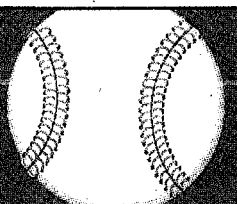




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Court decision affects facilities, schedules

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton administrators said they expected Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that changes some sports seasons for boys and girls, so the next step will be to accommodate the changes before implementation in September.

The ruling forced the Michigan High School Athletic Association to move volleyball from winter to fall and girls

More reaction on MHSAA's court defeat, B1.

basketball from fall to winter, to correspond to boys seasons. Girls tennis will switch seasons with boys, from fall to spring. Girls golf will switch seasons with boys from spring to fall.

"The most important issues are how the ruling will affect some athletes," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Some, who play multiple sports, may have to decide which sport

to choose because of conflicts.

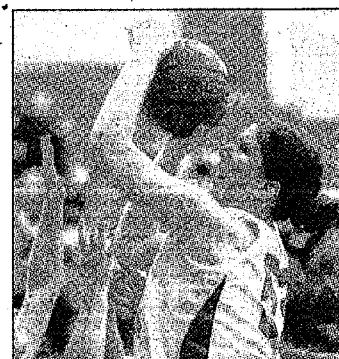
"We have some concerns with facilities, at Salem (High School) in particular," he added. "The original design, and the way it's operated, can't accommodate multiple teams practicing. We'll have to make adjustments to that facility."

Bender also said some coaches, who coach multiple sports, will be impacted by the change. And the availability of referees — many who work multiple sports — could also become a problem. Supt. Jim Ryan said the changes will

affect community groups which use school facilities.

"While we want to serve our community, some of our athletic teams will have to have priorities in the middle schools," Ryan said. "You can say practice late at night, but our (high school) park starts so early, you can't have a practice going 8-10 p.m., it's just not fair. We'll be working with community education to work out schedules."

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Canton's Baylee Hollowell and her teammates will be playing during the winter, rather than in the fall, after the U.S. Supreme Court decided to hear an appeal in the case.

After years of writing music mostly in his head, a Plymouth Township composer decided to do a little ...

Fine tuning

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For most of his life, Paul Fine has had music floating in his head, songs he's composed to celebrate a child's birth or a friend's wedding or simply as a tribute to his wife.

Until recently, though, Fine, who lives in Plymouth Township, hadn't even put the music on paper, much less into a recording.

When his brother suffered the second of two heart attacks, though, Fine realized the songs weren't doing anyone any good if he couldn't give them to them.

"My brother having two heart attacks got me thinking all these songs I've composed for people, it would be a shame not to have them for them," said Fine, 44, a doctor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan.

Toward that end, Fine, who has been writing songs since the age of 5, has produced his first CD of piano compositions, *Fine Tuning*. The CD features 20 compositions written by Fine over the course of the last three decades.

PLEASE SEE DR. FINE, A6

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What: *Fine Tuning*, the first CD for Plymouth Township resident Paul Fine

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Dr. Paul Fine and Korin Hancherlian-Amos' collaboration resulted in a book of piano compositions and a compact disc recording. The style of music ranges from classical to ragtime.



Dr. Paul Fine plays one of the ragtime tunes on his first CD.

Deficits are no longer in city's budget forecast

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in five years, the long-term financial forecast for the city of Plymouth doesn't include a budget deficit.

"We're proud to say our financial picture is good and improving," said City Manager Paul Sincock in presenting the proposed 2007-08 budget to city commissioners Monday night. "For the first time since the 2002-03 fiscal year, we're not projecting any deficits in the next five years of our plan."

"We're proposing an 8-percent cut in the millage rate (1.26 mills) due to debt that is coming off line, and we took into consideration the loss of \$13 million in taxable value from the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road," he said. "This fiscal turnaround in the last four or five years has been the result of our employees, both those who left our service

and those who remained and took on additional responsibilities. It's been a huge turnaround."

The proposed 2007-08 general fund budget is \$7.5 million, which is expected to be \$400,000 more than the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

In June 2003, Finance Director Mark Christiansen's five-year financial projections indicated the city would lose from more than \$1.1 million the first year to more than \$2.4 million in the fifth year. By contrast, the revised outlook for the next five years shows a surplus of \$288,000 next year, which gets whittled down to \$56,000 by 2011-12.

"In order for us to get from a \$1.1 million deficit in that first year to zero, we had to cut a million dollars of expenses," Christiansen said. "We had to make permanent staff cuts, primarily by early retirements."

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A6

Underpass work may cause water problem

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Contract work on the Sheldon Road underpass today (Thursday) and Friday will result in some residents experiencing lower than normal water pressure.

City Manager Paul Sincock said Wayne County will be installing new, 12-inch water mains that will be connected to the city's existing water system.

"It shouldn't cause any major problems," Sincock said. "The work will affect a limited amount of homes in the New England subdivision who may experience lower than normal water pressure."

"Residents who live in or near the construction area, and

experience some discoloration of tap water should simply run the cold water tap for a few minutes and it should clear right up," he said. "The discoloration is caused by naturally occurring minerals in the water mains."

Sincock said the installation of the 12-inch water mains is not connected to a four-day test in March, in which three temporary connections were tested for the future installation of a 36-inch water main below the underpass.

Residents who have questions concerning the water main installation can call the Department of Municipal Services at (734) 453-7737.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Cause for hope for people with multiple sclerosis



Rummage sellers needed

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual indoor rummage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and Army officials are eagerly seeking folks to rent tables.

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

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

Spring Bug Hunt

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, to search tributaries of the Rouge River for the mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, etc. The number and presence of these organisms is being used to assess the health of streams.

Volunteers interested in joining a Bug Hunt team are asked to call Friends of the Rouge's Public Involvement department at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@trouge.org to register for the event. Pre-registration is required by April 20.

The annual Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program begun by Friends of the Rouge in May 2001. The goal of the program is to track changes in water quality over time by utilizing volunteers to sample many sites. Sampling results are used as a screening tool and are provided to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the 47 communities of the Rouge. Results from past events can be found at www.therouge.org.

No prior experience is necessary and volunteers will not be entering the water. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child and everyone must dress for the weather. Each team will be supervised by a trained and experienced leader.

Barefoot production

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth presents "The Real Inspector Hound" April 26-29 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main (at Church) in downtown Plymouth.

Showtimes April 26-28 are 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances April 28-29.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door a half-hour before each performance.

Seating is limited; advance ticket sales start April 12 at the Book Cellar & Café, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, visit Barefoot Productions' Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com

Art exhibit

Established artist Dee Ann Segula brings her unique, colorful and richly textured encaustic paintings to exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The exhibition will be at the Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sheldon Road April 1-29. The center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special exhibit viewing hours for this exhibit has been scheduled 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 14, when visitors can personally meet the artist.

To learn more about Dee Ann Segula's upcoming exhibit, please contact the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 or pgan-gopa@plymoutharts.com.

Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the Beck Road location.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

Summer day camp

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is holding a Summer Day Camp program for children ages 6-12 June 18 through Aug. 17.

The camp runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$50 per week per child. Before-care is available starting at 8 a.m., and after-care until 5 p.m., each for an additional \$10 a week. Activities will include indoor & outdoor games, crafts, Christian Education, weekly field trips, and more.

Registration is 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 16. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee per child. Those who wish to apply for a scholarship should bring proof of income at time of registration.

For further information, call (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Strong Kids program

The Plymouth Family YMCA



Baby benefit

Dan Fischer, Director of Child & Family Life for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, goes through some of the items at the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club "Baby Shower" with Kiwanians Sue Photo (center) and Char Briggs. The shower, initiated by Michigan Kiwanians, targets needs for the hospital program. Gifts included crayons, coloring books, crafts, T-shirts for art, baby clothing, dolls, and other current popular toys and games. The 34 ladies from the senior center that gathered for a lunch of sandwiches, punch and cake, also played "Hospital Bingo." C.S. Mott Children's Hospital serves all of Michigan with 209 beds for inpatient care. Club members are encouraging interested parties to develop their own "baby shower." For more information, e-mail info@pckiwianis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

is kicking off its Strong Kids campaign, an annual fundraiser which helps provide services to people who can't afford the program costs.

Summer camp and youth programs for kids of working single parents are just two examples. The Plymouth Family YMCA offers an intensive youth volunteer program during the summer. "Summer in Service" is a free week long program that gives high-school aged young people the opportunity to give back to their community and develop a life-long ethic of service.

The YMCA is looking for help in funding these programs. To contribute, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Top volunteer nominations

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for the 2007 Volunteers of the Year. Plymouth service clubs can nominate their outstanding volunteer by filling out a nomination form available through the Chamber of Commerce.

The nominees will then be honored at the Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth Wednesday, May 9, at The Inn at St. John's.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-1540. Deadline to be included is April 13.

Honorees will be provided with two full admissions to Showcase Plymouth and the Taste of Plymouth. Additional tickets are available \$10 each. Honorees will also receive a

framed certificate and be recognized on stage during the event.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Student Citizenship Scholarship

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

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

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

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

CORRECTION

A story about Abstraction Theatre's April 6 production of *Nineteen Variations on Hamlet* should have read that curtain time is 7 p.m. Friday, at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org for more information.

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A more natural course

Doctor focuses patients on education, nutrition

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

After Rev. Linda Lowery suffered deep-tissue injuries and muscle problems following a February 2006 car accident, she said doctors told her she was going to have to live with excruciating pain.

Since she found Breathing Waters Health Center in Plymouth Township some six months later, Lowery said she's feeling much better.

"I love this place; it's a God-send," said Lowery, a minister in outreach ministries around metro Detroit. "Where there was hopelessness, there is hope. There is no more despair."

Lowery attributes that to Breathing Waters' owner, Dr. Julie TwoMoon, who opened the center in May 2006.

TwoMoon, 31, is a naturopathic doctor who believes many health problems suffered by people are caused by an over-indulgence in food and medication, along with nicotine and alcohol.

TwoMoon, a 2003 graduate of the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Ore., thinks doctors should be more concerned with educating people how to care for themselves, not simply pump patients full of medication.

"Naturopaths use specific nutrients that change (patients') responses," said TwoMoon, who grew up in Dearborn Heights. "A lot of drugs make you feel better but they don't actually change anything. Naturopaths change the pattern so you do feel better, and you don't go back to feeling that way again."

TwoMoon became interested in naturopathic medicine while studying geology at Colorado College. The idea of studying patterns and using nature to help heal the body intrigued her.



Dr. Julie TwoMoon opened Breathing Waters Health Center in May 2006.

"I loved using nutrition to make people feel better," she said. "I thought, 'There has to be a profession that did that.' That's how I discovered the medical school."

After returning to Michigan to be closer to family, TwoMoon decided to open Breathing Waters. Naturopathic doctors are not in great number in Michigan, she said, and the chance to practice what she believes is her life's calling was attractive to her.

"There are only about five naturopathic doctors like myself practicing in the whole state," said TwoMoon, who worked at Michigan Pain Specialists in Ann Arbor before opening Breathing Waters. "This is a great state to practice. There's a lot of need and very little competition."

The center offers massage therapy, naturopathic medicine including nutrition modification, lifestyle consultation and herbal medicines. TwoMoon also offers acupuncture, a service she said is probably the largest part of her business.

Massage therapy is also an increasingly popular service.

Susan Krupin-Carter, a 1992 Salem High School graduate, handles deep-tissue therapy with the primary focus on trigger-point pain management and neuromuscular therapy.



Susan Krupin-Carter, a 1992 graduate of Salem High School, is the massage therapist at Breathing Waters Health Center.

"I like that you can see a functional change in the body when you're done," said Krupin-Carter, a graduate of the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy. "People come in in

excruciating pain and they leave pain-free. We meet some amazing people."

TwoMoon said business is picking up as word-of-mouth gets around.

"I like helping people see

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they have other options." TwoMoon said. "So many people are told they just have to 'live with it.' I love showing them there are tons of options, and that there's a solution for every problem."

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Daughter tells father's story of surviving concentration camp

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Dana Kent remembers her father's nightmares.

"Even as a child I have memories of him waking up and screaming, thinking he was still in the camp and about to be killed," she said.

Mitchell Pawlak spent three years in Nazi concentration camps in Poland, enduring torture, beatings, harsh forced labor and a starvation diet. He watched hundreds die around him. But he survived.

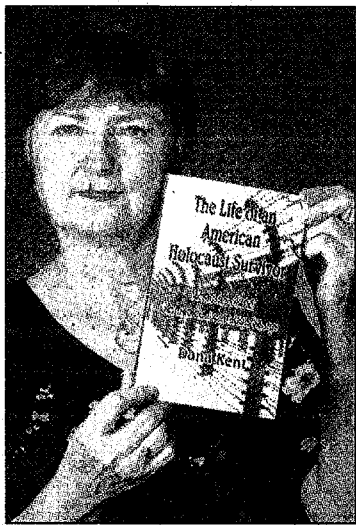
His story is unusual because he was an American Catholic trapped by the Germans before he could return to his native land.

Kent of Livonia tells his story through his eyes in a short but compelling book, *The Life of an American Survivor: Memories of the German Concentration Camps*.

"When I became a teenager, he talked so much about the camps that I would write term papers and reports about the concentration camps," she said. "Later when I was in college, he kept talking about letting people know that he had survived and he had been a Catholic. Everyone hears about the Jewish people who died, but there were many priests in the camp, there were other people besides the Jewish people and he thought their story should be told."

Pawlak, now 86 and a long-time resident of Redford, was born in 1920 in New Jersey. Pawlak's father lost his job as a bus driver in the Depression and was encouraged by cousins to return to Poland and start a farm. But, Kent said, her father always dreamed of returning to the United States.

When the war broke out, Pawlak traveled to the American embassy in Berlin



Dana Kent with a copy of her book on her father's memories of his time in German concentration camps.

with his brother seeking papers to return to the States, but he was told he had to register for the Selective Service. That and his involvement as president of his local Catholic Youth Organization made him an immediate target for the Gestapo.

"He tried to hide for a while, but his mother became very sick and he wanted to get back to see her and that's when he was arrested," Kent said.

IN HIS VOICE

Kent tells her father's story in the first person, in his voice.

"I collected all of his journal entries," she said. "He had pages and pages of handwritten notes, every experience that had happened. He had pictures that the soldiers who liberated him had given him at the camp, Camp Dachau. I wrote it as if he were telling the story, as I was using many of his notes to explain everything. I thought it would have more meaning if it were him telling the story."

It took Kent many years to find the time to tell her



The entrance to Camp Dachau. The words on the gate, "Arbeit Macht Frei," is German for "Work makes you free." This picture was taken by American soldiers who liberated the camp at the end of World War II.



Mitchell Pawlak was a young man of 21 when he was arrested by the Gestapo and began three years of internment in German concentration camps.

father's story. She was a business teacher in Novi for 25 years, worked for a while as a legal secretary and raised two daughters.

"But at the back of my mind, I knew I wanted to tell his story," she said.

She tells the story in short, direct chapters, following Pawlak's movement from camp to camp, finally coming to the death camp at Dachau in November of 1942. She describes the endless beatings, physical and psychological tortures, wretched conditions and inadequate diet that the prisoners endured.

Yet, Kent said her father's only criticism of the book is that it "isn't brutal enough."

AN ABIDING FAITH

But Pawlak survived that brutality, because he had a strong religious faith that was reinforced by the example of Catholic priests who continually defied the Nazis to carry out their religious obligations and help others in the camp.

Kent writes: "In Camp Dachau, the older priests were usually harnessed to a roller and whipped by the guards to

pull it along. Often the priests were given humiliating tasks and treated miserably. Some of them were sent to clean the gutters or wash the latrines. We could see them doing their jobs without complaint, sometimes having to carry excrement with their bare hands. I would witness the terrible way the priests were treated with frustration that I could do nothing to help them. I couldn't even help myself escape the captivity."

Kent writes that her father was aware in the camp of Pope Pius XII's accommodations with the German government.

"He didn't like it, but he was a true blue Catholic and felt if the pope was saying that, he must have been doing it for a reason," she said. "He believed that faith led him to different things and faith created different situations that arose throughout the war. He had a strong faith and he used that

to overlook what had happened with the pope."

When Dachau was liberated, Pawlak reconnected with a neighbor girl, Jean, whose brother Eddie had also been taken off to the concentration camp. They married and petitioned to go to the United States. Despite a promise from a U.S. ambassador, there were delays. Finally, Pawlak confronted the ambassador and he and his wife, now pregnant with their daughter, boarded a ship to the United States.

"My mother had a brother in Michigan and she had promised to look for him. Their goal was to find a place in Michigan and find a job. The most logical place was Hamtramck because that was where most of the Polish people were residing," she said.

Pawlak began working for General Motors as a tool and die worker. He tried to make contact with groups for Jewish concentration camp survivors and, Kent said, was told to find a group for Catholics. He did make contact with individual survivors and they shared their experiences.

In addition to Jews, the Nazis also imprisoned Catholics, political leftists, homosexuals and others who opposed them. William Styron's famous novel *Sophie's Choice* was about a Polish Catholic camp survivor.

The Pawlaks moved to Redford Township in the mid-1950s. Kent said her mother has been confined to bed for the past two years and Pawlak, though an invalid himself, has been caring for her.

Kent's book is published by Publish American and is available online at Amazon.com, PublishAmerica.com and barnesandnoble.com.

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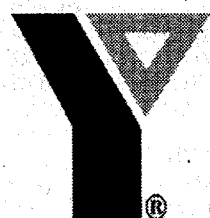
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BUDGET

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What's been a challenge is providing the same service we have now with staffing going from 59 to 42 full-time positions.

"What it boils down to is those 42 left are doing the same work of the 59, in some cases more efficiently, though some services aren't as timely as they used to be," he said. "We have also begun to experience reductions in health care costs as a result of the changes to co-pays and prescription coverage. Numerous other efforts have also been made to look at various cost centers in an effort to reduce all operating costs."

Mayor Dan Dwyer, who is

completing his eighth year on the commission, has been through the good and the bad when it comes to the annual budget.

"To lose the AT&T funds, to lower your tax rate and still have a bigger surplus is a lot of hard work, a lot of partnerships and a lot of different ways of doing what we do," Dwyer said.

Commissioners congratulated the team effort, most notably the employees.

"A thank you to the employees who have taken the load, they've made every bit of the difference to make this - for virtually every resident - a seamless change," said Commissioner Dave Workman. "They deserve to be commended for that every day, all year long."

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Dr. Paul Fine and Korin Hancherlian-Amos tickles the ivories playing one of Dr. Paul Fine's compositions, which ended up on his first CD.

State rep sets meeting schedule

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), will hold in-district office hours on the first Monday, first Friday and third Monday of every month.

"Setting a regular schedule will enable more of the residents I represent to meet with me about any issues or concerns they have that I may be able to help with," Corriveau said.

Corriveau's schedule is:
 ■ The first Monday of every month, 10-11 a.m., in the Periodicals Room at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

■ The first Friday of every month, 10-11 a.m., in Meeting Room B of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main.
 ■ The third Monday of every month, 10-11 a.m., in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

In addition to holding regular office hours, Corriveau will hold coffee hours at businesses throughout the 20th District.

Any business or organization interested in hosting a coffee hour should call Corriveau's Lansing office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737) or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov

DR. FINE

FROM PAGE A1

Like many children, Fine took piano lessons when he was 5 years old. He composed a song, *Let's Go to the Bakery*, that was played for his first-grade class. He continued writing "from time to time" through high school.

Over the years, the compositions continued, usually with one special occasion or another providing the impetus.

Anticipating Derek was written in 1991, when Fine found out he was going to be a father for the first time. Birthday-present songs were also written for daughter Eleanor (*Beholding Eleanor*) and son Benjamin (*Singing to Benjamin*).

Other songs were written in honor of his parents, friends and other relatives. He wrote *A*

Dance with Karen in 2002 in honor of the dancing he and his wife of 18 years, Karen, did in the Grand Hotel ballroom on Mackinac Island.

Some compositions were written fairly quickly; others took years. Fine started writing *Dreams of Children* when he was 10 years old and finished it last year.

"I started writing it at 10," Fine said. "I decided it would be fun to have variations on it."

The compositions were largely in his head until his brother's scare. But when Fine decided to finally put them on paper, he realized he didn't know how to transcribe music. Fortunately, by that time his children were taking piano lessons, and Fine was able to re-learn the art of reading music. A computer software program helped him with the physical act of getting them on paper, and he

was ready to roll.

When he decided to record the music, Fine wanted someone else to collaborate, figuring he was a better composer than pianist. To find the collaborator, he needed to look no further than his own patient list, where he found 47-year-old Korin Hancherlian-Amos of Ypsilanti, a piano teacher and the wife of Eastern Michigan University professor, Nelson Amos, who teaches classical guitar.

"He told me he had composed music, and we had always talked about music, so I knew he wasn't just saying it," said Hancherlian-Amos, whose son, Christopher, shot the cover art for the CD. "When I saw the music, I liked it. It's in the classical tradition, a lot like Chopin."

Choosing Hancherlian-Amos to play on the CD, recorded at Kipling House Recordings in Berkley, was easy - "She's a better pianist than I am," he said with a laugh - and helped Fine avoid one of his fears.

"My fear was if I tried to play

(the songs), I'd be so worried about playing the notes, I'd lose the musicianship," he said. "Then, as I got into it, I thought, 'I could play this.'"

That's how it turned out Fine ended up playing seven of the songs, while Hancherlian-Amos tickles the ivories on the other 13.

"I think it's good for him to play them," said Hancherlian-Amos, who herself recently recorded a demo and hopes to get into a studio. "It's nice to hear the composer's own interpretation."

Fine did the CD not for money - "It was never intended as a commercial enterprise," he said - but for love of the music. And he's happy with the way it turned out, particularly with Hancherlian-Amos playing.

"It's really nice to hear someone else play my pieces," Fine said. "Here are all these songs I've had in my head all these years, and to hear someone play them was a little strange and wonderful."

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2007, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2007, without further notice to the property owners.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
 Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Audio-Visual Equipment for Miller Elementary School**. Bid documents are available for pickup at the District's technology consultant: Innovate located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email at info@innovatetec.com (request document #0701). Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and must be clearly marked "MILLER AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, April 16, 2007 at which time they will be read publicly. Bids must contain proper references and familial disclosure documents per State requirements. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Bodycoat Thermal Processing, Inc., an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 8580 N. Haggerty Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A 12 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR DADCO, INC. TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from DADCO, Inc., for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the cost of new personal property to be purchased and installed within the existing facility located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

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Canton gearing up to host Senior Olympics

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The phone for Canton's Senior Adult Program is already ringing from residents ready to go for the gold.

The township will host the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, beginning Aug. 20.

The five-day event will feature hundreds of seniors from 15 communities, including Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

"People are calling me," said Janet Brady, Canton's senior program supervisor. "This is a good time for people to get together and be active."

The Senior Olympics are open to western Wayne County men and women age 50 and older. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for a baking contest, football toss, soccer kick, euchre, creative writing, bowling, photography and tennis.

A \$5 registration fee will include a T-shirt. Some events require an additional \$2 fee.

The event will close Aug. 24 with a banquet at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Participants must be registered by July 31. For more information, call (734) 394-5496.

Canton planners reject Oakwood hospital plan

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Like the orange and black sign at Meadow Villages subdivision requested, the Canton Planning Commission said no to Oakwood Healthcare Systems Monday.

After a marathon public hearing that threatened to hit midnight, the commission voted 6-1 to deny Oakwood's request to amend a planned development district agreement for 88 acres of land at Beck and Geddes to make room for a 650,000-square-foot hospital.

"The location is suspect," said Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson. "It's just not good."

Although Gustafson received a rousing applause for that statement, for most of the meeting, he and the other commissioners, along with Oakwood representatives, were jeered and booed by critics of the proposed project.

More than 540 people attended the meeting at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Nearly two-thirds of the audience was against Oakwood's plans while a third supported the Dearborn-based corporation.

Gustafson threatened to shut down the meeting a couple times for "appalling" behavior.

Resigning himself to be the "unpopular" voice, longtime commissioner, Catherine Johnson, voted in favor of recommending the proposal to the Township Board and began crying as she gave her reasoning for wanting to push the project forward.

"The township board dearly loves this community," she said, adding that if it weren't



Christine Boulter gathers signatures for a petition against the Oakwood hospital plan outside of the Village Theater Monday.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

for the current board's work, people never would've moved to the township.

Oakwood, which presented a detailed revision of its proposal from October, reiterated that they wanted to be good neighbors to surrounding homeowners and touted their proposed medical campus as an enhancement to the northwest corner of the intersection.

Bryan Amman, Oakwood

attorney, elicited applause when he said the corporation may look to build outside of Canton if the commission didn't amend the PDD.

Dozens of residents that spoke out against the proposal agreed that Oakwood's plans were nice, but said they weren't appropriate for that parcel, which is owned by Singh Development and was previously slated for luxury homes and apartments.

The land was packaged under the PDD as additional phases of Singh's Charing Cross subdivision.

Canton resident Kiki Gleskeski lives directly west of the proposed hospital site and was part of an organized group that gave the commission a presentation on why they were against the medical facility in their neighborhood. She said harsh economic climates don't justify changing the township's master plan and said Canton officials "should not be in the business of appeasing developers."

A petition disapproving of the proposed location was signed by more than 1,000 people.

Tempers flared when a Canton resident suggested that Planning Commissioner Damon Garrett refrain from voting on the issue because his employer, Atwell-Hicks Development Consultants, has worked with Singh on the Charing Cross project. Garrett, who gave a long pause before voting to deny Oakwood's request, said he had no prior knowledge of his employer's affiliation with Singh and said his vote wouldn't be tainted by a conflict of interest.

In its revision, Oakwood

proposed building a 130-foot wide berm to shield its facility from neighboring properties.

Residents sarcastically referred to the berm as an unsightly "small mountain" and Commission Vice Chairman Greg Greene said if the site was ideal for a hospital, Oakwood wouldn't have to go to such lengths to limit its visibility.

"This intersection is the wrong place for this project," he said, adding that it could "literally, ruin one neighborhood."

One woman that identified herself as an Oakwood physician that lives near Beck and Geddes received a standing ovation by some audience members after she said, "I'm tired of developers changing their minds - right is right and wrong is wrong."

Melissa McLaughlin, the board representative on the commission, expressed reluctance in denying Oakwood's request.

"As much as I think this is a good thing, clearly (many residents) don't think so," she said. "If you're willing to take a gamble, I'll be there with you. The right thing to do is honor the (PDD)."

Monday's denial may not mark the end of Oakwood's quest to plant roots at the intersection. David Ippel, Oakwood's division president of ambulatory services, said the corporation plans to "regroup."

"We have a love relationship with Canton," he said.

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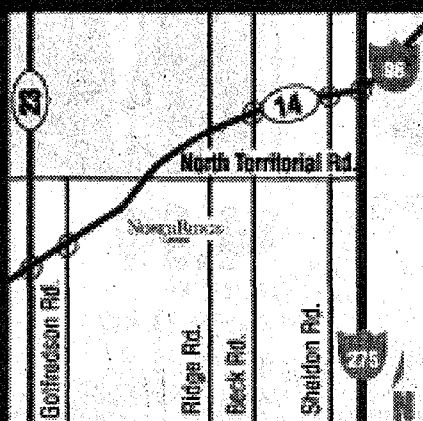
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Local church volunteers reach out to help rebuild Gulf Coast

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in August 2005, and conditions there are still cause for concern.

"It's still pretty bad," said Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, who recently traveled with a church group to Orange Grove, Miss., to work on home repair and rebuilding.

Fichtenberg, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital, noted the contrasts while she was in the region in March. There would be brand-new construction adjacent to leveled restaurants and apartment buildings, toilets by the

side of the road and draperies still stuck in trees.

Orange Grove is close to Biloxi and Gulfport, and the seven people from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton worked in those communities. They spent March 10-18 in the region as part of a group of more than 100 from the Presbytery of Detroit.

"There were people doing anything from drywall, siding, mudding, painting and trim," said Fichtenberg, global mission elder at her church.

Some homes had to be gutted. "They were all at various stages," she said. Skill levels of the volunteers also varied, and they were assigned according-



Only the golden arches remain standing at this McDonald's near Gulfport.

ly, with a number of seniors volunteering for the mission.

"There's still a lot of work to be done. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has made a seven-

year commitment to the area," Fichtenberg said.

