101, this isn't exactly an impulse buy. However, many online stores carry Vibe for around \$90, and the noise reduction alone is

worth the price of admission.

Trust me, you'll love these. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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## Proud mom attends her sons' movie premiere

By Wendy Von Buskirk

What's it like to be a Hollywood mom? Ask Judith Binder-Trumbull.

The Beverly Hills, Mich. resident is the proud mother to four grown boys. Gary is a builder, Lee is pilot.

Mike and Jack make movies. Mike Binder most recently wrote and directed 'Reign Over Me,' which opened to critical acclaim on Friday. Jack Binder, the youngest of the siblings, produced the film.

When 'Reign Over Me' premiered at the Uptown Palladium in Birmingham on Sunday, March 18, Binder-Trumbull arrived with her son Mike and Adam Sandler, the star of 'Reign Over Me.'

"It was just stupendous. I have never seen anything like it my life, ever," she said. "We went from the Townsend Hotel to the theater and when we pulled up, there were thousands of people waiting in line. The lines were double and triple thick, I couldn't believe it."

The Binder brothers also made 'The Upside of Anger' in

2005, starring Kevin Costner, among other projects.

Binder-Trumbull isn't surprised by her sons' success in Tinseltown. She said Mike always had a love for comedy and drive to succeed.

"I always knew he was a genius," she said. "As a very, very little boy Mike learned how to get laughs."

Binder-Trumbull encouraged Mike to explore his love of comedy. While her sons were growing up, she was a top fund raiser for the Children's Orthogenic School in Detroit. Celebrities would come to town and perform to raise money for the school, and Binder-Trumbull brought Mike with her to the airport as she picked up comics like Myron Cohen and Richard Pryor.

"We had lunch with Sonny and Cher and Mike just loved meeting them," she said. Later, Binder attended Camp Tamakaw, where Chevy Chase was a counselor.

"In his early years, he was thrown into comedy constantly and the more he loved it, the more he sought it out," Binder-Trumbull explained. It wasn't always easy for Binder-Trumbull, especially

when it came time for Mike to go to college. Instead, upon graduation from Seaholm High School, Mike announced he was leaving to become a comedian.

"When he was 18 he said 'mom, I'm going to Hollywood' and off he went with Dave Coulier, who also became successful," Binder-Trumbull said.

Binder-Trumbull, who now deals antiques and vintage jewelry, said she saw some of herself in the mother in 'Upside of Anger,' played by Joan Allen, who discourages her daughter from being a ballerina.

"It's a little bit about me and what I went through only she has four girls," she said. "I went through divorce and I had the four boys and Mike kept saying he was going to Hollywood and I said he had to go to school. He thought I didn't have faith in him."

In Los Angeles, Mike scored parts in several television shows and films, including 'Minority Report,' 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' and 'Commander in Chief.' He found greater success writing and directing movies.

"He's very deep and he writes very heartfelt stories," she said. "I know his worth and I know

he's going to go far. It's the old story when you want to do something and you put your heart and soul into it you'll do it."

Mike eventually brought his youngest brother Jack to Los Angeles to work as his producer. Now that he has won hard-earned success and a high profile, he continues to support talent from Metro Detroit. He has used Bob Seger's music in soundtracks, and cast DOC owner Richard Golden's daughter Jessica in a bit part in 'Reign Over Me.'

"Mike tries his hardest to use good people and people who are trying to get a start in the business," she said. "He used to work at Birmingham Drugs and at Hunter House as a kid. I got him T-shirts from there and he put them in a movie."

Mike also made sure 'Reign Over Me' premiered in Birmingham, as well as New York and Los Angeles, so he could bring his mother to the star-studded event.

Will we be seeing Binder-Trumbull on the silver screen anytime soon?

"No, you won't," she said. "Everybody asks me that, but it's not my thing." ☺

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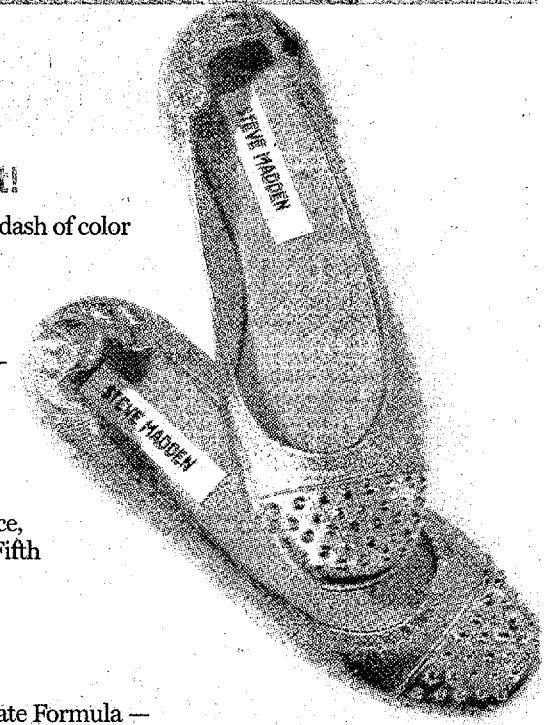
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Above, Judith Binder-Trumbull and Adam Sandler, the star of 'Reign Over Me,' at the movie's premiere.



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Detroit Ignition's dance team, The Spark, performs at an indoor soccer game. The dancers will hold upcoming dance clinics for youth and teenagers.



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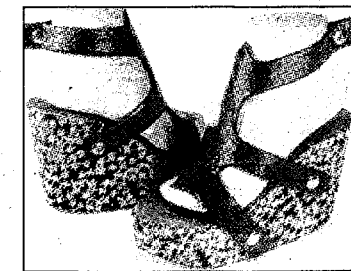
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The American Lung Association of Michigan will host "Don't Hold Your Breath," 6 p.m. Friday, March 30 at the Radisson Bloomfield Hills Grand Ballroom. The evening will feature fashion from Prodigy, Royal Oak, and Hersh's, West Bloomfield, along with local celebrities and Motown sounds by Inside Out. Indulge in celebrated snacks from Detroit like Coney Island

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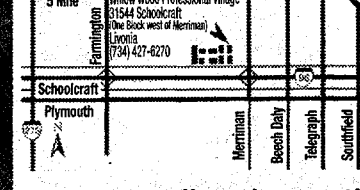


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To enter, aspiring videographers must download rules and registration forms from the DMCVB Web site, then upload

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If the emphasis of the contest seems to be on tech-savvy youth, it is. The DMCVB is targeting 21- to 34-year-old singles and childless couples with the message that Detroit is the place "to get caught up on the latest, and feel like you're leaving in the know."

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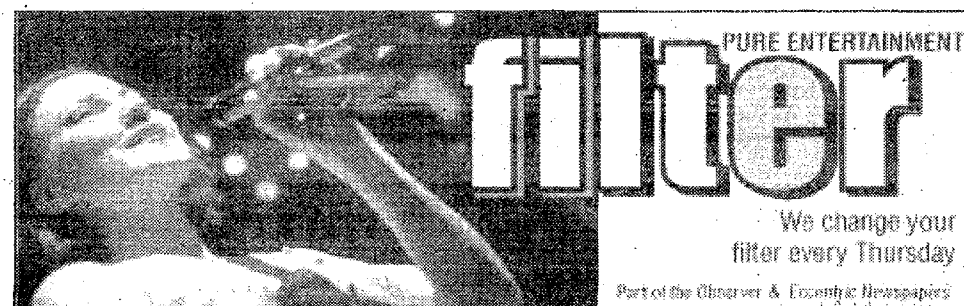
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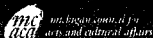
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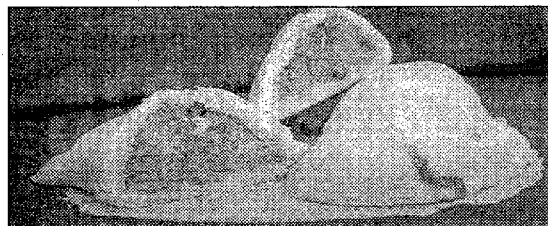
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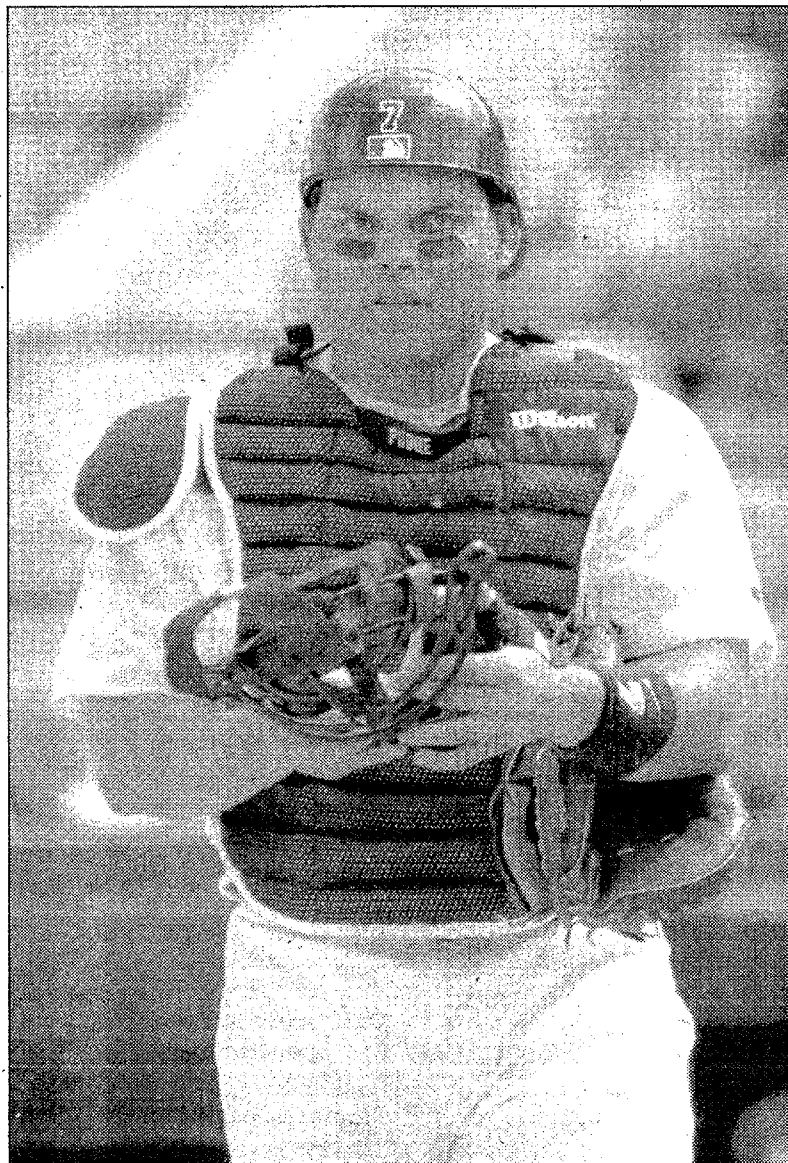
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# The Boys are Back

Your guide to viewing the Detroit Tigers this spring

The Detroit Tigers gave us all plenty of thrills last fall when they defeated the New York Yankees and then the Oakland A's to win the American League pennant for the first time since 1984.

Even though the team lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, the Tigers were the "feel-good" sports story in Michigan and rekindled the love of baseball fans throughout the state.

Now the winter of anticipation is over and it's time for the team to take the field for the 2007 campaign.

The game on Monday, April 2, is sold out against Toronto, but there are still plenty of seats available for

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Save this guide for all of April to help your Tiger game experience.

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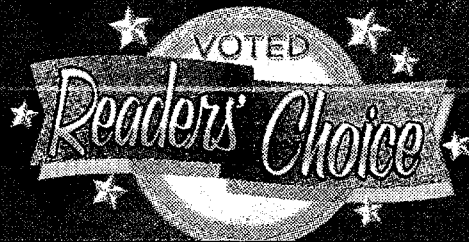
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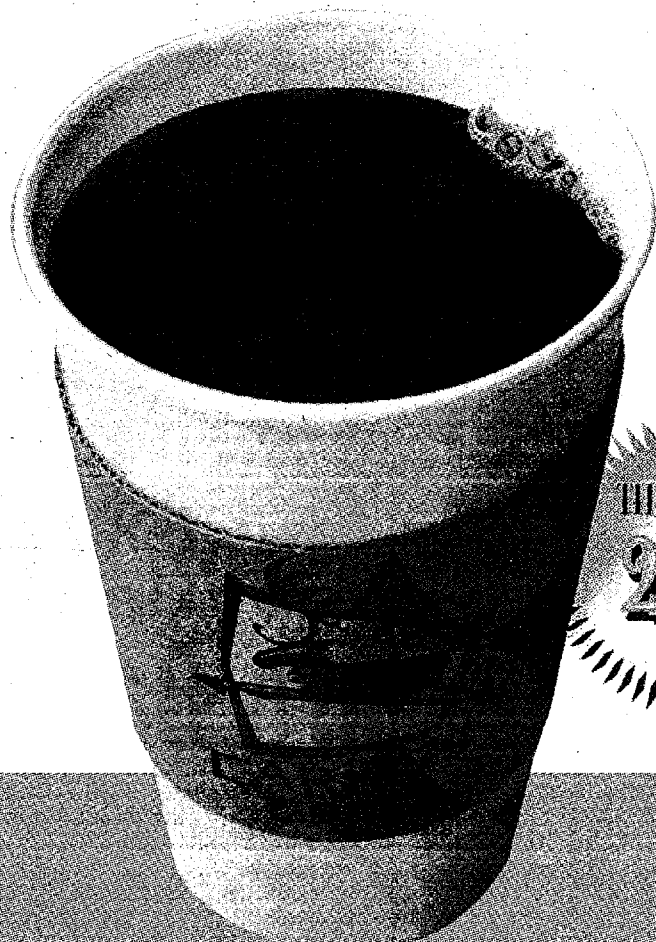
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The Ponys

# Catch The Ponys at Detroit's Magic Stick

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The Ponys can't quite pinpoint a current location. The Chicago-based band is traveling somewhere between Georgia and North Carolina.

While drummer Nathan Jerde has been told they're just an hour away from their destination, he's certain it will take more than three hours to get there. And guitarist Brian Case said things are getting "squishy."

But Matador Records' road-weary warriors are not complaining.

"We just autographed a shopping bag at Panera for Rebecca," said Jerde, calling from the road on March 22. "That's a highlight for me at this point."

Following the release of *Turn the Lights Out*, and several successful shows during the South By Southwest Music Festival earlier this month, The Ponys might as well celebrate. The band is attracting crowds of

## THE PONYS

**Who:** Co-headline with The Black Lips. Special guests Terrible Twos open.

**When:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 30.

**Where:** Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Complex, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$10, call (248) 645-6666.

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shouting, reveling fans from one venue to the next. And audiences just keep getting better.

"It seems like people are progressively more and more excited as we move away from Austin," said Jerde. By the time the band reaches Detroit on March 30, that response could well reach a fever pitch.

"We're super-excited," he said. "We have tons of really good friends in Detroit. We're looking forward to getting back."

One such friend is Detroit rock

veteran Tom Potter (Detroit City Council, Bantam Rooster). Another is Jim Diamond of Detroit's own Ghetto Recorders.

When it came time to record their first album, The Ponys chose Diamond, a well-known cultivator of garage rock, and released *Laced with Romance* in 2004.

"We all enjoyed the records he was putting out at the time," said Jerde. "It was a snowball effect."

The following year, for *Celebration Castle*, The Ponys chose Chicago's famed go-to-producer Steve Albini (Nirvana, The Stooges). Jerde called the experience "completely different" and the environment "a bit more sterile."

Following the release of The Ponys' second record, keyboardist Ian Adams left the band, and guitarist Brian Case joined. Soon after, a contract with Matador Records ensued.

When it came time once again to record, the band turned to John Agnello of Brooklyn's Headgear Studios. Jerde said they "instantly connected."

"He got it. He understood the songs. It happened pretty naturally."

Treading the line from garage rock to post punk and back again, The Ponys conjure up songs reminiscent of The Cure or The Mooney Suzuki — performing under water. A double guitar and bass combo drips with intensity on songs like *Shine* or *Kingdom of Hearts*, while other tracks, like *1209 Seminary*, come off as unexpectedly danceable.

Singer/guitarist Jered Gummere's haughty, half-bored vocals on *Small Talk* fade out to accent Jerde's rat-tat-tat drum beats. Bassist Melissa Elias lends waves of depth to songs like *Poser Psychotic*, and stands out on stage thanks to her signature sway and flying ponytail.

From the sing-along that emerges on the record's title track, to vocal-heavy *Maybe I'll Try*, The Ponys seem to have mastered the memorable two-minute rock song. *Turn the Lights Out* marks a new era for the quartet's densely layered sonic ventures.

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# Lawrence, Gracin to perform at Downtown Hoedown

BY WENSZY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER



The world's largest free country music concert will celebrate its 25th anniversary this spring with a star-studded lineup.

Little Big Town, Michelle Branch and the Wreckers; Tracy Lawrence and Westland's own Josh Gracin will take the stage during the WYCD Downtown Hoedown May 18-20.

They are among an unprecedented 35 acts who will appear during the free festival's milestone anniversary.

The performance schedule was announced live during WYCD's Dr. Don Morning Show on March 22.

"This 25th WYCD Downtown Hoedown is an historic event in the city of Detroit," said Tim Roberts, program director for WYCD. "We once again will provide a world class show and continue our long tradition of bringing the latest in country music to over one million fans in the heart of the Motor City."

International stars Joe Nichols, Aaron Tippin, Darryl Worley and Emerson Drive, as well as cutting edge performers like Nashville Star winner Chris Young and *American Idol's* Bucky Covington also are scheduled to perform.

Local acts include Derringer, Redhill, Jill Jack, Trigger Darlow, WDIV's Devin Scillian, Tracie Kennedy, Dannie Marine, Willie Nash and the trio J3.

Plymouth native Sarah Lenore, a rising star in the country music scene, performed live in the WYCD studio during the Downtown Hoedown press conference, as did Cole Deggs and the Lonesome. Both are on the roster for the Downtown Hoedown.

Country music fans from around the world visit Hart Plaza each year to enjoy the three-day festival, which is free thanks to sponsors.

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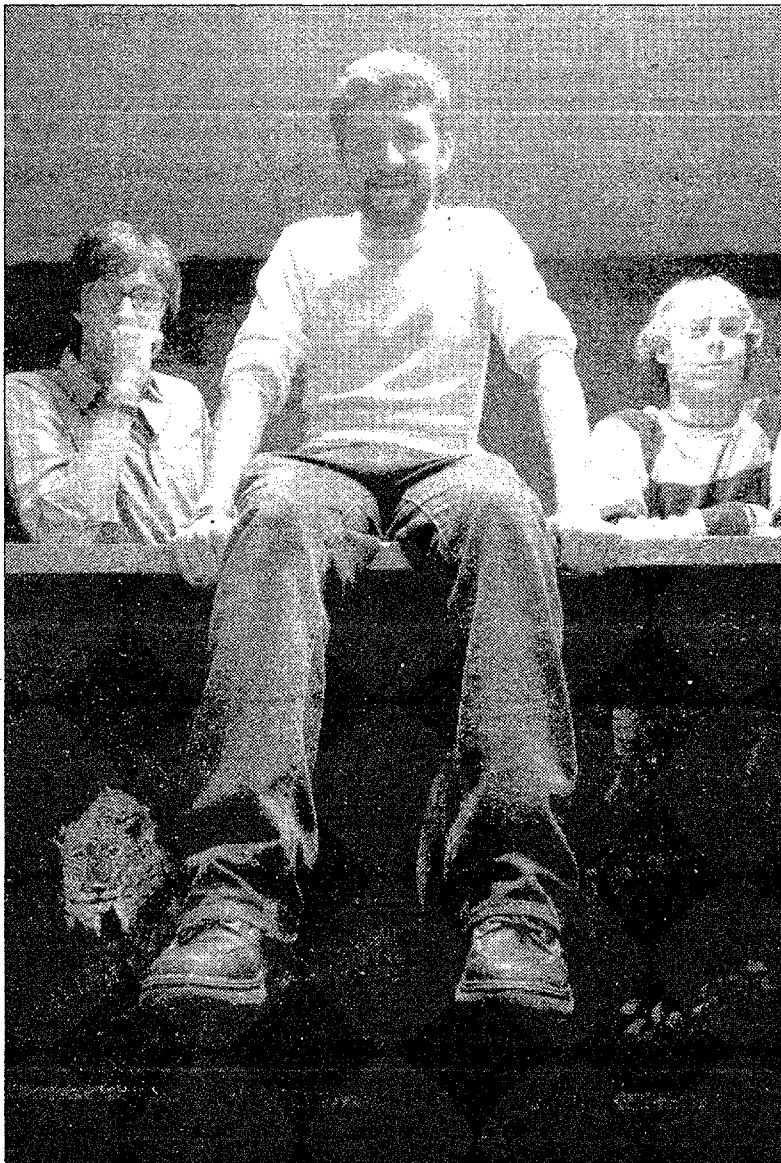
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Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin

## Love goes pop with Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin

Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin could win an award for choosing one of the longest, tongue-twist-inducing band names. But, given a listen, the young Springfield, Mo., band is so much more than that.

For the past two years, the band has been crafting and releasing pure, perfect pop songs as MP3 files — and earning a fan base all along the way. Singer John Cardwell, drummer and primary songwriter Philip Dickey and guitarist Will Knauer met while still in high school — through a mutual ex-girlfriend in fact.

In true DIY-style, the trio wrote and recorded in the attic, the basement, wherever they could spark that clean, clever sound.

The band's debut, *Broom*, has been picked up and remastered by Polyvinyl Records. But by then the blogosphere had already spoken, and savvy listeners declared their love for Someone Still Loves You.

It's easy to hear why, listen to the

ba-ba-bouncing vocals of album opener *Pangea* to catchy hand claps on *I am*

*Warm & Powerful*, or oh-so-sensitive sentiments of *Travel Song*. *Broom* proves as comforting as sweater-weather and as sweet as sugar kisses.

The band also garnered fans with two shows last week at South By Southwest Music Festival in

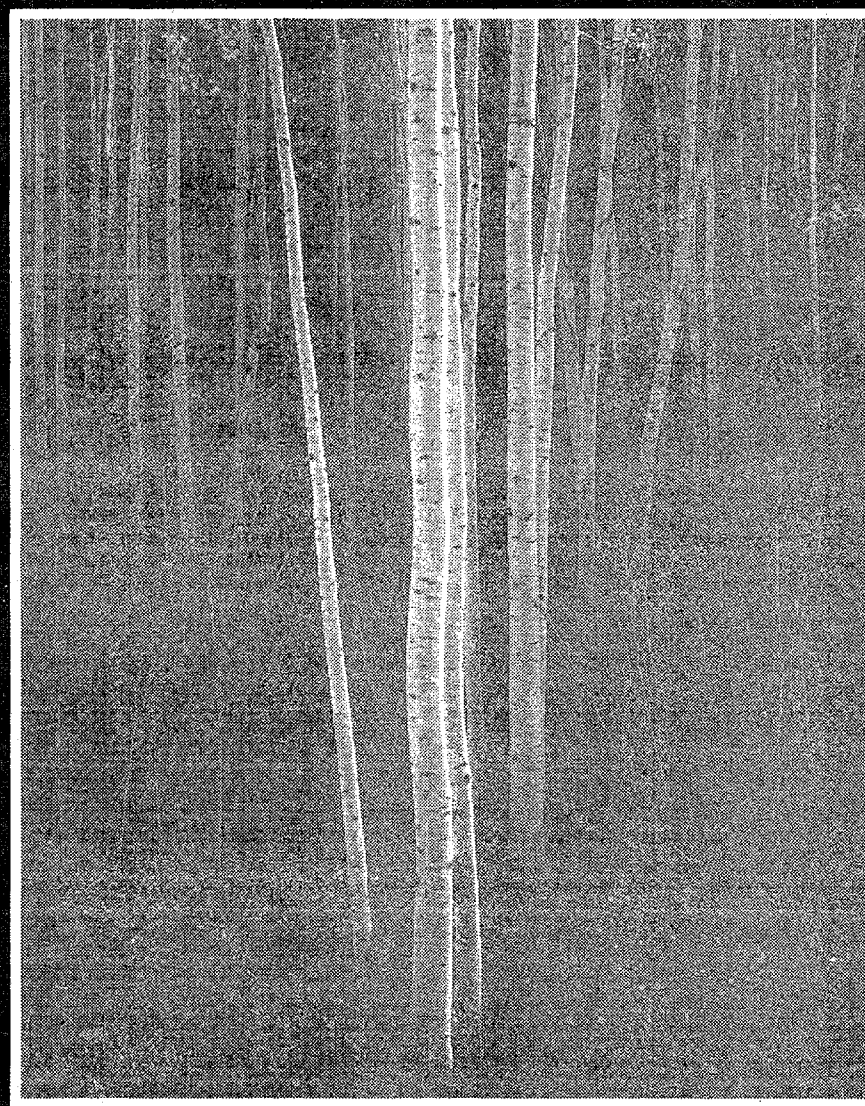
Austin, Texas. Earning high-praise comparisons to The Shins and Wilco won't hurt that momentum either. I'd venture to add an ode to the late Elliot Smith, particularly on gems like *Oregon Girl*. Bottom line — see them now, when tickets are merely \$12 and you'll have something to brag about later.

Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin opens for The Cinematics, and headliners Mute Math, at 5:30 p.m. March 30 at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.



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Maurice Sendak's popular children's story 'Where the Wild Things Are' comes to life at the Detroit Opera House March 31.

# 'Wild Things' abound at Opera House

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The Grand Rapids Ballet Company will breathe new life into a classic children's story containing monsters, mischief and magic.

Award-winning Author Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* will be performed by Michigan's only professional ballet company for two shows on March 31.

"There is a lot of interest in it," said

Laura Berman, associate artistic director. "It's very popular. It's a great way to introduce young children to the art form."

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## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

**Who:** The Grand Rapids Ballet Company performs this famous children's story.

**When:** Shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, March 31

**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$20, at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, by phone at (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666, or online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org) or [www.TicketMaster.com](http://www.TicketMaster.com).

**Ballet Classes:** The Grand Rapids Ballet Company is conducting a parent and child movement class for ages 3-5 and a ballet technique master class for dancers, ages 8-10.

Classes cost \$12 each and take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Detroit Opera House.



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The Grand Rapids Ballet Company will perform 'Where the Wild Things Are' March 31 at the Detroit Opera House.





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# Ann Arbor opens first Arthur Miller Theatre

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The wait is over. On March 29, the University of Michigan will open a new theater named for famed American playwright Arthur Miller.

The only venue that bears his name, the Arthur Miller Theatre is located on the university's North Campus, inside the Walgreen Drama Center.

"He's an alumni of the university and an award-winning playwright who had a very good relationship with the Department of Theatre over the years," said Kerianne Tupac, marketing and communications director at the University of Michigan.

Former U-M President Lee C. Bollinger was the first person to express an interest in creating the theater. During his 1997 inauguration, he said: "This is a community that loves the word, that loves performance. This is vital to what we are as a community and as an institution."

That vision is now a reality. "There is lots of excitement in the air, certainly up around North Campus where the building is," Tupac said. She said curious visitors have been wandering

the lobby, and tickets for the inaugural show — that went on sale in January — sold out in less than four weeks.

To celebrate the opening, the Department of Theatre and Drama will present Miller's acclaimed *Playing for Time*. The story offers a biographical account of a part-Jewish French cabaret singer who is forced to perform in the women's orchestra of an Auschwitz death camp. Adapted for television in 1980, the play earned

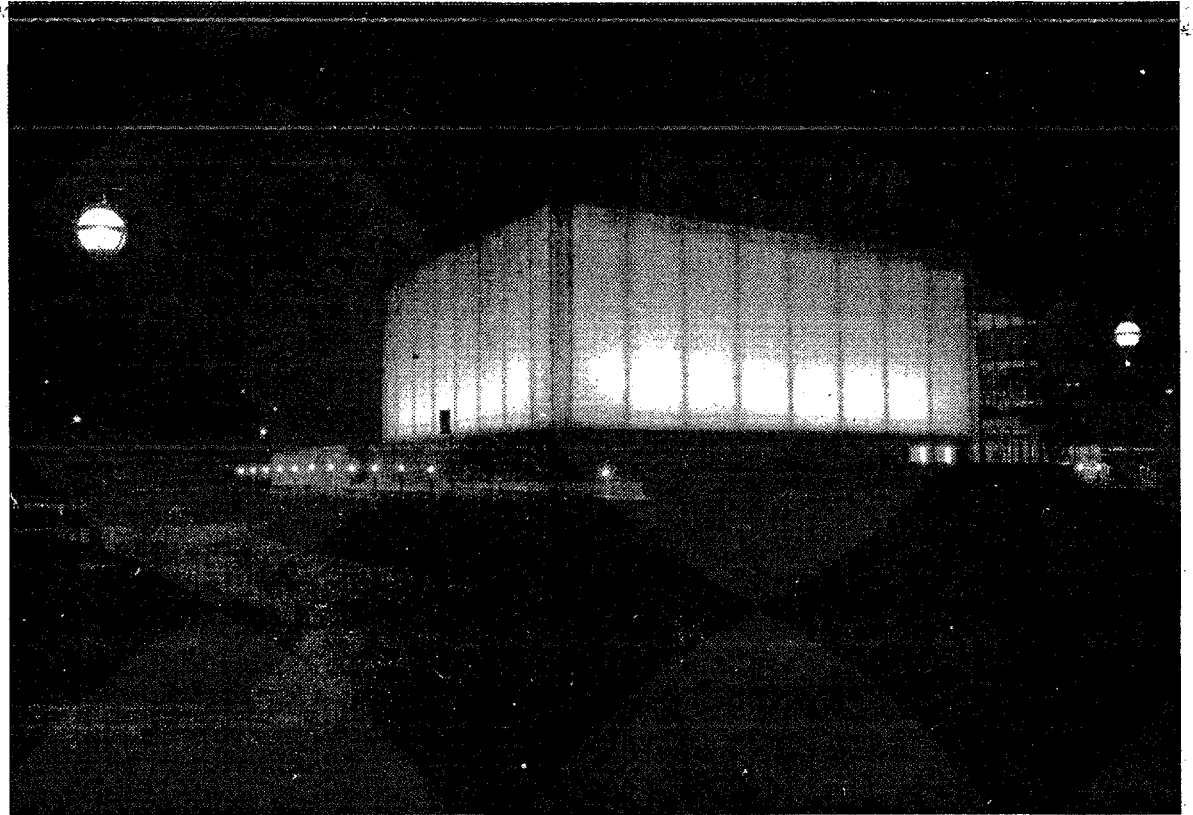
a Peabody Award, four Emmys and was nominated for a Golden Globe. The cast for this production includes 37 members.

"The play is rarely performed, given its scope and the large scale of its production," said Gregory Poggi, chair of the Theatre and Drama Department. "So it's fitting to open the Arthur Miller Theatre with a work with which audiences are not too familiar, and one that expresses, in Miller's words, 'raising the truth-consciousness of mankind to a level of such intensity as to transform those who observe it.'"

The production is directed by Robert Chapel. Vince Mountain serves as scenic designer. Jessica Hahn is the costume designer.

In 2000, Arthur Miller granted permission allowing the uni-

On Stage



PETER SMITH

Like a translucent glass cube above a multi-hued masonry base, the new Arthur Miller Theatre transforms into a luminous beacon at night in Ann Arbor.

versity to name a theater after him.

He reviewed designs for the theater before his death in February 2005. The theater can be configured two ways. A traditional end-stage theater set up will hold 280 seats, while a three-quarter trust design, where the audience surrounds 3/4 of the stage, leaves space for 215 seats.

"It's very intimate," Tupac said. "There is no seat farther than 25 feet from the stage."

The space is accented by a three-story glass atrium and a central staircase that connects

the theater to academic classrooms.

"It has a light-box quality," Tupac said. "It lights up in the evening and can be seen for miles away, here in Ann Arbor."

The theater was constructed within the new drama center, made possible by a \$10 million gift from Charles R. Walgreen Jr., a 1938 graduate of the College of Pharmacy.

Construction began in 2005 and the center itself opened last year.

At least five productions are planned for the next season, though Tupac said titles have not been determined at this time.

Also in time for the theater's opening, from March 29 to April 1, The Global Miller Symposium will examine the late American playwright's influence and legacy on theater. Organizer and English Professor Enoch Brater plans to simultaneously launch his latest book, titled *Global Miller*.

To learn more about the symposium or attend other events surrounding the grand opening celebration, visit [www.music.umich.edu](http://www.music.umich.edu).

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# Big band sounds blare at Seldom Blues

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Seldom Blues, the fine dining restaurant and jazz supper club in Detroit, hosts big band nights on Thursdays in April — featuring renowned trumpet player and band director Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band.

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band.

As a lead trumpet player for Motown Records, Trudell has performed with The Temptations, The Supremes, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. He's also been the music director at Detroit's Fox Theater, the Detroit Lions Orchestra, The Gem Theatre and the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

On the other end of the musi-

cal spectrum, pop and R&B songwriter Bobby Caldwell performs Sunday, April 15.

Caldwell has a successful career with numerous solo releases and his songwriting skills have earned hits for himself, as well as for well-known artists like Chicago, Boz Scaggs, Peter Cetera, Amy Grant, and Neil Diamond.

Caldwell's classic, *What You Won't Do For Love*, has been

recorded and sampled by more than 100 artists.

His show is at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 including dinner, or \$40 with appetizers.

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30 Seconds to Mars (featuring Jared Leto) is currently one of modern rock's buzz bands.

## Taste of Chaos features 30 Seconds to Mars



The Taste of Chaos festival visits Cobo Hall on Saturday, March 31, featuring actor Jared Leto's band 30 Seconds to Mars.

Also performing are The Used, Senses Fail, Saosin, Chiodos, Aiden and Evaline.

It's an evening of modern/gothic-influenced rock.

The Used, one of the most successful current bands of its rock genre, and 30 Seconds to Mars are the headliners. Mars isn't just popular because of lead vocalist Leto (*Requiem For A Dream*, *Panic Room*,

*Girl Interrupted*). The CD *A Beautiful Life* went gold recently and the band's latest single *From Yesterday* is quickly climbing the charts.

The band members of Chiodos created the band when they were in high school in Flint. They've toured with bands such as Atreyu and were one of the breakout acts on last summer's Vans Warped Tour. Senses Fail's second CD *Still Searching* debuted at No. 15 on *Billboard* while Saosin has been on a nonstop tour on three continents.

Aiden calls its music "horror rock." Evaline will release its first CD in 2007.

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Scalawags in Rochester Hills serves up a two-piece fish dinner with whitefish, fries, hush puppies and cole slaw.

# Scalawags savors the flavor of Up North

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

From the minnow buckets turned into ceiling lamps to the whitefish in the fryers, Scalawags Whitefish & Chips has brought a real taste of Up North to Oakland County.

Scalawags recently opened on Rochester Road, just north of M-59 in Rochester Hills. Somewhere between fast food and fine dining, Scalawags offers whitefish, shrimp, perch and walleye, all served fish-and-chips style with hushpuppies, french fries and coleslaw. A variety of sandwiches and salads round out the menu.

But the fish is the lure to bring customers in.

"We're the only place in southeast Michigan that's selling real whitefish," said Philip Sherman, who co-owns the restaurant with



his wife, Suzy. "Most places sell pressed cod that's been frozen for who knows how long."

Scalawags specializes in top quality fresh fish cooked in premium trans fat-free oil. The emphasis is on quality, and that extends past the menu.

"Our staff is trained to be very good to our customers," Philip Sherman said. "Customer service is really big here."

Guests place their order at a front counter, and their food is brought to them at the tables or booths that fill the dining room, usually within six minutes.

The restaurant decor is pure Up North. Scalawags was founded in 1993 by Suzy Sherman's brother, Brian Parker, who expanded the operation into eight restaurants mainly in the Mackinaw and Traverse City areas.

Parker handpicked and hand-made much of the fishing-related decor that adorns the ceiling and walls. There are fishing poles, lures (minus hooks), oars and even two antique outboard motors hanging on the walls along with nets, floats and a host of other items that might have washed up on the beach.

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# SCALAWAGS

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In fact, some of them did. Parker regularly walks the beaches Up North, scouting for flotsam and jetsam that can be transformed into decorations.

Of special meaning is the mural photo on the back wall of Suzy's dad, Kay, taken during a fishing trip in 1963. "He's the original scalawag," Suzy said.

The dining room is a new venue for the Shermans. They spent most of their professional lives in newsrooms. Both were longtime journalists; Suzy once was editor of the *West Bloomfield Eccentric* and Philip was managing editor for the *Eccentric Newspapers*.

"We both decided we had to find something else to do," Philip said.

"And we always wanted our own business." Making the transition wasn't easy, Philip admits, but the restaurant and newspaper business share one trait: "Things have to be done correctly and on time," Philip said.

It seems they are.

"We've already been here three or four times," said Zoran Toplovic, who was having lunch with friend Tony Djordjevski one afternoon two weeks after Scalawags opened.

They work in the area and spotted the restaurant while driving on Rochester Road. They were lured by the whitefish. "It's great," said Djordjevski.

Speaking of great, "I'm having a great time," Suzy said. Along with cooking, ordering stock and doing paperwork, Suzy mingles with the customers. "Being out meeting with the people is the best part," she said.

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Orchestra's name on the insert they will receive at the end of their meal.

The campaign will conclude with a special celebratory wine-tasting reception June 7 at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

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For information or to purchase tickets for the June 7 wine tasting reception, call the DSO Volunteer Council at (313) 576-5154. For information on Cuisine for a Cause, visit the Opus One Web site at [www.opus-one.com](http://www.opus-one.com).

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar is scheduled to open in downtown Birmingham on the

northwest corner of Old Woodward Avenue and Willits (323 North Old Woodward Avenue) on Friday, March 30.

The restaurant offers steakhouse dining — aged beef, chops, fresh seafood and vegetables, and salads—with a wine list with more than 100 world class wines served by the glass.

Much of Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar success centers around its progressive wine program, which has received accolades from both Food & Wine and Wine Spectator magazines (37 Awards of Excellence in 2006).

The team behind the Birmingham restaurant is operating partner Curtis Nordeen and chef partner Andrew Craig.

Together, they will oversee operations for the 8,400 square foot space, which has seating capacity for 280 patrons. The Birmingham restaurant will feature three private dining rooms that can accommodate from 30 to 60 guests. The average price per person for dinner is \$55.

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We requested from you what your choices were for where you like to eat, socialize and enjoy time with your families – from your favorite lunch spot with Mom and Dad to the best nightclubs for those under 30. We found you like Buddy's pizzas and Red Coat Tavern's burgers.

You love the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the Henry Ford, and in the winter, The Fridge.

We also asked editorial staffers at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* what are some of their favorites places to go and included those selections as well.

While you may not agree with the list (these lists are always debatable and rarely cut-and-dried in the final selection), it's always fun to check out what others choose in the poll and maybe even give you ideas of where you may want to eat, drink or hang out with your family.

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Canton, (734) 416-2122. Robustly flavored dishes and a local favorite for several years.

### BEST CHINESE

**Golden Dragon**, 32 S. Washington, Oxford, (248) 628-9800. North Oakland readers love this place, especially the buffets.

### BEST ITALIAN

(tie) **Olive Garden**, pizza, filled pastas, salads, [www.olivegarden.com](http://www.olivegarden.com); **Paparazzi**

**Grill**, 185 S. Broadway in Lake Orion, (248) 814-1100. OK, Olive Garden is a chain, but the menu has variety for whatever your mood is in Italian fare.

### BEST GREEK

**Pegasus Taverna**, 558 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-6800. Great blends of herbs and spices in food in fun, casual atmosphere.

### BEST VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

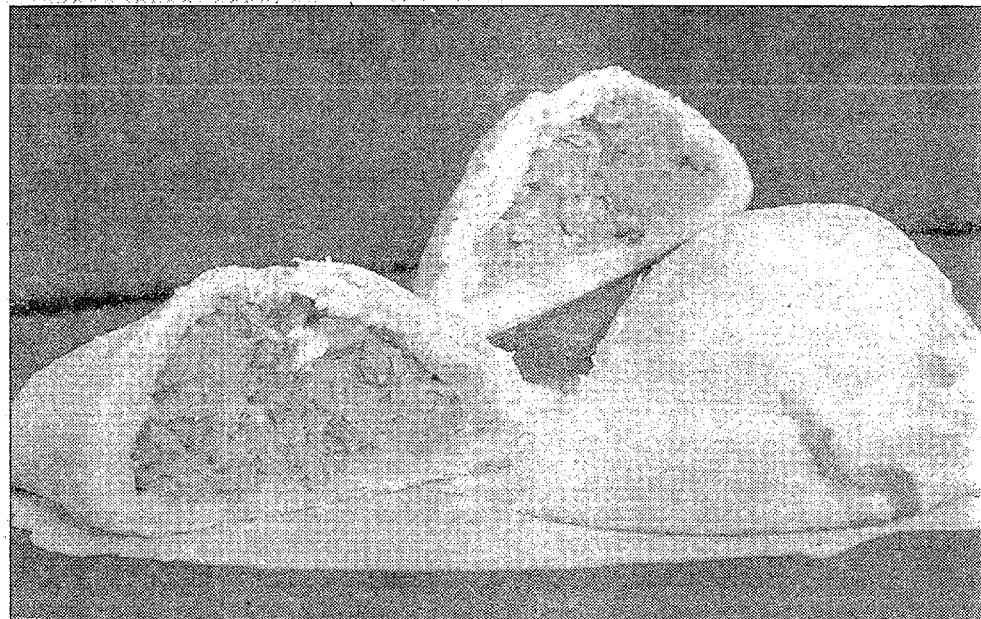
**Inn Season Café**, 500 Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 547-7916. A great variety of ethnic flavors with emphasis on organic foods.

### BEST FINE DINING

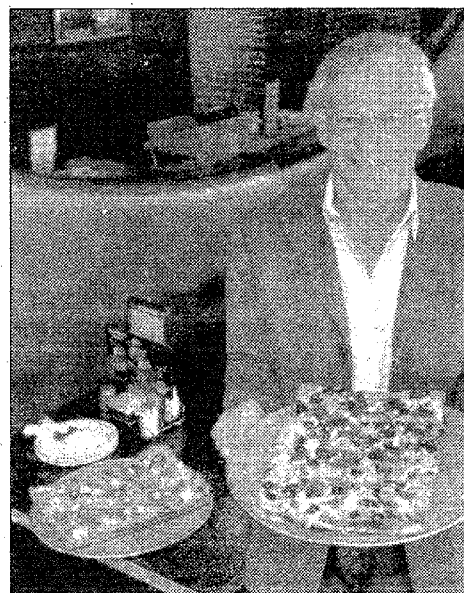
**The Whitney**, 4421 Woodward, Detroit, [www.thewhitney.com](http://www.thewhitney.com), (313) 832-5700. The new owner is Bud Liebler. Readers love this restaurant, an overwhelming favorite for a special occasion.

### BEST BURGER

**Red Coat Tavern**, 31542 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-0300. A favorite spot since the 1970s, serving delicious 1/2-pound burgers, including



Pastries and pasties (pictured above) make up the menu at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland.



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Readers chose Buddy's pizza as their favorite.

Piedmontese beef.

### BEST PIZZA

**Buddy's Pizza**, has several metro area locations, including one at 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-3550. Or find one near you at [www.buddyspizza.com/findabuddys.htm](http://www.buddyspizza.com/findabuddys.htm).

A Detroit original since 1936, Buddy's Pizza is best known for its deep-dish square pies in varieties from Greek to BBQ Chicken.

### BEST PLACE FOR COFFEE

**Caribou Coffee**. This chain has several locations, including one at 1333 North Coolidge Highway, Troy, (248) 643-4483.

Or find one near you at [www.cariboucoffee.com/locations](http://www.cariboucoffee.com/locations).

From kid-friendly cocoas to specialty coffee drinks like a Turtle Mocha, to the daily roast, choices abound.

### BEST SUSHI BAR

**Izakaya Sanpei**, 43327 Joy Road, Canton,

(734) 416-9605. Fans of Izakaya Sanpei enjoy an authentic Japanese menu and a large variety of dishes for lunch or dinner.

## NIGHTLIFE AND ENTERTAINMENT

### BEST MICROBREWERY

**Woodward Avenue Brewers**, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 546-3696. WAB offers a solid selection of popular microbrews — from a dark Vanilla Porter to the Custom Blonde — to complement a menu of salads and sandwiches that might even satisfy health-conscious patrons.

### FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE-AND-BE-SEEN UNDER 30

**The Bosco**, 22930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-8818, [www.thebosco.com](http://www.thebosco.com). Opened in 2001 and gave Ferndale nightlife a chic new spin. From the lounge's minimalist design to inventive cocktails, it has a loyal following.

### FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE-AND-BE-SEEN OVER 40

**220 Merrill**, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150. This swanky restaurant and bar named for its address remains an enduring favorite for the over-40 crowd, thanks to a contemporary menu and the lively jazz and spirits found downstairs at Edison's.

### BEST IRISH PUB

**Old Shillelagh**, 349 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-0007, [www.oldshillelagh.com](http://www.oldshillelagh.com). This watering hole, open since 1975, is the place to guzzle a Guinness and start a sing-along.



## FAVORITE PLACE TO AVOID THE MEAT MARKET YET STILL BE HIP

Via Nove, 344 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 336-9936, [www.vianoverestaurant.com](http://www.vianoverestaurant.com). Via Nove redefined elegance with a Southern Italian flare, extensive wine list, and outdoor grotto dining in the summertime.

## BEST BEER MENU

Box Bar, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 459-7390. With hundreds of beers to choose from, this downtown Plymouth favorite can't be beat. The wide selection is matched by a simple burger menu and quaint surroundings.

## BEST SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

Bahama Mama at Bahama Breeze. Locations include 19600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia and 539 E. Big Beaver Road, in Troy. Call (248) 528-1674 in Troy or (734) 542-0891 in Livonia, or visit [www.bahamabreeze.com](http://www.bahamabreeze.com). This must-try cocktail is made with fresh squeezed orange juice, pineapple juice, Banana Liqueur, and a combination of Malibu and Myers' Original Dark Rum.

## BEST BAR TO DISCOVER NEW BANDS

Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 735-4011, [www.fifthavenuebilliards.com](http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com) for details. With locations at Comerica Park, in downtown Royal Oak and Novi, it's a matter of personal taste. The bars are known for showcasing everything from electronica, rock and hip hop to blues from Wednesday-Saturday.

## BEST HAPPY HOUR

Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 656-7700. Traditional bar fare in a fun atmosphere.

## BEST LIVE ROCK CLUB

Harpos, 14238 Harper Ave., Detroit, (313) 824-1700, [www.harposconcerttheatre.com](http://www.harposconcerttheatre.com). Opened in 1939 as the Harper Theatre, today it is the premiere venues for metal bands and industrial rock.

## BEST GALLERY TO FIND NEW ARTISTS

Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com). Makes concerted effort to showcase vast field of talent in Detroit area.