She was impressed with the large number of volunteers, including "tons of college kids on alternative spring breaks. The place was flooded with volunteers and everybody was so grateful."

The local group stopped briefly in New Orleans, where a waitress when they were eating made a speech to thank volunteers. Fichtenberg met an 80-year-old woman whose house had been bulldozed; she received \$2,900 for insurance and still had mortgage payments.

"Those people are still in some pretty bad situations,"

she said. Volunteers found some contractors who aren't legitimate had taken advantage of residents, and some work had to be redone.

"I think almost all of us are interested in going back," said Fichtenberg. "The people were very warm, grateful, friendly."

Thomas Friedow of Plymouth Township, a regular visitor at Geneva, also made the trip to Mississippi. "I was redoing a kitchen," said Friedow, a mechanical engineer for an auto supplier in Livonia. His work included hanging cabinets, putting in a sink and stove, and doing some electrical wiring.

Friedow, from Germany,

had wanted to go to the Gulf Coast as a volunteer at the time of the disaster. "It just came up, the opportunity," he said of the March trip.

"There's still a lot of houses where you see all the devastation," Friedow said. He too was impressed with people's faith.

"I was really happy that I took this opportunity to go. I think it strengthened my faith." He plans to return in November 2007 for another presbytery mission project in that area.

Friedow found reaction at his company, Elringklinger Sealing Systems, positive. Staffers donated to support a microwave venting system.

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OUR VIEWS

Stalling pop-up tax is good first move

The state of Michigan is facing a crisis unmatched in decades. State government is bankrupt; our best and brightest residents continue to flee in droves in search of jobs and a brighter future, and our elected officials seem unable — or, worse, unwilling — to do anything about it.

To say that Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop have been derelict in their duties by placing political partisanship over their jobs to find a solution to the growing crisis is a huge understatement. Both political parties — Democrats led by Granholm and Republicans led by Bishop — appear perfectly content to spend all of their time blaming each other for the colossal mess instead of working together to do something about it.

Enough is enough. Granholm and Bishop accepted the public's trust to lead this state, and the current stalemate threatens to do irreparable harm to Michigan's economy and its residents. The two parties need a starting point, even if it is something relatively minor they can agree upon to gain traction to solving the larger budget issues.

One starting point could be a proposal to place a moratorium on the so-called real estate pop-up tax. Both parties appear to be in agreement that halting the pop-up tax, which would allow the buyer of a home to inherit the property tax amount the seller currently pays, would spur home sales and provide a jump-start to the economy.

Proposal A capped annual property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever was less. Under current law, when a home is purchased it is reassessed to its full market value, which can dramatically increase the property tax bill of the new owner, which has helped stifle the sales of existing homes.

A healthier real estate market would mean more business for home supply stores and remodeling professionals, which will add badly needed sales and income taxes to state coffers.

Will halting the pop-up tax solve the state's budget crisis? No. But it could be what Granholm and Bishop need to find a starting point in working together to lead the state instead of continuing to play the blame game.

Easter promise is for all, Bible says

Trumpets will blare, cymbals will clang and Christians will shout "Hallelujah. He is risen!" in churches everywhere Easter Sunday.

Christians will celebrate because they believe Jesus Christ raised himself from the grave that first Easter morning 2,000 years ago after being crucified on a cross three days before.

What's more, they believe Jesus will take them to heaven for eternity after they die because he paid the penalty for their sins through his death.

The Christian religion is unique in that it teaches believers have forgiveness of sins and eternal life simply through faith in Jesus, not by following rules or living up to a certain standard.

The Bible says everyone sins and need forgiveness from God. But because God loves all people and wants them to be saved, he sent Jesus, his only son, to Earth to live a perfect life and take the punishment for everyone else's sins by dying on the cross.

The good news, according to the Bible, is that forgiveness and eternal life are available to not just church goers on Easter morning, but all people everywhere through faith in Jesus Christ.

The lessons of Passover

Jewish families from throughout the metro area began observing eight days of Passover at sundown Monday.

Anyone who has struggled for freedom can appreciate the significance of Passover, which celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and their slavery under the pharaoh's reign.

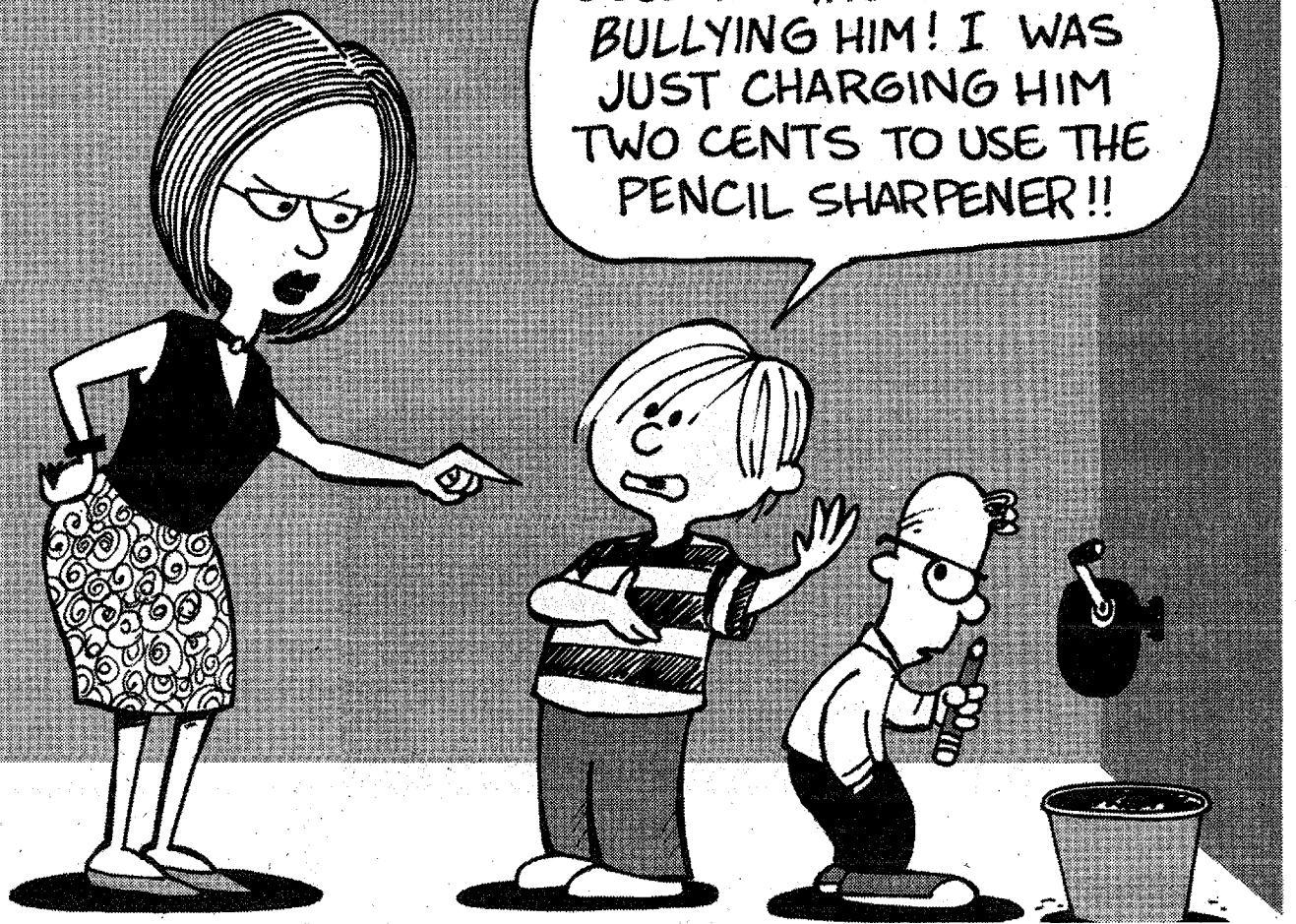
Passover is time of family and community. The National Jewish Population Survey conducted by United Jewish Communities indicated that some 67 percent of Jews will host or attend a Seder.

The Seder, with its special foods, customs, songs and prayers, is steeped in tradition and serves as a focal point of the Passover celebration. One of the primary symbols of Passover is matzo, unleavened bread which recalls the urgency of Jewish families who fled Egypt so long ago.

As the Passover celebration comes to a close, may we all be reminded that freedom is something we shouldn't take for granted. May we also be reminded it should be celebrated and passed on from generation to generation.

Geoff Brooks

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LETTERS

Scare tactics

I am tired of the scare tactics used by the critics of this current Board of Education.

Mr. Maloney, where were you during all of our bond workshops? I never once saw you in attendance, nor have you ever come to a board meeting to make whatever suggestions you may be referring to in your letter. Perhaps you should use the facts when discussing board decisions.

Our plan was to build one new middle school to replace Central Middle School, and to add some minor expansions to existing schools within the district. Additionally, we were going to close Starkweather and sell the property, and move Community Education from Tanger all into a newly renovated and smaller Central Building.

All of these changes would have required only a minimal amount of new teachers, which would have been offset by student growth and operational savings from closing Starkweather, reducing Central's operating costs, and the reduced transportation expense by having another middle school in Canton, where over 70 percent of the population resides.

Next, there was nothing "stealthy" about this campaign. Articles were written in all the local papers, we visited over 70 organizations throughout the community, and even had a TV segment on Canton Cable television. If you have any ideas on more effective communications with the community please let us know!

As for a lack of action or leadership by the board, as you state, we have cut over \$8 million from the budget over the last five years in areas that would have minimal to no impact to the learning environment and then utilized the fund balance to offset the remaining deficit, which I believe is the purpose of having a fund balance.

And as for that \$2.3 million dollars (not \$2.5 million) for the land to be used for a middle school, that has already been spent and will NOT cause any additional impact to our budget.

If you may recall, I did say we needed to be mindful of the community, and I voted no on the first bond package.

Now I am looking at more creative solutions to solve our structural deficit, such as changes in our transportation model, changes to our athletic program model, and any other solution that will not require me to lay off teachers.

Yes, tough times are ahead, but this board is more than ready, willing and able to take these challenges head on. And I am ready to lead the charge!

When you have real suggestions, I am here and ready to listen. Otherwise, stop confusing the community, and get out of the way.

Everything I have stated is my opinion and does not reflect the views or opinions of any of my fellow board members or the district's staff and administration.

Rich Ham-Kucharski
Plymouth-Canton Schools trustee

Fast and loose

After the League of Women Voters Forum for PCCS school board candidates March 23, we feel compelled to set the record straight on a point made by Mark Slavens.

Each candidate was asked about how much emphasis should be placed on academic achievement in the new school budg-

et. Slavens responded by saying that before he was elected to the board, there was never any talk of measuring or improving student achievement.

Slavens' remark was not only incredibly self-serving, it's just not true. We know from personal experience (as PCCS board presidents who served well before Mr. Slavens' time) that every former trustee we know considered student achievement as THE key objective.

To make a blanket statement that prior boards never worried about academic performance puts Slavens in the category of either being incredibly naive, or a liar. Either trait makes him unfit for re-election. Slavens owes all of us an apology.

Michael Maloney
Mark Horvath

Former PCCS board presidents

Vote for Gebhardt

On the May 2007 ballot, we will be voting for local nonpartisan issues like school boards and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. I support and will vote to retain Joan Gebhardt for Schoolcraft College trustee because of her educational experience, knowledge of educational issues, problem-solving skills and ability to relate to people and their problems. I share with her the importance of the issues that she cares about most: quality education while being fiscally responsible, strong curriculum geared at our changing economy and workforce, and equal representation for all stakeholders.

Joan has made the personal and professional commitment to invest in our Schoolcraft College community. It is crucial that we have qualified, dedicated and passionate people like Joan representing us and working to create policy at exemplary higher education institutions like Schoolcraft College. Our mission is clear: Joan Gebhardt is the best choice for Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. We need to retain Joan Gebhardt as the trustee who can offer fresh ideas and steadfast direction to continue the important work at Schoolcraft. During this time of economic transition, we need programs critical to Michigan's economic future. Joan understands that we must train and retrain our workforce for jobs of today and tomorrow. I have great confidence in her abilities.

Please join me in voting for Joan Gebhardt for Schoolcraft trustee on May 8.

state Rep. Marc Corriveau
20th District, Northville

Overspending occurring

Since day one it has been a ploy for Michigan to say that profits from the gambling casinos go to support schools. Obviously, this was used to get voter support. But the fact is, the money goes directly into the coffers of the State of Michigan. The state then transfers this money to schools in place of what it is required by law to do even without the gambling profits.

This money is not in addition to normal school budgeted money but supplants it. Over the years the state has used the normal school money for other purposes (some good and some bad).

Apparently, part of the overspending that has been going on. Give them a buck and they will say "where can we spend it."

Dave Mackley
Oakland Township

GOP plan hurts Michigan

In a series of late night votes, Senate Republicans finally revealed their "plan" for Michigan. It WILL hurt Michigan families and it WILL NOT allow us to make critical investments in Michigan's future. The bills include:

- (1) Cutting \$34 in education funding per student (which means a cut, for example of \$4 MILLION for Detroit, \$528,000 for Lansing, \$232,00 for Battle Creek, etc.) This WILL have a very drastic effect on our Wayne-Westland school district.
- (2) Eliminating funds for Ambulance Services, Adult Home Help, Doctors' Services and Community Mental Health.
- (3) Slashing \$34 million in funding for economic development and private job creation projects.
- (4) Cutting Medicaid.
- (5) Reducing funding for Child Care, Food Stamps and Foster Care.

In part because the bills were kept SECRET and then introduced and offered for votes late Thursday, March 22, the details remain unclear.

The bottom line is this: The Republicans' "plan" will hurt Michigan people, and it cuts the very things we need to end Michigan's economic crisis and revitalize Michigan's economy.

In tough economic times, it is critical to invest in our people to prepare for the knowledge-based jobs that will grow Michigan's economy. We cannot afford to slash investments in education, public safety and health care at the exact moment when the economy demands this kind of investment to ensure that Michigan is competitive.

The governor's plan is comprehensive. It includes spending cuts, government reforms and revenues.

On Thursday, March 22, the governor introduced an Executive Order cutting spending by \$344 million for this year. Many of the cuts are painful, but she protects the most vital investments for Michigan's future, and vital services that Michigan citizens depend on. Yet this is only the first step, covering just 10 percent of the \$3.4 billion deficit.

The governor's full plan will help Michigan's people succeed — in school, in the global economy and in life.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

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"Every time there's a major storm that comes through, these trees are falling on the pathways below ... If someone happened to be out there (when they fell), they could be seriously injured. ..."

Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer, on Wayne County's responsibility for removing dead or dying ash trees

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School board has worked hard

I am disappointed to see another bitter attack of the Plymouth-Canton School Board and Administration by Mr. Maloney ("It's time for the school board to lead or get out of the way," *Observer*, March 29).

I take exception to Mr. Maloney's statement that the P-CCS board is out of touch with the community. Last fall we held eight open and announced workshops when working to develop the bond proposal. Open discussion with the public occurred at each meeting. Mr. Maloney did not attend any of those workshops. In addition, we met with parent groups at every one of the 26 schools in our district to answer questions about the bond. Most of these meetings were well attended by the public.

We currently are in the budget-setting process for 2007 and are holding similar open workshops weekly. This paper has listed the times and locations for these meetings. We allow any and all citizens to comment during these meetings. We will be going out to the parent groups again this spring to discuss school finance.

Outside of these formal meetings, the P-CCS Web site has a mailbox for citizens to e-mail their comments to us and those letters are always distributed to all members of the board.

Regarding his comments on the proposed debate on the bond, the law prohibits the superintendent and elected board members from advocating a "yes" position on any bond. Mr. Maloney should know this, as he is a previous board member. The time for what items should be included in the bond was during the workshops, which Mr. Maloney did not attend. We understood not everyone would agree 100 percent with each element of the bond. That is impossible to achieve. But we worked hard to determine which items the community deemed most important. In the end, the tough economy, beset with layoffs announced after our bond was set in stone by the state, was too difficult to overcome.

One gets the sense, from reading this and previous editorials by Mr. Maloney, that even if he had attended the workshops, and we had followed any and all recommendations made by him, that he would criticize us for doing so.

Mr. Maloney also charges members of this board are lazy. In addition to our regular twice-monthly board meetings, our board members cover seven subcommittees, each meeting monthly. Bond and budget workshops also occur, meeting weekly for several months at a time. This does not include time for expulsion hearings or public engagements outside of school board business that take up a lot of time for trustees. We have almost perfect attendance at these meetings.

Our meetings take as long as we need, until the topics covered are completed, and all members have had their questions answered satisfactorily so they can make informed votes. Requiring meetings take a set amount of time, whether it is needed or not, is inane and misses the point.

Looking at our fund balance for the past several years, we find that in 1999, when Mr. Maloney failed in his bid for re-election to the board, the fund balance was \$16.9 million. Over the next seven years, under new leadership, and even during a period of under-funding by the state, that balance has risen to \$17.7 million.

By law, 97 percent of our school district's funding comes from the state. During Mr. Maloney's term in the 1990s, the school district received enough state revenue to cover expenditures.

Since the turn of the century (2000), the district has not received the full inflation increases promised under the tax reform of 1994. Inflation averages almost 3 percent every year. On a \$150 million budget, that means the district needs about \$4.5 million (3 percent) more just to deliver the same service it did the year before. So far this decade, our district has received a full inflation increase only once. We received no foundation allowance increase from the state two of those years, and an actual decrease two other years.

This board did not whine about this situation as Mr. Maloney indicates. It went to work. Over the past five years it has made cuts that have equaled \$8 million. Without those service changes, our district would be deficit. But because of this board's foresight, it is not. That is hardly lazy.

The state continues to under-fund, and more changes will be required this year. Unfortunately, cuts that don't affect the classroom are becoming impossible to find. Our district is fourth-largest in the state, yet spends less on administration than 90 percent of all Michigan school districts. Future changes made will probably be more noticeable by students, parents and citizens in our community as they are likely to touch student programs more directly (something the board has worked hard to avoid in the past). But at some point, there will be nothing else left to cut in order to balance an under funded budget.

As for Mr. Maloney's "Five Suggestions" I can address them as follows:

1) As stated above, we have and will continue to actively listen to the community. We are part of that community. We are parents of students at all levels of our district, just like everyone else.

2) Every opinion is welcome. Each board member takes into consideration the opinions of our students, teachers, administrators and the population at large when deciding how to vote on each issue.

3) To insinuate we don't consider every child is precious is insulting. We have put ourselves in the line of fire every day because of that very fact. As I have stated, we are parents in this community and got involved in this volunteer effort because we want to ensure the children in our community get the best possible education.

4) Our district works closely with the private schools in this area to ensure we are doing all we can for them without ruining us financially. Among other things, we provide transportation and special education services to them. When available, we also provide athletic resources to them. We consider them partners in education.

5) We have been serious about finances and will continue to be. As listed above, \$8 million in cuts is more than ever were made in the 1990s when Mr. Maloney sat on the board. These are tough economic times, and unless the state makes a commitment to fully fund education, our school systems won't be able to contribute to improving the situation.

As for Mr. Maloney's comment about leadership, I would like to close by saying I have chosen to lead this year in a positive fashion by welcoming ideas and suggestions from the citizens.

I am disappointed he has chosen to sit back and snipe. Instead of focusing on the issues, he has chosen to politicize them.

That is never good for a school district. It is hardly fitting of a former board president. Instead, we are going to stay focused on our goal: making the Plymouth-Canton School District the absolute best it can be.

Barry Simescu is president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Condemning Islamic terrorism is not attack on Arabs, Muslims

BY PAOLO MOTTA

I am writing in response to the March 18 Sunday Perspectives column titled, "Hateful rhetoric won't help ease tensions in Middle East." In the column, Terry Ahwal characterizes vocal condemnation of Islamic terrorism as hateful and ignorant. Her perspective is troubling on many counts.

First, Ms. Ahwal seems to ignore or trivialize the atrocious acts committed by terrorists acting in the name of Islam. Here's an abbreviated list: 1993 World Trade Center Bombing (six killed); 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania (224 killed); bombing of the U.S.S. Cole (17 killed); Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center (almost 3,000 killed); October 2002 bombing of a Bali nightclub (over 200 killed); March 2004 bombings in Spain (191 killed); July 2005 London bombings (53 killed). A complete list includes many more acts with many more deaths and injuries. The perpetrators of all of these incidents claimed to be acting in the name of Islam. Accurately identifying our enemy is not hateful; it is a necessary step in defending ourselves.

Second, Ms. Ahwal equates the condemnation of Islamic terrorism as an attack on all Muslims and Arabs. This is a gross mischaracterization.

None of the persons identified in her article - Thomas Friedman, Glenn Beck, or the president - claims that all Muslims or all Arabs are terrorists. Living in southeast Michigan, we live and work among the largest population of Muslims and Arabs in the U.S. We recognize them as our co-workers, neighbors and friends and as hard-working, peaceful people. Accurately identifying and fighting radical Islamists committing acts of terror is no more an indictment against all Muslims than identifying and prosecuting teachers who molest children is an indictment against all teachers. Assuming all Muslims or Arabs are terrorists is wrong. Failing to accurately identify our enemies as radical Islamists for the mistaken belief that we are offending all Muslims is dangerous.

One of the most disheartening aspects of the war on Islamic radicals has been the reluctance of peaceful Muslims to strongly denounce the violence of Islamic terrorists. It is this reluctance on the part of moderate Muslims that causes many people to question whether Islam itself is to blame for the terrorist threat. Ms. Ahwal only compounds this problem when she criticizes the president or Thomas Friedman rather than those who are committing the violence.

Has Ms. Ahwal written any columns denouncing Islamic terrorists for killing innocent civilians, including fellow Muslims? Third, it is not hateful to defend ourselves against a threat to our existence. We are fac-

ing an enemy who wishes to kill us and destroy our way of life. The Islamic terrorists attack all whom they consider to be "infidels" and seek to eradicate any society that is not governed by Sharia law. Let's be clear. These are radicals who plan unprovoked attacks on thousands of civilians, issue death warrants for authors of books and cartoons, and behead journalists. It would be irresponsible for our government not to actively defend our country against those who wish to destroy us. In the years following the first World Trade Center bombing, we ignored the growing threat of Islamic terror. As a consequence, thousands of innocent Americans were murdered.

Ms. Ahwal's comments obfuscate the real issues that must be addressed in the war on terror. We must not be covered into refusing to identify and fight our enemy for fear of being labeled anti-Muslim or anti-Arab. It is not hate or ignorance that is motivating our war against Islamic terrorists; it is self-defense. Moderate Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq, those who have most closely seen the danger of Islamic radicals, have joined us in the war against Islamic terror. Until moderate Muslims across the globe are willing to join in the fight against those who commit violence in the name of Islam, people of all religions and cultures will remain vulnerable to the threat of Islamic terror.

Rather than listen to those who would attack our resolve to defend ourselves with mistaken claims of hate and ignorance, we would be better served by remembering the response by Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, to a reporter in a September 2006 press conference at The White House: "(T)errorism was hurting us way before Iraq or September 11th. The President (Bush) mentioned some examples of it. These extremist forces were killing people in Afghanistan and around for years, closing schools, burning mosques, killing children, uprooting vineyards, with vine trees, grapes hanging on them, forcing populations to poverty and misery. They came to America on September 11th, but they were attacking you before September 11th in other parts of the world. We are a witness in Afghanistan to what they are and how they can hurt. You are a witness in New York. Do you forget people jumping off the 80th floor or 70th floor when the planes hit them? Can you imagine what it will be for a man or a woman to jump off that high? Who did that? And where are they now? And how do we fight them, how do we get rid of them, other than going after them? Should we wait for them to come and kill us again? That's why we need more action around the world, in Afghanistan and elsewhere, to get them defeated - extremism, their allies, terrorists and the like."

Paolo Motta is a resident of Canton.

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Dancers from Sandy Adams School of Dance perform some traditional Hawaiian dances during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday.

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MHS sponsors summer day camp

Back by popular demand, the Michigan Humane Society's Summer Tails Day Camp returns for its second season. The week-long camp is a hands-on, interactive animal learning experience for children this summer. Summer Tails Day Camp will be offered in seven one-week sessions beginning June 25 at the three MHS centers for animal care, held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer Tail Day Camp will be offered at the following dates and MHS locations:

■ Detroit adoption center the weeks of July 30 and Aug. 6.

■ Rochester Hills adoption center the weeks of Aug. 20 and 27.

■ Berman adoption center in Westland the weeks of June 25, July 16 and July 23.

Summer Tail Day Camp is age-appropriate, with program materials suited to learning styles and maturity levels. The program is open to Junior Paw Pals (children ages 7 and 8), Paw Pals (children 9 to 11) and senior Paw Pals (ages 12 and 13).

"Summer Tails offer kids with a love for animals the opportu-

nity to experience animal welfare first-hand," says Kimberly Korona, community humane initiatives coordinator at the Michigan Humane Society.

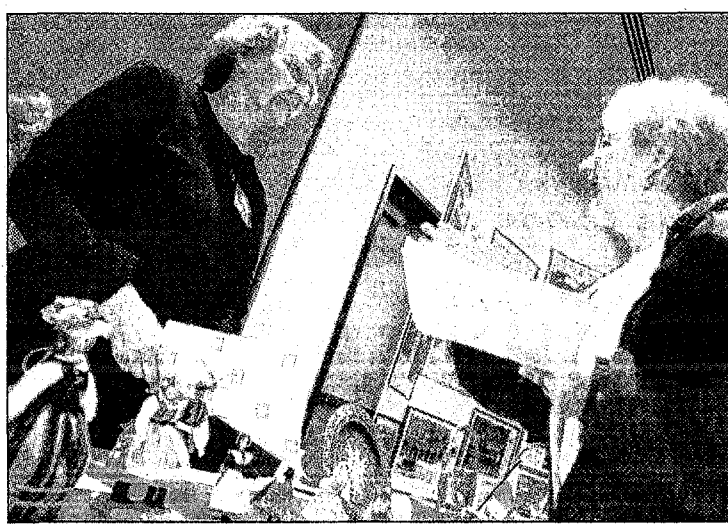
To provide the optimal learning experience for each Paw Pal, MHS has collaborated with other animal welfare organizations to expand and enhance knowledge of animal issues, humane training techniques and veterinary medicine. Children will also learn about ferrets from members of the Midwest Fellowship and may even get a visit with one of the stars of the Animal Planet *Animal Cops*, Detroit.

A scholarship program is available to ensure Summer Tails Day Camp is available for all children interested in attending. Registration and scholarship forms are available at all three MHS locations: 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit; 3600 W. Auburn Road, Rochester; and, 900 N. Newburgh Road, Westland.

For more information about Summer Tails Day Camp, visit www.michiganhumane.org or contact Kimberly Korona at (248)799-7400, ext. 127 or kkorona@michiganhumane.org.



Schoolcraft College student Kristen Persh gets a Hawaiian dance lesson during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair.



Evelyn Nash of Westland, right, talks with Joanne Napiewocki-Brady at the Poland display during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday.

Schoolcraft celebrates world cultures

Schoolcraft College students and the community has an opportunity to take a trip around the world March 29 while never leaving the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center.

Schoolcraft's Sixth Multicultural Fair 2007 featured exhibits, food and dance from every continent in the world.

Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers gave way to Irish Step

Dancers and the Philippine tinkling "Bamboo Dance." Display tables featured items from as faraway as China and India to as close to home as Canada and Native Americans artifacts. Visitors could converse in Arabic, French, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian and Spanish.

At the Indian exhibit, the ancient art of henna painting was demonstrated while a video showed a Bollywood pro-

duction.

The Multicultural Fair was started to promote cultural sensitivity and increase an awareness and appreciation for other cultures. The fair was organized by the Schoolcraft College International Institute.

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APRIL

Holy Week services

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

Maundy Thursday worship 7 p.m. April 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-6038; Good Friday services April 6, 12:30 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh road, Livonia, (734) 422-0149, and 7:30 p.m. at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, south of Plymouth road, (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, (734) 422-6038.

Lent and Easter services

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, 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.

Holy Week services

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, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. The church was organized in 1850 and has remained in Detroit the past 153 years. Three Worship Services 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 details, call (313) 567-3100.

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 dif-

ferent activity centers such as egg decorating, craft making, cookie decorating, outdoor egg hunt, video of Easter story, 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), 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.

Good Friday service

11:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, at Fairhaven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, between Wayne and Wildwood, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-4549.

Way of the Cross

7 p.m. Good Friday, April 6, a Journey of Taize Prayer and Reflection in the Shadow of the Cross, Easter Sunday worship 10:45 a.m. (breakfast 9-10:15 a.m.), at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-2800.

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.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call Marion at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy (734) 397-8495 for an appointment.

Christ Has Risen

Easter Pictures with Mr. Bunny noon to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, at BORN to Build, Inc., 7351 West Warren, Detroit, \$5 (no sitting fee). Easter Gospel Celebration, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Cookies and punch served. For information, call (313) 361-4322.

Singles lecture

7 p.m. Friday, April 6, with David Edwards gives insight to help discover or recover a Christ-centered lifestyle. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Point Ministries for ages 40 and older. Call (248) 374-5920.

Easter egg hunt

10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information or to register, call (734) 425-2800.

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.

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.

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.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, April 8 The Unconquered, at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit www.hischurch.us.

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.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

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@provide.net for an information packet.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper included. Call (734) 421-7620.

Crosstalk

7 p.m. Friday, April 13, lively discourse on topic of current interest with Rev. Paul Clough in Room C309 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Point Ministries for ages 40 and older. Call (248) 374-5920. No charge. Free childcare.

Chili cook off

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Patrick's Parish, 140 Superior, between 1st and 2nd, Wyandotte. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, 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. Bring your spoon and \$5 and eat all the chili you want. Be a chef and possibly win \$100 if your chili is chosen the best. If interesting in competing with your recipe, call (734) 324-8983.

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.

Benefit auction

Silent auction to benefit Crossroads Soup Kitchen will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, north of Joy road, Livonia. Crossroads Soup Kitchen is located in Detroit and every week feeds hundreds of needy people. The auction features more than \$1,000 in great products and services from local businesses. For more information, call (734) 591-0734.

Blood drive

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

Retreat for widowed

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

Monthly meeting

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

Gospel concert

St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills hosts a free gospel concert by the International Gospel Center's Voices of Deliverance 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River and Freedom Road. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

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.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Call (734) 464-0211.

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 urbel@angelsplace.com.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

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 present-ing theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

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.

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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 which began 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.

UPCOMING

Rummage sale
Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Concert

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor

Mass 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free, secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org.

Prayer breakfast

Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbkfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Real estate seminar

1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodneyn@newburgumc.org.

ONGOING

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

Recovery program

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

Bible study

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

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks to March 26, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

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

Bible study series

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

Scripture study

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

Worship service

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

Worship services

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

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of Livonia, MI. March 30, 2007, age 73. Born July 15, 1933 in Joliet Illinois to Oscar Erickson and Thelma Nelson. Survived by his wife Barbara Erick

CALENDAR

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Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 1675 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

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

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

8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.
Farmington Women Aglow
Meets from 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unity of Livonia
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

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

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

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

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

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

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

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Weigh pros and cons of taking early Social Security benefits

Recently, I sat down with couples who have taken early retirement from the auto industry and many of them also are eligible to collect Social Security. The question is whether it is beneficial to accept Social Security early or not. One client stated that she had heard it is never beneficial to accept Social Security before you can collect your full benefit. My answer to her was there are very few absolutes in the financial world and, in fact, in many cases taking Social Security early is a good move.

It is important first to understand the rules. Many believe they receive full benefits at age 65, but this is not the case. If you were born between 1943 and 1954, your full benefits don't kick in until you reach 66 years of age. Therefore, the benefit of receiving early benefits is that you are going to receive Social Security payments for a longer period of time. The downside, of course, is that your benefits are reduced. Everyone is eligible to begin to receive Social Security at 62, however, if you accept benefits at that point you will receive up to a 25 percent reduction in benefits.

Although there are a variety of factors to consider, the break-even point is approximately when someone is in their early 80s. That means if someone accepts early benefits and they are living past their early 80s, they would have collected more if they would have deferred benefits.

Another item is the give back rules. If you accept early benefits and you continue to work, you may have to surrender some of those benefits. If you make more than \$12,960 in 2007, for every two dollars you earn over the limit (\$12,960) you will surrender one dollar in benefits. Therefore, if you make \$25,000, you are \$12,040 over the limit which means you will lose a little over \$6,000 in benefits. This is not a permanent loss because future benefits are recomputed and adjusted. Taking early benefits is a permanent lifetime reduction.

Another issue is tax consequences. Many people believe Social Security is not taxed. However, that's not the case. To determine whether your Social Security is subject to tax, start with what is known as a base amount (basically your income plus half the Social Security benefits you receive plus any income from municipal bonds). If you are single and your base amount is over \$25,000 or married and your base amount is over \$32,000, then 50 percent of your Social Security is subject to income tax. If your base amount is \$34,000 and you're single or \$44,000 and you're married, then 85 percent of your Social Security is subject to income tax.

After factoring in various



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issues, my general rule is only consider taking early Social Security benefits if you need the money to cover your living

expenses. If you don't need the money, then it pays to delay taking the benefits.

In addition, if you are subject to the give-back rules and you were going to give back half or more of your benefits, then it generally pays to delay taking benefits. On the other hand, if your pension does not cover your living expenses, then taking Social Security early may be a benefit to you.

If it comes down to tapping your investments or collecting Social Security early, it depends upon the type of investor you are. If you are conservative and investing in CDs and government bonds, then for those individuals I would recommend using my investment portfolio for my income needs and delay accepting Social Security. If you have stocks and growth

mutual funds in your portfolio then I generally would recommend tapping Social Security early to cover my needs allowing the investments to reinvest and grow. The theory is over the long run a well-balanced and diversified portfolio will return substantially more than the loss from Social Security.

The bottom line of whether to accept Social Security early or not is an individual deci-

sion. The key is to base it upon the factors I have discussed not what everyone else is doing.

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

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Shifting sports seasons bring on headaches

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The price of equity in boys and girls high school sports scheduling may include overcrowded practice facilities and a diluted officiating pool, according to some local administrators, coaches and officials.

On Monday, the United States Supreme Court denied a certiorari request by the Michigan High School Athletic Association regarding its nine-year-old sports-season litigation. As a result, boys and girls basketball seasons will run concurrently from November through March while girls volleyball will be pushed ahead from winter to fall.

Also, boys golf and girls tennis will swap with girls golf and boys tennis (see accompanying information box).

The ruling extinguished the MHSAA's almost decade-long fight to defeat the lawsuit, which was originally filed in 1998 by a group of Grand Rapids-area parents who felt their daughters were being discriminated against by Michigan's unique high school sports scheduling set-up.

It also ignited potential headaches for local athletic directors who must figure out — among other things — how to schedule six basketball practices — freshmen, junior varsity

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CHANGES IN THE WIND

When the United States Supreme Court decided not to hear the Michigan High School Athletic Association's appeal, it opened the doors for the following changes in the high school sports schedule:

- Girls basketball will be moved from the fall to the winter;
- Girls volleyball will be moved from the winter to the fall;
- Boys tennis will be moved from the spring to the fall;
- Girls tennis will be moved from the fall to the spring;
- Boys golf will be moved from the fall to the spring; and
- Girls golf will be moved from the spring to the fall.

Sidelines

PCEP figure skaters excel

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's figure-skating team captured second place March 31 at the Michigan State Championships, which were held at the Detroit Skate Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The PCEP's "A" team earned second behind Bloomfield Hills United while the "B" squad tied for first with Farmington Hills Mercy.

The PCEP skaters qualified for the state meet with a top-three finish in a 12-team district competition earlier this year.

Medaling in individual events for the local team were: Brooke Siepierski (first place in pre-bronze solo dance); Shelby Locklear (second place in pre-juvenile freeskate); Diane Postel (second place in pre-preliminary freeskate); and Danielle Desilets (third place in preliminary freeskate).

The team is coached by Barb Miller and Suzie Smith, who are assisted by parent manager Ellen Kolarik.

Coaches: Please call in results

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

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

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

Wildcat football

The Plymouth Wildcat football program will be holding an important informational meeting for all incoming ninth-graders and their parents from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

Contact head football coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 if you cannot attend or if you have any questions.

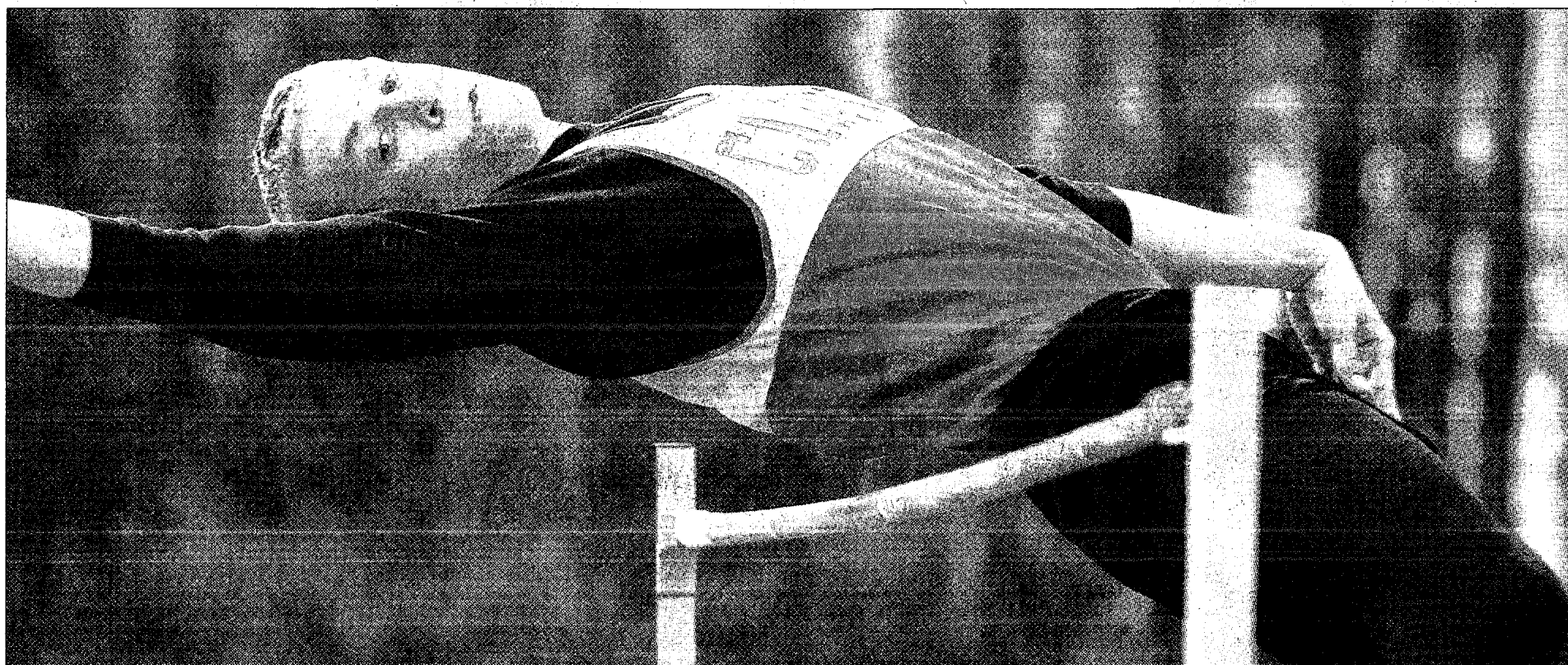
Schmitt shines

Allison Schmitt, a junior at Canton High School, recently excelled for Club Wolverine at the USA Swimming Championships held in East Meadow (Long Island) New York.

On Sunday, Schmitt capped a stellar week by anchoring the USA's 400-meter medley relay team to a sixth-place finish.

Earlier last week, she finished third in the 200-meter freestyle (2:02.67), 12th in the 100-meter freestyle (57.41) and 12th in the 400-meter freestyle (4:20.16).

Schmitt also anchored Club Wolverine's 400-meter relay team's gold-medal performance.



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Canton high jumper Eric Thornton placed first in Tuesday's dual meet with Northville with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches — eight inches higher than his closest rival from Northville. Thornton's performance helped the Chiefs establish a 33-12 lead after the field events, however, the Mustangs rallied to take a 70-67 decision.



Canton's Maggie Carlson takes the hand-off from Paula Schubatis in the 3,200-meter relay event during Tuesday's meet against Northville. The Mustangs won, 107-29. For complete results on the meet, please see page B2.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Northville edges Canton's boys, girls

See details of Canton's girls team's loss to Northville on B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday afternoon's Canton-Northville boys track meet came down to a photo finish.

But in the end, it wasn't a pretty picture for the Chiefs.

In the season-opening Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet for both teams, the Mustangs used a microscopic first-place finish in the meet-closing 1,600-meter relay to edge Canton, 70-67, at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

Canton built a 33-12 advantage after the five field events and owned a narrow 67-65 lead heading into the final event, but the Mustangs crossed the tape

one-tenth of a second faster than the Chiefs to earn the victory.

"It was a great meet," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "It was exciting to see all the people standing and cheering right to the end."

"The boys did an awesome job. We were missing a few key performers with injuries, but some other kids stepped up and really competed."

Canton senior Nick Moores excelled in his first meet for the Chiefs. The former Novi Catholic Central transfer student won the shot put, the 100-meter dash and was a member of the first-place 400-meter relay team. He also earned second-place points in the discus.

"I'd say Nick had a pretty good day," Richardson said.

Canton also notched first-place points in the field events from Adam Somers (long jump) and Steve Paye (discus).

The Mustangs started their comeback immediately following the field events when they took first in

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Power Rangers?

Whalers' goal: defuse Kitchener in Western semis

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

SWEEP DREAMS

■ **What:** OHL Western Conference semifinal series (best of seven);

■ **Who:** Plymouth Whalers (49-14-2-3, 103 points) vs. the Kitchener Rangers (47-17-1-3, 98 points); both teams swept their opponents in the first round.

■ **Where:** Games 1, 3, 5 (if necessary) and 7 (if necessary) will be played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township; Games 2, 4 and 6 (if necessary) will be played in Kitchener;

■ **When:** Game 1 is set for Friday night at 7:05 p.m. Following is the remainder of the series schedule: Game 2: Sunday, April 8, 7 p.m.; Game 3: Tuesday April 10, 7:05 p.m.; Game 4: Wednesday, April 11.

■ **Ed Wright's prediction:** Whalers in 6.

Historically, a first-round sweep in the playoffs equates to a second-round advantage for the sweeper.

That's not necessarily the case for the Plymouth Whalers as they prepare to embark on their Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series against Kitchener beginning Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Yes, the Whalers will be rested following their four-game sweep of Guelph, but so will the Rangers, who recorded a first-round sweep of Sarnia.

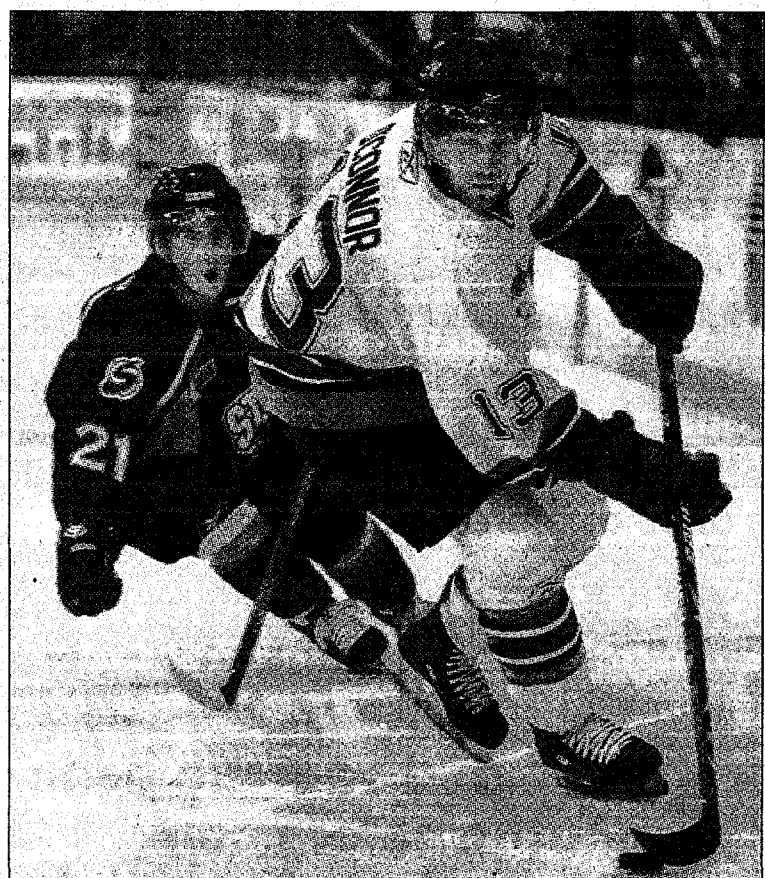
When the first puck is dropped Friday at 7:05 p.m., the Whalers will have seven full days of inactivity to deal with.

"At this point in the season, we know our team and we know the opponent, so we didn't really need the time off for preparation," said Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci. "With this much time off, we just have to make sure we don't get stale."

Vellucci said he was obviously pleased with the clean sweep of the Storm, but he also admitted his team could have played better.

"I really don't think we played that great," he said.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers forward Sean O'Connor will play a key role in the team's upcoming Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series against Kitchener. The best-of-seven series opens Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Chief runners fall in opener to Mustangs

Canton's young and inexperienced girls track team was no match for perennial powerhouse Northville Tuesday afternoon as the Mustangs ran away with a 108-29 decision in a dual meet held at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

The dual meet was the season opener for both teams and the first as head coach of the Chiefs for Pam Schaufele.

"Considering how young we are and the fact that Northville is very, very good, I thought we did as well as could be expected," said Schaufele. "As a first-

year coach with a lot of young runners, we're just starting to lay the foundation for the program.

"I thought we did very well in the field events, and we had some strong performances out of our sprinters."

Canton thrower Ashley McClellan excelled, placing second in both the discus and shot put (28 feet, six-and-a-half inches).

The lone first-place effort for the Chiefs came from Ashley Banks, who won the 100-meter dash in 13.28 seconds, three-

hundredths of a second faster than teammate Toria Davis.

NORTHVILLE 108
CANTON 29

Tuesday at Canton

Discus: 1. Northville; 2. Ashley McClellan (C); 3. Jessica Colton (C).

Shot put: 1. Anita Foss (N), 30-10.75; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 28-6.5; 3. Bonnie Reina (C), 26-9.

Pole vault: 1. Julie Foncher (N), 9-0; 2. Becky Murphy (N), 7-6; 3. Amy Reynolds (N), 7-6.

Long jump: 1. Stewart (N), 14-7.5; 2. McKinney (C), 14-4.5; 3. Ciara Williams (C), 13-9.5.

High jump: 1. Jenkins (N), 4-9; 2. Megan Matheny (C), 4-6; 3. Jenna Grezlik (N), 4-3.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Northville, 10:20.44; 2. Canton, 10:56.0

100 hurdles: 1. King (N), 16.00; 2. Kochhar

(N), 17.0; 3. Macalagin (N), 18.40.

100 dash: 1. Ashley Banks (C), 13.28; 2. Toria Davis (C), 13.31; 3. Pichan (N), 13.53.

800 relay: 1. Northville, 1:50.69; 2. Canton, 1:51.39.

1,600 run: 1. Hagan (N), 5:25.40; 2. Sprader (N), 5:50.88; 3. Paula Schubatis (C), 6:07.78.

400 run: 1. Drury (N), 1:04.03; 2. Kreichelt (N), 1:05.68; 3. Jenkins (N), 1:06.84.

300 hurdles: 1. King (N), 51.28; 2. Konopka (N), 51.85; 3. Sprader (N), 52.75.

800 run: 1. Hagan (N), 2:29.57; 2. Puskorius (N), 2:38.72; 3. Beth Swanberg (C), 2:39.84.

200 run: 1. Kreichelt (N), 27.84; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 27.94; 3. Toria Davis (C), 28.28.

3,200 run: 1. Murphy (N), 12:13.38; 2. Katinski (N), 13:01; 3. Forsythe (N), 13:33.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 4:24.84; 2. Canton, 4:31.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 0-1; Northville, 1-0.

Tidwell mows down state-ranked Dexter

Canton junior right-hander William Tidwell made his first varsity start look easy Tuesday afternoon as he silenced state-ranked Dexter, 2-0, in a non-league game played at Canton.

Tidwell dominated the Dreadnaughts from the first pitch to the last, yielding just two hits while striking out five. The flame-throwing right-hander did not walk a batter.

"William pitched a great game," said Canton coach Scott Dickey.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring paced the Chiefs' offensive attack with a double, triple and RBI.

The second game of the teams' twinbill was called due to darkness with the score knotted at 2-2. Freshman pitcher Kevin Delapaz and senior Brad Barath both threw well for the Chiefs.

On Saturday, Canton opened its season by splitting a double-header with Novi Catholic Central. The Chiefs won the opener, 3-2, thanks to a game-winning hit by Delapaz. The Shamrocks captured the nightcap, 4-0. Canton is now 2-1-1.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, PCA 5: It took nine innings Monday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0) pulled out the season-opening victory over host Plymouth Christian Academy (0-1).

The Warriors scored the game-winning run in the top of the ninth.

Austin Baglow led off with a single and pinch runner Rob Seltz advanced to second on a sacrifice fly by Nate Bachert. After Aaron Derminer reached

base on an error, Seltz scored from third on Billy Meier's fielders choice.

Ryan Baglow came on in relief to pitch the ninth, fanning two batters and picking off a runner, to secure the victory.

"It was definitely the first game of the year," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We made a few mistakes, both physical and mental, but we're happy to be able to come away with the victory."

The Warriors took a 5-3 lead in the top of the eighth on RBI singles by Meier and Ryan Baglow, but PCA got two back against reliever Austin Baglow on a walk, three straight singles and an error.

Adam Zehel's infield single in the seventh scoring Meier sent the game into extra innings.

Chris Ake, who went 2-for-2, belted a solo homer, walked once and was hit twice. Zehel also had two hits with a double, two walks and two RBI.

Brent Zinn went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI for PCA.

Warriors starter Derek Fleetham went the first seven innings, striking out a school-record 15 while allowing just three earned runs on five hits, a walk and a hit batsmen.

Losing pitcher Trevor Zinn worked the final five innings, allowing two two earned runs on six hits, three walks and two hit batters. Starter Matt Saagman went the first four innings, allowing just one hit and four walks while fanning five.

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four straight running events — the 3,200-meter relay, 110 high hurdles, 100-meter dash and 800-meter relay. The Chiefs countered by placing first in the next three events — the 1,600-meter run, which Eric Zech won in 4:38.2; the 400-meter relay (Moore, Antwan Hawkins, Ryan Randall and Adam Somers) and the 400-meter dash (Andrew Manuel).

Manuel registered another first in the 200-meter dash with a clocking of 23.2 seconds.

On Saturday, the Chiefs placed 11th at the 26-team EMU Huron River Relays by compiling 21 points.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the event with 74 points followed by Detroit Mumford (66), Fort Wayne Wayne (47.5), Monroe (44) and Saline (43).

Thornton was the lone Chief to earn first-place points with his 6-6 effort in the high jump.

Also scoring points for Canton were long jumper Okemdi Oparaake (eighth with a 19-6.5); pole vaulter Ryan Langdon (sixth with a 11-6); shot-putter Moore (sixth with a 46.4.25); the shuttle hurdle relay four-some of Tim Belcher, Jon Rykalski, Sherif Hassain and Josh Etim placed ninth; while the 1,600-meter relay quartet of Belcher, Langdon, Hassain and Marcus Sylvester was seventh with a time of 3:40.3.

NORTHVILLE 70
CANTON 67
Tuesday at Canton
Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 138-9; 2. Nick Moores



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Canton's Jon Rykalski clears a hurdle as he runs the 100-meter high hurdles during Tuesday's meet against Northville.

(C), 135-9; 3. Gorley (N), 120-2.

High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-5; 2. Franceschi (C), 5-9; 3. Okemdi Oparaake (C), 5-6.

Long jump: 1. Adam Somers (C), 19-5; 2. Tosin Aedejeji (C), 18-5; 3. Okemdi Oparaake (C), 18-2.

Pole vault: 1. Yassay (N), 13-0; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-0; 3. Ryan Langdon (C), 11-6.

Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 48-0.75; 2. Markstorm (N), 47-7.75; 3. Wardell Fuqua (C), 44-9.75.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Northville, 8:34.5; 2. Canton (Josh Godwin, Josh Hurst, Keith Zech, Scott Zech), 9:06.1.

110 high hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 15.1; 2. Gerish (N), 15.8; 3. Tim Belcher (C), 16.5.

100 dash: 1. Nick Moores (C), 11.8; 2. Gorley (N), 11.8; 3. Beatty (N), 11.9.

800 relay: 1. Northville, 1:36.8; 2. Canton (Adam Somers, Ryan Randall, Ryan Langdon, Tim Belcher), 1:36.9.

1,600 run: 1. Eric Zech (C), 4:38.2; 2. Dalton (N), 4:45.5; 3. Jacob (N), 4:49.6.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Nick Moores, Antwan Hawkins, Ryan Randall, Adam Somers), 46.8; 2. Northville, 47.4.

400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 51.4; 2.

Kolbow (N), 52.8; 3. Josh Etim (C), 53.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 41.5; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 41.9; 3. Brown (N), 42.6.

800 run: 1. Turnbull (N), 1:59.8; 2. Kolbow (N), 2:00.9; 3. Scott Zech (C), 2:01.3.

200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 23.2; 2. Ryan Randall (C), 24.3; 3. Beatty (N), 24.8.

3,200 run: 1. Zurek (N), 10:37.8; 2. Dalton (N), 10:38.5; 3. Jacob (N), 10:39.2.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:31.4; 2. Canton (Tim Belcher, Josh Etim, Sherif Hassain, Andrew Manuel), 3:31.5.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 0-1; Northville, 1-0.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 99
SALEM 38
April 3 at Stevenson

Shot put: Brad Doak (LS), 43 feet, 5 inches;

discus: Matt Broome (LS), 127-7; **high jump:** Mitchell White (LS), 6-3; **long jump:** Myles White (LS), 20-6; **pole vault:** Brad Dow (LS), 10-0;

110-meter hurdles: Baze Eremov (Salem), 15.7; **300 hurdles:** Myles White (LS), 40.97;

100 dash: Steve Eideh (LS), 11.52; **200:** Mitchell White (LS), 23.3; **400:** Dan Cragel (LS), 52.09;

800: Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:08.14; **1,600:** Rob Curtis (Salem), 4:49.67; **3,200:** Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:36.0; **400 relay:** Stevenson (Eideh, Wade Stahl, Dave Simor, Austin White), 45.5;

800 relay: Stevenson (Cragel, Nate Sergison, Mitchell White, Myles White), 1:31.7; **1,600 relay:** Stevenson (Cragel, Kyle Osborne, Garrett Balint, Derek Buskey), 3:40.05; **3,200 relay:** Stevenson (Gibbons, Balint, Steve Reschke, Matt Rzepka), 8:36.22.

Stevenson 2nds: Myles White, 110 hurdles (16.09); Buskey, 400 (53.01); Reschke, 800 (2:12.02); Pat York, high jump (5-10); Broome, shot put (42-3); Doak, discus (120-2); Simor, long jump (18-9.5); 3rds: Dennis Swift, 110 hurdles (16.63); A. White, 100 (11.67); 200 (24.08); Shaw Howse, 3,200 (10:42.2); Mike Corsi, discus (113-6); Danny Martinelli, pole vault (9-6).

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 5

Salem at Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 5

Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Thursday, April 5

Madonna at Indiana-N'west, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Madonna at St. Xavier (Ill.), 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Madonna at St. Xavier (2), noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 5

Madonna at Aquinas College (2), 3 p.m.

Friday, April 6

(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)

Madonna vs. St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.

Madonna vs. Ind. Wesleyan, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)

Madonna vs. Lindenwood (Mo.), 10 a.m.

Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 1:30 p.m.

Madonna vs. Harris-Stowe (Mo.), 3:15 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Friday, April 6

Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, April 8

Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7 p.m.