## BEST HIGH-ENERGY DANCE CLUB

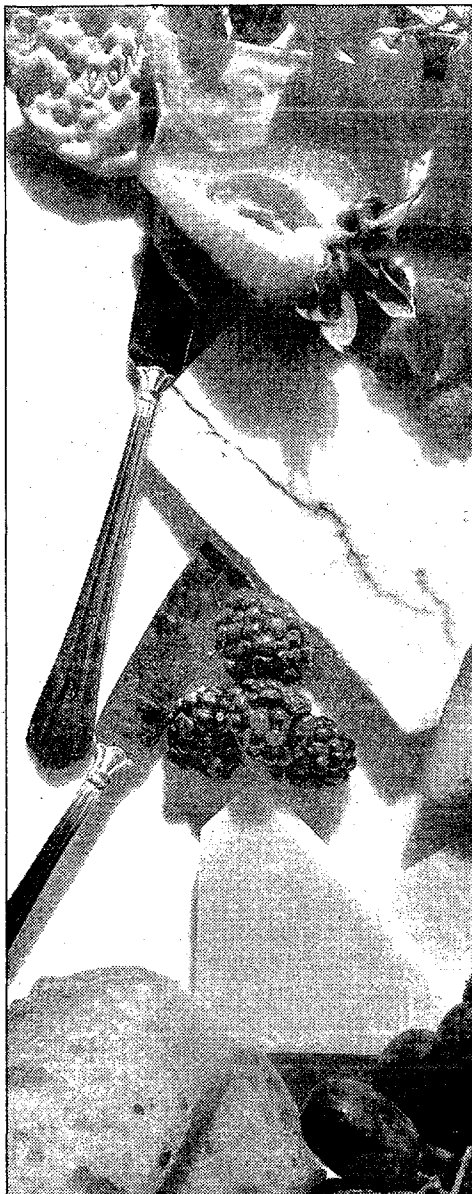
Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac, (248) 333-2362, [www.clutchcargos.com](http://www.clutchcargos.com). Church converted into a nightclub.

## BEST BAR JUKEBOX

New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-9870, [myspace.com/newwaybar](http://myspace.com/newwaybar). Also hosts live rock, blues, jazz, country acts.

## BEST ACOUSTIC VENUE

The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org). Great acts, great venue.



Vinoteca is a favorite wine bar with its fruits and cheese.

## BEST PLACE TO SHARE A BOTTLE OF WINE

Kruse & Muer, [www.kruseandmuer-restaurants.com](http://www.kruseandmuer-restaurants.com), three locations in Troy, Rochester and Lake Orion. Nice intimate setting with a great variety of seafood selections.

## FAVORITE WINE BAR

Vinoteca, 417 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 544-6256, [www.vinoteca.com](http://www.vinoteca.com). Experience and savor wine and food, and enjoy great conversation with friends.

## FAVORITE PLACE TO SING KARAOKE

CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-6600, [www.ckdiggs.com](http://www.ckdiggs.com). Oh, and the beer list is pretty good, too, with food a step up from typical bar fare.

## BEST LATE NIGHT DANCE CLUB (TILL 4:30 A.M.)

Leland City Club, at the Leland Hotel, 400 Bagley St., downtown Detroit, (313) 962-2300, [www.lelandcityclub.net](http://www.lelandcityclub.net). If you love industrial music and are seeking an

energetic nightclub, Leland is a great place to hang with friends.

## BEST LIVE JAZZ JOINT

Baker's Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, [www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com](http://www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com). Baker's still has that great acoustic sound that makes it a favorite for jazz fans.

## BEST PLACE TO DANCE SALSA OR TANGO OR TO SEE FLAMENCO DANCING

The Sky Club, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Located above Sangria, Sky Club offers an upscale, urban lounge atmosphere. "Latin Nights" Wednesdays and Thursdays feature award-winning dance lessons followed by Latin grooves.

## BEST PLACE TO WATCH BELLY DANCE

The Sheik, 13944 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (248) 945-0590. This Middle Eastern restaurant serves up great fare, from the food to the beautiful dancers who entertain diners.

## BEST PLACE FOR COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Diamondback Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, (734) 699-7899, [www.diamondbacksaloon.com](http://www.diamondbacksaloon.com). The Diamondback Saloon holds free line dance classes on Sunday nights, and always offers a down-home good time.

## FAMILY STUFF

### FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE KIDS IN THE WINTER (INDOOR)

(tie) Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (877) GOCRANBROOK, [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu) and Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, (734) 995-5439, [www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org). Family fun can be educational too. Cranbrook features a towering T.Rex, planetarium and 11 permanent galleries with exhibits ranging from Earth sciences to anthropology to matter in motion. The Ann Arbor Hands-On museum boasts a light and optics gallery, a LASER maze, birthday parties and a hands-on store.

### FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE KIDS IN THE WINTER (OUTDOOR)

The Fridge at Waterford Oaks County Park, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 858-0906, [www.oaklandfridge.com](http://www.oaklandfridge.com). Bundle up for Michigan's only "winter roller coaster," where sledders zip along at speeds in excess of 30 mph. Open mid-December through mid-March.

## FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE KIDS IN THE SUMMER

Cedar Point Amusement Park, One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky, Ohio, (419) 627-2350, [www.cedarpoint.com](http://www.cedarpoint.com). This famous amusement park adds a new stomach-dropping ride each year for brave big kids, and has great entertainment for wee ones too.

## FAVORITE MUSEUM TO WANDER ON A WEEKEND

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org). For more than a century, the DIA has housed some of the world's greatest works of art. The museum prepares to unveil its renovation and expansion later this year, but in the meantime, see a remix of the permanent collection organized in new ways, and Ansel Adams photographs through May 27.

## BEST MOVIE THEATRE

Imagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi and 39535 Ford Road, Canton, (888) 319-3456, [www.imagine-entertainment.com](http://www.imagine-entertainment.com). Imagine delivers "The Magic of Movies & More." The theatres were first in the world to install digital capability into all of its screens. See the latest movies or popular sports and TV programs (including American Idol finals in May) while sipping cocktails in your seat.

## BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

Red Robin, several locations throughout Metro Detroit, [www.redrobin.com](http://www.redrobin.com). Red Robin's environment and food go over great with kids and tweens, while mom and dad love the gourmet burgers and spirits.

## BEST CHEAP EATS

Bate's Burgers, 33406 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 427-3464. Whether they belly up to the bar or hit the takeout window, readers love the sliders and chili cheese fries at this classic burger joint.

## FAVORITE LUNCH PLACE WITH MOM OR DAD

Recipes, 2919 Crooks Road, Troy, (248) 614-5390. Recipes' bright, airy atmosphere is great for a lunch date with the rents, but you just might want to order a gourmet breakfast and make it brunch.

## FAVORITE PLACE TO HAVE A BEER WITH DAD

Library Sports Pub and Grill, 42100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 349-1833. Tell ma you're going to the Library, then enjoy solid beers, reliable burgers and virtually any game you care to watch on the big screens at this laid-back bar.

More Filter staff favorites are on page E17.



# TIGERS

FROM PAGE E3

the attached screen is a *fair ball*.

■ The batter and/or runners get two bases on a thrown or fairly batted ball that goes behind field tarp and remains there.

■ A ball rebounding into the playing field is *in play*.

■ Two bases also are allowed for thrown balls that enter the dugouts, adjacent camera pits, or seating area.

■ For any ball passing through or under the bullpen fence, the batter and/or runners are allowed *two bases*.

■ Batted fly balls caught in any area of the dugout are ruled *out of play*.

■ Any batted ball striking padding on flagpole, striking padding and falling into stands or striking above the padding are all *home runs*.

## WHERE IS IT?

■ Comerica Park is located at 2100 Woodward Ave., south of I-75 (Fisher Freeway) across from the Fox Theatre. There are parking lots everywhere along Woodward Avenue and side streets and fees vary. It can cost up to \$20. (Last

year, we found many charging \$40.)

■ For physically challenged guests, there are drop-off areas at Gate B, at the corner of Adams and Witherall. A second location is Gate D, on Montcalm between Brush Street and Woodward Avenue. Allow plenty of time before the game for traffic jams.

■ The Guest Services office is located behind section 130 on the main concourse.

## FUN AT COMERICA

Inside the park itself are bars, rides, and restaurants such as:

■ Cigar Bar – The elegant bar mixes a 1940s atmosphere with modern elements and features a piano player. It's an upscale location and is the park's only indoor smoking area.

■ The Beer Hall – A low-key party place that sits about 350. Popular for hosting private parties.

■ Brushfire Grill – An outdoor picnic area with food and drink that includes the Fly Ball Ferris Wheel, and the baseball fountain where water dances to the beat of music.

■ The Witherall Bar – A small space for cocktail parties or private events with a view of Foxtown.

## WATCH & LISTEN

■ Watch the game on Fox Sports Network, or at [www.tigers.com](http://www.tigers.com), listen to it on WXYT 1270 AM or WKRK 97.1 FM

## GROOVE

■ On opening day, Michigan natives The Verve Pipe (who sing the hit song *The Freshman*) will perform.

“What a great opportunity, especially with the Tigers coming off of a banner year,” said lead vocalist Brian Vander Ark.

Three days later, on Thursday, April 5, Vander Ark and the Airsteam – his solo project – performs at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

## FIREWORKS AT COMERICA

■ Begin in May on Friday and Saturday evenings during home games

## PROMOTION

■ Free orange towels, Tiger calendars, game schedules, running of the bases for kids and more are part of the fun at home games. Visit [www.detroitigers.com](http://www.detroitigers.com) for the full schedule.



In December, pitcher Jeremy Bonderman agreed to a four-year, \$38 million contract with Detroit Tigers after he went 14-8 in 2006 and struck out 202 batters.

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# Recommended

## O&E staffers pick their favorites

Here are some favorite places suggested by editorial staffers at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*:

### FOOD AND DINING

**Best Pastry or Sweet Shop** — Astoria Pastry Shop, 541 Monroe, Greektown, (313) 963-9603, also has a location in Royal Oak. Great baklava and wonderful pastries.

**Best Soul Food** — Beans & Cornbread, 29508 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-1680. A blend of Southern soul and cosmopolitan ambience.

**Best Restaurant for a First Date** — Cafe Cortina, 30715 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Reserve a fireplace table for an impressive evening.

**Best 24-hour restaurant** — Ram's Horn, several locations, including Farmington, Livonia, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy and Westland. After a late evening, drop in for quick bite.

**Best Indian** — Priya Indian Cuisine, with locations in Farmington Hills and Troy, [www.priyanrestaurant.com](http://www.priyanrestaurant.com). Don't miss the naan.

**Best Chinese** — Szechuan Empire, several locations in Livonia and Commerce Township. Lunch specials are plentiful and economical.

**Best Italian** — Bravo Cucina, locations in Livonia and Rochester Hills. Tasty pasta, salads and sandwiches.

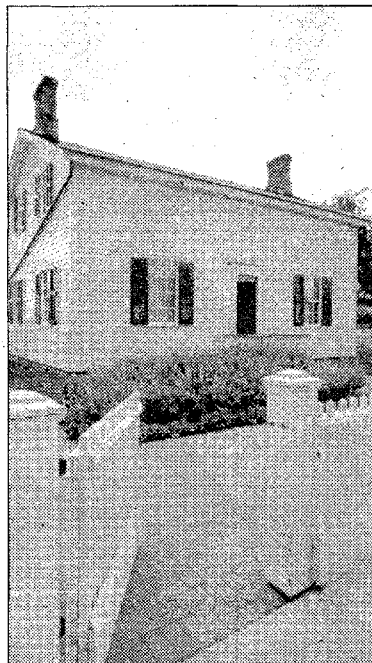
**Best Thai** — Thai City, 6534 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 729-4470. It's cozy, and the delectable dishes have a steady heat to them.

**Best Vegetarian** — Seva, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-1111. Of course, there are soups, salads, sandwiches and Mexican entrees.

**Best Pizza** — Buddy's, several locations. A local favorite for gourmet pies.

**Best Greek** — New Hellas, 583 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 961-5544. Enjoy favorites like saganaki and moussaka.

**Best Place for Coffee** — Java Hutt, 165 W. Nine Mile,



THE HENRY FORD

The Henry Ford boasts of wonderful historical sites, including Henry Ford's birthplace.

Ferndale, (248) 542-2438.

**Inexpensive sandwiches and excellent coffee drinks.**

**Best Sushi** — Sushi Cafe, 1933 W. Maple, Troy, (248) 280-1831. A little pricey, but delicious sushi.

**Best Late Night** — Leland City Club, 400 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 962-2300. Longtime goth/industrial hot spot.

**Best Jazz Club** — Cliff Bells, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit, (313) 961-2543. Beautifully restored 1920s bar.

**Best Bar/Restaurant for Salsa Dance** — Monkey Bar, 141 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 582-7227. Cozy atmosphere, elevated lounge area, salsa class, hot dance nights on Fridays.

**Best Bar/Restaurant for Tango** — Tu-Can Tango, 6041 Haggerty, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-6160. Tapas, martini bar and wine menu. Featuring Rio Wednesdays.

**Best Bar/Restaurant for Bellydance** — Uncle Sam's Village Cafe, 3337 Greenfield, Dearborn, (313) 271-8040. Belly dancing Fridays and Saturday nights. Also serves

Middle Eastern cuisine.

**Best Bar/Restaurant for Flamenco shows** — Sangria Tapas Cafe, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Spain's dance, music and song highlighted on Thursday nights.

**Best Local Record Label** — Le Grand Magistry, visit [www.legrandmagistry.com](http://www.legrandmagistry.com).

### NIGHTLIFE AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Best microbrewery** — Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 546-3696. The Custom Blonde brew is outstanding. Trust us.

**Favorite place to see and be seen under 30** — Bosco, 930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-8818. A chic Euro-style night spot.

**Favorite place to see and be seen over 40** — Small Plates, 1521 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 963-0497. Appropriately named, there's a great selection of small plates of garlic shrimp, empanadas, hand-cut fries and more.

**Best Irish Pub** — Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple, Birmingham (248) 642-1135. A true Irish pub experience.

**Favorite place to avoid the meat market, yet still be hip** — Beverly Hills Grill, 31471 Southfield, Beverly Hills, (248) 642-2355. A happening place, casual but upscale with excellent food.

**Best beer menu** — Box Bar, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 459-7390. Tasty bar fare, good burgers, excellent beer selection.

**Best signature cocktail** — The Bosco's Mojito.

**Best place for new bands** — (Tie) Small's, 10339 Conant in Hamtramck, (313) 873-1117, recently revamped with great sound, and The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700 Ext. 203. Great acts, local and national.

**Best Live Rock** — St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-8137. Still brings up-and-coming bands to town.

**Best High Energy Dance Club** —



DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of our favorites.

**Clutch Cargo's**, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666. This church-turned-nightclub endures for nightclubbers.

**Best Jukebox** — Gusoline Alley, 308 S. Center, Royal Oak, (248) 545-2235, great mix of genres.

**Favorite Karaoke Bar** — Royal Kubo, formerly at 25234 Greenfield, Oak Park, (248) 968-7550, currently relocating to Clawson.

### FAMILY STUFF

**Best place to take kids in the winter** — Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R (between Detroit Institute of Arts and Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History), (313) 577-8400, [www.detroitsscience-center.org](http://www.detroitsscience-center.org). Featuring Michigan's only IMAX® Dome Theatre, the Dassault Systèmes Planetarium, demonstrations and hands-on exhibit laboratories.

**Best place to take kids in the summer** — The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6100. Wander Greenfield Village, take in an IMAX movie or see exhibits at the museum.

**Best museum to wander on a weekend** — (tie) The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6100, or Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200

Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

**Best movie theater** — AMC Star Theatres at Great Lakes Crossing 25, 4300 Baldwin, Auburn Hills, (248) 454-0314. Variety on 25 screens.

**Best family restaurant** — Outback Steakhouse, several locations, [www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com), also serves shrimp and salads.

**Best cheap eats** — Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 422-5075. Great coneys, sandwiches and soups.

**Best lunch place with mom or dad** — Bastone, 419 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 544-6250. Great Belgian beers, too.

**Best bar for beer with dad** — Mason's, 13490 Farmington, Livonia, (734) 427-0650. Tasty burgers.

**Best day trip for the entire family** — Frankenthuth, visit [michigan.org](http://michigan.org). More than just chicken dinners, now with new family attractions.

**Best place to take kids under 10** — Chuck E. Cheese's, several locations, visit [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com). Pizza and fun for kids' birthdays.

**Favorite place for teenagers to go** — Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver (at Coolidge), Troy, (248) 643-6360, [www.thesomersetcollection.com](http://www.thesomersetcollection.com). Shop at exclusive stores.



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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 through 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, [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 29, at MOCAD hear the lecture: Imagination, Process, Reality: Three Projects for Development in Detroit; 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at MOCAD hear music by Jeff Karolski & Athumae Black (of Hexane); 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Cranbrook is a Gallery Talk featuring Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate students; then at 2 p.m. MOCAD hosts a lecture on Sunflowers and Switchgrass: Urban Phytoremediation, at 7 p.m. MOCAD hosts films: I am Farming Humanity (2001) by Ingo Vetter and Annette Weisser and Garden Stories (2004) by Boris Gerrets. For more information, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

## ART GALLERIES

### Artcraft Gallery

Texture Reflections, Alan Casadei, through April 28, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

### Awakening ... The Artist Inside

Golden Acrylic Paints & Mediums, artist preview night with Valerie Allen (mixed media), 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, part of Northville's First Friday Art Walk, 111 N. Center, Northville, (248) 347-0807 or visit [www.AwakeningtheArtistInside.com](http://www.AwakeningtheArtistInside.com).



### Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

### Cass Cafe

Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin, exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

### Cranbrook Art Museum

Shrinking Cities exhibit runs through April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs through April 1, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu). Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

### 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, through 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)

### Lotus Art Gallery

Thomas Arvid, painter of American Realism, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail (at Harvey), in Plymouth, (888) 889-4ART or (734) 453-5400.

### Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, [www.artmuseum.msu.edu](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu).

### 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, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

### paukotalaprojects

Ann Mikolowski, Works on paper, through April 21, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, [www.paukotala.com](http://www.paukotala.com), (248) 544-3020.

### Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, [www.pewabic.org](http://www.pewabic.org).

### Rochester

Spring Gallery Stroll, 6-9 p.m. April 27, participating galleries are Designhaus, 111 W. Second; Eugenia's Hair/Gallery, 212 S. Third; Hermitage Gallery, 235 Main; Haig's of Rochester, 311 Main; The Silk Worm, 400 Main; The Private Bank, 440 Main; Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine; Catching Fireflies, 203 E. University, (248) 651-4110.

### 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 through April 28, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

### University Art Gallery

Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs through April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

### University of Michigan-Dearborn

Collecting Glass: The Early Years at UM-Dearborn, studio art glass collection, through May 11, public reception 5-7:30 p.m. April 20, Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, (313) 593-3592.

### West Bloomfield Township Library

Michigan Water Color Society Slide Show, entries in the 2007 MWCS Exhibition, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 14, 4600 Walnut Lake Road (west of Orchard Lake Road), West Bloomfield, (248) 682-2120.

## ART, ETC.

### Eastern Michigan University

Graduate Student Art Show, through March 30, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

### Southfield Public Library

Jane Alkon, mixed media exhibit, through March 31, 26300 Evergreen Road, [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

### Oakland Community College

11th annual Student Art Exhibition, artists' reception, 5-7 p.m. April 19, exhibition runs April 19-May 23, free, OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 942-3355.

### Oakland Community College

Traveling exhibit of Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace, photographs and historical materials, April 2-6, video on the three historic personalities, 5:30-7 p.m. April 5, OCC Royal Oak campus, 739 S. Washington at Lincoln, east of Woodward, and one mile north of the Walter P. Reuther Freeway, (248) 233-2736.

## AUDITIONS

### Detroit Metropolitan Youth Ensemble

Detroit Boys Choir, boys between 8 and 12 (regardless of religious affiliation), 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 12, \$15, must apply by April 9, Jacob Bernard Pincus Music Education Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, [www.dmye.org](http://www.dmye.org), (313) 850-2316.

## 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; Puccini's Turandot, April 21-29, \$28-\$120, all at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## CLASSICAL

### Birmingham Temple

Vivace series presents Scott Holden, pianist, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, \$18-\$21, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (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.

### Measha Brueggergosman

The Canadian soprano, supported by William Bolcom on piano performs 8 p.m. April 12, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538 for tickets, \$10-\$50, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

### Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

Bellows in the Afternoon, The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 4 p.m. April 15, 17159 Maumee, \$10-\$20, (248) 474-8930, [www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic](http://www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic).

### Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

Musical Magic, May 11, all at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (313) 943-2354 or [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

### 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).

### Oakland University

Saxophone and Percussion Ensembles concert, 7 p.m. April 1, Varner Recital Hall, free, (248) 370-2030, [oakland.edu/mtd](http://oakland.edu/mtd) for information.

### Oakland University

Chamber Ensembles, 7 p.m. April 15, Varner Recital Hall, free, (248) 370-2030, [oakland.edu/mtd](http://oakland.edu/mtd) for information.

### Oakland University

Applied music instructor Lori Newman presents faculty recital, 8 p.m. April 18, Varner Recital Hall, (248) 370-2030, [oakland.edu/mtd](http://oakland.edu/mtd) for information.

## 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).

## 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).

## University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Chopin's Complete Solo Works, 7:30 p.m. March 31, April 7, 10, 14, symposium with Jeffery Kallberg, 1:30 p.m. April 14, Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, performances are free, [www.personal.umich.edu/~greene/chopin.htm](http://www.personal.umich.edu/~greene/chopin.htm)

## University Musical Society

John Williams and John Etheridge, 8 p.m. Friday, April 13; Jerusalem String Quartet, 4 p.m. April 15; Los Folkloristas, 4 p.m. April 22, all at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

## CLUBS

### Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, [www.thebosco.com](http://www.thebosco.com), (248) 541-8818.

### 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

Aaron Vaughn Band, March 29; The Blue Kings, March 30 and 31; 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

### La Dolce Vita

Vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Scott Gwinell, bassist Dennis Horvath, March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 17546 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 865-0331.

### O-Zen Lounge

Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; [www.ozenlounge.com](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit, (313) 535-4664.

### Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinell 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.

### Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

### Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.



## COMEDY

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Jackie Kashian, March 29-31; D.C. Malone, April 5-7; Ricky Gutierrez, April 12-14; Jackie Flynn, April 19-21; Norm Stulz, April 26-28; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

### JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420, www.ticketmaster.com.

### Joey's Comedy Club at Kickers

JB Smoove, March 29-31; <http://www.kickerscomplex.com/joey-calendar.html>, (734) 261-0555.

### Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

Shows at 8 and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battie Alley, Holly, (248) 634-5208.

### Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevin, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

### The Comedy Room at Portofino

Mark Saldana, April 6-7; Norm Stulz, April 13-14; Kevin Naughton, April 20-21; Rob Sherwood, April 27-28; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

### The Second City

Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

## DANCE

### Music Hall

Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, tickets \$19.50-\$75; Detroit Windsor Dance, June 2, tickets \$11-\$50, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

### Detroit Dance Collective

Michigan Trilogy II Concert, 8 p.m. April 20, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$22 general, \$18 students and seniors, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

### Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Pkwy, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

### Nadanta

The Oakland Community College Global Education Committee presents the dances of India by Nadanta, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13 at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$10-\$15, (248) 246-2649.

## FAMILY

### Big Wooden Horse Theatre

Jamie Adkins Circus Incognitus, April 22, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$7.50-\$19.50, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

### Clifford the Big Red Dog

2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$15-\$40, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

### Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour

Inspired by movie, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008, tickets \$17-\$28, on sale April 2, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

### Go, Diego, Go Live!

The Great Jaguar Rescue, April 18-22, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$18.50-\$40.50, (248) 433-1515, OlympiaEntertainment.com.



## ON STAGE

Catch the comedy of Zach Galifianakis, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$20, call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## FILM

### Corrupted Minds

Gala Detroit Premiere set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Landmark Main Art Theatre, 11 Mile and Main Street, Royal Oak. Afterglow at D'Amato's Restaurant.

### Hidden Secrets

7 p.m. April 30, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake, \$9 at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com), or box offices.

### The New Premier Dinner and Theater

Murder: The Next Generation, through March 31, three-course dinner and theater, including tax, \$39.95 per person, 33151 23 Mile Road, two miles east of I-94, in Chesterfield Township, reservations strongly recommended, [www.starbriteprod.com](http://www.starbriteprod.com), (586) 725-2228.

## FUND-RAISERS

### MS Walk Sit Drink Talk

Food, drink, talk, silent auction, raffle, entertainment, 6 p.m. to midnight, April 28, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 W. 12 Mile, Berkley, [sit-drinktalk.com](http://sit-drinktalk.com), (248) 895-7989.