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***Game 5 - Friday, April 13 at 7:05 p.m.**

***Game 7 - Monday, April 16 at 7:05 p.m.**

Game 2 - Sunday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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Roberts satisfied with effort, but disappointed in outcome

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, was disappointed with Monday's loss in the sports gender-equity lawsuit case. But he was not disappointed with the effort his organization gave.

Diane Madsen, a mom from the state's west side who believed all along that Michigan's prep female athletes were discriminated against, was thrilled that the Supreme Court decided not to hear an appeal of a U.S. District court decision originally levied against the MHSAA back in 2001. She's glad the whole gender-equity issue is finally resolved and the girls are now on equal footing with the boys.

Roberts felt the MHSAA was simply upholding the wishes of its membership schools across the state. Time after time, in surveys filled out by various high school administrators, the mandate was given to continue the fight against Communities for Equity (CFE) - Madsen's Grand Rapids-based group that filed the original lawsuit in 1998.

Backed by his constituency and financed by a \$2 million insurance policy, Roberts firmly

battled for nine years to maintain the status quo in the state's prep sports seasons schedule.

Just because Michigan was the only state in the country where girls played basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter, the MHSAA insisted it was not a good enough reason to change. Roberts believed his organization complied with all Title IX regulations and was non-discriminatory in the way it conducted its scheduling.

Roberts defended the decision to continually challenge the various court setbacks over the years.

"If ever our constituents had said we should not defend the current seasons because they are not beneficial to boys and girls, then the MHSAA would not have defended those decisions," he said at a press conference at the MHSAA's East Lansing headquarters late Monday afternoon.

"Because our constituents believe their seasons structure is much better than what the District Court had ordered, the MHSAA gave its best effort to defend those seasons. And we did so without any expenditure of time or money by schools, and without any distraction from MHSAA services to those schools.

"Ultimately our efforts to preserve the schools' seasons have been unsuccessful," he said. "We have to apologize to schools, not for making the efforts, but for not making successful efforts. We are disappointed with the results; but we couldn't have lived with ourselves if we were also disappointed with the effort."

Madsen and the CFE, on the other hand, consistently argued it was disadvantageous for the girls to play winter volleyball.

The CFE believed the girls were not only discriminated against, but were not afforded the proper scholarship opportunities as players across the nation were.

"I am very happy that young women in Michigan will now have all the opportunities and benefits that they are entitled to under the law that the boys have had all along," said Madsen Tuesday evening. "The overall importance of this decision is not about athletics. The overall importance is that gender discrimination is wrong. That can't happen in Michigan.

"I realize that it will be a tough couple of years of change," she said. "It's time for everyone to get together. Forty-nine other states have done it this way and we can learn from them."

SEASONS

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ty and varsity for both boys and girls — on a nightly basis during the winter.

"It creates a problem for schools with balcony gyms like we have because we have less space on the main gym floor and the courts up on the balconies are too narrow for basketball practice," said Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette. "It's not as much of an issue at Plymouth and Canton because they have three full courts, but we only have two on the main floor. Before this came down, two were enough. Now — with six teams needing practice time — it's not going to be.

"The last thing we want — and I'm sure the parents would agree — is kids in here until 10:30 at night practicing."

Practice space will also be a problem at Canton because its thriving wrestling program has outgrown the school's wrestling room and wrestlers often spill out onto the western-most third of the gymnasium to practice.

Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman said that while the initial intention of the landscape-changing lawsuit was to benefit female high school athletes, it may end up hurting them in some respects.

"With boys basketball and girls basketball being played at the same time, it's going to make people choose which

games they're going to watch, so it will dilute the fan base," she said.

The notion that Michigan's unique scheduling format — it was the only state to play girls basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter — hurt volleyball players' chances for earning a scholarship was off the mark, Heinzman said.

"Michigan has always been among the top states when it comes to scholarships, so that really wasn't an issue," she said.

"The MHSAA has stated from the beginning that it's not in the business of making sure student-athletes get scholarships," added Willette. "In fact, 98 percent of high school athletes won't get a scholarship.

"The bottom line is that the change in sports seasons is not in the best interest of the athletes."

Salem volleyball coach Amanda Suder said she sees pros and cons resulting from the season-changing ruling.

"One of the pros is that now the volleyball players will get to go right into the high school season from their AAU seasons, which usually end in late summer," she said. "Before, there would be a couple-month break between AAU and high school. Our practice times will be better now, too, because we won't have to share the gym with the basketball teams.

"One of the cons is that there were a lot of high school volleyball tournaments hosted by small colleges that may be

in jeopardy now because the small colleges play in the fall, too. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Longtime basketball official Joe Kavulich, a resident of Plymouth, said he fears the double dose of winter basketball may diminish the quality level of the officiating.

"A lot of the top high school basketball officials also officiate college games," Kavulich explained. "So if they have to choose between working a boys game or a girls game, they're going to choose the boys game because they're going to be looking for something that's more equivalent to the college game. The girls game is a good game, but it's a different game."

Asking referees to work several nights a week may be asking for problems, the Hall of Fame official added.

"I don't care how good the officials are — if you ask them to work four or five straight nights in a week, they're not going to be as sharp as if they were only doing two games a week," he said. "We didn't have enough top-notch officials before this ruling, especially around tournament time. What's it going to be like now?"

Kavulich noted that there is a bright side to the ruling as far as officials are concerned.

"It will give a lot of guys an opportunity to officiate at the high school level that before they may never have gotten," he said.

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WHALERS

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"The first two games we kind of struggled coming out of the gate, but we won anyway, which was nice. I thought we played a lot better the last two games."

Vellucci said the Whalers were bolstered against the Storm by the return of veteran James Neal, who missed the final two months of the regular season with an injury.

"He scored big goals in the last two games against Guelph, so it was definitely nice to have him back," Vellucci said. "He's a big part of this team. Without James, we're a good team. With him, we can be great."

The Rangers gave the Whalers all they could handle during the regular season as Kitchener won three of four games. All the contests were hard fought, however, as one went to overtime and another was decided in a shootout.

"We match up pretty well," said Vellucci.

The Rangers gave the Whalers all they could handle during the regular season as Kitchener won three of four games.

"They're a very aggressive team and they forecheck hard. Their defensemen like to jump in on rushes and join the play. Their goalie has done a nice job against us, too, so we're going to have to make sure we get a lot of traffic in front of him."

Vellucci said the Rangers' most potent weapon is forward Steve Downie, who was acquired from Peterborough in a mid-season trade.

The series will rotate between Plymouth and Kitchener on a game-by-game basis.

"The only time the OHL has teams play two consecutive games in one city is if the cities are more than four hours apart," Vellucci said.

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Lady Warriors double up Waterford, 10-5

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team upended Waterford United, 10-5, to improve its record to 2-2.

"This was a good win for us because Waterford is in their eighth year of girls lacrosse and we're in our second," said PCS coach Dave Medley.

"Early in the game I was able to put girls into varsity competition who had never had that opportunity before."

Leading the goal-scoring charge for PCS were Morgan Franke (three) and freshman center Lauryn Ebersole (two). Heather Duncan, Stephanie

Matusiak, Kate Spangler and Jessica Murray all tallied one goal a piece for the winners.

Defensively, the winners were paced by Murray, Edra Burris, Kaytlin Moore, Nicole Sheldon and Laura Hahn.

Nicole Rotell (Plymouth) started for the first time and earned the victory in goal for the Lady Warriors.

"Nicole was a little nervous at first, but she handled herself like a true veteran," said Medley.

Medley also credited his seniors for the positive outcome: Ashile Forchoine, Lauren Patterson, Alex Rabe,

Megan Early, Jillian Miller, Heather Duncan and Sarah Palczynski.

"They're the nucleus of this team with everything beginning with them and ending with them," Medley said.

The Lady Warriors will host Northville on Friday, April 27, in the first girls lacrosse game ever played on the PCEP campus.

"There is a lot of excitement surrounding this team," said Medley. "Nineteen of our 20 players returned from last season and we added 21 more. Giving the new girls an opportunity is the team focus."

PCS lacrosse team knocks off Hartland

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team got the 2006-07 season off on the right foot March 30 when it upended Hartland, 4-2. The victory was the unofficial season opener for the Warriors, whose original first game against Bloomfield Hills was suspended due to poor weather.

The loss dropped Hartland to 1-2.

PCS jumped to a 2-0 first-quarter advantage thanks to goals from Devin Murphy and Nick Cote. Cote assisted on Murphy's goal while Patrick Downey was credited with a helper on Cote's net-finder.

Jared Ruark upped the Warriors' lead to 3-0 with 4:44 left in the first half when he han-

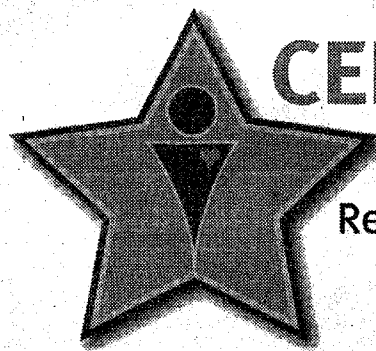
dled a pass from Cote before depositing the ball in the back of the net.

Hartland mounted a semi-rally late in the first half when it scored to make it 3-1, however, Ruark's unassisted goal 4:23 into the third quarter gave the Warriors some insurance.

Hartland tallied the game's final goal with 7:50 left in the third.

Hartland outshot PCS, 21-20. PCS won the faceoff battle, 5-4, and accumulated more groundballs, 24-19. Hartland was whistled for eight penalties to five for the Warriors.

PCS goal-keeper Justin Scott recorded seven saves.

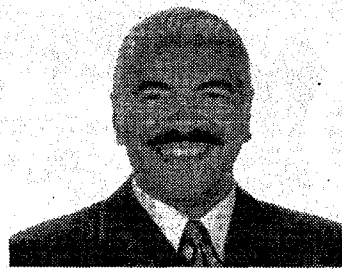


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Storm delays Ignition title plans Plymouth girls trounce Zebras

The Detroit Ignition was unable to secure first place in its inaugural Major Indoor Soccer League regular season Sunday when it dropped an 18-13 setback to Chicago before a sell-out crowd of 3,694 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 18-12 while the Storm improved to 17-12.

The game-winning goal was registered by Chicago's Mark Ughy - one of his five scores on the night - with 7:21 left.

The first round of the MISL Championship Series will begin for the Ignition on Saturday, April 14, against a yet-to-be-determined opponent. Detroit will host the second game of that series at Compuware Sports Arena on Sunday, April 15 at 4:35 p.m. with the second game being broadcast live on Comcast Local.

Chicago forward Mark Ughy beat Ignition netminder Sanaldo with a two-point goal to hand the Storm the early 2-0 advantage at 2:50 of the opening quarter of play. Stephen Armstrong extended the Storm lead to 4-0 with a two-point power play goal at 8:13. Ughy scored his second goal on a penalty kick at 9:44 to make it 6-0.

Following a scoreless second quarter, forward Worth Sampson put the Ignition on the board with a two-point goal at the 2:31 mark of the third quarter. Ughy countered with his third goal of the night, a three-point goal at 3:43 as the Storm extended its advantage to 9-2.

Detroit midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos connected on a two-point goal off a textbook give-and-go from Carlos Farias at 6:07 as the Ignition cut its deficit to 9-4.

Chicago responded again with a two-point goal from midfielder Andy Rosenband at 6:30.

Farias was the Ignition's player of the game after notching four points on one assist and one three-point goal.

Ignition net-minder Sanaldo stopped 14 of 21 shots.

DETROIT 10, PHILADELPHIA 9: On Saturday at the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia, the Ignition secured an MISL playoff berth thanks to Worth Sampson's game-winning goal with 12:15 left. The KiXX dropped to 17-13 with the setback.

Sampson finished with two goals and an assist. Detroit goalie Danny Waltman stopped 13 of 17 shots to earn the victory.



Ignition defenseman Jonathan Greenfield lines up a shot during Sunday's 18-3 loss to Chicago.

Kurt Britnell's first dual meet as the head coach of the Plymouth girls track team was a successful one Tuesday afternoon as the Wildcats lapped Wayne Memorial, 102-33, in a meet held on the Zebras' track.

Plymouth was bolstered by Chrystien Guyton and Kelly Hahn, both of whom earned multiple first-place finishes.

"The girls ran very well today," said Britnell, who also coaches the Wildcats' boys team. "I'm still trying to learn what everybody is capable of doing. We won just about every event except three or four, so it was a good meet for us across the board - especially because we're so young."

Guyton nearly outpointed Wayne by herself as she captured first-place points in the shot put, discus and 110-meter hurdles. Hahn won the mile and two mile while a pair of Plymouth relay squads shined: the 800 (Megan Davis, Tori Davis, Whitney Aske and Jill Morton) and the 1,600 (Gabrielle Zuzo, Angela Calcaterra, Mandy McManus and Brittany Petty).

Petty also won the high jump with an effort of 5-6.

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April 3 at Wayne
Shot put: Chrystien Guyton (P), 31 feet, 2 inches; discus: Kathy Hansen (WM), 81-3; high jump: Brittany Petty (P), 5-6; long jump: Nastassia Goines (WM), 15-7; pole vault: Ambrose (P), 7-2; 110-meter hurdles: Guyton

(P), 18.42; 300 hurdles: Mandy McManus (P), 54.6; 100 dash: Candy Williams (WM), 13.18; 200: Williams (WM), 29.7; 400: Gabrielle Zuzo (P), 1:09.0; 800: Mema (P), 2:46.0; 1,600: Kelly Hahn (P), 5:45.0; 3,200: Hahn (P), 12:31.0; 400 relay: Wayne (Lakeisha Allen, Lynette Bell, Williams, Denique Pace), 55.03; 800 relay: Plymouth, 1:58.0; 1,600 relay: Plymouth, 4:37.0; 3,200 relay: Plymouth, 11:07.0. Wayne 2nds: Goines, 100 hurdles (19.77); Hansen, shot put (27-8.5); 3rds: Bre'Ana Sims, 100 dash (13.8); Lailia Hayes, 400 (1:16.12). Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 WAAA-Western Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WAAA-Western Division. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; Wayne, 0-1.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 118.5 SALEM 18.5

April 3 at Stevenson
Shot put: Becca Bartek (LS), 32 feet, 10 inches; discus: Bartek (LS), 99-11; high jump: Kara Piorowski (LS), 4-6; long jump: Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 15-2.25; pole vault: Maria Winkler (LS), 10-6 (tied school record set by Jenny Perkins in 2005); 100-meter hurdles: Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.4; 300 hurdles: Gentile (LS), 51; 100 dash: Deja Wright (Salem), 13.7; 200: Allie Plisko (LS), 28.9; 400: Brittany Mrozek (LS), 1:02.6; 800: Kristen Frey (LS), 2:32.9; 1,600: Courtney Calka (LS), 5:20.6; 3,200: Calka (LS), 11:35.0; 400 relay: Stevenson (Pashnick, Laura Nomura, Gentile, Michelle Blackstone), 54.9; 800 relay: Stevenson (Pashnick, Gentile, Plisko, Mrozek), 1:53.7; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Denise Meier, Claire LeBlanc, Brooke Knochel, Christine Armstrong), 4:27.1; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (LeBlanc, Frey, Katie Glynn, Meier), 10:33.5. Stevenson 2nds: Rebecca Adamcheck, 100 hurdles (18.2); 300 hurdles (51.3); Pashnick, 100 (13.74); Knochel, 400 (1:04.7); Glynn, 800 (2:33.3); Bartek, 200 (28.9); Nomura, high jump (4-3); Maame Adomako, shot put (29.6.25); Colette Fodera, discus (94-10); Plisko, long jump (15-0.75); 3rds: Bartek, 100 (13.8); Stephanie Perez, 1,600 (5:53.8); Armstrong, 300 hurdles (52.9); Sarah Opdyke, 800 (2:40.6); Perez, 3,200 (13:05.2); Emily Schifano, high jump (4-0); Adomako, discus (85-4); Darin Simon, long jump (14-9); Blackstone, pole vault (8-0). Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall; 1-0 WAAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 0-1 overall; 0-1 WAAA-Lakes Division.

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Plymouth's boys track team humbles Zebras

The Plymouth boys track and field team opened its 2007 dual-meet schedule with a convincing 81-55 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday afternoon in a meet held at the Zebras' facility. Pole vaulter Ben Ambrose got things off on the right foot when he vaulted to a personal-best height of 13 feet even to win that event.

The Wildcats also received a strong showing from their 3,200-meter relay contingent of Kyle Wallath, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski and Anthony Scaparo, who navigated the eight laps in 8:28. Other standouts for Plymouth included Pat Slavens (first in the two-mile in 10:30), Jenarian Caldwell (first in the

100-meter dash in 11.1) and Nate Gholston, who won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.3. Plymouth swept the 100 meters as Malik Rich (11.4) and Connor McKinney placed second and third, respectively, behind Caldwell. Wallath also won the 800-meter run in 2:02.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Sean Fletcher, Mike Rorabacher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended adding C-6. Set Public Hearing Date for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 13, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 20, 2007. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: None Abstain: Bennett Motion carried. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for March 27, 2006

General Fund	101	\$	211,367.11
Fire Fund	206		31,453.53
Police Fund	207		26,784.76
Summit Operating	208		37,809.61
Auto Theft Grant	289		1,711.59
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		91,014.77
Bldg Auth Construction	469		9,360.00
Golf Fund	584		34,569.94
Water & Sewer Fund	592		647,084.2
Cable TV Fund	230		594.81
Twp Improvement	246		20,777.46
E-911 Utility	261		975.98
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		6,175.18
Federal Grants Fund	274		9,201.36
Trust & Agency Fund	701		4,505.00
Construction Escrows	702		83,014.60
Post Employ Benefits	736		1,285.92
Total - All Funds			1,217,685.88

RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER DAVEY LeBLANC'S RETIREMENT. Officer Davey LeBlanc was one of Canton's original full-time police officers hired by the department in 1978. Officer LeBlanc was instrumental in Canton Police Department becoming one of the premier police motorcycle certification programs in Michigan. Officer LeBlanc has made significant contributions to the Canton Police Department and will be missed by colleagues and co-workers alike. **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM CHERRY MARTINI, LLC, 50296 CHERRY HILL ROAD (PARCEL ID# 072-99-0017-702, PART OF), WITH ENTERTAINMENT, AFTER HOURS AND OUTSIDE BAR/SERVICE PERMITS, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188, WAYNE COUNTY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, 50296 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of), Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, with entertainment, after hours and outside bar/service permits. There were no public comments either in opposition or approval. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, 50296 Cherry Hill Road (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of), Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, with entertainment, after hours and outside bar/service permits. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, with entertainment, after hours and outside bar/service permits, "above all others" at 50296 Cherry Hill Road (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of), Canton, Michigan, Wayne County. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Nays: None Abstain: Karl Zarbo Motion carried. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2007.(MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer to execute the 2007 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer, to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS IN ACTION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Christmas in Action Work Day, April 28, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT'S "MOM-TO-MOM" SALE.(MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising St. Thomas A'Beckett's "Mom-to-Mom" sale on May 19, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY - RAMINDER CT: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212, RULE 212. (PSD)** In response to their application and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code, R28.1212, Rule 212., effective immediately, Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to allow traffic enforcement on private property for Raminder Court. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BODYCOAT THERMAL PROCESSING, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for April 24, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Bodycoat Thermal Processing, Inc. for real and personal property for the expansion of their facility located at 8650 N. Haggerty. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE DURCON LABORATORY TOPS, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to move to set the public hearing for April 24, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. personal property at their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use for Michigan Avenue Marketplace. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Michigan Avenue Marketplace WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested special use approval for a shopping center in excess of 200,000 square feet, superstore and fast food restaurant to be located on Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor Road, identified as tax EDP #'s 103 99 0001 003, 138 99 0004 000, 133 99 0011 001 through 004, 133 99 0002 000, 133 99 0004 000, 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 and 133 99 0009 000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval based upon the findings included in this analysis; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the

request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to conduct the special use for the proposed Michigan Avenue Marketplace, conditioned upon receipt, review and acceptance of the revised traffic study by Public Works Division and subject to compliance with any additional conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SUPER FINE WINES AND LIQUOR. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Super Fine Wines and Liquor. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Super Fine Wines and Liquor: WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Robert Cole, has requested site plan approval for Super Fine Wines and Liquor to be located on Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as tax EDP # 050-99-0017-001; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Robert Cole, to approve the site plan for the proposed Super Fine Wines and Liquor subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty, spoke in opposition of this project. **Item 3. CONSIDER PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan, changing the land use designation on parcel no. 017-99-0009-001 from Community Facilities to Very Low Density Residential (up to 1 dwelling unit/acre). Effective April 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. "A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton, Canton, Michigan, Wayne County". A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F) **Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2007 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR WATER, SEWER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2007 Municipal Services Department Capital Improvement Program as shown in the Budget Worksheets for 2007 and the projects tentatively scheduled for 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF THE CITYWORKS SOFTWARE APPLICATION FROM AZTECA, INC. FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION TO FULLY IMPLEMENT A COMPUTERIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software, associated update and support services, and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$106,960 from the Public Works Office Furniture & Fixtures account #592-000-144-0000 O. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE AND PURCHASE OF AGCGIS ENGINE TO SUPPORT THE CITYWORKS SOFTWARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2007 to March 2008, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$12,306.85. Funds are available in the 2007 Budget for:

- Planning Services capital account	#101-853-977-0000	
- Public Works account	#592-441-818-0000	
- Public Safety account	#207-301-818-0000	
- Leisure Services account	#101-270-818-0000	

Cost center L00065-0000-0307 AND I also move to authorize the purchase of ESRI's ArcGIS Engine software, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$8,509.89. Funds are available in the Water & Sewer Fund, Account #592-441-803-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF HEWLETT PACKARD PROLIANT SERVER AND WINDOWS SERVER ENTERPRISE 2003 FROM EDS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of a Hewlett-Packard ProLiant Server from EDS and Windows Server Enterprise 2003 from Micro Source, Inc.; State of Michigan Contract: MI - REMC (WSCAI) (HP-WSCA-04), for a cost not-to-exceed \$9,601, with funds from Public Works Office Furniture & Fixtures account #592-000-144-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PARCEL DIMENSION ANNOTATION OF TAX MAP (PLAT) BOOKS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the formal bidding requirement, based on prior bidding of this work in 2005 and to authorize the award of the contract to North Arrow Technologies to provide parcel dimension annotations for the community's tax map (plat) book in an amount not to exceed \$26,250, with funds from Planning Services, Professional Consultants account #101-853-808-0000. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this contract: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Professional Consultants	#101-853-808-0000	\$ 26,250
Transfer to Fund Balance	101-959-999-0000	(26,250)
Total		\$ -0-

This budget amendment increases the Planning Services Division budget from \$619,951 to \$646,201, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3,034,207 to \$3,007,957 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. SPRING 2007 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for street tree maintenance and planting on County roads. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON STREET TREE MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING ON COUNTY ROADS WHEREAS;** street, tree maintenance and planting on county roads is a community priority; and **WHEREAS;** Wayne County has agreed to allow streetscape maintenance and improvements to be performed on county roads within rights-of-way provided the community agrees to maintain and indemnify Wayne County relative to installation of the plantings; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** The Charter Township of Canton agrees to: maintain the permitted tree planting at no expense to Wayne County; indemnify and save harmless Wayne County and its employees against all claims, suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit, and authorizes the Municipal Services Director to sign the permit on behalf of the Township. **Item 10. CONSIDER EXTENDING THE WEEK CUTTING CONTRACT WITH M.S.T. & L. INC FOR THE 2007 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the 2007 Weed Cutting Program to M.S.T. & L., Inc. in the amount of \$47.94 per acre/lot (Contractual Services - Weed Cutting, Account #101-521-823-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER AWARDING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER RECREATIONAL TRAILHEAD PROJECT TO JJR, LLC. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the award of the Design and Construction Management Services for the Lower Rouge River Trailhead Project to JJR, LLC for an amount of \$73,600 plus a 10% contingency of \$7,360 (Account no. 246-750-970-0000), for a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,960. I further move to approve the transfer of \$80,960 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund to provide funding for this project cost. Funds were included in the 2007 budgets for this transfer. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER 2007 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GRAVEL ROAD. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize Suburban Oil Co. to provide Canton's 2007

dust control program for an amount not to exceed \$15,750 (Account Number 101-521-822-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CHRISTIAN EXPANSION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,695 TO ACQUIRE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BECKWARREN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the purchase of a 75 foot wide drainage easement on Parcel No. 71-020-99-0009-000 in the amount of \$12,695 (Account No. 403-506-969-1000) from Christian Expansion, Inc. upon receipt of the executed purchase agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WALL BLINDS FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL'S OFFICE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase and installation of wall blinds in the amount of \$1,900.00 from Nitsa's Interiors to be charged to Account #101-371-977-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARKS DIVISION. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the normal bidding procedures and authorize the purchase of maintenance equipment for the Parks Division through the State bid program from W.F. Miller Co., P.O. Box 605, Novi, MI 48376, in the amount of \$128,627, with the cost charged to Parks Division account #101-270-977-0000 capital equipment. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the capital budget for this purchase: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-		
Equipment-Parks Division	#101-270-977-0000	\$ 91,627
Transfer to Fund Balance	101-959-999-0000	(91,627)
Total		\$ -0-

This budget amendment increases the Parks Division budget from \$1,988,538 to \$2,080,165, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3,053,067 to \$2,961,440 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. AWARD BID FOR LEISURE SERVICES APPAREL AWARDS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the 2007 Leisure Services staff/program apparel bid to the lowest, qualified bidder, Apple Imprints Apparel, 2336 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211, in the following per unit cost in an amount not to exceed \$21,500, utilizing the following account numbers:

Account Number	Amount
101-755-740-0000 (CSC) Staff Apparel	\$462.80
101-755-740-0000 (CSC) League Awards	\$8,379.30
584-756-722-0000 (Golf Maint.) Staff Apparel	\$731.76
101-270-722-0000 (Park Maint.) Staff Apparel	\$1,189.08
101-672-742-0000 (SRS.) Senior Play Participants	\$111.68
101-672-722-0000 (SRS.) Staff Apparel	\$158.28
101-691-741-0000 (Rec.) Plygrds/Mobil Rec Staff	\$970.74
101-691-742-1000 (Rec.) Camp Able Staff & Part.	\$686.69
101-691-742-2000 (Rec.) Enrichment & Camp	\$3,741.35
101-691-742-3000 (Rec.) Teen Staff Apparel	\$710.56
101-691-742-4000 (Rec.) Special Events Staff	\$1,746.68
101-691-742-4000 (Rec.) Special Events Resale	\$485.70
101-760-740-0000 Village Theater Staff Apparel	\$476.93
101-691-742-7000 (Rec.) Aquatics Instructors	\$200.00
208-757-722-1000 (Summit) Aquatics Staff Apparel	\$652.06
208-757-722-2000 (Summit) Kid's Corner & Staff Jackets	\$796.39

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve an incentive-based pay contract with Greg Bories as Golf Professional with a base salary not to exceed \$33,000 and an additional incentive as outlined in Exhibit A not to exceed \$54,000. Funds are budgeted in the Golf Course Fund -Part-Time/Seasonal Salaries Account # 584-756-706-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. AMEND CONTINENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO OPERATE PHEASANT RUN GRILL. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the amendment to the Continental Services contract for the operation of Pheasant Run Golf Club Grill. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 19. BUDGET AMENDMENT - BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Service Fund to account for the Canton Public Library portion of the 2005 Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond issue: Increase Revenues:

Financing Revenue-Library	#369-000-670-0000	\$225,665
Increase Appropriations:		
Bond principal	369-900-991-0000	\$ 25,000
Bond interest	369-900-996-0000	200,425
Bond agent fees	369-900-998-0000	240
Total		\$225,665

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Service Fund budget from \$683,241 to \$908,906. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 6-LAERDAL SUCTION UNITS - FIRE. (PDS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 6-Laerdal Suction Units from Boundtree Medical, 5200 Rings Rd., Suite A, Dublin, OH 43017 in the amount of \$6192. Funding to come from Fire Capital Outlay Account # 206 836 977 0000. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 21. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 12-SCBA'S - FIRE. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 12-SCBA's and accessories from Pressure Vessel Testing, 34740 Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp, MI 48035 in the amount of \$61,944.80. Funding to come from Fire Capital Outlay Account # 206 836 977 0000. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 22. CONSIDER REVISION TO EMS FEES & AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH COLLECTIONS FOR NON-RESIDENT NON-PAYMENTS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the increase in EMS Fees as follows and to authorize collection of nonresident non-paid EMS service fees: Motion carried by all members present.