### Retrofest

Short plays from Play-By-Play marathons and two short films from past workshops, fundraiser for Heartland Theatre Company, 7 p.m. March 31, Detroit Country Day Seligman Auditorium, 22305 W. 13 Mile (at Lahser), Beverly Hills, \$20, [www.heartland.com](http://www.heartland.com).

### Making Music for Mott

A benefit for the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital featuring the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra and violin prodigy Jourdan Urbach, 7:30 p.m. April 20, Hill Auditorium, \$25 adults, \$10 college students and seniors, afterglow tickets \$25, [www.med.umich.edu/mott/events](http://www.med.umich.edu/mott/events), [samh@umich.edu](mailto:samh@umich.edu) or (734) 936-9134.

### Historic Fort Wayne

24th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, 10 a.m. April 21-22, 6325 E. Jefferson (at the foot of Livernois), admission free to flea market, \$2 for tours, \$5 for secured parking, proceeds benefit guild, (586) 498-9298.

### Pontiac Oakland Symphony

All That Glitters, gala fund-raiser with silent auction, dinner, music and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, \$75, (248) 975-6474.

### MS Walk Sit Drink Talk PENNdeemonium 2007

Items needed for second fund-raising gala to benefit historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, 6 p.m. May 11 at Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth, to donate contact Julie Johnston at (734) 354-6069 or e-mail [auction@friendsofthepenn.org](mailto:auction@friendsofthepenn.org), for information on PENNdeemonium, [www.PennTheatre.com](http://www.PennTheatre.com).

## JAZZ

### Chick Corea and Gary Burton

April 6, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$28.50-\$62, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

### Detroit Opera House

Pieces of a Dream, 6 p.m. April 8, \$48-\$78, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666, [mot-opera.org](http://mot-opera.org), [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

### Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St., Detroit, (313) 962-0483.

### Jazz at the First

Jazz Vespers Concert, vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Scott Gwinnell, bassist Dennis Horvath, drummer Scott Kretzer, 6-8 p.m.

April 1, First Baptist Church of Dearborn, 1865 Nowlin, Dearborn, (313) 277-7711.

### Jazz Cafe Series

Joey DeFrancesco, March 30-31, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$25, (313) 887-8501, [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).

### Jazz Symposium with Branford Marsalis

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra hosts a free symposium, 7 p.m. April 11, The Music Box, Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Open to the public, reserve a seat at (313) 576-5599.

### Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

George Duke and Roy Ayers, April 27, all at 350 Madison, 6th Floor, in Detroit, \$39.50-\$62, [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), (313) 887-8501.

### Orchestra Hall

Pat Methany and Brad Mehldau, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, \$19-\$99, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

### Seldom Blues

Bobby Caldwell, 5:30 p.m. April 15, \$100 for dinner performance, second performance at 9 p.m. with appetizers available, \$35 advance, \$40 at door, (313) 567-7301 Ext. 112 for dinner performance, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) for second performance tickets, Tower 400, Level 1, of the Renaissance Center, (313) 567-7301.

### Vanguard Jazz Orchestra

Performs 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, The Music Box, Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit, tickets \$19-\$99, (313) 576-5111.

### Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Keller-Kocher Quartet with Dave Bennett on April 7, Ray Heitger on April 21, James Dapogny on May 5, Paul Klinger on May 19, Kerry Price on June 2, all at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph),

Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

## MORE MUSIC

### The Ark

Susan Werner, April 1; Riders in the Sky, April 2; The Alternate Routes, April 3, open stage, April 4; The University of Michigan Jazz Showcase, April 5; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

### Ferndale First United Methodist Church

Don Ross, 7:30 p.m. April 21; \$15, \$10 (students and seniors); 22331 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 545-4467.

### Music at the Village

Music in the Air concert series at 2 p.m. featuring Jim Bizer on April 22, Kitty Donohoe May 20, \$5, Troy Museum and Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles (corner of Wattles and Livernois), Troy, (248) 524-3570.

### Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

## MUSEUMS

### Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200, [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

### Detroit Institute of Arts

See Ansel Adams exhibit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through May 27, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7971.

### Detroit Science Center

Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies; 5020 John R, Detroit, \$19.95-\$24.95, (313) 577-8400, [www.detroitssciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitssciencecenter.org).

### Exhibit Museum of Natural History

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

### Henry Ford Museum

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, through April 29, with a lecture March 31, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre, (313) 982-6001, [www.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.org).

### Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; Shrinking Cities runs through April 1, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Display on Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, through June 16, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, (248) 656-4663, [rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org](http://rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org).

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor-top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple, (248) 642-2817.

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## MORE GET OUT

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### Cranbrook Institute of Science

Mike Kimball, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Maine-Machias, discusses new research and findings on Ireland's prehistoric hunter-gatherers, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, presented by Irish Cultural Forum and Cranbrook, (248) 540-6687.


### David Krakauer's Klezmer Madness

8 p.m. March 31, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, \$22-\$42, or visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

### Detroit Historical Society

Offers tours of historic spots, \$20-\$25 per tour, (313) 833-1405, [www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo](http://www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo).

### Detroit Derby Girls



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D-Funk All-Stars vs. Detroit Pistoffs, April 21; Pistolwhippers vs. Devil's Night Dames, May 12; Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, June 2; Pistolwhippers vs. D-Funk All-Stars, June 23; Detroit Derby Girls Championship Bout, July 21, all at Masonic Temple Drill Hall, 550 Temple, Detroit, \$15, [www.detroitderbygirls.com](http://www.detroitderbygirls.com).

### Night for Notables

Former Michigan Gov. William G. Milliken, former *Detroit News* political columnist George Weeks and Dave Dempsey, author of William G. Milliken: *Michigan's Passionate Moderate*, will serve as the featured speakers for the *Night for Notables* event, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Library of Michigan, inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Weekend parking is free, (517) 373-4692.

### Detroit Fringe Festival

April 13-14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$35, (313) 887-8501, [www.musicshall.org](http://www.musicshall.org).

### Jackson Storyfest

May 4-5, free public performances, 7:30 p.m. Jackson High

School, 544 Wildwood Ave., family matinee 2 p.m. May 5, Jackson Symphony Orchestra Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., downtown Jackson, free, donations appreciated, [www.jacksonstoryfest.org](http://www.jacksonstoryfest.org).

### Oakland Community College

Poets conducting workshops for National Poetry Month (April), workshops 5 p.m. Room 216 in K Building, readings 7-9 p.m. Room 180 in J Building, April 2, 10, 18 and 26, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills, (248) 731-6123.

### Psychic Fair

Spring Astrology Psychic Fair with Rich Milostan, psychic readers to give readings, also astrologers, card readers, palmistry, numerologists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31, Clawson-Troy Elks, 1451 E. Big Beaver Road, admission \$5, readings \$20, (248) 528-2610.

### Macomb Cultural Center

Gliders, 1 p.m. March 29; collector of historical memorabilia on World War II artifacts, 10 a.m. March 31; one-man drama on life of Ernie Pyle, March 30 and 31, \$10, call (586) 286-2222; pre-registration required for other events at (586) 445-7348, Hall and Garfield roads, Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Clinton Township.

### Metropolitan Adventist Church

Youth Impact Dramatic Play with the Aerokhanas on the life of Christ, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30; gymnastics-acrobatics team also performs at 9 p.m. March 31 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, church is at 15585 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, (734) 420-4044.

### The Secret

*The Secret is Out! Learn How to Apply the Law of Attraction*, a three-hour seminar by Nancy M. Wegierski at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, \$99, [www.become-more.net](http://www.become-more.net).

### The Sounds of Middle Eastern Tradition

Flautist Nadim Djaikan leads a five-piece ensemble in playing traditional melodies of the Middle East and North Africa, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free to members, or suggested donation \$3-\$5.

### University of Michigan

Line of Return: Cultivating the Borderland in Dialogue with Czeslaw Milosz, Krzysztof Czyzewski, annual Copernicus lecture, 7:30 p.m. March 30, Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor.

### Car Swap Craft Show-O-Rama

Car clubs, swappers, crafters, games, raffles, door prizes, food, cars will be judged, deadline for show is April 27, show is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, car and swap inquiries, (248) 777-0242.

## THEATER - COLLEGE

### Eastern Michigan University

The Good Person of Setzuan, through March 31, at Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti, Tickets \$6-\$15, (734) 487-1221.

### University of Detroit Mercy and Marygrove College

Urinetown! The Musical, through April 1, Marygrove College Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols Road, (313) 993-3270.

### Oakland Community College

Connections, one-act plays written by instructor David James, 8 p.m. March 29-31, \$5-\$8, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 341-2270.

### Henry Ford Community College

Theatre for Young Audiences presents The Jungle Book, April 13-29, performances 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, performance targeted for K-7 grades with audience participation, song and dance, \$7 adults, \$5 for children high school age or below, \$4 a seat for groups of 10 or more, (313) 845-9817, Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

### Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

Jig! Thunder of Drums China, 8 p.m. April 28, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354, [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

### Lakeland Players

Lakeland Players presents the Mary Chase comedy, Harvey, shows are April 20, 22, 27-28, at Central United Methodist Church at 3882 Highland Road in Waterford. All shows start at 8 p.m. except the Sunday matinee at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10, (248) 334-6977.

### Marquis Theatre

Raggedy Ann and Andy, through April 29, \$8, 135 N. Main,

Northville, (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

### Oakland Theatre Guild

Thoroughly Modern Millie, through April 1, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, 4 p.m. March 31, \$11-\$15; also Lion in Winter, April 20-29, Starlight Theatre, between Claire's and Kohl's stores, Summit Place Mall, Waterford, (248) 335-1788, [www.starlighttheater.net](http://www.starlighttheater.net)

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Two by Two, a musical about Noah and the Ark, runs March 29-31, all at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 to reserve tickets.

### Village Players of Birmingham

Wait Until Dark, May 11-13, 18-20, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075, [www.birminghamvillageplayers.com](http://www.birminghamvillageplayers.com).

## THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*The Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters by Gileland and Beverage*, 8 p.m. April 25 through May 20, tickets \$22-\$38, (248) 377-3300, [www.mbtheatre.com](http://www.mbtheatre.com).

### Performance Network Theater

Candida, through April 15, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, [www.performancenetwork.org](http://www.performancenetwork.org), (734) 663-0681.

## TICKETS ON SALE

### DTE Energy Music Theatre

Barenaked Ladies, on sale Saturday for June 15 show, (248) 645-6666.

### The Palace of Auburn Hills

Lord of the Dance, 7:30 p.m. April 19 and 20, \$29.50-\$49.50, tickets available at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

### Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (248) 645-6666, [www.BroadwayInDetroit.com](http://www.BroadwayInDetroit.com) or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com).

### Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

14th annual series, June 9-24, featuring music of Ludwig von Beethoven and Leon Kirchner, available April 16, subscriptions for five concerts is \$125, seven is \$160, single tickets are \$35 (Saturday concerts), \$30 (others), \$10 for those 25 and under, (248) 559-2097, [www.greatlakeschambermusic.com](http://www.greatlakeschambermusic.com).

### Fox Theatre

Legends of Hip Hop, featuring Whodini, MC Lyte, Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane and Kool Moe Dee, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, tickets cost \$48, \$58, \$78, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 471-6611, (248) 433-1515, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com).

### Gem Theatre

*Respect: A Musical Journey*, through April 1, (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645-6666, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and in person at the Gem Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

## WINE EVENTS

### Solanus Center Wine Tasting

The third annual Solanus Center Wine Tasting, featuring 100 wines from around the world, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Cost is \$75 per person, call the Solanus Center, (313) 579-2100, Ext. 197.

### 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 Throwing Wine Parties, April 4. Students will sample finger foods and taste wines, each course is \$36. Register at [www.madonna.edu/pages/continuing-registration.cfm](http://www.madonna.edu/pages/continuing-registration.cfm) or call (734) 432-5804.

### 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; (734) 222-9841.



# 'Pride' strikes a blow for race relations

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films that opened last week:

## Pride

This swimming drama has enough buoyancy to remain afloat, though without the vigor of Terrence Howard and the charm of Bernie Mac, it likely would sink in its own sea of sports clichés. It's an

At the movies

underdog story we keep seeing over and over again, this time about a group of inner-city black teens in the 1970s who are molded by a selfless mentor into a winning swim team that strikes a blow for race relations and equal opportunity. Howard plays the coach and mentor who founded the swim team, with Mac as a rec center janitor who joins the effort and Kimberly Elise as a city councilwoman who goes from skeptic to believer.

Tom Arnold co-stars as coach of an upscale white team that becomes the black kids'

archrival. PG for thematic material, language including some racial epithets, and violence. 108 min.

Two and a half stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

## Shooter

The name of the movie is *Shooter*, and for a while director Antoine Fuqua is right on target with this claustrophobic tale of conspiracies, lies and double-crosses.

Ultimately, though, it collapses - as so many action films of lesser intelligence do - into a

seemingly eternal series of explosions and false endings.

Mark Wahlberg stars as Bob Lee Swagger (yes, seriously), the hero of Washington Post film critic Stephen Hunter's novel *Point of Impact*, which provides the inspiration here.

Swagger is a reclusive former Marine sniper who's asked to take part in that tried-and-true one last job.

When the U.S. government learns of a planned assassination attempt on the president, Swagger must figure out how the shooter would do it - and then he gets framed for the shooting.

With the help of an inexperienced FBI agent (Michael Pena) and the widow of his former partner (Kate Mara), Swagger outwits, outplays and outlasts dozens of heavily armed adversaries from a variety of agencies, both official and unofficial.

Yes, he's a highly trained military stud, but after a while his ability to survive grows ridiculous. Danny Glover and Ned Beatty co-star. R for strong graphic violence and some language. 125 min.

Two stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## Cult sci-fi series will transform into feature film

No sooner did Thought Collide Productions wrap the first 12 episodes of its local cult science fiction series *InZero* last month, when production began for the feature-length film based on the series.

What began in 2006 as an experiment in the making of a television series, managed to draw together members of Detroit's creative community.

Completing one episode a month for 12

months, the project will continue in the film *InZero: Fragile Wings*.

"The last 12 months were really intense and we have really pushed ourselves to the limit on the edge of exactly where we can go," said Jamie Sonderman, who created the story.

"It's an experience that we know we can always fall back on as we move into the future."

*InZero* follows the story of an ambitious courier with a hidden past who must weave his way through a dangerous city populated by aliens and warring aristocrats, all of whom want what he has to deliver - hope.

Auditions for the feature film will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 11. Those interested in a role, or in performing as an extra should send e-mail to Jeannine Simpson at [jeannine.simpson@www.hometownlife.com](mailto:jeannine.simpson@www.hometownlife.com)



Jamie Sonderman is creator of *InZero*, a local sci-fi series that will soon be turned into a feature film.

[comcast.net](http://comcast.net) for more information.

"It's an exciting time for *InZero* and Thought Collide," producer Connie Mangilin said.

"We have a very tight crew that knows how to get the job done and done well. I'm very proud of our cast and crew and look forward to filming the feature and creating something really special."

In the meantime, catch episodes 9, 10, and 11 of *InZero* at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, during the Mitten Movie Project at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main Street, Royal Oak. Tickets, \$10, are available at the door or online at [www.myspace.com/inzero](http://www.myspace.com/inzero).

A director's reception begins at 6:30 p.m. at the theater, and an afterglow party follows in Cinq, below Bastone, 419 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Both are open to the public.

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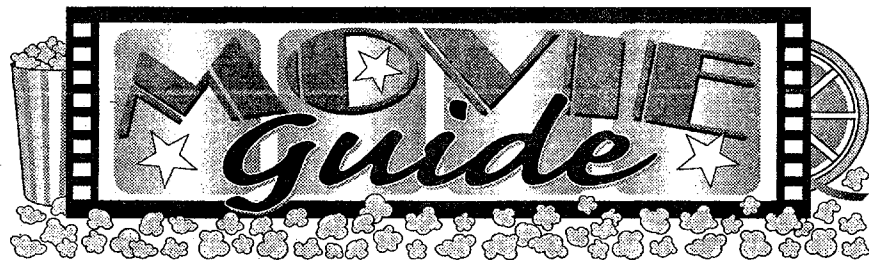
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# BALLET

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The company first performed this ballet in 2005, and the show broke attendance records, according to Misty Kolk, marketing and box office manager.

It came as no surprise when a second show was added, due to popular demand, for the Detroit production. "Everyone loved seeing the story literally come to life on stage," said

Kolk.

"Sets and costumes were designed by Maurice Sendak, the book's author and illustrator, so it looks just like the drawings in the book - very fun, and a great chance for children to see literature, live."

The story follows Max, a mischievous boy who encounters a magical world full of those "Wild Things." This marks the production's first visit to the Detroit Opera House.

With a cast of about 25 dancers, *Where the Wild Things Are* is already earning praise from giggly young audiences. One popular scene shows Max's

reaction to his overly-affectionate aunts, uncles and cousins who have come to visit.

During an in-studio rehearsal before 100 school children on Thursday, Berman said, the audience was "hysterical."

Based on a familiar and beloved story, the ballet takes on a magical quality each time it is performed, she said, adding "I still get excited about it."

In addition to sets and costumes designed by Sendak, the show features music composed by Detroit-native Randall Woolf and choreography by

Septime Webre, artistic director of the Washington Ballet.

Currently in its 35th season, the Grand Rapids Ballet Company remains committed to its mission, "to lift the human spirit through the art of dance."

In addition to the production, the company is offering two masters classes. Berman said the classes "help (young dancers) get ready for what they're going to see and (it) maximizes the experience."

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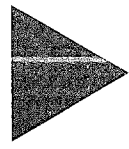
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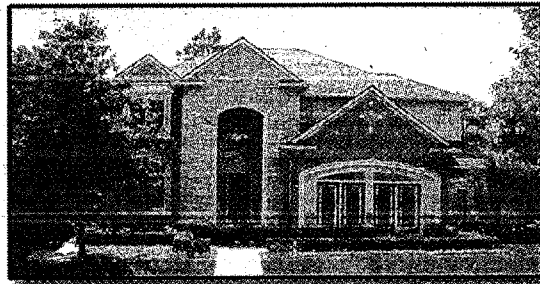


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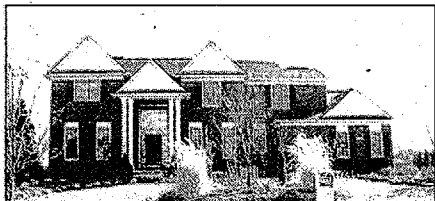
**NOVI** \$525,000  
 MOVE RIGHT IN! Vited ceiling in fr open to kit granite, 9' ceilings on 1st flr, dual strcs, just pnt'd, interior unfin bsmt, 4 bed/3.1 baths, 3 season rm,  
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 Backing To Woods Partially Fin W-O Bsmt. w/Bath Rough-ins, Hwd Floors, 2 Story Foyer, 4 bed/3.1 baths, 9 ft Ceilings 1st Flr, Crown Mld, 3 Car Garage.  
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**LYONS** \$485,000  
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**LYONS** \$464,900  
 Priced below value for quick sale! Stunning exec style home in Tanglewood golf comm.. Gorgeous kit/w gran, J&J BA. Great lot, \$5000. bonus to buyer!  
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**NOVI** \$450,000  
 Great value for size! 2 stry foyer hw flrs t/o. Dual staircse, newer cpt, updated mstr bth w/granite counter, paver patio, sidewalks in sub, & alarm  
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**CANTON** \$425,000  
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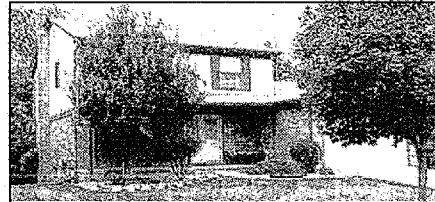
**LYONS** \$315,000  
 Gorgeous home on over 2 acres! Great kit! 2-way fireplace, mstr bed w/ba & WIC. Hardwood floors, 1st flr laundry. 3 lrg doorwalls to inground pool.  
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**CANTON** \$264,900  
 Gourmet Kit, Sub 0 Fridge, 6-burner Viking Range, Dbl Wall Oven, Prof SS Hood, Cherry Cabs & Corian Cntrs. Updates Incl Bths, Pella Windows & French Drs  
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**NOVI** \$259,900  
 Great location in Turtle Creek sub. 4 bedroom 2.1 bath Colonial. Freshly painted, carpet, move in condition. Part fin basement. 2 car att gar.  
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**LIVONIA** \$245,000  
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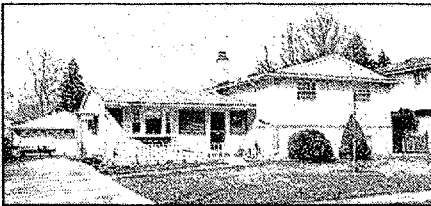
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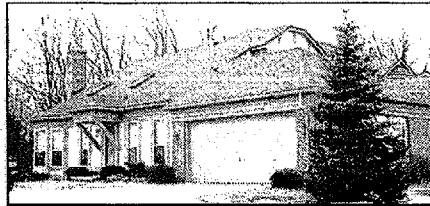
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**HAMBURG** \$239,900  
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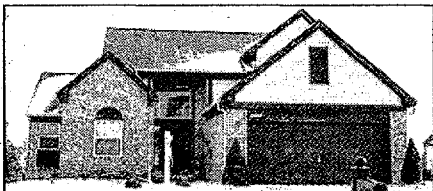
**LIVONIA** \$239,900  
Great home in the heart of Livonia. 5 bedroom, 3 full bath Quad. Remodeled kitchen, 1st floor laundry, large FR w/FP. Perfect for entertaining or large family.  
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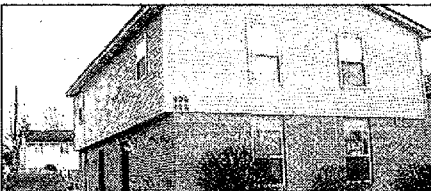
**CANTON** \$224,900  
Super Condo, new Berber carpet, FR paint. GR features bay window, gas FP w/raised hearth, finished rec room/office LL. Computer loft upper level between BR's.  
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**NOVI** \$220,000  
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**LIVONIA** \$190,000  
Gourmet kitchen w/maple cabs & upgraded floor, open great room, vaulted master suite w/glamour BA, 2 WIC & ceiling fan, freshly painted w/neutral decor t/o.  
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**WESTLAND** \$155,000  
15k kitchen w/hickory cabs, Corian counters, ceramic fir & backsplash, appls all incl. New bath w/ceramic tile & vanity. Fresh paint, fin basement, lrg yard w/deck.  
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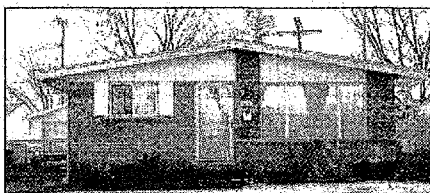
**WESTLAND** \$149,900  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$114,900  
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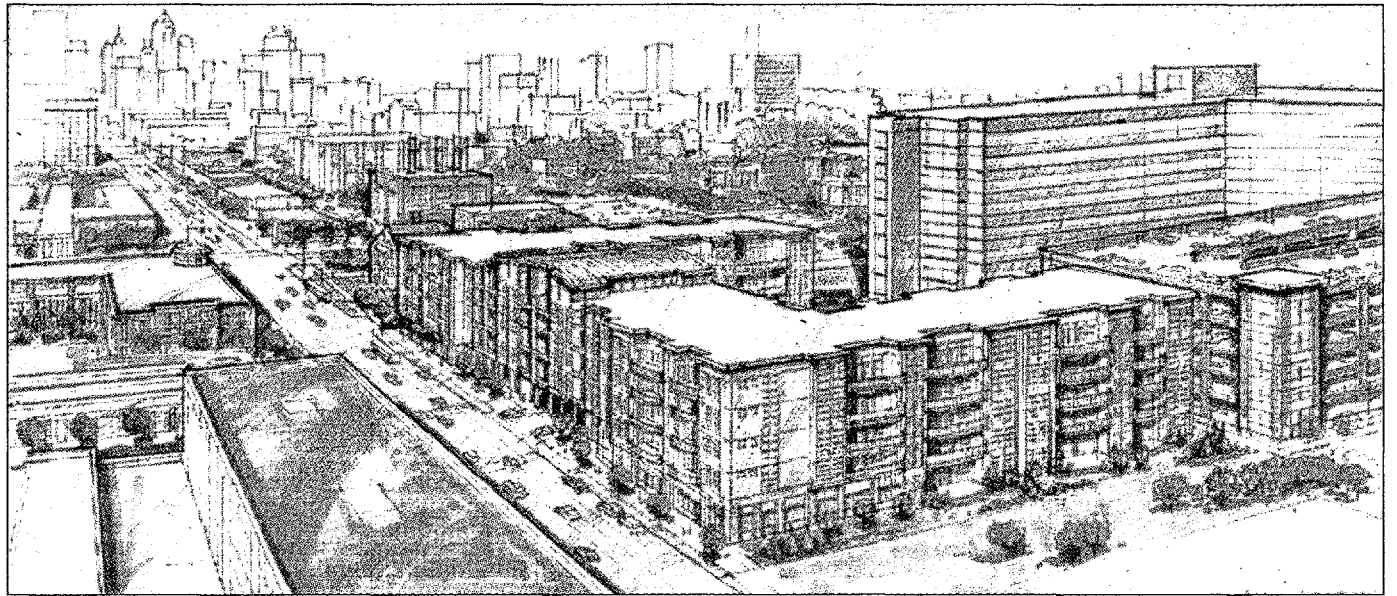


# WSU development a boon to Detroit's economic future

Wayne State's South University Village, hailed as the first major market-rate residential project of its kind in Detroit in more than 30 years, is about to become a reality. Grand Rapids-based developer, Prime Development, and the university are scheduled to break ground this month on the \$36 million residential and retail establishment and parking structure.