	Proposed ALS	Proposed ALS II	Proposed BLS	Proposed Additional Charges
Canton	\$500	\$575	\$350	Mileage \$7, Oxygen \$40
Resident				Extrication \$500
Non-Resident	\$625	\$720	\$440	Mileage \$7, Oxygen \$40 Extrication \$500

Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro Drive, inquired if the book store in the former Frank's Nursery is still being built. Supervisor Yack stated yes, the Borders Bookstore and Petco are in progress with the footings in place. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty, stated he was invited to a community board meeting recently. Mr. McCausland stated this community has an annual budget of \$20 million in revenue. Mr. McCausland stated this board meeting took place in a local YMCA and people were seated in folding chairs with the board members seated among the residents. **OTHER:** Trustee LaJoy stated he would like to suggest recycling the envelopes that the board members receives their board packet in each week. Supervisor Yack stated he would collect those envelopes each week for recycling. Supervisor Yack stated the next study session will be April 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. A public hearing for a tax abatement will be on the agenda, as well as a tour of the new Park Maintenance Facility, Victory Park and Fellows Creek. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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Adsit's late goal sinks Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The moon was full and the nets were empty for the first 78 minutes and 26 seconds of Monday night's Salem-Plymouth girls soccer game. Then with 1:34 remaining, Rock senior captain Kelly Adsit eclipsed the Wildcats' night with a scintillating goal to give her team a hard-earned 1-0 victory. Adsit secured a pass from Taylor Carlson about 15 yards out, dribbled through a pair of

Plymouth defenders and ripped a low shot past Wildcat goalie Brittany Warner for the contest's lone net-finder. "When I got the ball, the girls in front of me just kind of parted, I split them and kicked it in," said Adsit, recalling her goal. "I was struggling a little bit up until then, but as soon as I got past their defense, I was confident I could score." The triumph improved the Rocks' record to 2-0. The Wildcats, who have yet to score this season, dropped to 0-3. "It's frustrating to lose this

one because it's probably the best game we've played all season," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we just couldn't capitalize on them." Salem coach Joe Nora said Adsit's game-winning shot was a classic example of supreme perseverance. "I think Kelly was getting frustrated throughout the game because Plymouth was doing a good job of defending her," Nora said. "But we kept getting the ball to her and like I always tell her — it only takes one."

Nora praised the play of his goal-keeper, Jill Slabey, who matched Warner save for save and finished with eight stops. "Jill was very good tonight," he said. "She communicated well with her defenders, which is something we've been working on improving." Salem nearly scored with 10:20 to play, however, Warner sprinted all the way out to the edge of the 18-yard box to smother the ball just as Rock sophomore forward Jourdin Jaaska was going in for the potential game-winning shot.

2007 Rock kickers: new and improved

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You would think Salem's girls soccer team would struggle out of the gate this season, considering that close to three-quarters of the Rocks' roster is new due to graduation and injuries. Think again. Led by timely scoring and solid defense, the Rocks have surged to a 2-0 start one year after recording a less-than-Salem-like 5-8-3 mark. "With the injuries and influx of new players, we've probably had a 75 percent turnover in players this year compared to last," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We're young and inexperienced, but we have some talent, too. Most of the girls have played in good club programs, they're dedicated and they're getting better every day. "Our team's strength is probably our team speed," Nora said. "We have players with good outside speed. Hopefully, we can possess the ball like I think we can." Sparking the Rocks' offensive attack will be senior forward Kelly Adsit, who earned All-State and All-Conference recognition last season. "Kelly has an incredible desire to win and to get better," said Nora. "She's a complete player and a natural. She does things you can't teach kids. She never stops until the ball is in the net."

Defenseman Miranda Evers will share the captains' duties with Adsit. The three-year starter will anchor what has already proven to be a strong defensive unit. "Miranda is a tough kid with a lot of speed and intelligence on the field," said Nora. "She always marks the other team's best player." Nora also praised the skills that junior central mid-fielder Katie Shull brings to the Rocks. "Katie is a flat-out playmaker," he said. "She has great field vision and she's the type of player who gets the team kick-started." Filling out the forward corps are sophomore Jourdin Jaaska, who lettered as a freshman; and two newcomers: Megan McCord and Cally Brooks. Joining Shull in the mid-field will be junior Taylor Carlson, freshman Lindsey Newton, sophomore Jill Berhman and junior Rachel Gizicki. They will be spelled by key reserves Kara Winczkowski, Kristen Thompson and Maggie Huls. Jill Slabey will handle most of the goal-keeping chores after splitting time with Kristin Dondzila last season. Providing depth to the Rocks' talented roster will be Sara O'Leary, Sara Stanislawski, Megan Grady, Caryn Kosteva, Brittany Miller and Amanda Krause.

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Warner-led 'Cats will be tough to score on

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Led by four-year starting goal-keeper Brittany Warner, the Plymouth girls soccer team should make life difficult for opponents when it comes to depositing the ball into the back of the net this season. "Brittany is very solid in front of the net," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team finished 8-9-2 in 2006, including a third-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "She does a great job of playing the angles and her technique is incredible." Including Monday night's

1-0, last-minute loss to Salem, the Wildcats have started the campaign 0-3 as they adjust to the departure of last year's senior leaders Stacey Dillon (Coastal Carolina University) and Courtney Picard. "We need to improve on our counter attack and we obviously need to score more," said Neschich. "We lost nine seniors from last year's team, though, so it's going to be a challenge early in the season as we work on things." Leading the charge this year for the Wildcats will be a senior nucleus that includes Warner, forward Clare Baptist; mid-fielders Chelsea Quinlan and Val Klemmer;

and defensive standout Brittany Hengesh. "Clare is a fast, aggressive, go-to player," said Neschich. "Chelsea was sick a few days before the Salem game, but she came out and played awesome. She's the quarterback of our mid-field; a very smart player who distributes the ball well. "Brittany brings a lot of athleticism and toughness to the team. She's kind of bounced around positions the past four years, but it seems like she was meant to play where she's playing now — in the back." Also playing major roles this season will be a pair of freshmen defensemen: Megan Hughes and Katie

Karjewski. "Megan's sister played for us last year, so I knew a little bit about her," said Neschich. "You never know how well they'll do until you match them up in tryouts. Both Megan and Katie went out there against older kids and really did well. They did a nice job against Salem's Kelly Adsit, who is one of the best players around, until she scored late in the game." Other key contributors to the Wildcats' cause this season include forwards Jenna Livingston and Julie Forster; mid-fielders Liz Koet, Kelly Dobbs, Kasey Webb, Lindsay Jewett and Ashley Lewis; and defenders Carlee Barackman and Katie Heck.

SPORTS BRIEFS

LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

The "Par-Tee" Girls Ladies Golf League, which plays at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton, is looking for new members. The course is located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads.

The nine-hole league plays on Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. beginning May 3. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

CAREER CONFERENCE

Anyone interested in a career

in sports is invited to attend Wayne State University's 7th Annual "Careers in Sports" conference, which will be held April 14 at the Wayne State University Student Center.

The conference will have guest speakers from the areas of inter-

scholastic, intercollegiate, professional and commercial sports programs.

"This is a unique opportunity for students and professionals to explore careers in the sports industry," said Katie Bione, the conference organizer. "We have

had tremendous success with this conference in the past and we hope to make the 2007 conference the best one yet."

For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.wayne.edu>; or call (616) 581-9523.

WILDCAT 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.

For more information on registering, 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. Call (734) 582-6885.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2006-07 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Jill F. O'Sullivan
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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The Senior Alliance will host two Public Hearing Sessions for input regarding the FY 2008 Annual Implementation Plan for services to persons age 60 and older in Western and Southern Wayne County.

Monday, May 7, 2007
Romulus Senior Center
36525 Bibbins
Romulus, MI 48174
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 14, 2007
The Senior Alliance
3850 Second Street, Suite 201
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2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A summary of the FY 2008 Annual Implementation Plan will be available online Friday, April 20, 2007 at www.aaa1C.org. Written comments accepted through Friday, May 18, 2007.

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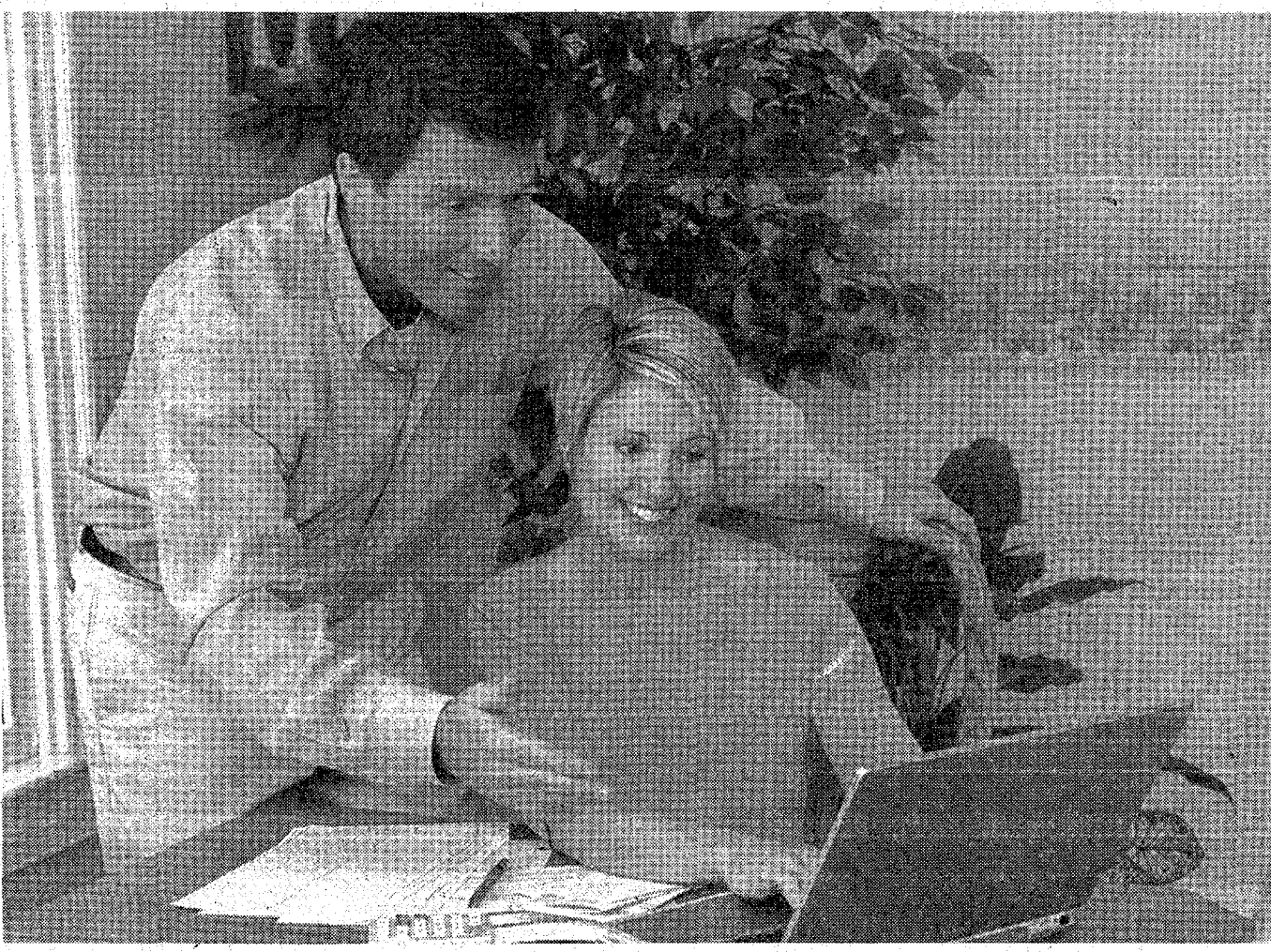
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 - 4 Make a wager
 - 7 Think ahead
 - 11 Marble streak
 - 13 "Yecch!"
 - 14 Cartoonist — Goldberg
 - 15 Hence
 - 16 Install carpeting
 - 17 Island near Corsica
 - 18 Knight's gear
 - 20 Musical key (2 wds.)
 - 21 Right to decide
 - 22 Travel word
 - 23 Yard tool
 - 26 Staw ingredient
 - 30 Ms. Lupino
 - 31 Grain morsel
 - 32 Delay, with "off" star
 - 33 "The Natural"
 - 36 Coffeehouse order
 - 38 Supplement
- DOWN**
- 1 Curie daughter
 - 2 The woman's
 - 3 Express relief
 - 4 Browbeat
 - 5 Mild rejoinder
 - 6 Quaker pronoun
 - 7 Built in advance
 - 8 Soothe
 - 9 "Fernando" band

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

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4	8	2	9	6	3	7	1	5
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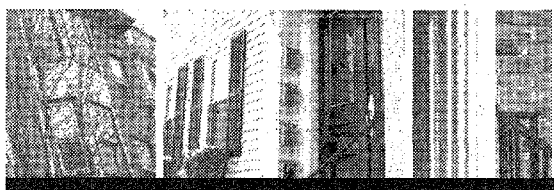
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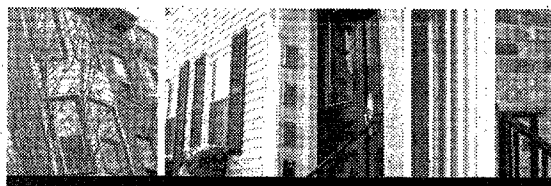
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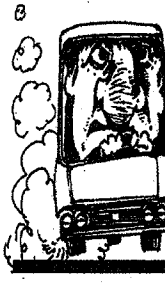
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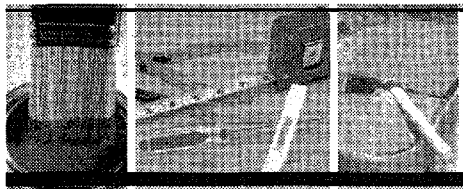
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CHEATING ON TESTS, FERRETING OUT BETTER INFORMATION



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

"I don't think companies do what the Roper Corp. did back in the 70s," e-

mails Eva Rosenberg of TaxMama.com. "They sent a personality/psych test to my (then) husband to fill in and send back. He was applying for a position in sales.

"We crawled into bed that night with the test pages spread out and read each question out loud," she continues. "Then we asked how a salesman/sales personality would answer this question. That's the answer he chose. He got the job. And within two years, after some training, he was salesman of the year! So perhaps my teaching him how to think as a salesman helped?"

Clearly, that man had what it took to be a salesman, and psych-ing out a test might not have been essential to his being hired. Michael Josephson of the Josephson Institute of Ethics in Los Angeles expresses extreme scepticism about tests, saying, "You have assume that most people when trying to get a job will do whatever it takes. They're not going to take it neutrally. Anyone with an IQ over 100 won't get trapped. I think the test-taker is smarter than the test-maker."

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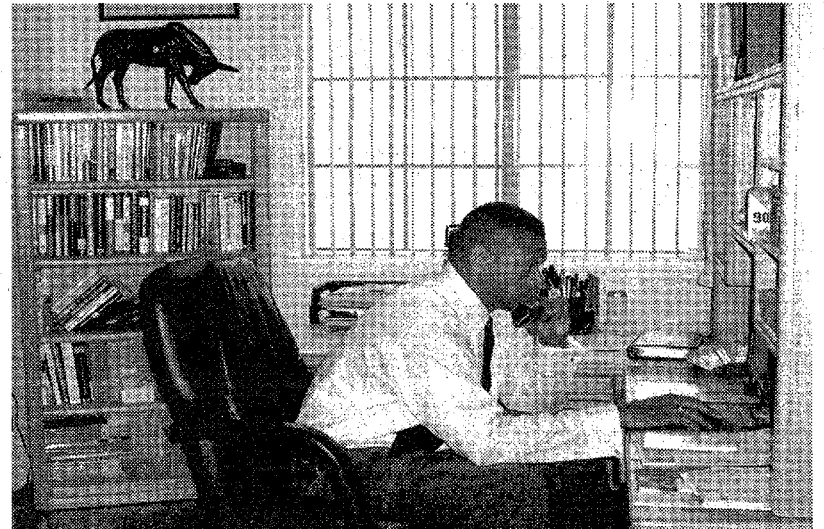
Rod McKinnis of The McKinnis Consulting Group L.L.C., in Chandler, outside of Phoenix, and Robert Troutwine of Troutwine & Associates Inc., in Liberty, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City, have developed assessment tools. McKinnis specializes in tests for salespeople, which focus upon 21 behaviors that salespeople need. "The questions aren't easily manipulated," he says. "You can't answer them hypothetically. They're real life examples. If you don't have the actual experience in answering them, they will pick up on it." He abjures personality tests because of "research that found no correlation between personality and sales productivity." He correlates personality tests with skills but says that they can't measure a "person's desire and what drives them to make sales." For the field of sales, such behavioral tools are essential, he maintains, because, sales, unlike the medical and legal professions, lacks standardized training.

Troutwine doesn't believe that any one category of test should be discounted. "You can't classify a test, behavioral or personality," he states, "as easy to cheat on. Some tests are very transparent and others aren't. It doesn't seem related to the category or type. It's more in the items and test construction." He says that most cheaters, whether "elusive or not totally frank," will be "tripped up."

BEYOND TESTING

Should employers do more -- or do without -- these assessment tools? McKinnis would make a lot of people happy in remarking that "the role of the employer isn't to select the right person but know how to manage and develop that person." His tools help with that, too, because they identify which behaviors a salesperson needs to hone. McKinnis achieves high accuracy in six-month predictions -- more than 90 percent in predicting washouts, more than 80 percent in predicting top performers.

What's the best source of information for hiring? Josephson believes that employers can secure more reliable information not just by interviewing applicants but by conducting background checks "beyond the first layer of people." This involves obtaining referrals from the person's initial list of references to other people. "Judgment, diligence, drinking habits," he comments, "those not so closely attached to them" might be more



Rod McKinnis advocates behavioral tests. He is based near Phoenix at the McKinnis Consulting Group, L.L.C., in Chandler, Ariz.

forthcoming.

What does this mean for the applicant? Assessment tools have become big business, but not something to fear. Troutwine advises, "Be yourself, because the purpose is to see if it's a fit. You want a job, but do you really want one with behaviors you're uncomfortable with or not natural with?" Meanwhile, employers and applicants need to get together to remove what Josephson calls "the motive to lie in an intake exam."

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

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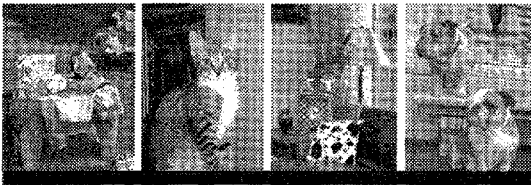
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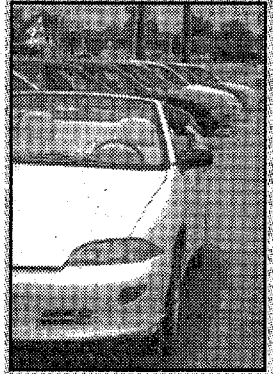
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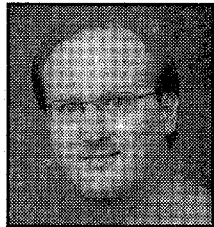
Infiniti M45 Rocks - And Rockets

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss



In a completely allegorical and vague kind of way, the Infiniti M45 reminds me of a car built for a demolition derby. In the same sense that those vehicles are built for a single, narrow purpose and so have such a robust vital essence - a seat, a seat belt and a sturdy frame - the M45 is a car with a definite focus: speed and acceleration. The 2007 M45 knocks you back in your seat better than anything else I've driven except for sports cars such as the Audi TT and Chevrolet Corvette.

The good thing about Infiniti M45, however, is that it does a lot more than just rocket from zero to 60 miles an hour in less than six seconds. The car also is fun as well as fast to drive, comfortable and refined on the inside - and it looks good too. So if you are ready to plunk down about \$50,000 for a car that will beat practically everybody away from the stoplight and also provide you with the finest comforts available from Nissan's luxury brand, M45 is for you.

While much has been made of Infiniti's penchant for breathtaking design with vehicles such as the FX crossover vehicle, the real heart of Infiniti's lineup is the much more conventional-looking M45. And, in turn, the heart of the M45 is the muscle-bound, 4.5-liter V8 engine that makes it soar. Generating 325 horsepower, the V8 also puts out 336 pound-feet of torque. So you get absolutely explosive, twitch-quick power, more than ample low-end torque, and nearly seamless transitions between gears to boot.

In itself, that kind of power makes M45 fun to drive. But Infiniti also has provided a pleasingly firm suspension that feels balanced even when you drive this car aggressively. And in the Sport version of the M45 that I drove, there's something



Infiniti M45 offers an enjoyable ride.

called an active-rear-steering system. It involves an actuator that is powered and controlled electrically to move the rear wheels a maximum of one degree, in an opposite phase going into a corner or the same phase exiting a corner at medium or high speeds. This helps turn the car into a corner more quickly and helps it from sliding out on exit. And it gives you an optimum feeling of control over all that power.

Of course, a car with this much oomph doesn't do all that well in terms of fuel economy. But its EPA rating of 17mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway isn't atrocious either.

And while M45 isn't a visual statement like other Infiniti models, it is appealing nonetheless. The extreme wedge shape is accented by short overhangs at both ends of the body that give M45 its aggressive look. The distinct Infiniti badge occupies the center of the grill, and the edge of the hood cuts into the headlight cover with three jeweled lamps behind. The rear fenders flare out playfully a bit, just before you get to the rear tires.

From inside the vehicle, ridges running the length of the hood on either side highlight the car's speedy feel. The huge windshield and ample side windows also add to the sense that this is a driver's car. The front seats are highly bolstered

and extremely comfortable. The nifty backlit dials on the instrument panel also scream performance. Aluminum trim complemented the black leather that predominates in the Sport version I drove; the standard M has pleasant rosewood accents instead of aluminum.

Yet there also are some drawbacks to M45 once you crawl inside. The surroundings up front are just a bit snug for a vehicle this large and with this kind of price tag. The compartment to the rear of the center console is too small, most of its space being taken up by the DVD player. The compartments inside the driver and front passenger's door are too short to hold, say, a magazine.

Most disappointingly, the controls on the dashboard console take up way too much space. The segregation of climate controls is annoying. And for anyone shorter than average height, the angle of the console is simply way too shallow for easy reading and reaching of the dials. And one more thing: the trunk is too small.

So Infiniti has a bit of work to do before the M45 - which is basically unchanged this model year from its brand new manifestation for the 2006 model year - is a finished work. But in the meantime, it certainly offers an enjoyable ride.

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No place like it: Make the most of your home page

Quick: What's the first thing you see when you start your Web browser?

For most users, I'm guessing it's the default home page configured by your computer maker or Microsoft. Thus, it's probably Google, MSN or Yahoo.

You can do better. A home page should be like your real home, a place that reflects your tastes and interests. Something personal. A nice place to hang out.

My new favorite home on the Web is Netvibes (netvibes.com), which corrals news, weather, search tools, e-mail, eBay, RSS feeds;

YouTube, podcasts and just about anything else you could want into an elegant, customizable, tabbed interface.

Simply select the modules and feeds you want, then arrange them to your liking by dragging them around the page. Not enough room? Add another tab.

My news tab, for instance, includes headlines from Associated Press, *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Entertainment Weekly* and this very newspaper.

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I've also created a Google tab that provides me with one-stop access to various services, including Google Calendar, Google Maps, Google Notebook and Gmail.

Half the fun of Netvibes is browsing the available modules, which number in the hundreds. I've got a daily *Calvin & Hobbes* cartoon, a Sudoku game, a calendar, a word of the day and a little notepad, to name just a few.

I'm particularly fond of the YouSendIt module, which lets me send large files (up to 100MB) to anyone without having to visit another Web site.

Netvibes can even play podcasts. With the click of a button I can play or download the latest episode of *This American Life* or *All Songs Considered*.

Honestly, once you've appointed Netvibes with all your favorite Weborabilia, you may never leave it. It's fun, it's free, and it's a great way to be greeted before you venture out onto the Web at large.

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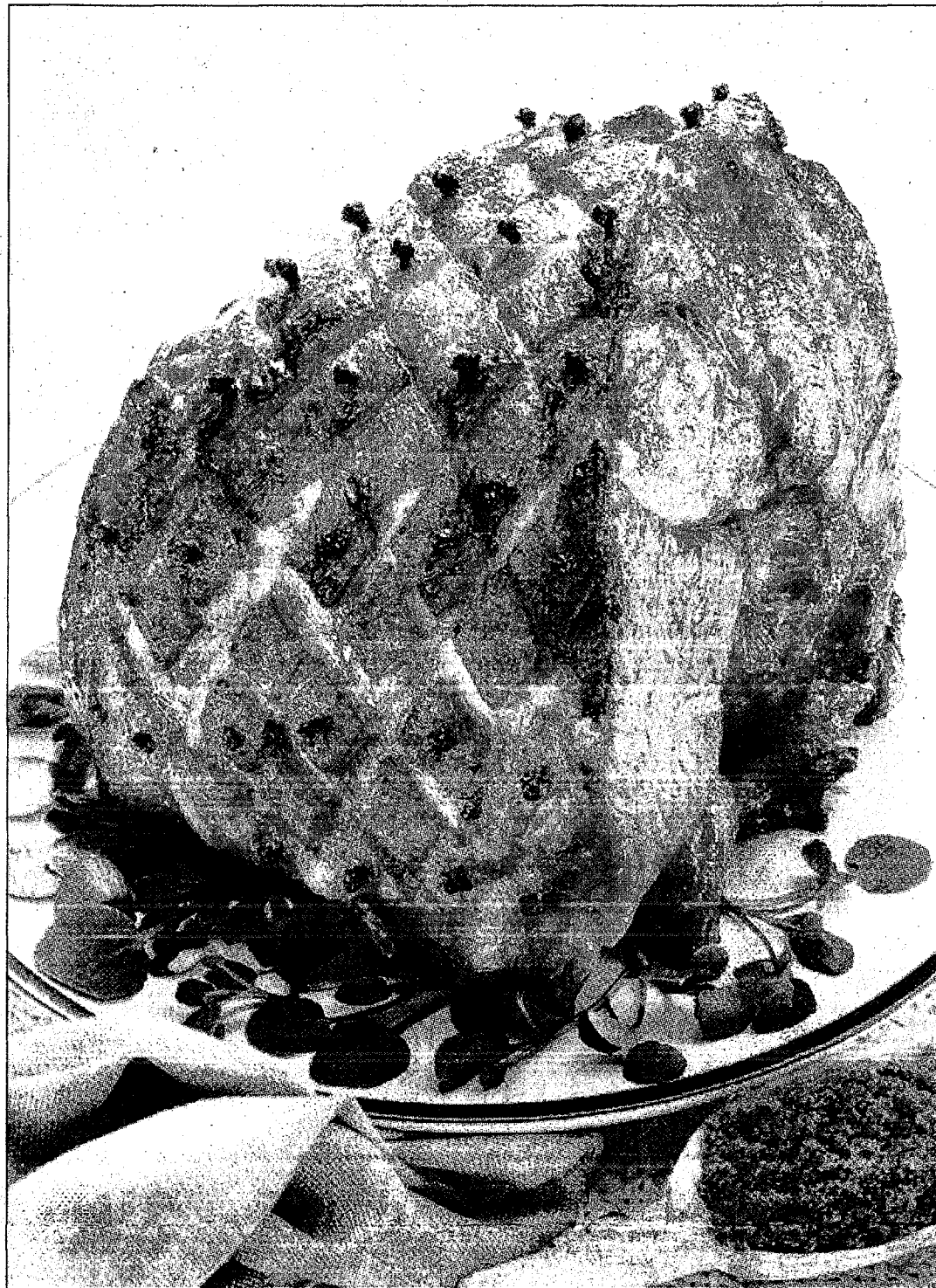
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Easy Easter



Ham, simple sides, make for a great meal

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD WRITER

Looking to make your life easier this Easter? Let your grocer do most of your dinner prep. Relying on an already cooked ham, a few super-market shortcuts and fresh herbs to liven up things will minimize your work and ensure you have time for what really matters — say, eating the ears off chocolate bunnies.

Most prepared hams take about an hour (plan 6 minutes per pound at 350° F) in the oven to come up to temperature. For even the least adept cook, that's plenty of time to assemble a satisfying, vibrant meal to celebrate the arrival of spring: roasted new potatoes tossed with olive oil and fresh rosemary; steamed baby carrots with thyme butter; and asparagus spears drizzled with a quick cheese sauce.

Accompany that with purchased rolls and finish with vanilla ice cream topped with warm berry sauce, and you've got a great Easter dinner that can easily be pulled together after you return from religious services or while the kids are hunting for their eggs.

Here's how to do it, counting down from the hour it takes to heat most hams.

1 HOUR TO GO: The ham will take the longest, so start there. Follow the directions for your ham, but plan to preheat the oven for at least 15 minutes. Once the ham is in the oven, you can focus on the rest of the meal.

50 MINUTES TO GO: Give the potatoes a good scrub, then place them in a bowl and

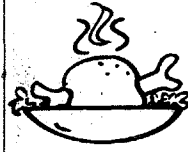


Let your grocer do most of your dinner prep. By relying on an already cooked ham, you'll save time for other things on Easter Sunday.

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Tell us about cooking with Mom and Dad

Most home cooks bring a wealth of memories or an appreciation of food from their parents.



For many of us who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s, it was Mom who did most of the cooking; but in recent years, Dad has taken a more active role in the kitchen, too.

Parental input can be a strong foundation in a kitchen. If you like to cook, you were probably influenced to a degree by your parents.

Maybe it was Mom's favorite meat loaf, potato salad, beef stew, chocolate cake or blueberry pie. Dad may have ruled the grill with his barbecued ribs or chicken.

We want to hear about your cooking experiences with your parents, whether it was Mom, Dad or both, and what favorite recipes they gave to you that you use today.

We'd like to feature you (and them, if that's possible), the recipes and your story in an upcoming article for Mother's Day or Father's Day in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. If we use your recipe and/or story, we'll send you a cookbook.

Please write a short summary to send with the recipe, and include the community in which you live and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Send to Mary Klemic, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com.

Please send the information by Thursday, April 19.

'Spectacular' book shows design talents

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO BY JEFF GARLAND

Photos of Anne Musson's residence, including this one of her living room, are featured in *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*.

A spectacular new coffee table book offers showhouses at your fingertips.

Spectacular Homes of Michigan: An Exclusive Showcase of Michigan's Finest Designers, edited by Khristi Zimmeth, presents rooms by 40 designers from around Michigan.

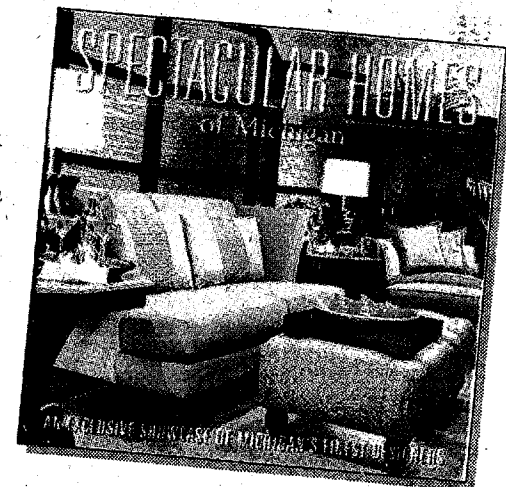
The book can serve as inspiration, or a way to savor work by talented designers from the state. It also shares their philosophies and back-grounds.

"It showcases your style and your ability," said Anne Musson of AM Designs LLC of Plymouth, one of the designers.

"I was very pleased." Musson's own residence is featured in the book. The photos illustrate its traditional tone, with antiques and family heirlooms, as well as a wreath she designed, among the furnishings.

The book displays a wide variety of homes, including modern, contemporary and cottage, Musson said.

"It covers everybody's taste," she said.



Many local designers are featured in the book.

Francine Laenen of Francine Laenen Interiors of Troy, another featured designer, selected a project that had the challenge of bringing in color.

Laenen credits carpenter Martin Ender of Hammerhead Construction — whose work included a custom-made fireplace with hand glazing — and faux painter Cynthia Bodine.

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Recent washer recall catches attention

Of all the recalls that I have written about in this column, this one caught my immediate attention.

Our purchase of a Maytag Neptune washer 10 months ago caused my darling Valorie to ask, "Is our washer a part of this recall?"

She had watched a consumer alert story where Ruth Spencer announced the recall information provided by the U.S. Consumer

Product Safety Commission.

Here is the pertinent information: Maytag and Samsung brand front-loading washing machines. About 250,000 Maytag brand units and about 20,000 Samsung brand units. All of these products were manufactured in South Korea.

The reason for the recall is that water leakage onto the electrical connections to the washing machine's thermal sensor could cause an electrical short and ignite a circuit board, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

The recall involves certain Maytag and Samsung brand front-load washers.

The Maytag washers have model numbers beginning with MAH9700 or MAH8700. The

Samsung model number is WF306BHW or begins with WF316.

These products were sold nationwide from April 2005 through August 2006 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

If you own one of these products, you should stop using it and contact Maytag at (800) 868-5109 or Samsung at (800) 515-7902.

The follow-up story by Ruth Spencer said that Maytag's repair solution to the problem is to send a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) to the consumer's home to plug into the wall outlet.

You plug the washer electrical cord into the GFCI, and if that trips off, Maytag will send out a repairman.

Ruth asked if I agreed with this fix, and I don't. A washing machine isn't to be plugged into a GFCI!

How can a manufacturer know that a product is unsafe? Homeowners are using it, and let's just say the GFCI is defective - the product could burn the house down or worse.

There was once a large recall on a certain brand of GFCI that failed to work correctly.

I think that this whole Maytag recall procedure is going to turn out to be another of those class action lawsuits that has made the older model Neptune washers the laughingstock of the appliance industry.

By the way, Maytag is now owned by Whirlpool, who may have its image tarnished by something created by Maytag before it was bought.

Last year Maytag had a front-load washer made by Samsung out of South Korea, and had the nerve to put the name Neptune on it.

In the past eight years or so, I have read many stories about how proud Maytag was to be the leader in new front-load design with its American-made Neptune. It seems to me that someone has been snowing the snowman.

Although our washer was bought during the time of this recalled product and has the name Neptune on it, it isn't a part of this recall.

Ours is of the old style where all of the problems of the past have been corrected, I hope!

Valorie still loves the washer and we haven't had one problem with it.

Stay tuned.

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

'SPECTACULAR'

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"I had a great client," Laenen said.

"You really have to have good rapport with your designer ... I think I'm very good at working within a budget."

Laenen said it was "very nice" to be featured.

"It was nice to be published like that."

Featured designers Arlene Cohen and Robbie Segel of Innovative Interiors Inc. of West Bloomfield chose a home that was a five-year

project, a blend of contemporary and traditional.

"We want a room to be a reflection of the people who live there," Cohen said.

A benefit of working with an interior designer is that it is more cost-effective, she said.

"They've done it. They know it ... They know what you can expect from certain materials."

Spectacular Homes of Michigan (\$39.95) is available at area book stores.

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Book showcases the state's finest designers

This is a complete list of designers featured in *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*:

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Some very good \$10 wines to try

Are you wondering if there are any really good \$10 wines on the market? Need a quality wine to drink on a daily basis?

We all need that. Look no further. Check out the Rosemount Estate Diamond label series of varietal wines.

Rosemount sells one third of its 3.5 million to 4 million cases of wine annually in the United States and purposely designs wine to interest American consumers.

"Rosemount Diamond label wines provide pure, vibrant fruit and soft mouthfeel without being over oaked," said Henry Dawson-Damer, Rosemount's senior manager and educator. Dawson-Damer formerly made wine at Rosemount and now works on the marketing side. He can do that because he was educated at Roseworthy College near Adelaide, South Australia, where all winemakers are trained in grape growing, winemaking and marketing.

Not everything that Rosemount makes has been successful in the United States. "We found that Americans didn't take to semillon," Dawson-Damer admits, "or even our blend of semillon with chardonnay."

"But then we changed the varietal blend to chardonnay-semillon, with the majority of the blend being chardonnay and sales picked up dramatically." When reading an Aussie wine label on a wine containing more than one grape variety, the major grape is listed first.

FLAGSHIP WINE

We questioned Dawson-Damer about Rosemount's flagship wine, expecting him to list the most expensive, such as the Balmoral Syrah \$50 or the GSM \$30 (grenache-syrah-mourvedre) blend. But to our surprise, he didn't. Instead he said, "Our flagship wine is the Diamond label Shiraz \$10, a great day-to-day pour." That seems to prove Rosemount is really serious about making an affordable wine of consistent quality for the American consumer.

Rosemount was purchased



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

by Foster's Brewing Company in 2005. Dawson-Damer admitted, in typical Aussie directness, that following the purchase, "we lost our way for a while, but now we have regained our center of gravity with renewed emphasis on fruit and easy-drinking wines."

Rosemount wines remain consistent vintage to vintage because they're blended from many different growing areas within Southeast Australia. "Champagne producers maintain a house style by blending," said Dawson-Damer. "In Burgundy, each producer has a little vineyard plot with its unique terroir. Australians, on the other hand, look out to the horizon to find the best fruit for their blends."

MEETING CONSUMER PREFERENCES

In an effort to follow consumer preferences, Rosemount recently launched its first Pinot Grigio \$10 (2006 vintage), under its Diamond label because Rosemount recognized the popularity of the variety in the United States. It's unoaked, with floral aromas and hints of grapefruit in a light, bright zesty version with a twist-off closure that's easy to open and drink.

Other Rosemount Diamond label wines to look for include the chardonnay, merlot and shiraz all at \$10.

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Rosemount 2002 Balmoral Syrah \$50 is generous, full and rich with good structure and great length, boasting a wonderful black fruit mélange. Both wines are grown in the McLaren Vale appellation south of Adelaide in South Australia.

MICHIGAN WINE MONTH

April is Michigan Wine Month. It will be celebrated by the state's 50-plus wineries experiencing burgeoning growth and quality recognition across the United States in wine competitions.

You can discover vineyards producing award-winning wines on one of Michigan's Wine Trails, all described on the Web site www.michigan.org/travel.

Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail is the closest to metro Detroit and on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, Cherry Creek Cellars winemaker John Burtka indicates that each winery along this trail will feature a generous tasting of one of their wines paired with a special appetizer or dessert made with their wine and prepared by a local chef. You'll also receive a small Michigan-related gift at each winery. The wineries included in this event are: Burgdorf Winery, Cherry Creek Cellars (Parma & Cement City), Lone Oak Vineyard Estate, Pentamere Winery, Sandhill Crane Vineyards, St. Julian Winery (Parma & Dundee), and Uncle John's Fruit House Winery.

Hours of the event are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Tickets at \$25 per person can be ordered online at www.pioneerwinetrail.com/tickets. Exact addresses for each winery can be found at www.michiganwines.com.

Annually, the Michigan wine industry contributes \$790 million to the state's economy. Support it not only this month but all 12.

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add the oil and seasonings. Toss to coat, then arrange the potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet. Add them to the oven 10 minutes after the ham.

15 MINUTES TO GO: Working between the two other vegetable dishes, start those recipes, making thyme butter and cheese sauce while the carrots and asparagus steam.

5 MINUTES TO GO: Wrap the rolls in foil in bunches of six. Pop the rolls in the oven so they'll be warm when you bring them to the table.

After dinner, start the warm berry sauce about 10 minutes before you want to serve dessert. Remove the ice cream from the freezer about 5 minutes before you plan to scoop it to give it time to soften a bit.

Except for the cheese sauce, the following recipes make enough to serve four people, but are easily doubled or tripled to accommodate your crowd. As written, the cheese sauce should make enough to serve at least eight.

If you're looking for a wine to accompany the meal, consider a vinho verde, a light, low-alcohol and slightly effervescent Portuguese white wine. Serve it room temperature or slightly chilled.

TO PURCHASE:

- Precooked ham (heat according to package directions)
- Rolls (to be wrapped in foil and heated in the oven during final 10 minutes of ham heating time)
- Vanilla ice cream

ROSEMARY ROASTED POTATOES

- 1/2 pounds new potatoes (a mix of colors, such as purple and yellow, is nice), halved
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 springs fresh rosemary, leaves stripped and roughly chopped
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Kosher salt, to taste

If oven is not already going, preheat to 350° F.

Wash the potatoes and transfer to a large bowl. Add the oil, rosemary and pepper. Toss to coat, then transfer to a rimmed baking sheet. Roast, turning once during cooking, 50 minutes, or until lightly browned and cooked through.

As soon as the potatoes come out of the oven, sprinkle with kosher salt.

Makes 4 servings.

BABY CARROTS WITH THYME BUTTER

- 8 ounces baby carrots (half of a standard-size bag)
- 4 tablespoons salted butter
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves

Fill a small saucepan with about 1/2 inch of water. Add the carrots, cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower heat to simmer and steam the carrots for about 5 minutes, or until tender.

Drain the carrots and return them to the pan and cover.

In a microwave-safe measuring cup, combine the butter and thyme. Microwave in 30-second bursts until the butter is melted. Add to the carrots and toss to coat. Cover the pan and let rest for several minutes. Makes 4 servings.

STEAMED ASPARAGUS WITH CHEESE SAUCE

- 1 pound asparagus spears, bottoms trimmed
- 1 recipe for Creamy Microwave Cheese Sauce (recipe follows)

Arrange the asparagus in a large, deep skillet. Add about 1/2 cup water, cover and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Steam the asparagus for about 5 minutes, or until just tender.

While the asparagus cooks, make the sauce. To serve, arrange asparagus on serving plates and drizzle with sauce. Makes 4 servings.

CREAMY MICROWAVE CHEESE SAUCE

- 1 cup whole-milk plain yogurt
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 dashes hot pepper sauce, or to taste

Combine all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 minutes. Let sit for 2 minutes, then whisk and microwave again on high for 1 1/2 minutes.

Let sit for 2 minutes, then whisk until smooth. If necessary, microwave for an additional minute. Makes 2 cups.

Recipe from *Joy of Cooking*, Scribner, 2006.

BALSAMIC BERRY SAUCE

- 10-ounce bag frozen mixed berries
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the berries and balsamic vinegar. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring often, 5 minutes, or until the berries become a liquid.

In a small glass, combine the cornstarch with 2 tablespoons cold water. Add this mixture to the berries and cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens. Let cool for several minutes, then drizzle over ice cream. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

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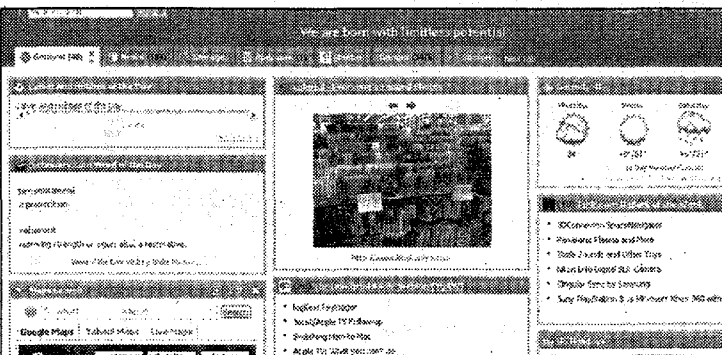
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In the meantime, let me hear from you! Tell me what topics you'd like me to cover in future columns. I'm all ears, and I'm open to ideas. Get those fingers moving, readers!

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Local yogi 'X-flodes' with series of workout DVDs

By Wendy Von Buskirk
West Bloomfield-based yogi Eric Paskel is making a bid to break into the international fitness world with a series of high-profile DVDs.

If pre-buzz is any indication, he's likely to succeed. Paskel's Xflowson series hasn't even been released yet, and already stars like Jessica Biel and Elisha Cuthbert have touted the workouts in national magazines like InStyle and Us Weekly.

At local Yoga Shelter locations, where Paskel teaches Xflowson classes on Sunday mornings, students can't stop talking about the DVDs, and are already circulating advanced copies.

National infomercials starring Paskel, with testimonials from many of his local students, will begin airing this spring on several channels at various times.

The entire Xflowson kit, which features 4 DVDs, 2 audio CDs, a meal plan and printed exercise guide, will be available to the public soon for \$49.95.

Xflowson blends yoga with dance moves and martial arts to create a unique new exercise program. As a live band plays on stage, Paskel, covered in tattoos, leads workouts that stress letting loose as you lose pounds and inches.

"It's a party," Paskel says. "It's the most fun you'll ever have working out."

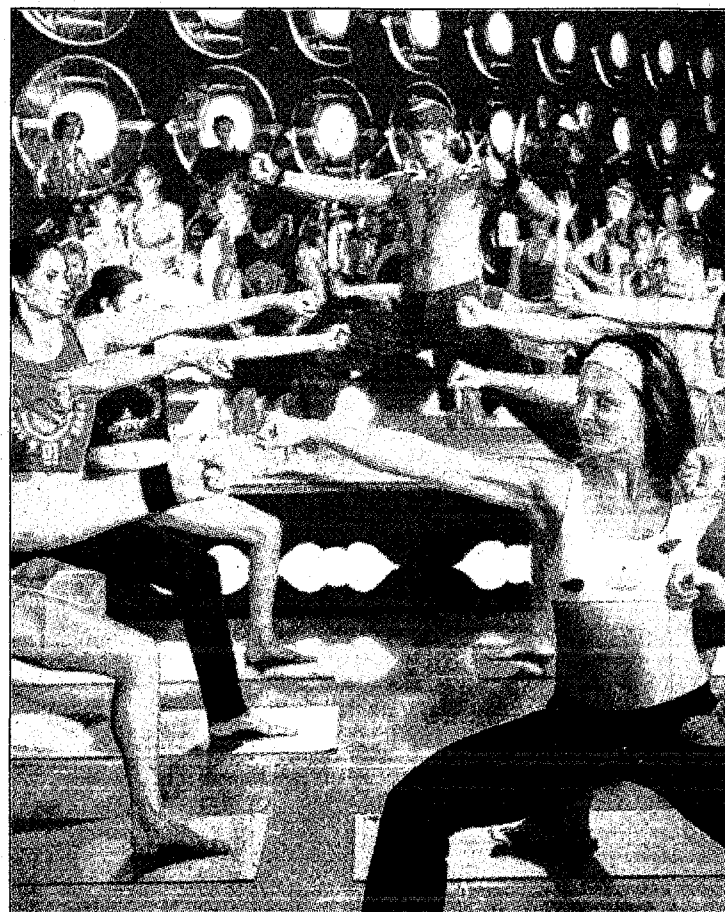
Paskel is co-owner of the Yoga Shelter, with locations in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak and Birmingham.

The former actor and licensed marriage and family therapist started doing yoga in earnest in 1999, and taught at Johnny Kest's Center for Yoga before breaking off to open his own studio with business partner Steve Feldman.

Paskel's popular classes often feature chanting, live drumming, and sometimes wrap up with Paskel himself on guitar.

They also offer plenty of good vibes. Paskel uses his experience as a therapist to sprinkle positive insights into his instruction, but he said he doesn't want to preach during practice.

His mission is to drop the dogma normally associated with



Eric Paskel (on podium) leads an Xflowson class, backed by a live band. His wife Lisa (right front) is among students practicing the yoga fusion workout.

yoga and help others become fit in body and mind without having to endure "a sermonizing guru."

The result is Xflowson. Yoga traditionalists might not approve of these non-traditional workouts, which add free-form hip swaying and arm movements to standard poses. It takes an open mind to come out of downward facing dog and break into kick boxing, but Paskel says that's the point.

"The whole idea was essentially to introduce people to the heart of what we do in a way that is less intimidating," Paskel says. "We want to demystify yoga and make it accessible to everyone."

Paskel's approach resonated with uKarma Corporation, the multi-media fitness company that backed Xflowson. uKarma brought Paskel to Los Angeles to film the series, the first of its kind to use High Definition cinematography and 5:1 surround sound.

Paskel's wife, Lisa, and sister, Caren, both of whom teach at Yoga Shelter, appear in the DVDs. Others were cast for the classes. Paskel worked with models for a month to prepare them for filming, and they got results.

"They had little experience with yoga and I just threw it all at them," he said. "In 30 days I had people who lost 18 pounds, 17-19 inches off their body, and they didn't even want to talk about it. They wanted to talk about what they learned about their lives."

Paskel maintains "looking good is a by-product of feeling good," and during classes, he recites mantras such as "we do this for our sanity, not our vanity," and "today we will free ourselves so we can be ourselves."

He is hoping Xflowson's message goes beyond skin deep.

"It's really not about the pose," he says. "It's about shaping people's lives. The beauty is, we get people in the door by talking

Xflowson

Eric Paskel's Xflowson set includes:
Xflowson Live in Hollywood (80 mins.) - A warm-up, core workout and final relaxation, accompanied by a live band.
Body Blast (26 mins.) -

A high-intensity workout that condenses the best elements of 'Xflowson Live.'

Amazing Abs (22 mins.) - A high-intensity abdominal workout featuring standing and seated poses.

Calm Down Dog (26 mins.) - A restorative and tranquil yoga-centric workout that helps reduce stress and anxiety.

Real Meals - Lean and Natural - A 35-page meal plan with shopping and diet tips.

Flow by Flow Exercise Guide - A printed guide to the poses.
Dreams Realized - An audio CD featuring a motivational lecture by Paskel.

Xflowson CD - An audio Xflowson class led by Paskel.

about weight loss but then they lose weight and get ripped, and they don't even care."

These days, Paskel is busy leading yoga retreats in Costa Rica and teaching in Los Angeles at a studio owned by Johnny Kest's brother, Bryan, a Birmingham native famous in yoga circles for his "Power Yoga" classes and DVDs. It's at Kest's studio that Paskel meets some of the Hollywood stars who are giving Xflowson such positive press.

Soon, the world will be able to see what all the fuss is about. "The response has been awesome," Paskel said.

Eric Paskel teaches Xflowson on select Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield. For more information, visit www.yogashelter.com or www.xflowson.com.

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Spring Into Style
Macy's Somerset will host an afternoon of fashion and exclusive offers in Misses, Women's and Petites noon-4 p.m. April 14. At Spring Into Style, experts will share must-have trends for the season, along with tips on what works best for every shape.

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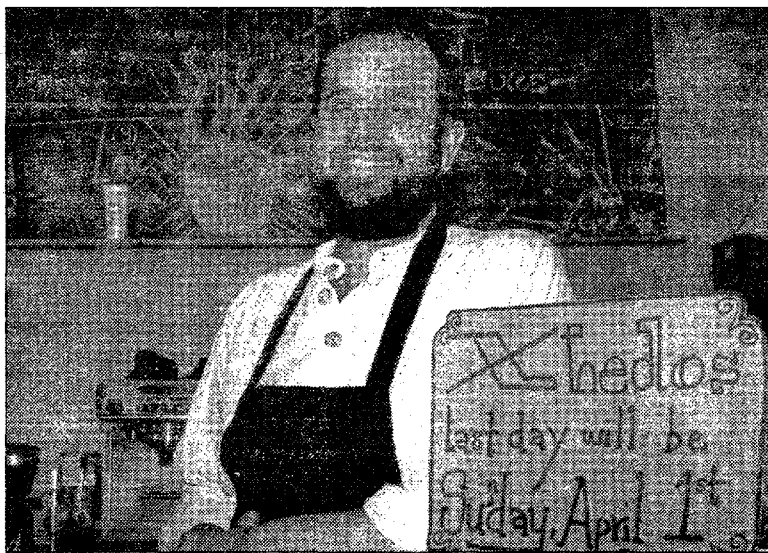


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Caleb Grayson is closing Xhedos Cafe in Ferndale after running the independent cafe for 11 years. A new owner will take over the location, reopen it with a new name and menu, and retain some entertainment.

Xhedos Cafe closes, but spirit is saved

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Xhedos Cafe closed on Sunday, April 1, but the spirit of the art house will be alive again soon.

A new owner is taking over. The cafe name will change, the menu will change but music and poetry slams, so far, will happen there.

For 11 years, owner Caleb Grayson managed to keep the independent cafe alive — and with a vegetarian menu — while competing against big coffeehouse chains nearby.

Grayson was so dedicated to the music/coffeehouse on Nine Mile west of Woodward that he lived in the apartment located upstairs from Xhedos and worked nearly seven days a week. Regularly, he opened his doors to blues musicians, acoustic singer songwriters, punk bands, rock bands, poets, dancers, painters — any dedicated artist who needed a venue to boost their career.

He also offered free Internet service, free use of computers, offered chair/neck massage, astrological readings. Plus his menu items were organic and made fresh daily.

The cafe even outlived the Coffee Beanery location that was on Woodward south of Nine Mile.

Still, it wasn't enough. Grayson struggled to keep the arts house alive and it exhausted him.

"I'm so happy with the results of this," Grayson said. "It looks like the arts community, this special community in Ferndale will still have a place to call home."

Patrons are saddened by the departure of Grayson though, and his strict non-meat menu.

"I love the atmosphere and the coffee,"

said Lalena Malloian, an Oakland University student who visited regularly. "It's a great vegan food cafe."

Grayson held a weekend long fundraiser in February where musicians performed for free to help him pay for rent.

The community came out in droves to support the man who gave them their start. More than \$7,000 was raised, but several thousand shy of the amount he needed.

Through a client-turned-friend, Grayson met A.J. O'Neal, who paid off the debts and will take over at the location. O'Neal was not available to comment at press time.

"The new owners believe in the spirit of the Xhedos," Grayson said. "And has more cash to improve the place."

Leaving Xhedos is emotional for Grayson who now has big plans for his future.

"I've been living there for over 10 years," he said. "My son was born in the (apartment upstairs) living room. I felt a tremendous responsibility to the Xhedos community. I didn't want to abandon it. I didn't want to see all my dreams and hard work for 11 years just disappear."

Now that he knows Xhedos will exist (sort of), he can move on and finally spend time with loved ones and work on other projects. He plans to spend more time with his children, visit his parents in Thailand, play music in New Orleans and then open a Web site and sell the organic, vegan Xhedos soups and Pico Chili that Grayson made fresh every day.

"And don't forget the Istanbul coffee, that will be online too," he said.

Read Grayson's travel blogs at myspace.com/calebgrayson.

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James Gandolfini returns for another season as Tony Soprano on *The Sopranos*.

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Guenevere (Rachel York), King Arthur (Michael York) and Sir Lancelot (James Barbour) share a tense moment in *Camelot*, coming to the Fisher Theatre April 11.

Rachel York embraces her inner Guenevere

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

More than four years ago, while talking with a director on the production of *Anything Goes* in Los Angeles, actress Rachel York began pondering a revival of the classic tale of *Camelot*.

Earlier this year, she took on the coveted role of Guenevere in the touring production of that Lerner & Loewe musical.

"I've always been interested in the role of

Guenevere, and a bit of a fan of Arthurian legend," she said. "I've read the *Myths of Babylon*."

York, who stars opposite veteran actor Michael York as King Arthur, called Guenevere an "every woman."

"There are so many different sides to her," she said. "In the beginning, you see her as an idealist, a boy-crazy young woman who is full of energy. Then, as the supportive wife, intelligent and strong. Also, later on you

CAMELOT

When: Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday from April 11 - 29.

Where: Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

Tickets: \$35-\$70, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.BroadwayInDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more, call (313) 871-1132.

More information: Call (313) 872-1000. **For more on Rachel York:** Visit www.rachelyork.net. She also recently released a CD of love songs, available at the theater and at Barnes & Noble.

experience a wickedness in her, her sense of humor and flirtation. You also get to learn of her heartbreak and her longing."

York travels this spectrum of emotions nightly onstage. The show itself has been trimmed down from its original script.

And perhaps the most controversial change in the familiar story of *Camelot* involves that storied affair between Guenevere and Lancelot. In this production, there is no actual

affair, only an ill-fated kiss, set to the song *If Ever I Would Leave You*.

"It's a very climactic moment," York said.

There is longing, she said, but her Guenevere is never truly unfaithful. "The queen is incredibly respectful of Arthur," York said.

While the love triangle of Arthur, Guenevere and Sir Lancelot lies at the heart of *Camelot*, York said she feels that audiences relate more to the idea of a utopian society. "People don't have to resort to war and fighting to solve problems," York said.