Located on the former site of the old Vernor's ginger ale factory, South University Village will be a major commercial corridor marked by exciting shops and restaurants, state-of-the-art residential facilities and a thriving gateway to the Wayne State University campus.

Studio One Apartments, LLC will build and finance the new 155,000-square-foot five-story mixed-use building — of which 26,217 square feet is first-floor commercial plus four levels of market-rate residential rental units — projected to cost \$20 million. The university will build and finance a four-level parking garage — projected to cost \$15.9 million — to serve the needs of the general public, the residential/retail complex and the university. The planned completion dates and open-



Studio One apartments is part of a residential, retail and parking development along Woodward near Wayne State University.

ings are set for spring/summer of 2008. The project, including the residential/retail building and public parking structure, will be located on four acres on the west side of Woodward and the south side of Forest, between Canfield and Forest, immediately north of The Whitney restaurant. The parking deck and apartment building will be connected, enabling residents to park and walk to their building.

Phase 2 will add another \$20 million of new construction in 2010-12 with a second five-story apartment or condominium project along Canfield just west of The Whitney restaurant. Thus, South University Village represents more than a \$50 million investment in the city of Detroit over the next five years.

According to Wayne State University President Irvin D. Reid, South University Village highlights Wayne State's role as a lead partner in the development of Midtown and the revitalization of Detroit.

"South University Village will create 195 temporary construction-related jobs and approximately 65 new jobs associated with the bank, retail operations and parking structure," Reid said. "This is a significant achievement in the history of our city and a model for the economic benefits of public-private partnerships in our state."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm believes Wayne State serves as a model for how research institutions are helping shape Michigan's economy.

"Wayne State is helping to drive our state's 21st economy forward by educating students and conducting cutting edge research," Granholm said. "Now the university is, once again, demonstrating just how valuable it can be in shaping a vibrant

community with economic development projects that are building on the successful Tech Town project."

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick concurred, citing the infusion of investment that South University Village attracted from the western side of the state.

"The fact that a Grand Rapids-based developer chose to invest major dollars and resources into this project demonstrates that business opportunities abound for companies across the state that have yet to do business here," he said.

Marcel Burgler, principal of Prime Development, noted that, in addition to recognizing economic opportunity, he and his partners were welcomed by the city.

"Wayne State, the mayor's office and the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) went to great lengths to make developing Studio One Apartments a painless endeavor," he said. "Moreover, extensive market research proved to us that there is a great demand in the city of Detroit for high-quality rental apartments. We expect to be very successful."

"There is great potential for South University Village," said David Egner, president of the Hudson-Webber Foundation, which funded the initial feasibility study for the project.

"South University Village made sense as a property that filled a void for much-needed housing, public parking and retail," he noted. "Moreover, it represents a sound economic investment for all parties involved."

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC), the DEGC, TAKTIX, a Detroit-based real estate consulting company, and Prime Development, as well as private and public corporations and foundations, shared the vision that

led to the efforts to make South University Village happen.

"TAKTIX worked with Wayne State on the plans for the old Vernor's site to accelerate the university's master plan to provide market-rate residential housing on campus for faculty, staff and the community at large," TAKTIX principal Larry Marantette said. "In this way, we and the other South University Village partners are contributing to a vibrant Midtown."

The MEDC granted approval for brownfield tax credits to support the South University Village project last December. Since that time, Prime Development has confirmed Fifth Third Bank as an anchor tenant and is working diligently to secure other retailers to service the \$20 million residential apartment and retail establishment on Woodward and the supporting WSU public parking structure on Forest (Phase One).

"We believe in Wayne State's ability to transform Midtown into a thriving residential and retail center," said Gregory Kosch, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan. "Fifth Third is growing and we're here to stay. Upon learning of South University Village, we jumped on the chance to solidify our roots in this growing community with a substantial financial investment and a bank branch and lending office right in the complex."

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, traffic on Woodward at the site is 23,500 vehicles per day. Midtown Detroit, in particular, has experienced more than \$1.6 billion in new residential and commercial construction over the past 10 years, according to the University Cultural Center Association.



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<b>IMMACULATE</b> Spacious home w/open floor plan. Numerous updates including Wallside windows, C/A, paint, gutters, Kitchen, and beautiful Deck. Convenient Plymouth location.	<b>TREE LINED STREET</b> Popular Plymouth location, 2 story colonial w/large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, full bsmt, attached Garage, & fenced yard. Close to downtown shopping & events.	<b>REALLY SPECIAL!</b> Stunning contemporary home offers outstanding curb appeal, custom details inside & out, huge FR w/doorwall & skylights, remodeled bath, part finished bsmt, & so much more.	<b>CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT</b> Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, and more. Premium location. Great Cape Cod floor plan w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.	<b>MAINTENANCE FREE</b> Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers covered ceilings, leaded glass doors, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, updated plumbing & hwh.	<b>SENSATIONAL</b> Fabulous cape cod w/1st floor bedroom & 3 more upstairs! 3 car attached Garage, finished bsmt w/large bd, Den, & full bath. Sprinklers, gorgeous landscaping, & more.	<b>BUILDABLE LOTS</b> 2 lots still available in Superior Twp w/Plymouth mailing address. Both lots nestled among mature trees & set off a private rd. Plenty of options. Lot sizes are 2.25 acres & 2.49 acres. Call for details.	<b>PICTURE PERFECT</b> 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on almost 1 acre lot. Updates in 2001 include roof, windows, A/C, furnace, hwh, Kitchen, baths, carpet, oversized Garage & balcony off Master.
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**\$184,900 (P-645OR) \$189,900 (P-533PO) \$150,000 (P-653WA) \$329,900 (P-630HU) \$159,900 (P-316SH) \$349,900 (P-330WA) \$175,000 & up (C-847AM) \$249,500 (P-759BA)**



<b>TOP NOTCH</b> 3 bd updated ranch featuring a new Kitchen, new bath, flooring, windows, doors, & siding. Great price, don't wait!	<b>ORIGINAL OWNER GEM</b> Well maintained outside, immaculate condition inside. Cozy Lr w/frpl, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, close to everything, & more.	<b>LAKE FRONT HOME</b> Completely remodeled colonial on Silver Lake. Maple Kitchen, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 1st floor laundry, finished walkout w/bath & fireplace, 2 tiered Deck & Garage.	<b>STUNNING LIVONIA CONDO!</b> This Livonia condo has an elegant, open floor plan w/hwd, cathedral ceilings, private covered balcony, appliances stay, & great location. Seller giving \$250 gas card at closing to buyer.	<b>GENEROUSLY UPDATED</b> This 4 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home is ready to move into! Beautifully decorated, granite, cherry cabinets, cathedral ceilings, brick pavers, Pella windows, upgraded fixtures t/o, & neutral décor.	<b>EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING</b> Plymouth's prestigious Mallard Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master, gourmet island Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, brick paver walkway, & large Patio.	<b>EXECUTIVE HIDE-A-WAY</b> Privacy surrounds this 4 bd home on 2.18 acres of tree lined drive. Panoramic views of Belleville Lake, dock & boat fac, all sports lake, open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, & 4 car Garage.	<b>INVESTORS SPECIAL</b> Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Family Room, country Kitchen, appliances stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/tall maple trees, & home warranty.
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**\$84,900 (C-998CA) \$104,900 (C-102CV) \$399,900 (P-289F1) \$128,899 (C-860FI) \$365,000 (C-451SH) \$374,900 (C-411HI) \$749,900 (C-445I94) \$112,900 (C-621PA)**



<b>UPDATED HOME</b> 4 bd, 2.5 bath Plymouth colonial. Beautiful new oak Kitchen, Family Room w/formal Dining, large Living vaulted ceiling & fp, formal LR Room, prof finished bsmt, & DR, 1st floor laundry, & Den. Updated bath, windows, furnace, & large Deck.	<b>GREAT COLONIAL</b> 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/Ann Arbor schools. Great layout, formal Dining, large Living vaulted ceiling & fp, formal LR Room, prof finished bsmt, & close to everything.	<b>LIVONIA RANCH</b> Beautiful, spacious ranch featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/bath, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2nd Kitchen, & full bath, lots of storage, great landscaping, & great location.	<b>GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION</b> Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, hwd floors, covered ceilings, updated Kitchen, baths, screened rear porch, Library/Den, brick paver Patio, & so much more.	<b>THIS ONE IS SPECIAL!</b> All the updates in this stunning home. Cherry Kitchen, Pergo flooring, new roof, updated baths, windows, circ breakers, plumbing, paint, windows, prof finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & fenced yard.	<b>MOVE IN READY</b> 2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island Kitchen, finished walkout w/possible 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location close to everything.	<b>PRICE &amp; LOCATION</b> Comfy, roomy condo offers many updates, euro-style Kitchen w/all appl, finished bsmt w/bath & rec room, Garage, & excellent location in back of sub. Area clubhouse & pool!	<b>SPECIAL COMMUNITY</b> Beautiful & immaculate 2 bd, 2 bath condo featuring a Great Room w/cath ceiling, upgraded cabinetry, hwd flooring, marble, granite, corian, bsmt, garage, & private Deck. A must see!
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**\$319,800 (C-002RO) \$369,900 (C-361RO) \$219,500 (C-446YA) \$295,000 (P-478AR) \$155,000 (C-435BR) \$234,900 (P-796CH) \$675,000 (C-762CO) \$214,900 (P-565CO)**



<b>READY TO MOVE INTO!</b> Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsmt, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more.	<b>WELL MAINTAINED HOME</b> Gorgeous home w/a quiet court location. 3 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath offers a 2 story entry, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, wetbar, & daylight windows, spacious bedrooms, prof painted t/o, paver walkway, & oversized Garage.	<b>FANTASTIC HOME</b> This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!	<b>COZY &amp; AFFORDABLE</b> Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kitchen w/stain steel appl, Living Room w/hwd flooring, new roof in 2006, detached Garage, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard.	<b>SHOWS LIKE A MODEL</b> Former builders model still looks like one! Upgrades galore, soaring ceilings, gourmet granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl, crown molding t/o, prof finished bsmt w/bar & frpl, & excellent location in Island Lake of Novi sub.	<b>THIS IS THE HOME FOR YOU</b> Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, open Kitchen, updated bath, new roof & C/A, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, big Garage & lots more. Call today!	<b>OUT OF THE ORDINARY</b> Nicely appointed colonial on a low traffic interior street. Nice Kitchen w/island, hwd floors, large Family Room w/gas frpl, prof finished lower level, & energy saving zoned heating.	<b>STUNNING COLONIAL</b> Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
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<b>PICTURE PERFECT</b> Curb appeal & outstanding 3 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, location on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath hwd floors, new stain-master St. George model by Pulte. carpet, updated Kitchen, bath, Gorgeous home backs to neutral décor, & too much more to list.	<b>BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW</b> Beautiful home on a wooded lot features a 1st floor Master, formal LR & DR, Den, large chef's Kitchen opens to spacious Family Room, 3 bd, 3 car garage, full bsmt, & gorgeous view, Marble frpl, located in a sub w/5 acres of parks, ponds, & walkways. & Immed Occupancy!	<b>SERENE SETTING</b> Beautiful home on a wooded lot features a 1st floor Master, formal LR & DR, Den, large chef's Kitchen opens to spacious Family Room, 3 bd, 3 car garage, full bsmt, & gorgeous view, Marble frpl, located in a sub w/5 acres of parks, ponds, & walkways. & Immed Occupancy!	<b>PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET</b> Walk to town & take in all Plymouth has to offer from this delightful complex. 2 bd, 2.5 ba, Great Room w/3 car garage, full bsmt, & gorgeous view, Marble frpl, located in a sub w/5 acres of parks, ponds, & walkways. & Immed Occupancy!
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Canton	
50436 Amberley Blvd	\$291,000
40545 Blythefield Ln	\$152,000
3952 Bruton Ave	\$250,000
8505 Chatham Dr	\$110,000
268 Cherry Stone Dr	\$146,000
43596 Cherrywood Ln	\$262,000
1663 Christopher Dr	\$152,000
43581 Emrick Dr	\$146,000
45583 Fountain View Dr	\$358,000
49530 Garfield Ln	\$110,000
1461 Kensington Dr	\$290,000
46517 Killarney Cir	\$220,000
1927 Knollwood Dr	\$185,000
45139 N Spring Dr	\$200,000
138 N Village Way	\$40,000
4430 Napier Rd	\$288,000
2006 Otter Pond Ln	\$171,000
Farmington	
23096 Hawthorne St	\$144,000
22843 Manning St	\$70,000
31952 Marblehead St	\$160,000
20967 Robinwood St	\$185,000
Farmington Hills	
33545 Annland St	\$182,000

27078 Arden Park Cir	\$219,000
30211 Astor St	\$190,000
28564 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$312,000
28270 Grand Duke Dr	\$235,000
20940 Lujon Dr	\$189,000
20964 Lujon Dr	\$345,000
29606 Middlebelt Rd	\$116,000
20911 Rockwell St	\$215,000
30133 Southampton Ln	\$270,000
29090 Summerwood Rd	\$319,000
22071 W Brandon St	\$149,000
21714 Wheeler St	\$220,000
Garden City	
30802 Hennepin St	\$190,000
28655 Maplewood St	\$125,000
29740 Maplewood St	\$119,000
30083 Maplewood St	\$150,000
33221 Sheridan St	\$151,000
Livonia	
31530 Bennett St	\$212,000
9950 Doris St	\$137,000
17498 Doris St	\$161,000
18642 Levan Rd	\$253,000
33161 Lyndon St	\$180,000
28980 Morlock St	\$164,000
18429 University Park Dr	\$85,000
33466 Vargo Dr	\$255,000
18622 Williams St	\$220,000
Milford	
437 Bennett St	\$180,000
1342 Evergreen	\$283,000

319 Hickory St	\$187,000
4239 Windmill Farms	\$480,000
Northville	
52002 Curtis Ct	\$140,000
44155 Deep Hollow Cir	\$900,000
795 Grace St	\$330,000
912 Millpond Ct	\$525,000
19022 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,150,000
48828 Running Trout Ln	\$134,000
48902 Running Trout Ln	\$269,000
912 Millpond Ct	\$525,000
Novi	
47579 Aberdeen Dr	\$635,000
1655 Harbor Cv	\$255,000
25587 Portico Ln	\$212,000
30742 Tanglewood Dr	\$268,000
30233 Viewcrest	\$363,000
41142 Village Lake St	\$280,000
Plymouth	
725 Auburn St	\$220,000
13443 Danbury Ct	\$265,000
11075 Fellows Hill Dr	\$475,000
765 McKinley St	\$328,000
12118 Medford Ct	\$425,000
11850 N Haggerty Rd	\$160,000
374 Roe St	\$245,000
47023 Stonecrest Dr	\$309,000
Redford	
9375 Dale	\$134,000
9375 Fenton	\$135,000
15857 Fox	\$135,000

20455 Fox	\$93,000
19489 Kinloch	\$70,000
24936 Midland	\$135,000
14021 Minock Dr	\$139,000
9208 Nathaline	\$146,000
18420 Negaunee	\$124,000
18501 Olympia	\$130,000
11710 Riverdale	\$117,000
16291 Ryland	\$166,000
10027 San Jose	\$130,000
South Lyon	
1040 Birchway Ct	\$300,000
1138 Corral Ln	\$290,000
26523 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
1004 Fountain View Cir	\$140,000
873 Hearthside St	\$160,000
25829 Hunters Ln	\$70,000
836 Knollwood Cir	\$170,000
245 Winchester St	\$170,000
Westland	
30948 Avondale St	\$115,000
30631 Geraldine St	\$126,000
7506 Gilman St	\$180,000
29702 Hanover Blvd	\$100,000
35241 Melton St	\$126,000
37672 N Butler Cir	\$180,000
886 Summerfield Dr	\$124,000
5701 Wilmer St	\$128,000
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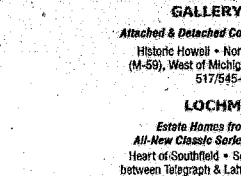
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# Closed circuit cameras have liability concerns

Q. Our board is in the process of reviewing and updating our community association's security measures. One proposal we are considering is installing closed circuit television cameras in our common areas and parking lot. What are the benefits of installing closed circuit cameras in parking lots? Are there any down sides to doing so?

A. A closed circuit camera system is becoming a common site in community associations across the country. While it may help to reduce crime, it also requires that the association monitor the cameras and may pose additional liability on the association in regard to what is reasonably foreseeable and/or expected in connection with crime prevention. If in fact the camera does not need to be monitored that, of course, would be beneficial as small communities may not have the money or the man power to monitor the cameras. Whether the cameras should be monitored or not depends upon the willingness of the association to provide 24-hour security. You are best advised to consult with your attorney in that regard.

Q. Many of our co-owners wish to propose an amendment to our condominium bylaws but the



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board seems to be refusing to do so. What do you suggest?

A. Check your bylaws because most condominium association bylaws provide for a process whereby the members upon a certain percentage of the membership can petition the board to call a special meeting to vote on a proposed bylaw amendment.

The board should at least consider the request of the co-owners and if they are obligated to do so, call a special meeting. You should, however, check with your community association attorney to insure that your petition is properly worded and drafted and signed by persons who are legally authorized to sign petitions in connection with the holding of a special meeting.

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. 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.

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### Builder helps customers build their own home

Howard Satovsky, a 35-year veteran Master Builder in the Western Oakland and Wayne County markets has decided to switch hats in 2007 to a style better suited to the current economic climate and Web savvy clients.

Satovsky says his new company, Help To Build It, LLC is a way to orchestrate the final dream home with customers that know little about the building business.

Through extensive reference materials, software and one-on-one counseling, Satovsky shows how to make the dream a reality from start to finish.

Visit [www.HelpToBuildIt.com](http://www.HelpToBuildIt.com) or see the consultants at the Livingston County Builder's Show, March 30-31 and April 1; and the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Rock Financial Showplace, April 13-15.

### Feng shui classes

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### BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ "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 terrazzo to all-natural carpeting, and much more.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 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 proce-

dures, 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.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 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

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# Area builder spearheads 120-unit development in Oak Park

The initial phase of a new condo community, The Oaks on Lincoln, is now open for sale. Kaftan Communities, an innovative developer with current condominium projects in Royal Oak, Southfield and Shelby, made 40 homes available for purchase at The Oaks and plan to finish renovations on at least 80 more units this spring.

Despite a slumping local economy, Kaftan is optimistic that a recovery is imminent; therefore, the developer is continuing to open new condo projects. At a time when many businesses are laying off employees, Kaftan has hired additional personnel and engaged numerous local outside contractors for this new development.

"We have faith that the economy will turn around in the near future," said Jeffrey Kaftan, president of Kaftan Communities. "Rather than waiting for things to improve, Kaftan wants to be an active part of the recovery. We are very excited to offer these stylish and affordable homes in the north Oak Park community."

The Oaks on Lincoln is conveniently located near downtown Royal Oak, Huntington Woods and Ferndale, and is

within easy walking distance of grocery stores, restaurants and the Jewish Center.

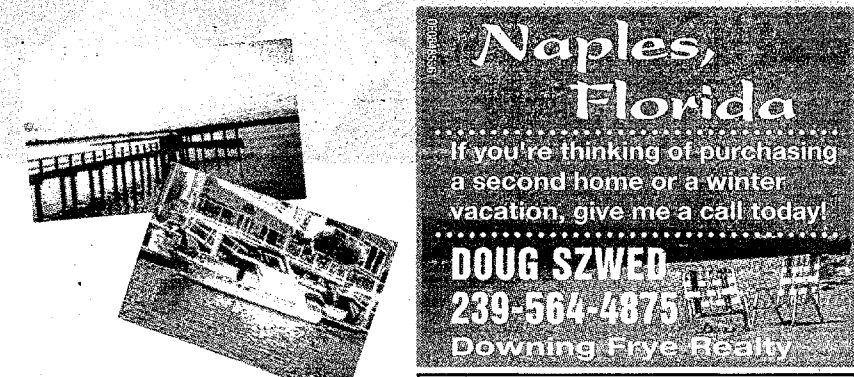
Situated on eight acres, the development is on Lincoln Drive, just east of Greenfield and minutes from I-696, I-75 and M-10 expressways. Exterior features include a swimming pool, professionally landscaped grounds and immediate access to the paved pathways of Rothstein Park.

Both townhouse and garden-style floor plans are available ranging from 1,010 to 1,460 square feet. The units include basements, new appliances, cabinets, countertops and flooring and are projected to start at under \$100,000. Available upgrades include granite countertops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors.

"Buying your first home is part of the American Dream," Kaftan said. "First-time home owners are too often overlooked by builders. Kaftan's mission is to create communities designed with first-time buyers in mind."

For more information regarding The Oaks on Lincoln, visit [www.kaftancondos.com](http://www.kaftancondos.com) or call (248) 968-2900.

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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.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential "tools" for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan; defining and staffing your business; performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production; and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

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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.

CREW Detroit, one of the largest local chapters of the international CREW Network, worked for two years to win the event, Cleland says.

For general information about the conference and CREW Detroit membership, contact Norma Beuter, CREW Detroit administrator, at beuter@comcast.net or visit [www.crewdetroit.org/07mwrc.htm](http://www.crewdetroit.org/07mwrc.htm) for regular updates.

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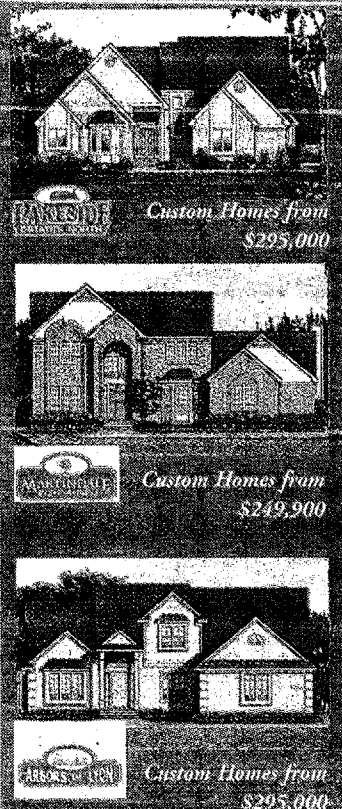
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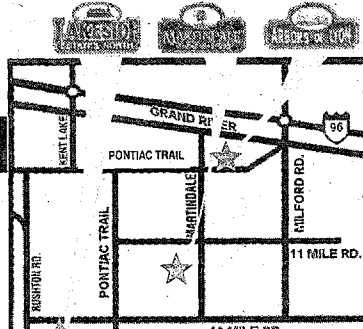
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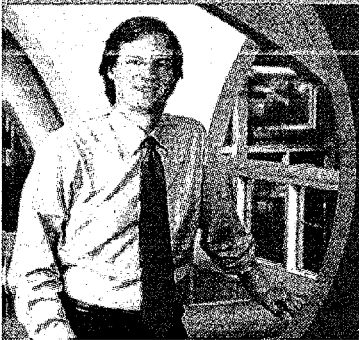


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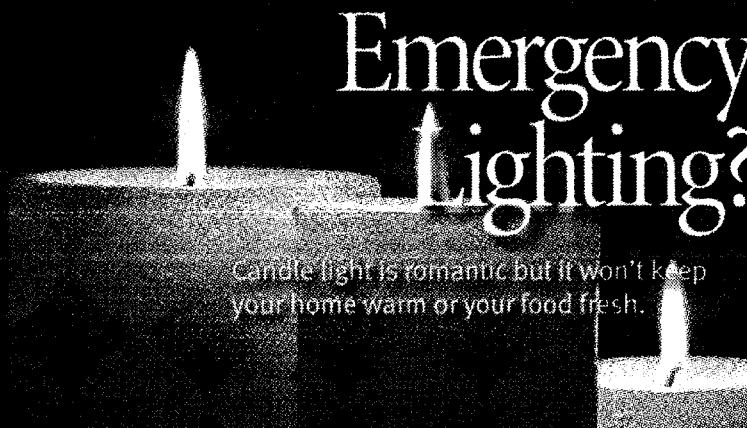


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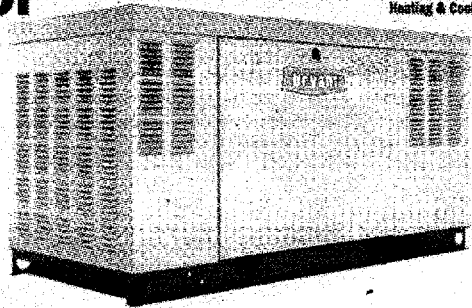
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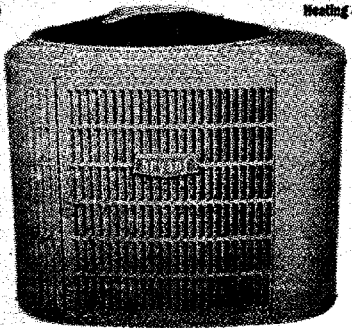


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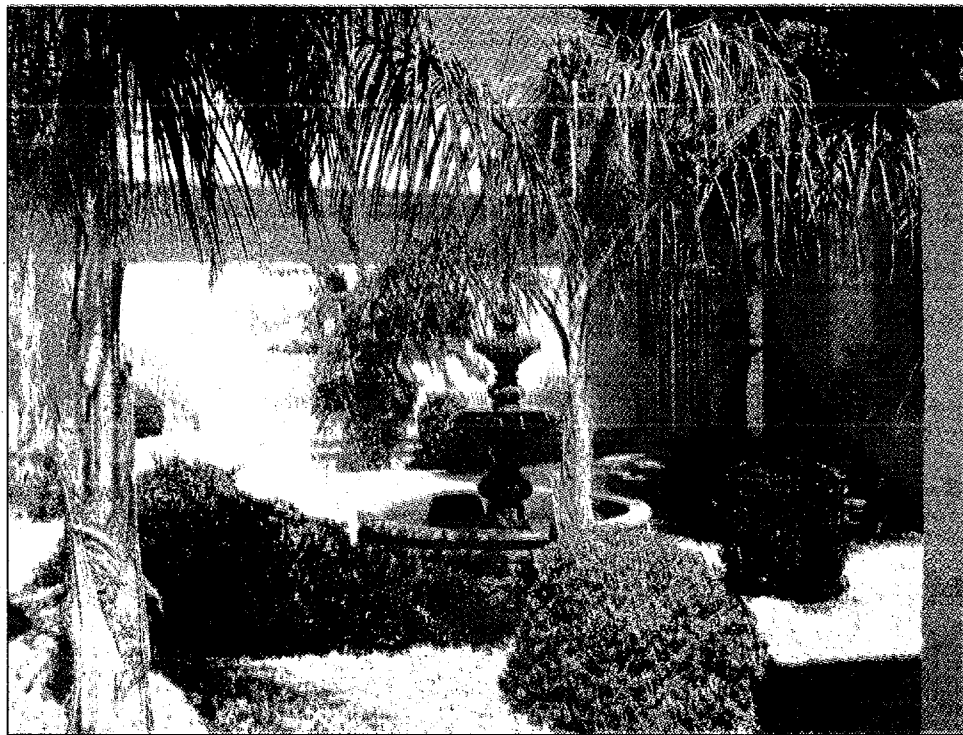
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Outdoor focal points, such as fountains and reflecting pools are popular additions to outdoor spaces.

# Spring trends for outdoor living spaces

(MS) — Spicing up your home's outdoor living space takes more than just a few flowerpots on the patio — especially with today's outdoor trends. More homeowners are choosing to transform their outdoor space with everything from entertainment centers to elaborate kitchens.

Nearly two-thirds of architects reported an increase in demand for outdoor kitchens, decks and patios compared to one year ago, according to the 2006 American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey. They also reported spikes in homeowners opting for upscale landscaping, more outdoor amenities — such as pools, tennis courts, courtyards and gazebos — and setting boundaries for their yards with fencing, walls and bushes.

“The outdoor living boom has clearly moved from being ‘just a trend’ to a lifestyle,” said Susan McCoy, an outdoor living expert and president of the Garden Media Group, in a public statement. The Garden Media Group recently released its 2007 picks for spring outdoor trends.

With the increasing popularity of water-resistant furniture and appliances, practically anything goes for the great outdoors and is now built to withstand rain and temperature changes. In fact, some homeowners are even opting to place flat-panel LCD or plasma televisions outside. Some TVs even have a wireless connection and are able to communicate to indoor cable boxes or DVD players.

The most popular items homeowners say they plan to add to their outdoor spaces this year include lighting units, gas

grills, mosquito eliminators, outdoor fireplaces or pits, and patio heaters, according to a national survey by the Propane Education and Research Council.

Here are some other popular outdoor trends:

■ **Fireplaces:** Make them the centerpiece to your outdoor living space. They also can provide some heat, if necessary.

■ **Fountains and reflecting pools:** They provide tranquility to a backyard. Add small fountains in your garden or even a small stream running throughout the yard — viewable from inside your home, too. To get a spa feel, some homeowners are even installing outdoor showers near their pool areas.

■ **Kitchens:** Upscale gas grills or even brick pizza ovens are on the rise for fancy outdoor cooking. Some outdoor kitchens are even complete with sinks, ranges and refrigerators.

■ **Gardens:** The Garden Media Group predicts 2007 trends will include gardens with colorful foliage plants, such as elephant ears, ornamental grasses and iris. Small gardens are also “in,” according to GMG. Squeeze a small garden on your patio or rooftop, wherever there's plenty of sunlight. Also, consider a trellis with vines to create a natural canopy for your backyard.

Whatever outdoor makeover you choose, create a seamless transition from indoor to outdoor by using architecture details, flooring, color schemes and window treatments similar to the inside of your home, suggests the American Society of Interior Designers. Then, when you head outdoors, you'll still feel right at home.

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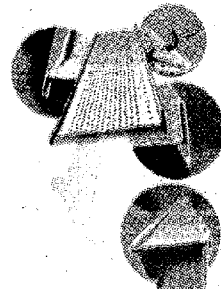
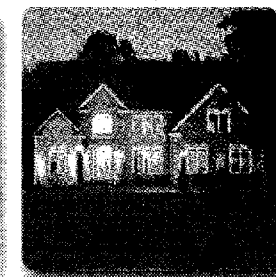
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# Clean up before you hit the deck

(MS) — With spring quickly approaching, chances are you're already envisioning putting away the winter clothes and dusting off the grill and spatula in anticipation of the season's first party. As enticing as such an image can be, you're likely well aware of the work that goes into readying your home for the shift in seasons.

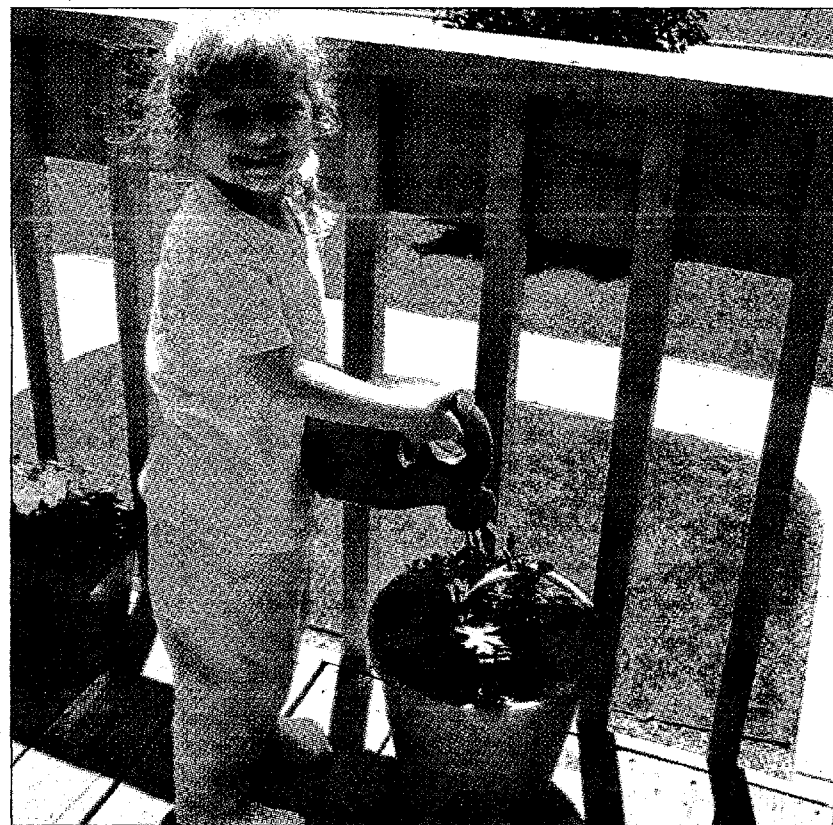
For backyard barbecue aficionados, one of the coming seasons' biggest chores is to restore and protect your deck for the seasons that lie ahead. Whether your winter was mild or harsh, Mother Nature more than likely did a number on your deck over the last several months. So before you can throw your first bash, consider the following tips for cleaning your deck.

■ **Be thorough:** Winter throws all sorts of elements at your deck, so be prepared to put in some elbow grease when cleaning. Algae, mildew and moss can turn a beautiful deck into a black-and-green-stained eyesore. Scrubbing will only do so much, so you'll likely need a deck cleaner that removes such stains while simultaneously brightening your deck.

Also, there are invisible factors that can affect a deck as well. For example, pressure-treated wood often falls victim to excess wax. While this is not necessarily detrimental to a deck, it can prevent adhesion should you attempt to apply a sealer to your deck before the season begins anew. A good cleaner will remove any excessive materials.

■ **Strip the deck:** Many people prefer a colored sealant on their deck to make it more aesthetically appealing. However, stained decks often fade, creating a weathered look as opposed to a desired one. Once your deck starts to fade, simply applying a new stain won't do the trick. First, you must strip the deck of its old stain. A number of stain and finish removers are on the market today, removing latex or oil finishes equally as well. A good stain or finish remover will also prepare the wood for reapplication. And though this might sound like quite an endeavor, it should not take very long to strip a deck once you've applied the remover. Oftentimes, a good product will work in less than 30 minutes.

■ **Protect it for the upcoming seasons:** Because spring rolls right into summer, once you've cleaned your deck you'll want to protect it from the pounding it's liable to take over the next several months. Whether or not you decide to stain (or re-stain) your deck, make sure you protect it with a water-repellent finish. This protects your deck from those spring showers and also allows you to freely water any plants or flowers you may have planted around the deck without fear of damaging the wood. This is also essential if your deck surrounds a pool where water puddles are unavoidable. A good water-repellent feature will also have anti-mildew properties. That's important, as the warm months ahead are prime periods for mildew growth.



Before you and your loved ones can enjoy your deck this season, your first need to restore and clean it.

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# A little spring cleaning for your trees and shrubs

(MS) — Spring is a time when we traditionally do some thorough cleaning around the house — washing windows, scrubbing floors, and cleaning out cluttered closets. But did you know that spring can be a great time to give your trees and shrubs a little cleaning too?

When arborists — professionals in the care of trees — talk about “cleaning,” it means to prune out dead, dying, diseased, and broken branches from a tree or shrub. Although cleaning can be done throughout the year, spring is the ideal time, just before the plant puts out a new flush of growth.

To maximize flowering on spring-blooming trees, prune just after your tree or shrub has finished flowering. Pruning at this time avoids cutting off the flower buds for next year. The general rule of thumb to prune just after flowering can also be applied to plants that flower later in the season.

Most routine pruning to remove weak, diseased or dead limbs can be accomplished at any time during the year with little effect on the tree. Some trees, such as maples and birches, tend to “bleed” if pruned early in the spring. This may be unsightly, but is of little consequence to the tree.

A few tree diseases, such as oak wilt, can be spread when pruning wounds

## SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR PRUNING

■ Blossom basics — timing is everything. To maximize flowering on spring-blooming trees, prune just after your tree or shrub has finished flowering. Pruning at this time avoids cutting off the flower buds for next year.

■ Less is more when pruning a newly planted tree. Limit pruning at the time of planting to removal of damaged branches. The tree will develop a stronger, more extensive root system if it has a fuller crown.

■ Flushing is for toilets. Cutting branches flush with the trunk removes the important “branch collar,” which helps the tree to close the wound. Cut just outside the branch collar at the base of the branch.

■ Put away the paints. There is no need to apply wound dressings. Research has shown that the common wound dressings do not inhibit decay, do not prevent insect entry, and do not bring about faster wound closure. In fact, many of the commonly used dressings slow wound closure.

■ Topless trees are indecent. Don't top trees! Topping trees can make them prone to failure down the road. Topping leads to decay and weakly attached branches. Besides, topping makes trees ugly.

■ No tourniquets required. While some trees such as maples and birches will “bleed” or lose sap from pruning cuts made early in the spring, this bleeding does not hurt the tree. Because bleeding is unsightly, you might want to prune these species during the dormant season.

allow spores access into the tree. Susceptible trees should not be pruned during active transmission periods.

Heavy pruning just after the spring growth flush should be avoided. This is when trees have just expended a great deal of energy to produce foliage and early shoot growth. Removal of a large percent-

age of foliage at this time can stress the tree.

## NEWLY PLANTED TREES

Pruning of newly planted trees should be limited to corrective pruning. Remove torn or broken branches. Save other pruning measures for the second or third year.

The belief that trees should be pruned when planted to compensate for root loss is misguided. Trees need their leaves and shoot tips to provide food and the substances which stimulate new root production. Unpruned trees establish faster, with a stronger root system than trees pruned at the time of planting.

## BE AN INFORMED CONSUMER

One of the best ways to be assured you are making wise decisions regarding your trees is to educate yourself on some of the basic principles of tree care. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) offers a number of brochures designed to inform consumers about trees. These can be downloaded at no cost from [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com).

## GET ADVICE FROM AN ARBORIST

A qualified arborist can give you sound advice and can provide the services your trees may need. Good arborists will perform only accepted practices. When choosing an arborist, look for ISA Certification, membership in professional associations, and ask for proof of insurance. Be wary of individuals who go door-to-door offering bargains for doing tree work. Don't be afraid to check references.

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# Drive time – don't ignore driveway repairs

(MS) — With the home-improvement craze more popular than ever, a commonly overlooked area is one homeowners use each and every day: driveways. While patios or decks are more seasonal features of most homes, driveways are put to use 365 days a year. Still, many homeowners don't list driveways high on their home improvement priority list, which isn't good.

A driveway that's not maintained properly can eventually force homeowners to dig deep into their wallets for repair costs. For residents of colder climates, water that gets through the cracks in an asphalt driveway can freeze. The resulting expansion and contraction will form heaves (essentially upward swells in the asphalt) in the driveway's surface, leading to bigger cracks and eventually ruining the driveway altogether. While the consequences aren't quite as severe in warmer climates, water that seeps through a cracked driveway in such climates will eventually cause even bigger cracks. Homeowners also need to consider the potential damage to their vehicles, as well as the likelihood of their children possibly getting hurt by playing in a poorly maintained driveway.

With all of those compelling reasons, resealing a damaged driveway should move higher up your list of fix-ups. Such a

job can be performed without professional assistance by simply adhering to the following tips.

■ **Beware the weather:** Resealing a driveway can't be done in a single day. Rather, it's a process that takes a few days to complete properly. Also, it's a job that can't be done in the rain, so make sure you check the weather and go ahead with your project when you've been assured there's no rain in the forecast.

■ **Clean up first:** The first step of the resealing process is to clean your driveway. This can be done with a thorough sweeping or with a light sweep followed by a power-washing. Most home-improvement chains and even some grocery stores rent out power washers. Buying one would be foolish, as you won't use it nearly enough to make it worth the cost.

Once you've thoroughly swept or washed your driveway, apply an asphalt cleaner. This will remove unsightly oil spills and stains, which in addition to being an eyesore actually contribute to cracks as well. As asphalt is a petroleum-based product, oil will soften its surface, making it easier for water to seep through.

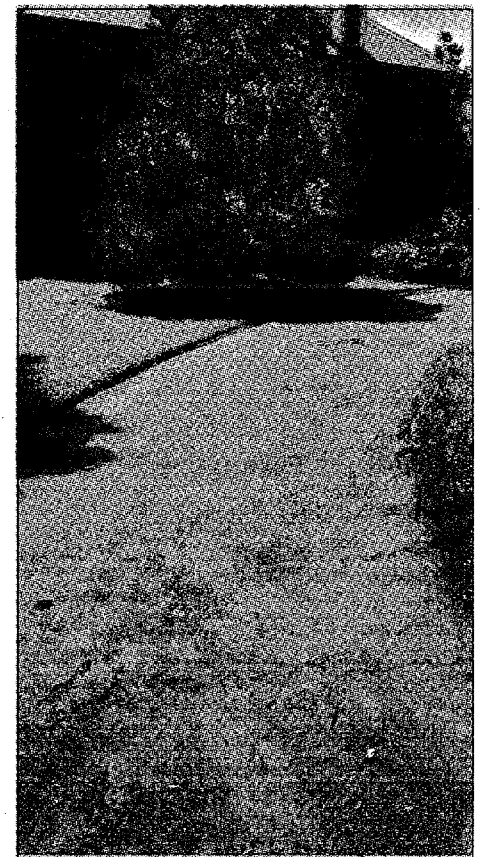
■ **Fill the cracks:** Once the driveway's been cleaned, it's time to fill the cracks. Before you apply any filler, however, it's best to undercut any cracks so you can

widen the base. That way, when you apply the filler a wider crack at the base will allow the filler to be anchored, making it stronger at the surface. Once that's been done, make sure you overfill the crack, and then smooth out whatever's left on the surface. (Note: For especially deep cracks, fill them nearly to the surface with sand before applying any filler.) This is akin to caulking a shower, and in fact some fillers actually come with an applicator very similar to a caulking gun.

■ **Fix holes:** Holes in the driveway, which are more of an eyesore than an actual problem, can be fixed with cold patch, a substance sold at most home-improvement stores. Made up of asphalt that's been premixed with aggregate, cold patch should be packed tightly into each hole and then allowed to settle overnight.

■ **Start resealing:** Once you're ready to reseal, it's especially important that the weather forecast isn't calling for rain. To be effective, sealer needs to dry thoroughly. Different sealers require different tools, so whichever type you choose, make sure you have the right tools to apply the sealer.

Once you've finished and the sealer has dried, your driveway will be as good as new. And more importantly, you'll have significantly improved your property at very little cost.



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Intricately handcrafted by skilled craftsmen in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Marvin Entry Doors come in a variety of wood species and door designs to complement an array of architectural styles.

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Marvin Entry Doors, available at Dillman & Upton in downtown Rochester, offers exquisitely handcrafted entry systems.

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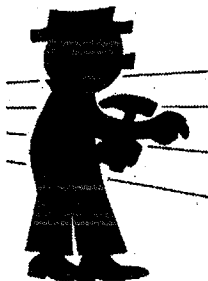
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# New ideas for an old chore - cleaning

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Doing battle against the clutter and germs that have sprouted in your home this winter is largely a matter of common sense: Dust, sweep, wash, throw out — and move on.

Most specific cleaning tips don't require much of a leap of imagination either: Mix vinegar and water for a natural glass cleaner; don't forget to wipe down doorknobs and light switches; disinfect wet sponges by microwaving them.

But some new books and current magazines are offering a handful of less obvious ideas as well. They might just take your home from clean to sparkling, and even save you some time:

## LIVING ROOM

■ Tackle dusty furniture quickly and easily by putting a clean athletic sock on each hand and wiping, says Jeff Bredenberg, author of the new book "How to Cheat at Cleaning" (Taunton, 2007). Bredenberg also suggests dusting several fabric lampshades at the same time by rinsing them in the shower and letting them air dry. (Just don't try this with silk lampshades, which will get damaged.)

■ Minimize scuffs on your wooden furniture by rubbing the damaged spot with the meat of a walnut or pecan. The oil in the nut will make marks less visible, according to the February/March issue of Ready Made magazine. The magazine also advise eliminating scuffs on leather furniture by rubbing gently with a pencil eraser.

■ When dusting a flaking or cracking surface, don't use a cloth, which could snag, points out "Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook" (Clarkson Potter, 2006). A soft paintbrush will do the trick.

## KITCHEN

■ Stir the ice that comes out of your freezer's ice maker every few days to keep it fresh and clump-free, Stewart says. Discard your ice every month or so if you don't use ice often.

■ Try placing sheets of wax paper on countertops while cooking dinner, Bredenberg suggests. That way crumbs and sticky spills can simply be thrown away, rather than cleaned up.

■ Bredenberg even has a tip for outdoor cooks: Spritz the grates of your grill with non-stick cooking spray

before heating. After cooking, scrub for a moment with a wire brush, then close the grill. Leave it heating for an extra 15 minutes to burn off any residue.

## BEDROOM

■ In the "What to Expect Guide to a Healthy Home" booklet Heidi Murkoff (author of the hugely popular "What to Expect..." series of parenting books) suggests eliminating the dust mites that live among your child's stuffed animals by placing the toys in the freezer overnight. Icy temperature will do the clean-

ing for you. (The booklet, published in association with Clorox, is available for free at <http://whattoexpect.com>.)

■ Most pillows can be machine washed, Stewart says; launder every three to six months according to label instructions. Exceptions include pillows filled with silk, buckwheat and wool. Those can be gently spot-cleaned with dishwashing liquid. Take care not to saturate the stuffing, and dry in sunshine.

■ If your favorite blouse gets stained with ballpoint ink at the office, Martha Stewart says you'll need petroleum jelly to help clean it.

Here's how: Use the petroleum jelly to build a dam around the stain. Fill an eye-dropper with isopropyl alcohol and treat the stain, staying within the borders of the dam. Use a dry solvent such as mineral spirits or acetone to remove any color remaining (do not use acetone on acetate).