The actress is anticipating the tour's stop in metro Detroit this month. Her fiancé, producer Ayal Miodovnik, is a University of Michigan alumnus. They plan to visit his alma mater in Ann Arbor.

The couple met while in Texas, on the production of *Summer of '42*, a show written by fellow former Wolverines David Kirshenbaum and Hunter Foster. The soundtrack for *Summer of '42* has just been released.

As for *Camelot*, the production is earning "a lot of standing ovations," York said. "We want to make it a good show."

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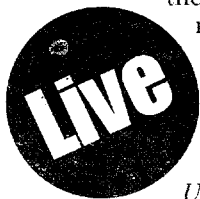
Hot Rod Circuit performs at Magic Stick

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

They're certainly not Bad Company.

That's one of the ways Hot Rod Circuit describes themselves — what they are not.

But they do call themselves, maybe, just maybe, somewhere in the middle of The Beach Boys, The Replacements and Foo Fighters.



That's a strong claim to make. You can hear it for yourself first on the band's site

myspace.com/hotrodcircuit.

Then check out the boys from Connecticut when they play The Magic Stick in Detroit on Friday, April 6, in support of the new CD *The Underground is a Dying Breed* (Immortal Records).

The band will also tour with Warped later this year.

The foursome in Hot Rod Circuit,

that has been around since the late 1990s, said they decided to make the new CD on their own terms, after taking a break from their 2004 tour.

Singer guitarist Andy Jackson; pedal steel/guitarist Casey Prestwood, bassist Joe Ballaro and drummer Dan Duggins believe the CD title is actually their plan to break out of the underground.

"We've been doing this long enough that we know how touring

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Andrew Bird

Wake up to the sounds of Andrew Bird

Andrew Bird sounds so sleepy. I imagined it might have to do with the hour — 10:30 a.m. can be early for an interview with a musician. In fact, it's 4:30 p.m. in Paris and he's just woken from a nap — but he's still willing to chat about his latest release, *Armchair Apocrypha*, which debuted in the top 100.



Noise Patrol

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

It also marks the Chicago native's seventh studio record. Bird can't recall a time when he wasn't a musician. "I started so young it wasn't a career choice," he said, his voice slightly hushed. "I was 4 years old when I started playing violin. I took to it. Learned compositions by ear." In that way, he said, classical music always had a folk quality to him. Genre-bending is as much his forté. His songs have treaded the line from jazz and swing, to pop and rock. He's known as much for switching seamlessly from violin to guitar, as he is for his characteristic whistling.

"I've been known for not staying still," he said. "People have come to expect it."

Bird was classically trained and at age 16 admittedly "threw myself into it in a romantic sort of way." By 23, he was touring in bands, like the Bowl of Fire.

His influences begin with Mozart's *Requiem* and include what he considers "more anonymous" musicians like Delta bluesman Charlie Patton, and early folk recordings. For Bird, there are no boundaries.

"People write songs because they hear a Kinks record and say, 'That's what music should be.' That's valid," Bird said. "People base their entire careers off of it. It wouldn't keep me satisfied for very long."

ANDREW BIRD

Who: The Chicago troubadour comes to Detroit, with opener Cortney Tidwell

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

Where: Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: Cost \$15 advance for all ages show, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.majesticdetroit.com.

On TV: Andrew Bird makes his late-night television debut Tuesday, April 10, on *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

Bird took to true songwriting at age 18, while sitting on the porch of his family's farm. He wrote a song called the *Nothin' Doin' Waltz*, he recalled.

Now nearly all of his writing is done on the road. Much of *Armchair Apocrypha* was composed somewhere between France and Portugal, he said. "It's really hard when you see so many economies, cultures, lives — every day it becomes a challenge not to let it burn you out or overwhelm you," he said. "The world seems very precarious. These songs kept me going."

When it came time to record, Bird said he "wanted to make a more extroverted, ecstatic record." He planned to "stretch out the vocals" until they transformed into sound, rather than just a "vehicle for words."

When performing live, Bird leaves the doors wide open to re-imagine the material, to improvise and recreate it.

"Live performance is the constant," he said. "It's the most honest representation of what I do. The records — you hope they can live up to that."

On this tour, he's joined forces with

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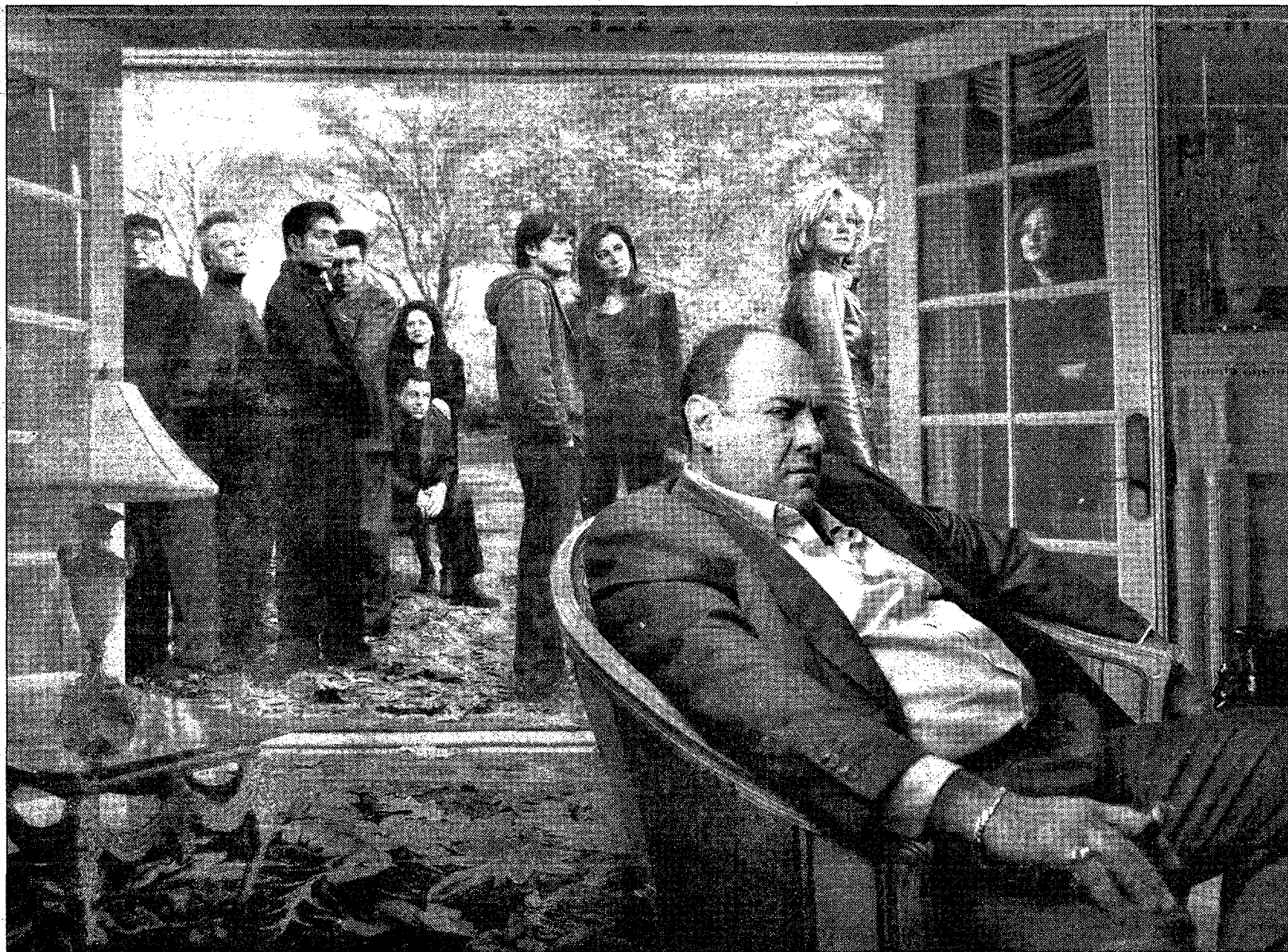


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As 'The Sopranos' sixth season continues into its second part, Tony Soprano (played by James Gandolfini) will be facing new stresses, including life-altering decisions at home, pressures and trouble on the job.

The Sopranos are back

And we predict what's going to happen

What are you doing Sunday? If you're like millions of Americans, you'll be tuned to HBO for the (supposedly) final season of *The Sopranos*.

Finally! It's back! After more than a year, bad ol' Tony and his depressing, shameful family and friends that we somehow root for are back for nine episodes in part two of season six.

And for as much as we love the show, it's time for them to go.

So now the question is: What's going to happen to Tony, Johnny, Chris, Paulie, Carm and the rest of the gaudy gang?

A lot of Internet chatter by *Sop* fans is that Tony will commit a murder/suicide after he learns that Carmela is working with the FBI — resulting in the whole "family" getting arrested.

But the two biggest *Sopranos* fans at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* (yours

truly and reporter Alex Lundberg) predict differently.

I say, Tony is way too narcissistic to commit suicide.

Read our other guesses, and then go visit this story online at www.hometownlife.com and tell us your predictions.

Lundberg has a few theories:

■ As for Tony, there are only two acceptable endings: Tony dies or Tony goes to jail.

"I say this out of hope because I don't want to see him turn state's evidence and I also don't want a sequel-ready ending. If *The Sopranos* has to end, it has to end completely."

■ Chris and Paulie are in danger because they aren't very smart.

"As soldiers and functionaries, they're capable. As solo operators, they don't have enough brain power to do it on their own."

■ Johnny Sack is going to roll on everyone. Janice will destroy her family.

"Maybe the only characters with a chance to walk away will be Dr. Melfi and Carmela, and that's not a guarantee."

"All of these are pessimistic because the creators have never been slaves to happy endings," Lundberg predicts. "The characters on the show have almost always been likable but they've also been morally bankrupt. In the end, if Chase and company are being honest with themselves, the fates of the various characters are likely to be grim."

I'll predict a bit differently.

If the writers decide to follow the history of American mobsters, some will die bloody deaths and some of natural causes. If anyone breaks the code of silence, it's bound to be a younger character, but not Christopher. And some, as they age, see their mob family disintegrate and live their final years working in some illegal business, but very "small time" stuff.

The show probably won't end as perfectly

PLEASE SEE **SOPRANOS, E7**

THE SOPRANOS

When: Second part of Season Six (nine episodes) begins 9 p.m. Sunday.

What: The critically acclaimed, Emmy®- and Peabody-winning HBO series *The Sopranos* continues.

Background: In the first part of Season Six, Tony Soprano faced new challenges as his life grew increasingly more complicated. Back together with Carmela, he faced the reality that their kids were no longer children, and yet not grown. And with Johnny Sack in prison, the always-tense relations between the New Jersey and New York families were strained even further. Creator David Chase's drama series stars three-time Emmy® winners James Gandolfini as Tony Soprano and Edie Falco as Tony's wife, Carmela, plus Lorraine Bracco as therapist Dr. Jennifer Melfi, Emmy® winner Michael Imperioli as Tony's nephew Christopher Moltisanti, and Dominic Chianese as Uncle Junior. Also on hand for Season Six are regulars Robert Iler as Anthony Soprano Jr., Jamie-Lynn Sigler as Meadow Soprano, Tony Sirico as Paulie Walnuts, and Steven Van Zandt as Silvio Dante.

Cover
Story

Meadow Brook's Macbeth spins a tale of murder

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Lady Macbeth has blood on her hands once again, in director John M.

Manfredi's adaptation of *Macbeth*. The classic Shakespeare tale of madness, magic and betrayal is showing through April 15 at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester.



The coveted role of Lady

Macbeth is handled by Roxanne Wellington, who attacks the character with mischievous glee. She stars opposite Eddie Collins, in the power-hungry, ambitious title role.

The stage is set with the makings of an eerie castle, complete with trap doors. As the tragedy is loosely based on an historical account of King Macbeth of Scotland, this production is rife with booming explosions, fire and billowing smoke. So much so, it might be worth steering clear of the first few rows of seats. Manfredi's take includes all of the above effects, and warnings are posted outside the theater to prepare the audience for what's to come.

Shakespeare's three witches open the show, casting their predictions upon Macbeth and his friend Banquo (Andrew Huff). When Macbeth discovers he will have a chance to become King, something

MACBETH

Who: William Shakespeare's classic has been adapted by director John M. Manfredi

When: Performances at 8 p.m. through April 15.

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Tickets: \$22-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

More information: Visit www.mbttheatre.com.

sparks inside him. And when he hears that Banquo will father a line of royalty, Collins begins to show a flicker of jealousy, one that will soon ignite.

What of course ensues, in sheer dark delight of scheming Lady Macbeth, is a plan to murder Duncan (portrayed by Thomas Mahard), and take over the crown to rule.

The cast takes on Shakespeare's challenging Elizabethan script. Collins, Wellington and Huff convey their lines with somewhat more comfort than some other castmates, but the finished product makes for a believable attempt.

Laurel Hufano shines brightly in multiple roles, most memorably as the porter of the castle. She is bold and brisk as she answers the door out of a drunken stupor. She first clamors for her flask, then flirts

with Lennox and Macduff as they arrive. The scene induces laughter even at a tense time, just before Duncan is found dead.

Lady Macbeth has carefully placed the bloody daggers so that her husband will not be a suspect. From then on, she peers periodically at her hands, imagining blood that is not there. "My hands are of your color," she said.

Known to be among the bloodiest of Shakespeare's tragedies, Manfredi did not shy away from choreographed battle scenes and bloody visions.

After Macbeth has ordered Banquo killed — in a frighteningly selfish attempt to secure his royal status — he has visions of his blood-stained friend. Huff nails his performance, dead and alive, as Banquo. There, he walks slowly with a vacant stare, coated in red from his face to his hands.

In three acts, and running about 2 1/2 hours, with one 15-minute intermission, the production recalls another era, a violent time that endures today and warns of the dangers in betrayal and lust for power.

"*Macbeth* has been my favorite play since I knew there was such a thing as plays and have been involved as an actor and fight choreographer on several productions over the years," Manfredi said. "Its story of power, madness and politics are all tinted with something supernatural and that appeals to me.

"This adaptation alters the settings and



RICK SMITH

Roxanne Wellington and Eddie Collins star in *Macbeth*, now showing at Meadow Brook Theatre.

eliminates any reference to country or even time but Shakespeare's fascinating story and the beauty of his language remains intact and energized."

His cast also includes Rob Arbaugh, James Bowen, Jim Geddes, Darrell Glasgow, Logan Manfredi, Brandon Massey, Aaron T. Moore, Jason Richards, Chris Roady and Leah Smith.

The production marks a milestone for Meadow Brook Theatre. It is the largest in scope and in special effects in the theater's four-year history as an independent company from Oakland University.

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SOPRANOS

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as *Six Feet Under* where everyone died. So:

■ Christopher will never squeal. He's the most loyal captain to The Family.

■ Johnny Sack rats on everyone. Silvio will roll over to the FBI, and maybe die after one too many panic attacks leads to a heart failure.

■ Paulie, tough call. Maybe he chickens out and flees town.

■ Christopher will kill Sack.

I would love for Carmela to fling with Furio, but she won't. Corrado will die of natural causes and Bobby will quit the

business for a cleaner life — which will anger Janice and she will leave him and New Jersey.

There's of course the big hole of all the unsolved murders committed by The Family. Police or the FBI must eventually stumble upon fingerprints or maybe even Adriana's body. I mean, let's face it, are *The Sopranos* mobsters that bright?

And last, A.J., will eventually join the life of crime. He, Christopher and Tony — all blood relatives — will rebuild the mobster family, making money yet trusting no one.

Lana Mini is a staff writer for the Filter entertainment section. Even though she's a first-generation Sicilian-American and doesn't like stereotyping, she has seen every episode of *The Sopranos* twice.



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Soup eatery immortalized in 'Seinfeld' opens in Birmingham



Chicken Corn Chowder (foreground) is full of piping hot flavor at The Original SoupMan in Birmingham. Other soups on that day's menu included Garden Vegetable, Tomato Zucchini and Jambalaya.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Judy Masell isn't a huge *Seinfeld* fan, but she and her husband Scott watched it occasionally when the show aired in the 1990s on NBC.

But she always enjoyed — and remembered — the Soup Nazi episode, the name penned after the nickname of a soup eatery owner who demanded customers order, pay, then move to the left.

It was commonplace behavior for a common man, but magnified on the show in typical Seinfeldian fashion — exaggerated, neurotic and obsessive behavior.

"I thought (that episode) was a funny show," she said.

Several years after Soup Nazi first aired, Masell is hawking those same soups as the owner of The Original SoupMan, a franchise restaurant group based on Al Yeganeh's original soup kitchen in New York City.

Masell has opened the first franchise in the Midwest in Birmingham, in the site of the former Loose Leaf on Old Woodward.

The victim of downsizing after a 33-year banking career, Masell knew she had to find a new livelihood, as she had four children — two adults (one in college) and two in high school.

Masell wanted to own her own business. So she researched. During the early morning hours of a summer day last year, she found The Original SoupMan

Web site. She discovered it was a new franchise (less than three years old) that sold Yeganeh's soups.

Masell wanted to check out the company, so she and her husband flew to New York City. "Being a franchisee, you have to know the company you're buying into has a strong financial foundation," Masell said.

They tasted the soups, and visited the company's facilities, which had soup kettles "as large as hot tubs," she said.

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"I wanted to do something different," she said. "People want something that is healthier than McDonald's." They liked the soups and the franchise, so they proceeded with plans to open a Detroit-area location.

She chose Birmingham because the downtown has tremendous foot traffic and is attractive. She plans to open two more locations in the Detroit area.

Masell believes the franchise can be successful because the soups taste good. She admits that the *Seinfeld* hook helps. Ask her how often she hears Soup Nazi jokes when customers order, and she replies: "Every day."

10 A DAY

SoupMan serves 10 different soups out of a total of 50 every day, a rotating menu that can be downloaded at the company's Web site.

Crab bisque and lobster bisque are Al's signature soups. But there's broccoli and cheese, so many bean (15 bean varieties), garden vegetable, minestrone and eggplant parmesan. There's chicken gumbo and Italian sausage.

Customers can order rice bowls in which the soups are served over long-grain rice.

During the summer, there'll be a selection of chilled soups, too: gazpacho, vichyssoise, borscht and fruit cornucopia.

George Costanza would be happy, too, as Masell hasn't forgotten the bread. This bread is baked by Star Bakeries on Coolidge in Oak Park. Masell orders multigrain and baguettes from there every day to serve with soup, along with fruit and a piece of chocolate. "Al believes that the bread makes it a complete meal," Masell said.

SALADS AND SANDWICHES, TOO

The restaurant serves salads and sandwiches, too.

The Grab & Go menu features Caesar, cobb, Mediterranean, Asian chicken and goat cheese and fresh beet salads. Sandwiches feature turkey breast and brie, ham and Swiss and fresh mozzarella, tomato and basil, along with toasted panini sandwiches and wraps. The restaurant also serves smoothies, teas and lemonade and other beverages.

The salads are tossed that morning, Masell said.

Of course, Masell loves the soups, which sold her on the franchise. And she realizes her restaurant namesake is a part of American pop culture.

"But he's not really like that," Masell said about Yeganeh's temperament. "He's portrayed as the Soup Nazi, but he's really passionate about his soup. He's served 400 people in two hours."

"You know the rules, move to the left" Masell said, remembering the line from the episode, "but that was only to make the line move more quickly, not because he was mean."

The following restaurants are serving on Easter Sunday:

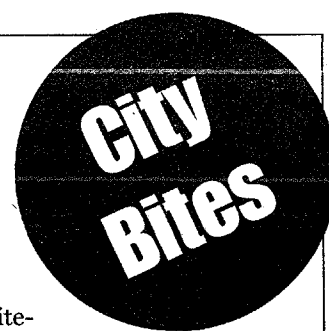
■ **Tribute**, 31425 12 Mile (west of Orchard Lake Road) in Farmington Hills, serves a luncheon menu from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a choice of soup or salad, entrée and dessert for \$35 for adults and children. Entrée choices include roasted chicken, grilled bistro steak, roasted salmon, grilled whitefish, chopped chicken salad, braised beef short rib, grilled Kobe burger or grilled pork loin. Call (248) 848-9393 for reservations.

■ **Forté**, 201 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, serves a plated Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., some of which will include French toast, hueveos rancheros, house-made corned beef hash, open-faced omelets, steak and eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, bananas foster and house-made desserts. (This menu is a la carte, so there is no fixed price.) Forté has announced that brunch will be served every Sunday. For reservations or more information, call (248) 594-7300.

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

After Lewis and Clark, The Forces of Change 1806-1871, paintings, drawings and prints by artists who accompanied explorers, including Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, as they encountered the unexpected and unique subjects of the American West, through April 29, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function, (313) 982-6001, www.thehenryford.org.

ART GALLERIES

Artcraft Gallery

Texture Reflections, Alan Casadei, through April 28, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery

Porches and Gardens, acrylic paintings by Bertie Bonnell, April 10-May 31, Domino's Farms Office Park, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, (734) 930-7514, www.ave-mariaart.com.

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, 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.

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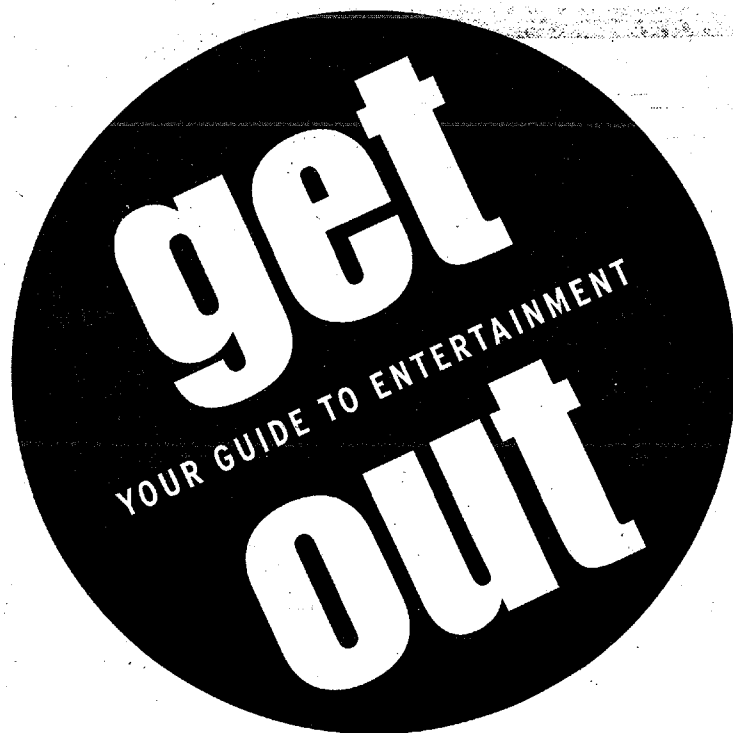
Topher Crowder's Playing God, April 14 to May 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901.

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.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Alice Frank's multimedia solo exhibition runs through April 28, a wine and cheese opening is 6-9 p.m. Friday April 6, at 22620 Woodward,



Suite A, Ferndale, 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

Padzieski Gallery

Juried art show of Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, through April 21, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-3095.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

First Floor Gallery features Travelogue by Mike Mackens, black and white photographs of artists' travels to Europe, Japan and elsewhere, exhibit runs through April 14; Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation, one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

paukotalaprojects

Ann Mikolowski, Works on paper, through April 21, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, 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.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Dee Ann Segula, encaustic paintings (painting molten beeswax and pigment to a surface), exhibit through April 29, meet the artist 10 a.m. to noon April 14, Joann Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

River's Edge Gallery

Amy Chenier, Tim Burke and photography of Elaine Redmond, meet the artists 6-10 p.m. April 20, through May 12, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

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.

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.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Outpost, photographs by Tim Davis, John Lehr and Michael Vahrenwald, 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, 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

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.

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 5-6, 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.

AUITIONS

Detroit Metropolitan Youth Ensemble

Detroit Boys Choir, boys ages 8-12 (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, (313) 850-2316.

BALLET

Detroit Opera House

Puccini's *Turandot*, April 21-29, \$28-\$120, all at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, www.michiganopera.org or www.ticketmaster.com.

BLUEGRASS

Oakland Community College

Steep Canyon Rangers (bluegrass), 7:30 p.m.

April 13, \$20, Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 341-2270.

BOOKS

Borders

Alana Paluszewski, author of *Shooting Star: The Amazing Life of Ann Marston*, at following Borders locations: 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, 7 p.m. April 19; 23000 Eureka, Taylor, 2 p.m. April 21; 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, 7 p.m. April 25; 8101 Movie Drive, Brighton, 1 p.m. May 12.

CLASSICAL

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.

Oakland Community College

José García-León, faculty member, piano recital, 7:30 p.m. April 14, \$5, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 522-3590.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Pianist András Schiff and cellist Miklós Perényi, part of Opus 9 series, all-Beethoven program, 8 p.m. April 14, preconcert documentary on Schiff discussing Chopin, 6:45 p.m., \$41-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on campus of Detroit Country Day School, (248) 855-6070.

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.

Oakland University

Chamber Ensembles, 7 p.m. April 15, Varner Recital Hall, free, (248) 370-2030, oakland.edu/mtd.

Oakland University

Applied music instructor Lori Newman presents faculty recital, 8 p.m. April 18, Varner Recital Hall, (248) 370-2030, oakland.edu/mtd.

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Chopin's Complete Solo Works, 7:30 p.m. 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.

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

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit

Annual artist concert with the American Piano Quartet (Robin Hancock, Paul Pollei, Jeffrey Shumway and Scott Holden), 2 p.m. April 15, Hammell Music, 2700 Maple Road (at M-5, just west of Haggerty), Commerce Township, \$25, \$15 students, reception to meet artists will follow concert, (248) 624-8111, Ext. 325.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

The Roaring '20s, the PSO's annual POPS concert and benefit auction, 6 p.m. April 20, Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia, \$75, \$35 for children, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

The Buzz Bar

Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under A Buzz

P-Funk Jam Session, John Arnold's Brokefunk, April 5; First Fridays of Fourth Horizon: Kevin Reynolds Birthday, April 6; Dennis Coffey, guitarist from The Funk Brothers, April 7; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis, April 8; RJ Spangler Trio, April 10; The Brothers Groove, April 11; 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800.

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.

Karl's Cabin

The New Fossils, April 14, 6005 Gottfredson, Plymouth, (734) 455-8450.

La Dolce Vita

Vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Scott Gwinell, bassist Dennis Horvath, 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, 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

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, (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

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.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Danny Bevins, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (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 Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com

DANCE

Music Hall

Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, tick-

ets \$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, \$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.

Shepherd Maple Festival

49th annual maple syrup festival with pancake and sausage meals, arts and crafts, rides, classic cars and music in town located between Alma and Mt. Pleasant off of State Route 127, April 26-28, www.shepherdmaplesyrupfestival.org.

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.

FILM

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, or box offices.

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, (248) 895-7989.

Making Music for Mott

A special 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, contact 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, for information on flea market, (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.

MAMAPHOBIA

Show written and performed by Chicago comedienne Peggy Ward, Larry Arbour kicks off event at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, The Coffee Beanery Café, 28557 Woodward Ave., Berkley, proceeds benefit ASHLEY's Friends, an organization that provides support and counseling for children in grief, tickets \$25, (248) 219-9604, www.ashleysfriends.org.

Comedy Night 2007

Fund-raiser for Forgotten Harvest with comedian John Pinette, 7 p.m. silent auction/cash



ART

The Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Ferndale presents *Outpost*, including photographs like this one by Tim Davis, as well as works by John Lehr and Michael Vahrenwald. The exhibit runs through April 28 at the gallery, at 700 Livernois, Ferndale. Call (248) 541-4700.

bar, 8 p.m. show, afterglow dessert reception at 10 p.m. May 5, Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$75, \$150 includes afterglow, (248) 350-3663, general seating, \$25-\$40, (313) 887-8501, www.ticketmaster.com.

Planned Parenthood

Southeast Michigan Fund-raising Luncheon featuring Kathy Najimy May 9 at Troy Marriott, \$85, \$500 gets tickets for two and admission to private reception with Najimy the evening before luncheon, (313) 822-7285.

PENNdemonium 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, for information on PENNdemonium, www.penntheatre.com.