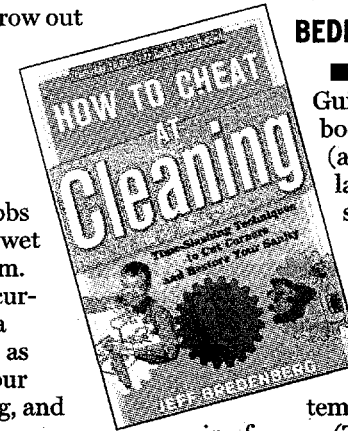
Rinse with a diluted dishwashing soap solution made of 1 tablespoon colorless, fragrance-free dishwashing soap and 10 oz. water, then launder.

## BATHROOM

■ Do you normally store the family's toothbrushes all nestled together in one place? Murkoff advises keeping them at least one inch apart to avoid sharing germs.

■ She also recommends closing the toilet lid before you flush. Otherwise, she says, you'll be causing a "mini bacteria volcano every time you flush."

■ Most vinyl, synthetic, cotton and hemp shower curtain liners can be washed in your washing machine, using hot water and a mild detergent, according to the Martha Stewart book. Hang to dry.





# Keep critters from creating havoc

(MS) — As property values rise and price tags on homes continue to soar, an ever-expanding number of homeowners are beginning to take every aspect of home ownership more seriously. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than in yards across the country. Whereas lawn care used to mean a push mower and the occasional sprinkling during summertime droughts, nowadays many homeowners hire professionals to tend to their property. Knowing the cost will be well worth it when it comes time to put the property up for sale down the road and for now they'll have the "best lawn on the block."

As valuable as such professionals are, once they leave and the sun goes down, it's often open season on your yard for neighborhood critters and creatures. Raccoons, specifically, are the Bugs Bunny to many homeowners' Elmer Fudd, causing numerous problems on a nightly basis while remaining largely elusive thanks to their nocturnal nature. Thankfully, homeowners have a handful of options when it comes to keeping their yards and flowers safe once the landscaper leaves and the sun calls it a day.

■ **Return to the days of yore with metal trash cans.** The metal trash can has gone the way of the cassette deck and become largely extinct. But that doesn't mean they can't still be found and aren't still useful. Raccoons typically recall where they've had success in hunting for food and where they've failed. It's rare for raccoons to return to places where they didn't get food on their initial trip. Unlike plastic garbage cans, metal garbage cans will be noisy when a raccoon tries to get into them looking for food. If you secure the top of the can with a rubber band or bungee chord, you should be able to make it outside in time to catch the raccoon struggling to get into your can. While raccoons aren't afraid of people, the raccoon will more than likely give up once you come outside, and is then less likely to return.

■ **Install motion detectors around the property.** More people install motion sensitive lights and sprinklers to deter critters than they do to deter criminals. Put these around gardens and trash cans and chances are the critters will

scamper off before doing any damage.

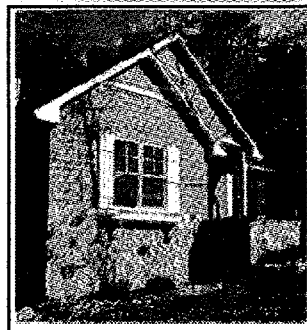
■ **Secure the chimney.** Raccoons, especially, enjoy nesting in chimneys, as it's typically a warm place to nurse their young. If a raccoon has already made a home out of your chimney's flue, this can be a difficult situation. If you move them while the newborn raccoons are too young, it will likely be a death sentence for those young raccoons. Should they die in your chimney, you'll now have a new problem.

Give the mother raccoon a few days to clear out once she has begun the relocation process. This is important because raccoons actually have several den sites within a given area. If you close out the mother raccoon prematurely, she will damage your house in an attempt to find her young. Once they've moved out, secure whatever entrance way was used.

■ **Check existing barriers.** As previously mentioned, raccoons are not afraid or intimidated by humans, but humans should be wary of contact with raccoons, which will set up shop in basements, crawl spaces and just about anywhere they can get in and out of easily. That heightens the importance of checking barriers for signs of intrusion. If a barrier has been broken or it appears as though a raccoon is now settling in, wait until nightfall when the raccoon leaves and then secure the area. Never reach into a crawlspace or area you suspect a raccoon might be to see if the animal is there or not. You'll almost definitely become a bite victim if the animal is home. To determine if the animal is around, lay flour on the ground outside the crawlspace. If you see footprints leading away, then the animal has likely gone out for the night and it should be safe to secure the area.

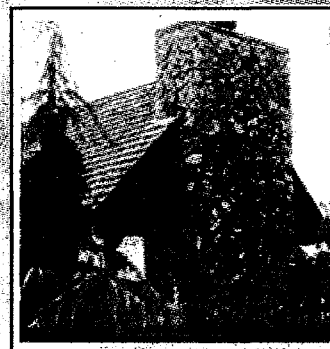
■ **Install fencing.** If your problems are due to skunks and opossums, perhaps fencing will do the trick. Skunks generally aren't climbers, so a good fence should deter skunks from restricted areas. Along those same lines, opossums are not diggers, so they won't be able to dig under a fence if they smell food. Opossums are also somewhat easier to deal with thanks to their wandering nature, which makes them less likely to seek out food that's not readily available to them.

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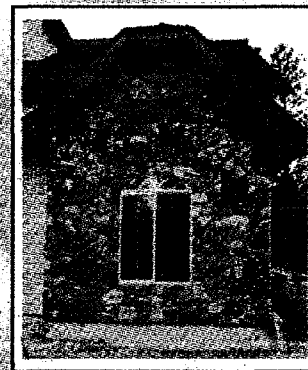
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# Don't let gadgets take over your home

(MS) — This is a gadget-crazed society where many households are filled with more MP3 players, PDAs, hand-held video games, and mobile phones than people. With these electronics come a barrage of accessories and of course, power cords, which can quickly turn an organized space into one overrun with clutter.

This season, a good home-improvement project to undertake is one in which you gain control over the home electronics that just may be taking over your household. From recharging centers to concealment tips, here are some ways to get organized.

**1. Catalog your inventory:** A little organizational work up front could do wonders for helping you to avoid aggravation later on. A simple labeling gun or tags printed off of your home computer can help keep tabs on your gadgets. Come up with a cataloging system for your stuff. Label each gadget, power cord, recharging dock, remote control, etc., with a coordinating name, color or other code. For example, "Jim's MP3." Do not think that you'll be able to match up the charger to the device later on — those plugs all start looking deceptively similar as your collection grows. Having them clearly labeled will definitely eliminate confusion.

**2. Create a central charging station:** The majority of the devices in your life likely run on rechargeable batteries. Unless you desire a kitchen counter overflowing with gadgets, it is wise to find an out-of-the-way place where you can handle charging up. A garage, workshop or basement area can be a good place to set up a central charging station. A counter-top, deck or shelf can be equipped with a multi-outlet

power strip designated specifically for gadget charging. Encourage family members to keep the charging docks and power cords in the same spot to contain the clutter and make it easy to locate plugs when needed.

**3. Rein in remotes:** From ceiling fans to plasma televisions, many of today's electronics come with remote controls. Just like power cords, it can be difficult to remember which remote powers which device, so labeling is key. Also, enlist the help of remote caddies or create your own cubbies or storage systems for housing remotes in particular rooms. While universal remote controls can help reduce the number of remotes you'll need, not all of them will work for the dozens of functions the actual device remote control will. If the idea of a multitude of remotes seriously irks you, you can hire a home-electronics specialist to come in and master wire your home to a programming center that will run many of the devices from one control panel.

**4. Go wireless:** If cords have taken over, consider upgrading home computers and other electronics to wireless systems. From wireless routers to wireless keyboards and mice to a plethora of other technology, you can considerably cut down on the amount of cords you'll need. Where wireless is not possible, think about running cords inside of walls or under carpeting to create a clean look. Thin speaker wires from surround-sound systems can be easily concealed under carpeting by cutting a thin groove into the foam padding to house the wire. If you don't like the idea of doing the work yourself, there are professionals who specialize in setting up home-theater systems.



Find ways to organize all the electronics and remotes in your home.

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# Some tips for window replacement

"Will birds fly in my house when you take my windows out?" "Should I turn up the air conditioning so you won't get hot while replacing the windows?" These are just two of the concerns homeowners generally express to their installers when having windows replaced in a home.

"Since many homeowners have lived in their homes for only a decade or less, most people have not faced a full window replacement project before," says Don Zeman, host of the nationally syndicated home improvement radio show, *Homefront with Don Zeman*. "A professional installer can ease concerns and answer questions well in advance of a replacement project. Good communication is the key to homeowners feeling comfortable and ready for an upcoming window replacement project."

Zeman, who was a contractor for more than 25 years, offers some easy tips and pieces of information to put the minds of homeowners at ease before a window replacement project:

**Tip #1** — Window replacement is a progressive remodeling project. Only one or two windows are taken out at a time and then those windows are immediately replaced. The entire home will not resemble a piece of Swiss cheese with holes in it for birds, weather or animals to enter



No-stress window replacement jobs can be achieved when homeowners communicate in advance with their window installer.

through during the replacement process.

**Tip #2** — Remove window treatments (including shades and blinds) before the

installers arrive to give them easy access to the windows. Glass ornaments or decorations should also be removed from the windows, ledges and sills.

**Tip #3** — Pre-determine with your installer how much space will be needed to operate inside and outside the home for each window. Some furnishings may need to be moved away from windows and breakables taken off wall shelves. On the outside, ladders may need to be used in gardens or bushes to reach windows for replacement.

**Tip #4** — Decide and communicate with the installation team which doors will be used to gain access to the home, which restrooms are available for crew use and what procedures you feel most comfortable with for home access.

**Tip #5** — Kids, pets and contractors — they're like oil and water. For safety sake, make arrangements to keep young children and family pets secured and away from workers at all times.

**Tip #6** — When selecting a window installer, make sure to request paperwork that assures you that the entire installation team is bonded and insured.

**Tip #7** — Double check the paperwork that comes with new windows ... and the windows themselves. If you requested ENERGY STAR qualified windows, make sure the stickers are on the window. If you

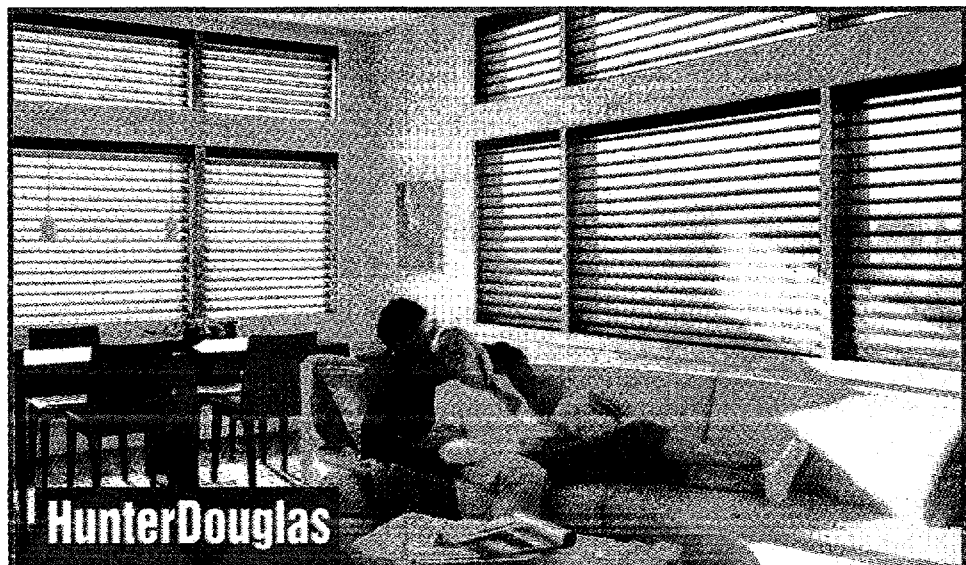
asked for low-maintenance vinyl frames from Simonton Windows, double check to make sure you receive them. And, if you see any broken glass or damaged frames, bring it to the attention of your installer before the windows are placed in your home. Also make certain to save your window warranty information in a secure location.

**Tip #8** — Discuss removal of your old windows with your installer. Sometimes either the new or used windows may need to be stored at your residence for several days. Direct the team where to store the windows, how to protect them and a time-frame for removal.

**Tip #9** — Find out your installer's weather policy. While they may be fine working in the rain or snow, you may not want the interior of your home to get muddy or wet. Decide together what are acceptable weather conditions for your project.

**Tip #10** — Ask about cleanup. There's a fair amount of dust and mess that comes with a window replacement project. Discuss beforehand if furnishings should be covered during the installation process and what the company's policy is for clean-up after installation both inside and outside the home.

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# Radiant floor heating – the ultimate in hydronic heating comfort

(MS) — Every morning, people across America wince as they step out of their nice, hot showers onto a shockingly cold bathroom floor. But an increasing number of people are no longer enduring the discomfort of a chilly floor. In fact, they are smiling as they step out of their showers onto a soothing, warm bathroom floor. These smart homeowners have radiant floor heating.

The concept of providing warmth from floors is not new; the ancient Romans used it, and homeowners throughout the Far East and Europe have been using it for decades. And now, thousands of American homeowners are enjoying the comfort and high efficiency of radiant heating.

Radiant heating is a form of hydronic (hot water) heating that is provided by a centrally located boiler. With radiant heating, warm water from the boiler is circulated through extremely durable plastic tubing that is installed in floors, walls, or ceilings. Bathroom and kitchen floors that are radiant-heated are a pleasure to walk on, even on the coldest days and nights. Radiant heating provides the ultimate in heating comfort and efficiency because it warms the objects in the room, not the room air. A hydronic heating system delivers gentle, silent heat, with no hot or cold spots in the home. Because environmentally clean radiant heat does not circulate air, it does not scatter dust, mites, or other allergenic materi-

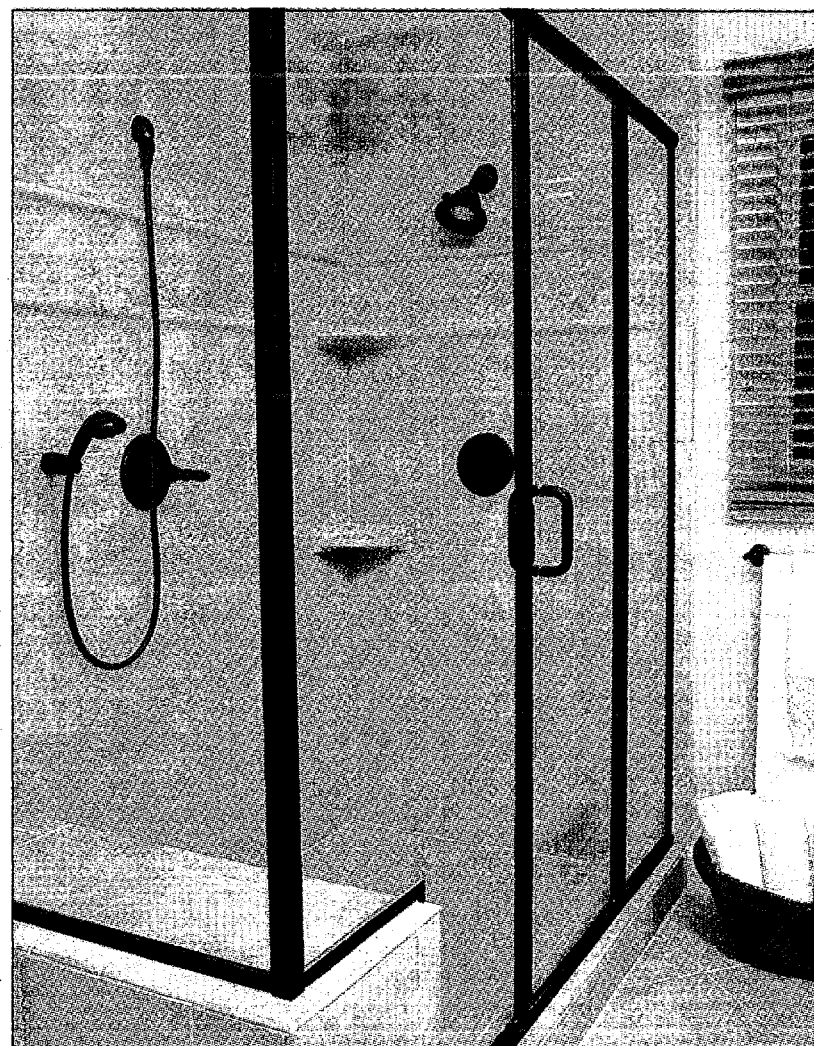
als throughout the house.

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For more information on radiant heating or other forms of hydronic heating systems and equipment, visit [www.myhomeheating.com](http://www.myhomeheating.com), write to the Hydronics Industry Alliance, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201, or e-mail to [myhomeheating@gamanet.org](mailto:myhomeheating@gamanet.org).



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# Fire up redesign ideas for the fireplace

(MS) — Perhaps you have been thinking about giving your fireplace a makeover, but it just wasn't practical during the peak cold-weather season. Now that the weather is warming, it is a good time to reassess plans for revamping a fireplace to improve its function or appearance.

Fireplaces can be assets and add to the value of a home, but only if they're in good working order and are functional and attractive in a space.

To begin on a fireplace project, it's first important to understand the decorative features that make up a fireplace.

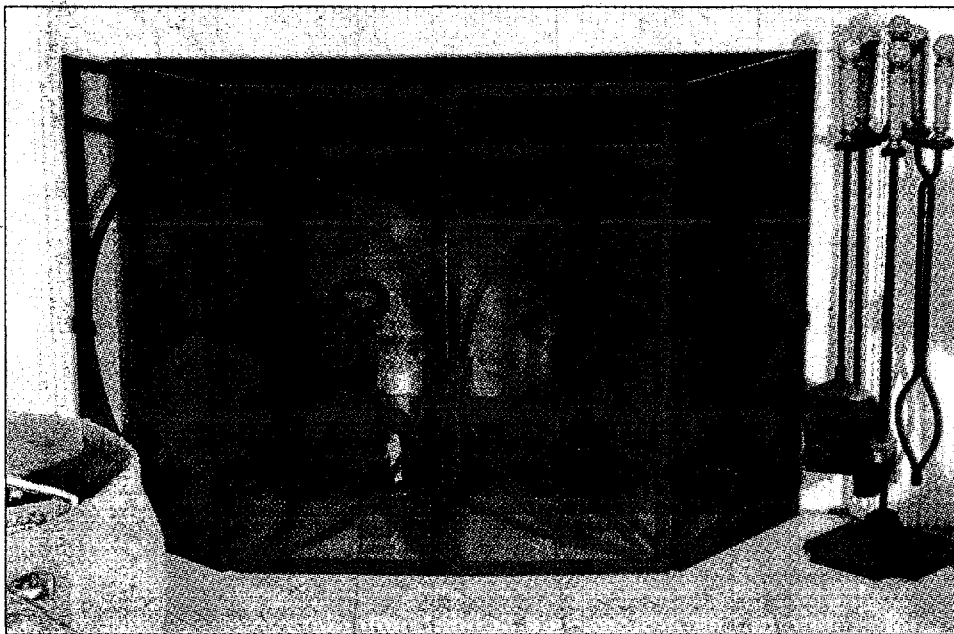
**1. Face material:** This is the material, either stone, brick or marble, that surrounds the fireplace opening. On dramatic or full-wall fireplaces, the face material may extend from floor to ceiling.

**2. Surround:** A full surround outlines the opening of a fireplace. It is a decorative feature that often ties into the overall design scheme of the fireplace.

**3. Mantle:** A mantle is traditionally a wood shelf or beam that rests above the opening of the fireplace. It is a decorative element and one that lends drama to the fireplace design.

**4. Screen:** Screens can coordinate with room design and appeal to enliven a boring fireplace. Some also serve as protection against errant embers.

When changing the look of a fireplace,



Consider updating the look of your fireplace by refacing or adding decorative accessories.

modifying the above elements can offer the most dramatic impact. Think about how the fireplace fits into the room and your overall design. Brick can be warm and cozy, but may not coordinate with your modern theme. Changing the face material can quickly update the look of a fireplace. If the budget allows, reface with stone,

marble or another surface material that appeals to you. Or, if you seek a quick, but dramatic fix, consider painting existing brick the same color as your walls so that the fireplace becomes less of a focal point and more cohesive in the room.

Redoing a mantle is another way to transform the look of a fireplace.

Sometimes mantles are not proportionally sized in relation to the scale of a fireplace and can overpower or be lost. If you are painting face brick to coordinate with wall color, consider a bolder mantle color so it pops and defines the opening.

One of the easiest facelifts you can give to a fireplace is a good cleaning and a new screen. Removing old residue and stains from the face of the fireplace can refresh the look. There are a variety of screens available that can be custom-fit or freestanding for your fireplace. Accessorize with irons and tools to add even more design appeal.

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# Add texture to walls and ceilings

(MS) — It used to be that if you had an imperfection or damage to a wall or ceiling, options were limited: either you'd replaster it or cut out the damage and put in a new piece of drywall. That's because other ideas, such as paneling and wallpaper, weren't always so pleasing to the eye.

Lately, homeowners are catching on to the convenience and camouflaging properties of texture products. Everything from raised-print wallpapers to embossed tin or copper panels is available to transform rooms.

Apart from the visual appeal these items offer, they're very effective at hiding imperfections in walls. This is particularly advantageous for owners of older homes who have plaster walls that require the skills of a specialist to repair. Minor cracks or chips can be easily covered with some of these versatile materials:

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Depending upon the pattern and style of this product, wainscoting can be used to elicit a formal or country feel in a room. In many cases, wainscoting is installed on the lower part of a wall and capped with molding.

This wood paneling is often sold in prepackaged kits that make installation that much easier for the do-it-yourselfer.

**Textured wallpapers:** These papers come in many varieties, from grass papers to flocked paper to textured vinyls. There are also patterned papers that are extra thick and designed to be installed over dated paneling or damaged walls. Some papers are beautiful on their own or can be painted or enhanced to allow the pattern to show through even more.

**Easy-application products:** While the popcorn ceilings of the past are no longer in vogue, spray- or roll-on texture products along the same vein are cropping up in many homes. Some paint manufacturers sell products with sand or texture already built into the mix so that walls and ceilings are given a granular effect during application. Other products are professionally sprayed on or hand-applied by plasterers. Some fiber texture products combine texture and pigments in one mix. Water is added and the product is applied according to the directions. It dries to

an appealing and sound-conditioning finish. Should repairs be needed, a homeowner simply wets the fibrous material and smooths out the imperfection.

**Embossed or acoustical ceiling panels:** Metal ceiling panels have become au courant as of late. They can help define a space, such as a dining room, by partitioning off entertaining areas from other rooms. They're also very common in older homes where they enhance architectural accents already found in the home. Acoustical panels can be used on walls or ceilings to reduce the echo associated with cavernous spaces. Sometimes they're installed in place of old drop-ceiling panels in finished basements or garages. Sold in a wide variety of patterns, these panels can be painted or used effectively as stand-alone elements.

**Faux painting:** The look of texture can often be created without actually creating raised surfaces on walls or ceilings. By using sponges, brushes and other media while painting, patterns can be created that add depth and interest.

# Update insurance after upgrades

Home improvements can mean added value to your home, a more pleasurable living space and possibly the need to change your homeowners insurance policy.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, around 40 percent of homeowners who say they have significantly remodeled their homes have not updated their homeowners insurance to reflect the added value.

You shouldn't wait to add additional coverage after the improvements are completed. Talk to your insurance agent about what your renovations will entail before you begin, and he or she can help determine if your current policy will cover the added value and the potential extra liability you'll need from having workers in your home.

You'll also want protection if the remodel is damaged or destroyed before it's completed. Otherwise, you'll probably have to pay for the loss out of your own pocket, which could be a very expensive venture.

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# Survey: Kitchens get bigger and greener

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Homeowners continue to want larger kitchens, and now they also increasingly want eco-friendly materials for their floors and space for recycling centers, according to a new survey.

These are among conclusions in the latest Home Design Trends Survey of members of the American Institute of Architects, based on kitchen and bath trends during the fourth quarter of 2006.

In bathrooms, upscale features also are making big gains in popularity — they range from radiant-heated floors to multiple-head showers, the survey says. Whirlpools, it seems, are losing favor.

There may be a national slowdown in the housing market, but not in home remodeling and renovation projects, according to the survey, which interviews a panel of 500 architecture firms working mostly in the residential sector.

Of those firms, 38.5 percent of respondents report kitchen and bath remodeling.

Kitchens have evolved into just about the most popular room in the home and there's a strong desire to open them up for entertainment and living space.

AIA spokesman Scott Frank explained that the upper-end appliances mentioned by 65.2 percent of respondents are defined as having one or more of these characteristics: being energy-efficient, compact or custom built-in, or using stainless steel.

The category of renewable floor materials includes bamboo, natural fiber carpet, cork and stone, he said. He added that people are very interested in eco-friendly features because they're not only in tune with current green trends but they're practical assets to add to a home — being both functional and economical to run.

For bathrooms, accessibility and uni-

versal design helpful for an aging population are on the rise, noted by 47.5 percent of respondents. Heated floors, multiple showers and towel warming racks are among the popular features.

Lisa Stacholy, who runs an architecture practice in Atlanta, and is past chair of the AIA's small-projects committee, was one of the residential experts on the survey panel. She had noted the drop in popularity of whirlpools, and the use of multi-head showers.

"I've had a lot of clients wanting a master bathroom with no tubs," she said, interpreting that as a response to today's lifestyles, often with both married partners working and having less time to fill a bath tub and soak in it.

"I've had more people asking for steam showers ... and for showers that are twice as big that you can use as a mini-spa — in a couple of cases they've had built-in benches of ceramic tile with teak mats to sit on."

Are you planning a kitchen remodel and want to keep costs to a minimum?

Start by becoming an informed kitchen-cabinet buyer, because that's where much of your budget goes. A simple thing like knowing the price difference between cabinet doors and drawers will help.

Cabinets with plenty of doors are the cheapest way to go, because with each drawer you add, the price increases. A door is cut from one piece of material, while even the simplest drawer has five pieces: four sides and a bottom, plus drawer slides — which are far more expensive than hinges.

So to control costs, keep drawers to a minimum. A cabinet with a door and a drawer costs more than one with a door alone; a pullout drawer hidden behind a door is even more expensive.

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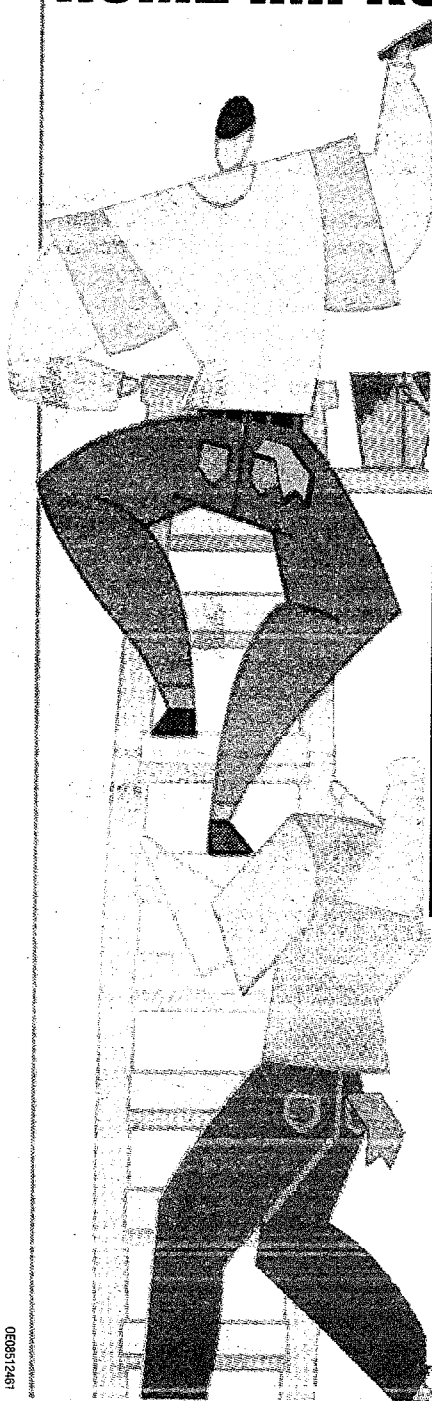
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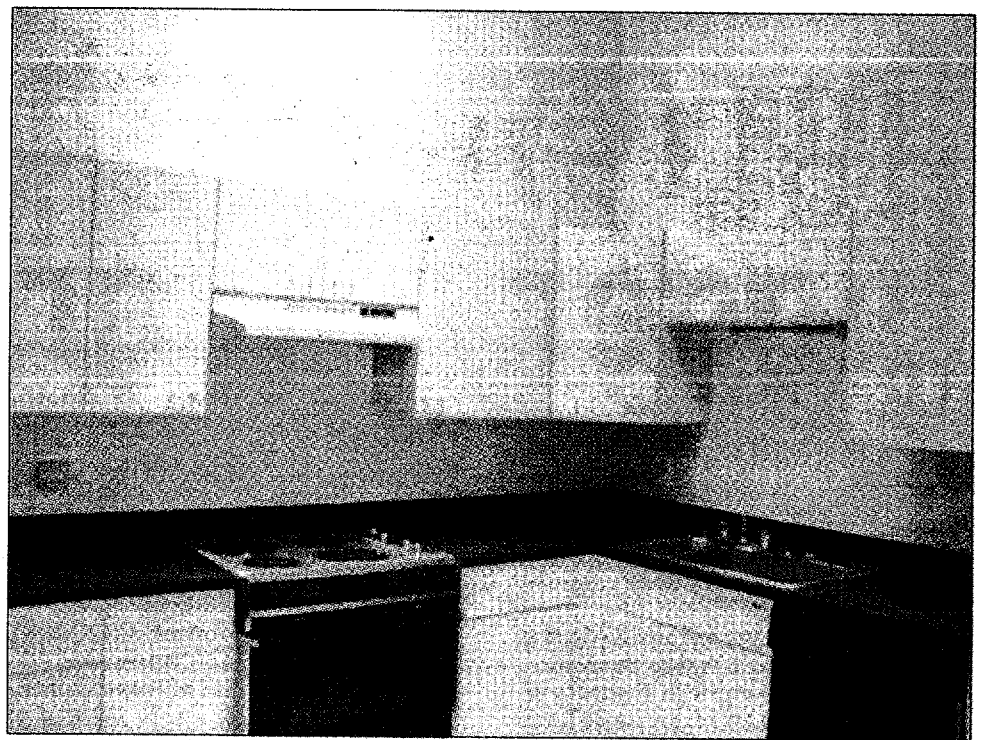
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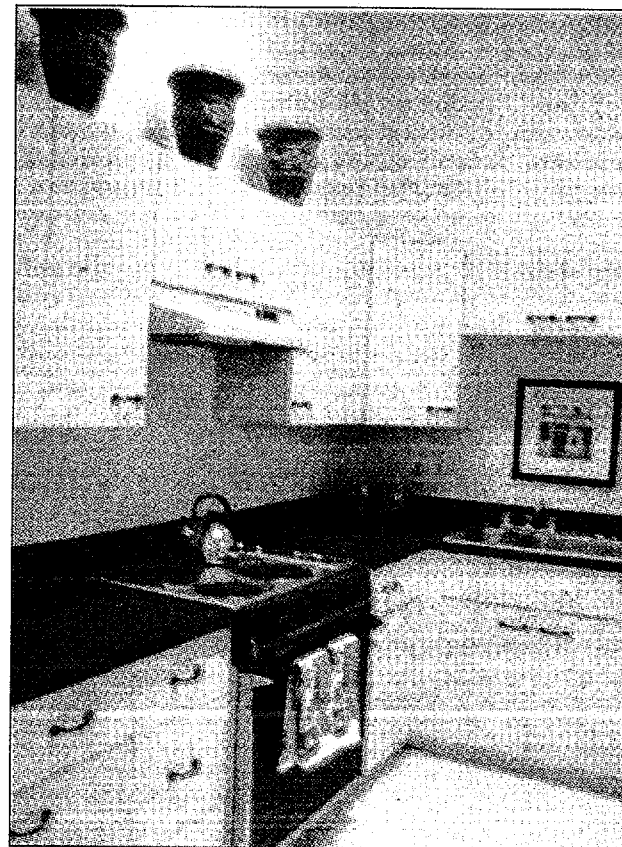
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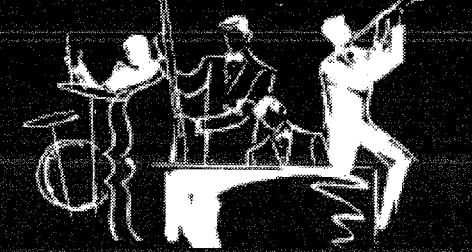
Many homeowners and real estate agents turn to staging companies to prepare their properties for quick turnaround.

Impact! Interior Design Services is one local company that's expanding even as the real estate market shrinks. Now entering its third year in business, the company has hired two new employees, Holly Baird and Shelly Kesh, and has launched a new Website.

Jeff Jacobs of Marketing Success created the site, [www.impactids.com](http://www.impactids.com). It contains an extensive portfolio of before and after pictures, along with a section where realtors and potential home buyers can view staged properties currently on the market, as well as those that have recently sold. Home sellers can find a list of recommended Realtors and service providers to help with moving and relocation-related services. Special staging discounts for Realtors and home sellers are also available on the site. For more information, visit [www.impactids.com](http://www.impactids.com) or call (248) 761-3320.

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"We wanted the bath to have the warm, relaxing atmosphere of a spa," said Roberto Kritzer, award-winning architect and vice president of corporate design for Champion Homes. "The design gives homeowners a place to relax, unwind and refresh without the added expense and time of a spa visit. With its adjustable

lighting scheme, variable flame fireplace and plantation shutters for privacy, the homeowner can create the ideal environment for total relaxation."

Luxurious and spacious, a spa bath is the next evolution in home design being dictated by today's busy lifestyles. And for many people, escaping to the soothing tranquility of a spa may be as simple as retreating to a room in their own home.

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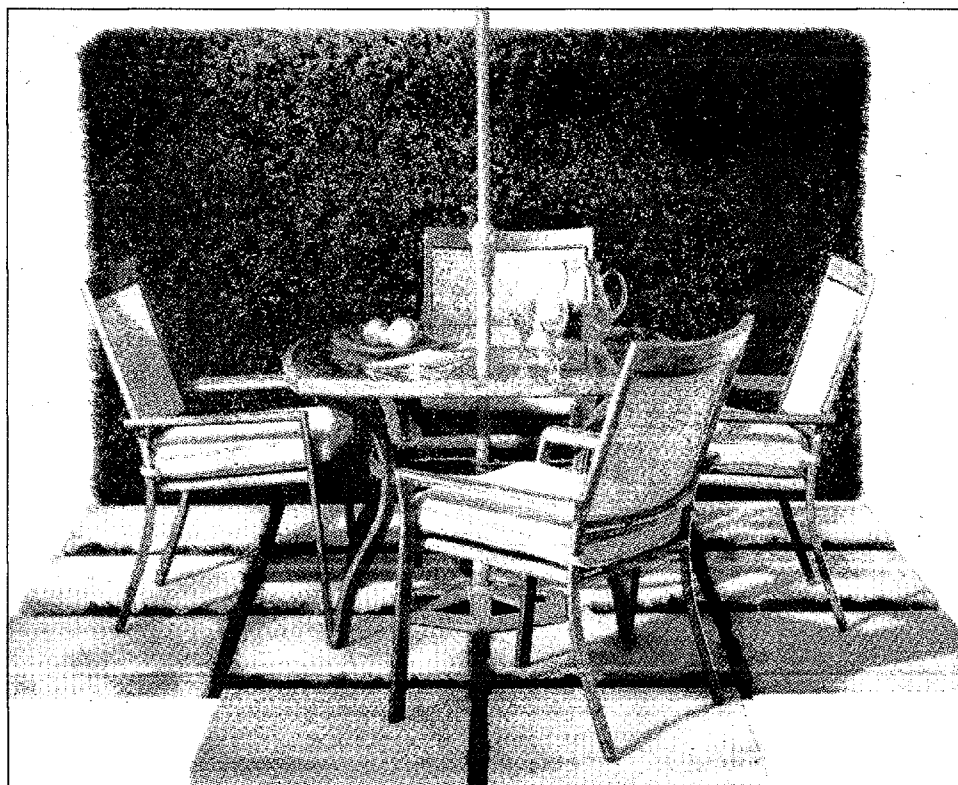
The collections offer a variety of designs to fit different lifestyles and spaces, along with a full line of accessories, including outdoor rugs, poolside serving pieces, copper finish torches and bell lanterns.

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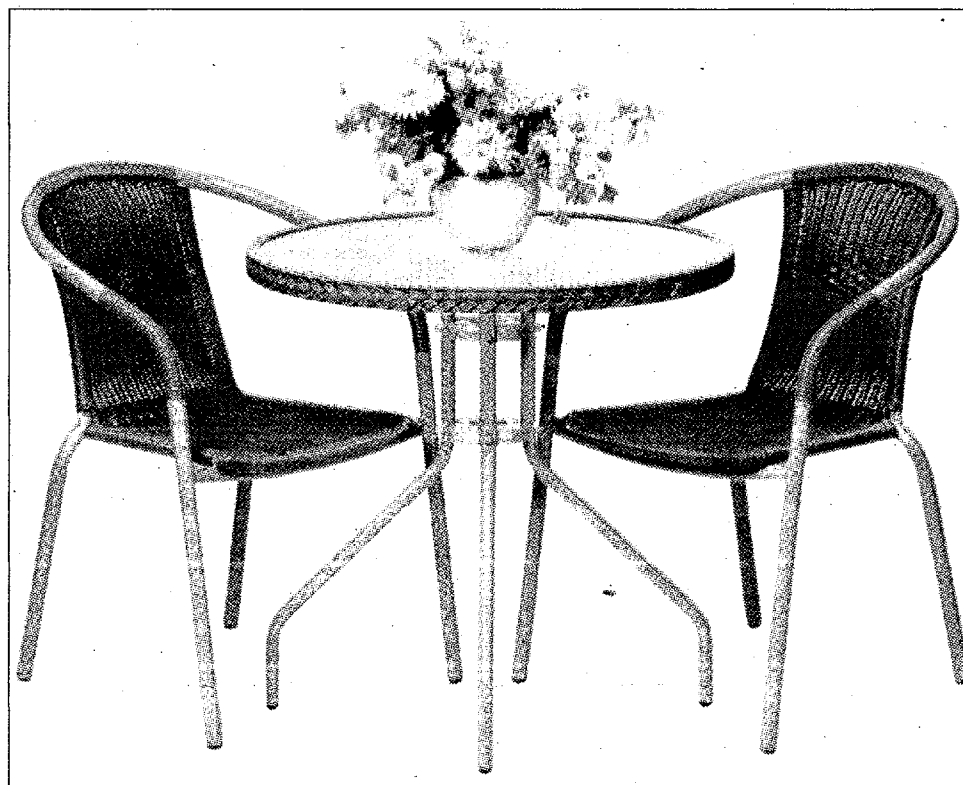
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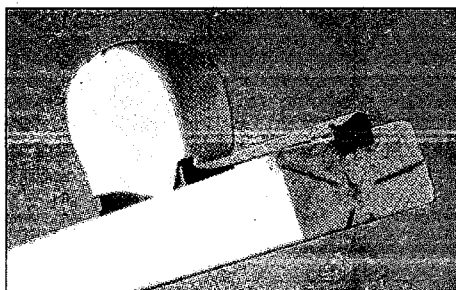
Serve up backyard meals in elegance and comfort with a patio set from Art Van Furniture.



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## D.I.Y. tip

(MS) — A tape measure can be one of your most useful tools. If you are constructing something outdoors or in a workshop, make sure you measure the entryways to all the rooms the piece will be pass through to ensure the doorways will accommodate the finished item. Otherwise, you may end up with a desk, dresser, shelving unit or some other large fixture that won't fit through a door or up the staircase.



A tape measure can be one of your most useful tools.





# Keep a good roof over your head

(MS) — Next to the walls, perhaps nothing's more important to a house than the roof. While that's a very basic way of looking at things, a house is really not a house unless it has strong walls and a durable roof. Without strong walls there would be nothing to hold up the roof. And without a durable roof, braving the elements gets a lot more difficult.

To withstand those elements, which can include heavy rains, lots of snowfall or a host of other natural components, you'll need to recognize certain signs that your roof might be on its last leg. To safeguard against potential disaster, ask yourself the following questions next time you decide to check on your roof.

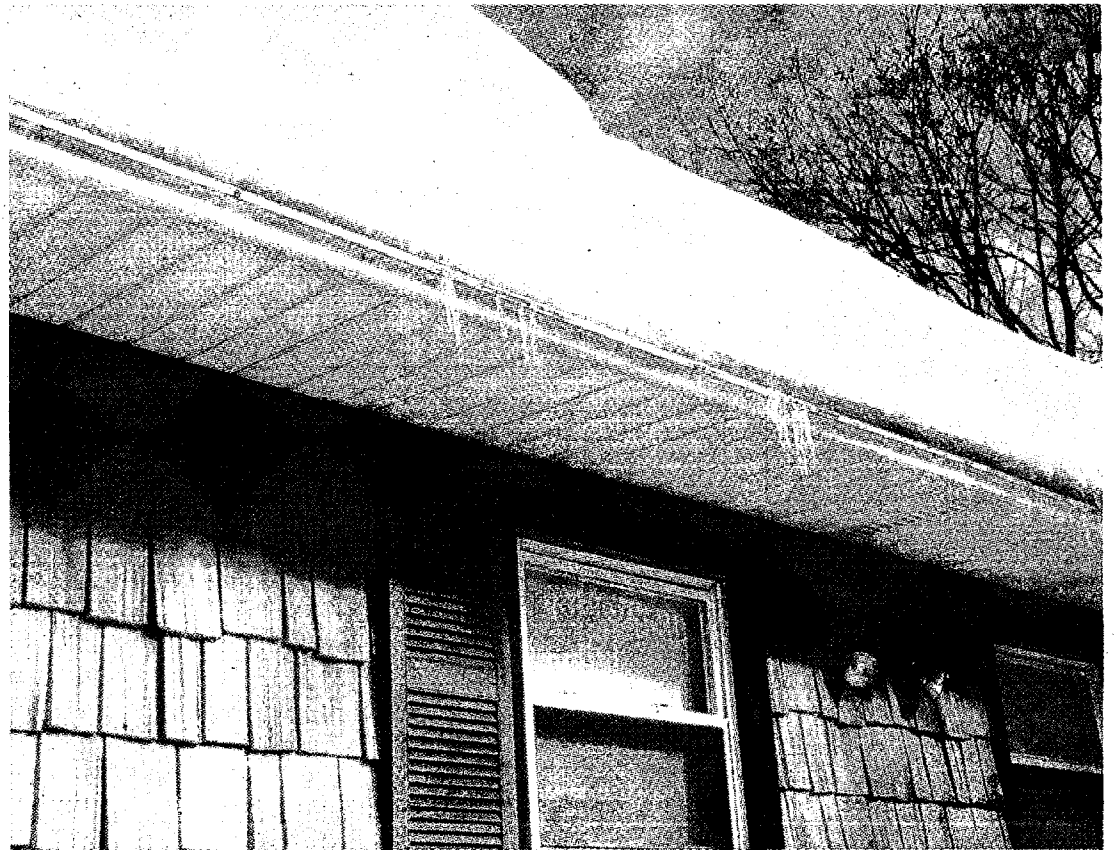
- Is outside light being seen through my attic? Contrary to popular belief, light you can see through the attic is not necessarily a sign that you need a new roof. For instance, it's perfectly natural for light to get through if you have a shake roof, which is made out of wooden shingles made from split logs. That's because the individual shakes will swell and seal during wet months. However, if you don't have a shake roof, there's no reason you should be

seeing through your roof.

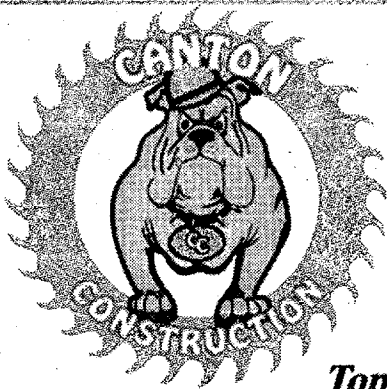
- Are there signs of leaking? This can be in the attic or in the upstairs rooms if you don't have an attic. Signs can include stained ceiling tiles or drywall (in finished attics or upstairs rooms) or dark spots in the wood. Dark spots are often around vents or chimneys.

- Is this a current or past problem? Not all signs are indicative of a current problem. For example, if a dark spot on your ceiling is dry and hard, then it's an old problem that's already been fixed. However, if a spot is wet and soft, then it's a current problem. If you can't reach the spot to see if it's wet, try and reach it with a screwdriver or broomstick. If it feels soft to the touch, then you know it's a problem that needs addressing.

- Did an artist sneak into my home and paint shapes on my roof? Many times, stains from leaking roofs will look like an artist's rendition of an odd shape. If you start seeing dark spots in odd shapes on your roof, then it's probably not because Michelangelo snuck in to paint your ceiling. More likely, it's the sign of a leaky roof.



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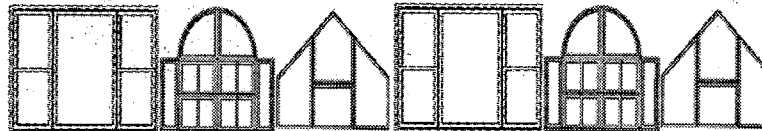


6 Colors Available

## SIDING WORLD'S WINDOW SHOWROOM



DISTRIBUTORS FOR



VINYL, WOOD, CUSTOM SHAPES  
MADE TO SIZE

## VINYL SOFFIT

**\$48<sup>50</sup>**

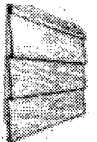
FOR OVERHANGS

## VINYL SIDING

Molded

Foam

Insulation



Craneboard Foam Insulated

## SEAMLESS GUTTERS

6" GUTTER  
**\$164**

Per Foot .032 Gauge

5" GUTTER  
**\$110**

Per Foot .027 Gauge

18 COLORS IN STOCK

Run To Any Length While You Wait! - Choose From 18 Colors in Stock!

## CUSTOM TRIM AVAILABLE

Bring in your measurements and we will custom form your trim



Any Shape-Any Color

## VINYL SIDING

D5/D4-White  
**\$49<sup>50</sup>**

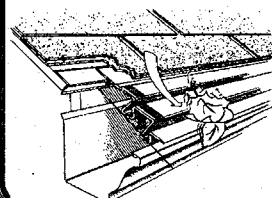
Per sq.

Lifetime Warranty

## GUTTER LEAF GUARDS

MANY TYPES IN STOCK!!

COLORS AVAILABLE



Contractor referrals available!

### LIVONIA

30625 W. Eight Mile Rd.  
(1/2 Mi. West of Middlebelt)  
**248-478-8984**

For Additional Locations  
[www.sidingworld.com](http://www.sidingworld.com)

### MT. CLEMENS

49599 Gratiot  
(N. of 22 Mile)

**588**

**598-7600**

### DETROIT

6450 Eight Mile Rd.  
(3 Miles East of I-75)

**313**

**881-2902**

### FENTON

195 S. Alloy Dr.  
(@ Owens Rd. exit)

**810**

**714-9300**

### MADISON HTS.

30391 Stephenson Hwy.  
(Across from Costco @ 12 1/2 mi.)

**248**

**585-9050**

### WYANDOTTE

2151 Eureka Rd.  
(1 Blk. E. of Fort St.)

**734**

**284-7171**

### INKSTER

3000 Middlebelt  
(1 Blk. S. Michigan)

**734**

**728-0400**

### WALLED LAKE

1101 Decker Road  
(1 Blk. North of W. Maple)

**248**

**624-8906**

### WATERFORD

5211 Williams Lk. Rd.  
(1/4 Mile S. of Dixie Hwy.)

**248**

**674-1300**

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