Special Days Camp

Benefit for children with cancer and families, bowling, karaoke, silent auction, food, door prizes, 6 p.m. May 11, \$20, Ford Lanes Bowling Center, 23100 Van Born, Dearborn Heights, www.special-days.org, donate or ticket sales information from Ryan Tucholski at (313) 278-2220.

MommyHood

Stage play brings to life emotions of mothers through monologues, noon to 5 p.m. May 13, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www.macombcenter.com.

GOSPEL

Plymouth Oratorio Society

21st season concert with Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial Road, one-quarter mile west of Sheldon in Plymouth, no tickets, instead free-will offering will be taken, (734) 455-8353.

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, 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. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

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 or (313) 887-8501.

Orchestra Hall

Pat Metheny 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.

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 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

The University of Michigan Jazz Showcase, April 5; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Oakland Community College

Terry Callier, singer/songwriter, 8 p.m. April 6, \$20, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 341-2270.

Reverse Rebellion

Christian rock bands including P.O.D., Casting Crowns and Tye Tribbett, and speakers as part of BattleCry movement, promoting absti-

nence from sex, drugs and alcohol for young people, April 13-14, Ford Field.

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.

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, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7971.

Detroit Science Center

Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies; 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.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.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Luke Clyburn, film Great Lakes - Ancient Shores: Sinkholes, 7 p.m. April 19, part of Museum's Behind the News Lecture series, \$5 for non-members, free for members, to register, call (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org; also 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.

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre

Turandot, April 21-29, \$28-\$120, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-7464, www.michiganopera.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 from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Cultural Diversity Series

Book discussion Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age,

and One Man's Castle, two books that recount the events that led to the 1925 murder trial of Dr. Ossian Sweet, speakers are Debbie Macon, Race Relations & Diversity Task Force, Birmingham-Bloomfield Area and Rob Willis, attorney and member of the Southern Oakland County NAACP Executive Committee, 10 a.m. April 10, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council; other speakers and communities in the series include Chaula Thacker, founder and artistic director of Nadanta, Tuesday, April 17, Asian-Indian; Laura Hung, Executive Director, Council of Asian Pacific Americans on Tuesday, April 24, Chinese; and Cassandra Varner, Communications Manager for Affirmations, on Tuesday, May 1, Gay-Lesbian; pre-registration for each event is required, (248) 203-5270.

Detroit Derby Girls

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.

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. Call (517) 373-4692.

Detroit Fringe Festival

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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

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Alice Frank presents multimedia exhibit in Ferndale

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Alice Frank's upcoming multimedia exhibition at Lawrence Street Gallery evokes the importance of possessing a positive outlook on life. Many of the pieces she will include have been created over the past year - during a time when she's been caring for her husband following two major surgeries.

"Art is my saving grace," said Frank, a West Bloomfield resident. "I flee to my art."

Throughout this trying time, she was able to work on a project she calls nothing less than "powerful."

"It's a good thing. I go downstairs into my studio and it feels like I've been working for 45 minutes, but it's really been four hours. I get totally immersed in what I'm doing."

A well-known artist, Frank has been exhibiting her artwork for more than 25 years, and partici-

Alice Frank

Who: A West Bloomfield resident and multimedia artist.

Art shows: She will have a solo exhibition now to April 28.

Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale;

Another exhibition will run from April to June at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills.

Meet the artist: A wine and cheese opening is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6.

Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

More information: Call the gallery at (248) 544-0394.

pating in major events, including the annual Ann Arbor Art Fairs. A graduate of the University of Michigan, she's spent much of her career teaching art enrichment in schools as near as Birmingham and Southfield, and as far away as Seoul, Korea. Eastern influences in her works can be attributed to studies and travels to places like Japan, Thailand and Malaysia.

"I've been to a lot of places," Frank said, adding that her husband served in the military.

She works in a variety of media - 3D to watercolor, weaving to printmaking and is currently delving into children's art.

Her membership with Lawrence Street Gallery has proven to be "a really nice fit," said Frank, a mother of three adult children. She's pleased to show her work at the Ferndale gallery.

Those who attend the exhibition may want to keep an eye out for the hidden elements inside some of her mixed water media. She will display a group of pieces that represent "going deeper into your soul to see things."

It may take some staring, and some time, to find what's hidden. And that's the whole point.

"I like to take time everyday to look into myself and focus on as much positive energy as possible," said Frank. "So many people get so caught up in negative energy."

Some of her work is less subliminal. She handcrafts small glass beads for jewelry pieces that come together "organically." Her work in enamel jewelry was carried in high-end stores



Artist Alice Frank works in various media.

including Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.

Frank said the Ferndale exhibition will showcase a tranquil quality, and include "colors that are very happy."

During some very difficult times in her life she's created two works out of enamel fired onto metal. Titled *Reach*, the pieces demonstrate figures rising up.

The symbolism, Frank said, is meant to remind people not to sink into the doom and gloom of daily life, but instead to reach up. Her latest, *Reach Again and Again*, is enamel fired with platinum and gold.

"It's a pretty powerful piece," she said.

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Snow Patrol fills the State Theatre

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

It could've passed for an April Fool's day trick. Somehow, Detroit hosted Wrestlemania at Ford Field on the very same day that Glaswegian-based sensation Snow Patrol sold out the State Theatre — just across Woodward Avenue.

The crowds were daunting, primarily when both April 1 events ended at the very same time. But the show was all worth attending.

Snow Patrol solidified the success of its 2006 release *Eyes Open* on A&M. With constant touring and a boost of exposure from the popular television program *Trey's Anatomy* — which featured the ultra-romantic single *Chasing Cars* — the band has steadily been on the rise. But Snow Patrol also has the musical talent and creativity to back it up.

"There are swaggering bands, bands who are in your face," singer Gary Lightbody said. "And then there are bands

who get hold of you somewhere else. I think it's a heart thing, an intimacy thing. Like you know them and they know you. I think we are one of those bands."

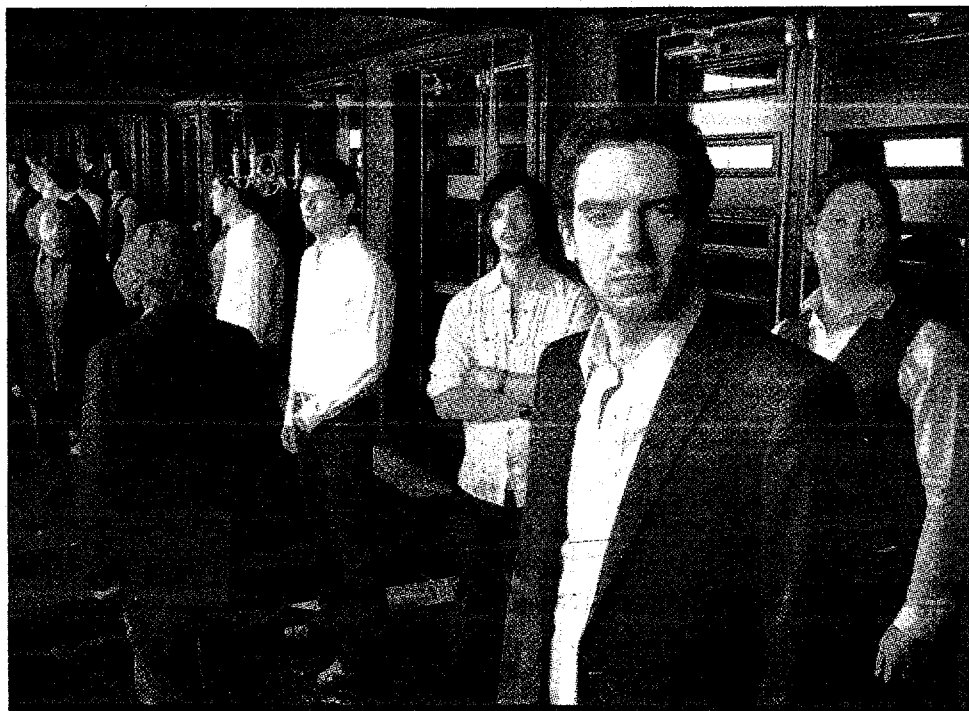
Lightbody proved that statement true by packing the State Theatre, with help from openers including astonishing newcomers Silversun Pickups and Chicago's treadmill-dancing pop rock phenoms, OK Go.

There exists a genuine adoration for the stage, the audience and the music. It was written all over Lightbody's expressive face as he sang songs like *You're All I Have*, *Hands Open* and *Finish Line*.

The band has recently taken to inviting a lucky audience member onto the stage to help with the stunning duet *Set The Fire To The Third Bar*. On Sunday, a fan named Erin did the honors — having traveled all the way from Toronto and asked nicely ahead of time. She ably handled the fragile vocals that — on *Eyes Open* — are performed beautifully by Martha Wainwright.

Lightbody wrote the song toward the end of the album sessions in 2005 in Ireland. He thought it would fit Wainwright's voice perfectly, and she happened to be touring Ireland at the time.

"I'm not a great believer in fate," he said. "But when someone called to say, 'She's here, in this country and she wants to sing it,' that was definitely a moment."



Snow Patrol

Performing in a smoke of rich lights and fog, and before a giant backdrop of pin-hole lighting that looked like a massive Light Bright on stage, Snow Patrol delivered a phenomenal show.

The music and performance would stand solid all alone, but it was all captivatingly set to this complete visual, joyful and visceral experience.

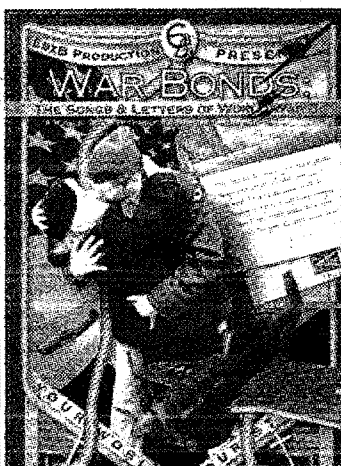
If you missed the April 1 concert, there is more Snow Patrol to come. Listen for a new song, *Signal Fire*, written for the upcoming film, *Spider-Man 3*. And another show is being planned for Freedom Hill Amphitheatre this summer, so stay tuned for ticket information.

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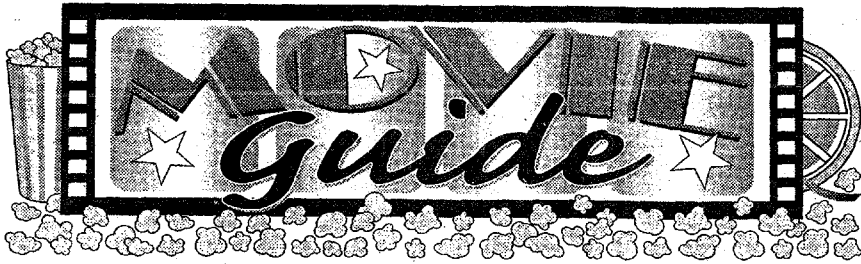
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FILM CRITIC



THE HOST

Genre: Monster film with a serious tone
Location: Korea
Creative Effects: Weta Workshop (*Lord of the Rings*, *King Kong*, *Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire*, *Sin City*)
Starring: Song Kang-ho, Park Hae-il, Bae, Doon-na, Ko A-sung
Showing: AMC Forum 30, Sterling Heights, and Uptown 8, Birmingham
Writer & Director: Bong Joon-Ho
Rating: R, "creature" violence and some profanity.
Running time: 119 minutes
Company: Magnolia Pictures

The Korean film *The Host* is surprisingly the most unique, unpredictable monster-movie of the year. I expected and hoped for a *Jurassic Park* or *Anaconda*-like monster movie - the kind that are so fun, they're fun. *The Host* is nothing like that, it opened my mind into a new way to view creature films. It's a true human drama where your heart aches for each victim and absolutely no sympathy is held for the creature. *The Host* was a buzz film at Cannes in 2006. With English subtitles, it's one of the first Korean films to be distributed to theaters like AMC (Sterling Heights) and Uptown 8 in Birmingham. In it, a monster is accidentally released when unethical morticians dump gallons of toxic chemicals into the Han River. The creature kills humans and the mistaking government uses martial law to quarantine anyone who even ventures near the creature. Writer/director Bong Joon-ho wrote and directed his first feature, *Barking Dogs Never Bite*, that won a Fipresci Award at the Hong Kong Film Festival in 2001. His second feature *Memories of Murder* in 2003 was honored in San Sebastian Film Festival.

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The Korean title for the film is *The Creature*, but the English title gives the film a different feel, he said.

"I hope (the title *The Host*) gives a double meaning," he said. "On one hand, it has a biological connotation. On the other hand, it has a sociopolitical reference to the host."

"*The Host* might look as if it follows the conventions and excitement of the previous genre films, but it has scenes that we've never seen in Western movies before, like corpses lying around the group memorial where families are hugging each other, crying.

"In the end, the film is a record of their fight to the death against the indifferent, calculating and manipulative Monster known as the world," said Joon-ho.

In the film, Gang-du (Song Kang-ho) works at his father's food-stand on the banks of the peaceful Han River. The young man is a father himself to a pre-teenage daughter Hyun-seo (Ko A-sung).

While Gang-du walks to the riverbank on a food delivery, he sees a big group of people snap-



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Song Kang-ho and Ko A-sung run for their lives against a man-made monster in 'The Host.'

ping photos with their cell phones and talking about something strange hanging from the Han River Bridge.

I won't ruin the surprises, but soon after that Gang-du runs for his life and later must save his daughter.

She's taken away by the creature in a terrifying way that no monster ever has in a popular

film.

Suddenly, it's like *War of the Worlds*, as the town begins to unravel in a post-nuclear war, survival of the fittest, everything in chaos situation. The movie that seemingly began as a little creature-filled fun, becomes scary, stressful, sad and bitter-sweet.

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HOT ROD

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orks," Jackson said. "We know how recording works. We know how management works. We didn't even sign with a mortal until most of the new records were finished; and so, in terms of creative freedom, I don't think we could've asked for a better situation." Still, they said they will probably never go mainstream. But the songs can be played on mainstream radio stations. No matter what level we get to, I feel like Hot Rod is always going to be a very underground band," he said. "We've never changed or done anything different to try

to stray from that. But the statement speaks for itself: The underground isn't what it used to be; even in indie rock, it's all about having a 'career.' The music's always come first for us, and that's where we'd love for everyone else to get back to." *The Underground is a Dying Breed*, the band said, is a good summertime album. It's not as rough as earlier CDs like *If I Knew Now What I Knew Then*, released in 1999. Hot Rod Circuit will play an all-ages show at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Also performing are Limbeck and The Forecast. Doors are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$11 in advance. Visit www.majesticdetroit.com or call (313) 833-9700 for more information.

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BIRD

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verb, a nonprofit meant to raise awareness and support for the environment by building on the connection between musicians and their fans. With help from sponsors like Stoneyfield Farms, Bird's air will be carbon-neutral. "Tours can be incredibly wasteful," he said. On this, his first bus tour, only bio-isel fuel will be used and water will come from large jugs rather than

hundreds of plastic bottles. Proceeds from merchandise will be used to offset carbon emissions.

"I don't want to be part of the problem," he said. "We're making an effort to re-train our future. Car culture has got to go."

Staff Writer **Stephanie Angelyn Casola** recommends the track *Plasticities*, a favorite from *Armchair Apocrypha*. Find samples of Bird's music at <http://www.myspace.com/andrewbird> and let her know what you think. She can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.

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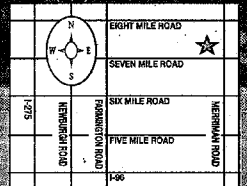
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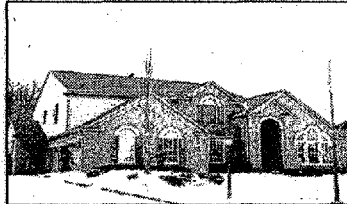
BRIGHTON \$945,000
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NOVI \$500,000
Gourmet Kitchen w/42" Cabs, Oversized Fam Rm w/frpl, Granite 1/2 Bth, HW Flrs, Mstr w/9X6 Bonus Rm, Fin Bsmt w/ In-Law Ste, Fin 3+ Gar on 1/2 Acre Lot.
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NOVI \$475,000
Spectacular .5 Acre Cul-de-Sac Lot, Dramatic 2-Story Great Rm, Gourmet Kitchen, Granite, Hdwd Flrs, Vaulted Mstr Ste, 2 Princess Stes & Fin Lower Level.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$425,000
Exquisite Beyond Belief! 2-stry Foyer w/Hdwd Fir, frml Dining Rm w/custom moldings, gourmet kitchen w/granite, vaulted mstr ste & lower level walkout!
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NORTHVILLE \$425,000
3 BR 3.5 Bth Chfs kit W/Dbl Oven, Island & Brkfst Area. FR W/fp. Mstr BR W/sitting Area, Bsmt W/Fp, 2nd Kit, Dining Area, Bth, Patio & Library. 2 Car Gar.
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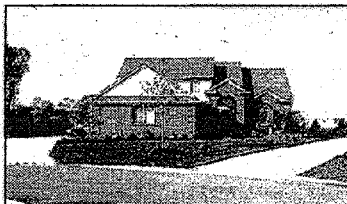
PLYMOUTH \$399,900
Plymouth craftsman, 5 BR bungalow, opn frpln, HDWD flrs, oak strcase, huge eat in kit. 2.1 BA & pt finished bsmt. Loaded w/character. Must see!
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LYONS \$339,900
Kit w/ Breakfast Bar & Eat-In by Bay Window, Deck w/ Hot Tub. Kit Aid Appls Stay. HW Fir t/o. 1st Fir Mstr w/Bth, Study w/ French Drs 3+ Heated Gar.
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BIRMINGHAM \$178,900
Highly desired "Mallards Pond". Gourmet kitchen. Dramatic GR w/soaring clg & gas FP. Lux 1st fir master w/pan clg. 1st fir study. 2nd BR is a suite.
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NOVI \$319,900
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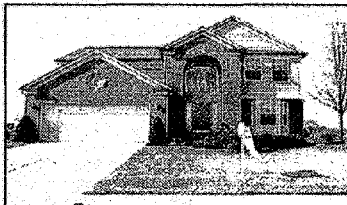
CANTON \$315,000
2 Story FR W/Fp W/gas, 9' Ceilings on 1st Fir, Upgraded Opt t/o, On Priv Cul-de-sac P. Fin Bsmt W/rec Rm, Deck, HW In 2 Story Foyer, & 1st Fir Lndry.
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CANTON \$295,000
2-st foyer w/HDWD, kit w/all appl, bk/nook w/drwl to deck. DR w/HDWD flrs, FR w/gas FP, vaulted master, bath w/jetted tub, dble sinks & WIC.
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CANTON \$287,500
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CANTON \$275,000
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CANTON \$275,000
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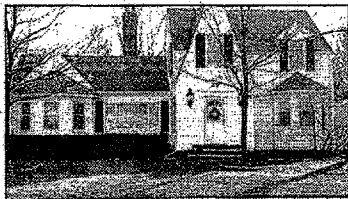
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PLYMOUTH \$239,000
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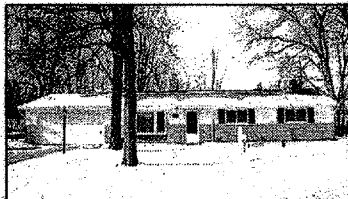
WHITE LAKE \$225,000
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VAN BUREN \$219,900
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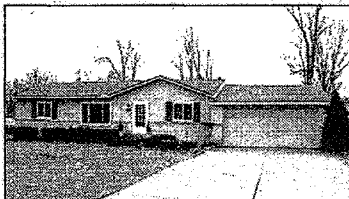
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WIXOM \$212,500
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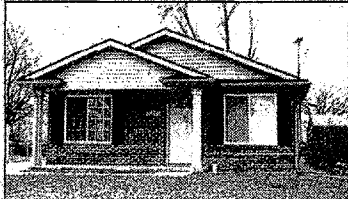
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Everything Has Been Done In This Quaint bungalow w/Fenced Lot. Updates Incl new Roof, Kit, Doorwall To Deck, Elec, Siding, Furnace, A/C, Water & more
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REDFORD \$135,000
4 BR 1 Bth On Almost 1/2 Acre.Redone Kit & Bth. Office W/mstr BR. Florida Rm. Fr w/FP. Updates: Shingles,Insulation,Vnyl Siding, Glass Blk Wins & Furn
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REDFORD \$134,900
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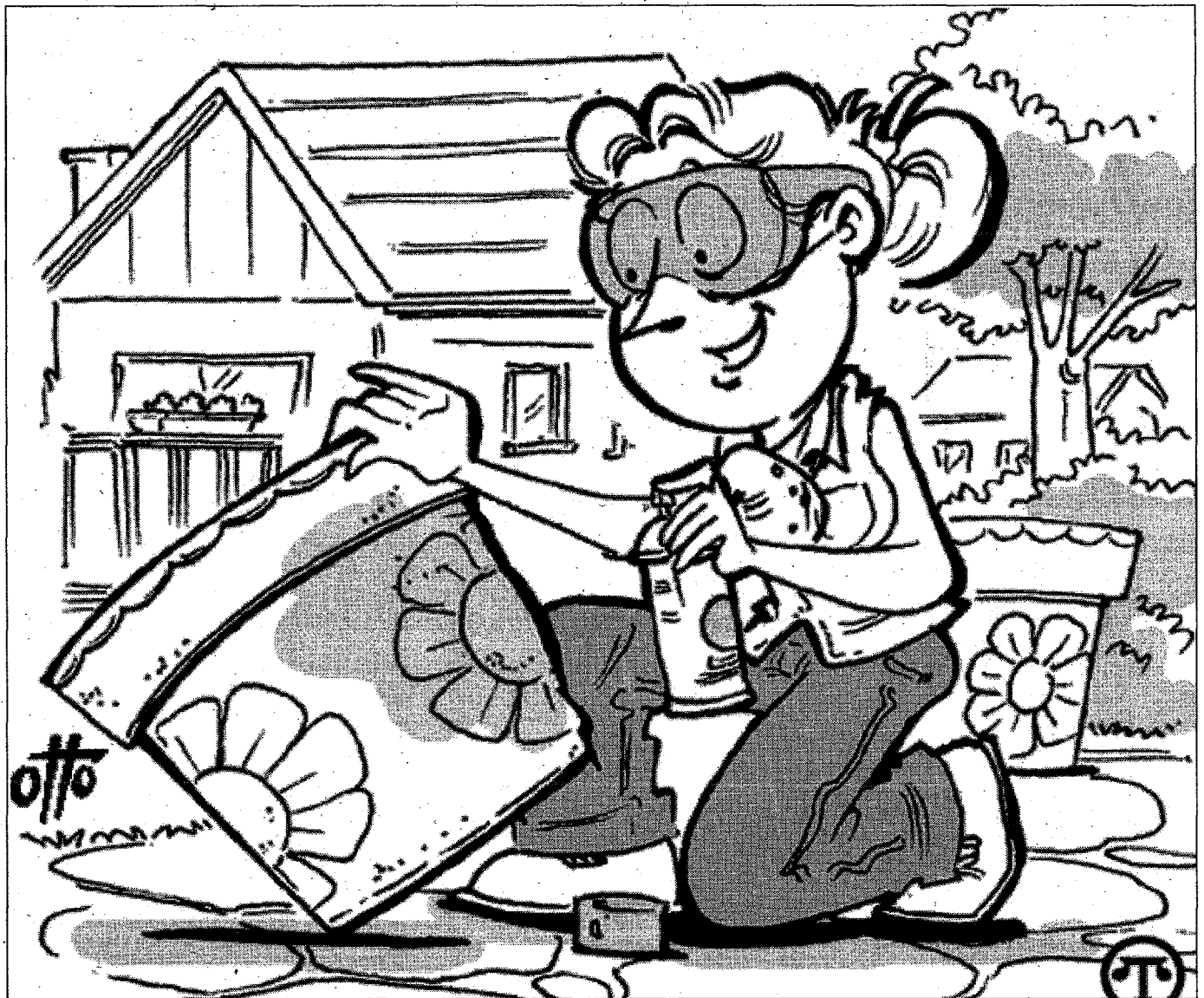


Transform your outdoor living space with paint

(NAPSI) — Home decorating trends come and go, but one thing is certain: Americans have rediscovered the potential of outdoor spaces. Last year alone, homeowners spent nearly \$5 billion on outdoor furniture and accessories, sparing no expense to bring the indoors out and create high-end outdoor living spaces.

Don't have the money to invest in new outdoor furniture or high-end accessories? It's easy to transform your backyard into a luxury outdoor environment on a "real-world" budget. All it takes is a little imagination and a few cans of spray paint. Here are some outdoor decorating ideas from the experts at Rust-Oleum:

■ Give your patio table and chairs a designer look. Designer patio sets can cost thousands of dollars. But with spray paints such as Rust-Oleum's new MultiColor Textured, it's easy to give your old patio set a rich contemporary look that's virtually indistinguishable from pricier counterparts. Choose a rich multihued finish such as Autumn Brown, Aged Iron, Desert Bisque or Deep Forest. Or try one of today's trendiest colors, such as Espresso from Rust-Oleum's American Accents collection, to transform an ordinary patio



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table into café classico.

■ Transform ordinary planters into sophisticated garden accents. Flowering plants in stylish planters can add color and interest to any outdoor space. And it's easy to spray new life into old planters — or give inexpensive planters a touch of sophistication — with paint. The possibilities are endless. Spray paint an old metal planter with paint such as Rust-Oleum's Stops Rust Dark Brown Metallic for a sophisticated upscale look. Transform an inexpensive plastic planter with Stone or Terra Cotta spray paint from the American Accents collection. It will look just like

its expensive counterpart. Or spray paint a simple planter with a hot new hue, such as Painter's Touch Mango or Aqua, to add a splash of color to your outdoor space.

■ Give your barbecue grill a face-lift. Who said barbecue grills have to be black? Now, thanks to innovations such as Rust-Oleum's High Heat Ultra spray paint, your old weathered grill can wear one of today's hottest colors — such as Brown or Aged Copper.

■ Accent, accent, accent! Accent pieces make a house a home, so why not accent outdoor spaces, too? Turn an ordinary metal trellis into outdoor

wall décor with American Accents Honey spray paint — or a simple wooden garden stand into a terra cotta latticework obelisk with American Accents Terra Cotta. And don't forget about simple lanterns or table accents painted in vibrant colors or nature's hues to add drama or tranquility to your outdoor space. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination.

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be concerned about the ramifications of it.

Q. Some of the people on our homeowners association board want to amend the declaration to indicate that people can only resell property to either a single person or to a single family. The term "single family" is not defined in the documents. What do you think?

A. There have been numerous cases throughout the country addressing the definition of single family within the con-

text of building restrictions, group homes, rehabilitation homes, etc. Key legal decisions have held that unrelated residents can constitute a family for purposes of restrictions. Many courts have held that the controlling factor is the residents have the "generic character of a relatively permanent functioning family." The Fair Housing Act does prohibit discrimination based on familial status. However, familial status means the presence of children under the age of 18 and would not be applicable in your situation. However, you should check to see if there are any local ordinances that would restrict occupancy of your homes and you should retain the services of an attorney.

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- 7672 Claremont St \$206,000
- 4023 Cornerstone Dr \$46,000
- 7327 Green Meadow Ln \$205,000
- 39684 John Dr \$175,000
- 44700 Kirk Ct \$253,000
- 46146 Overhill Ln, \$355,000
- 245 S Village Way \$40,000
- 263 S Village Way \$40,000
- 47123 Sherstone Dr \$260,000
- 47857 Vistas Circle Dr S \$273,000

Farmington

- 32129 Lee Ln \$210,000
- 31763 Marblehead St \$165,000
- 36134 Mission Ct \$409,000
- 30757 Shiawassee Rd \$95,000
- 33100 Slocum St \$165,000

Farmington Hills

- 22831 Albion Ave \$153,000
- 30286 Nantucket Dr \$115,000
- 32357 Old Forge Ln \$218,000
- 21160 Osmus St \$40,000
- 24424 Power Rd \$277,000
- 33167 Raphael Rd \$213,000
- 35080 Rhonswood St \$365,000

- 30557 Woodstream Dr \$275,000
- Garden City**
- 30588 Beechwood St \$129,000
- 29895 Bridge St \$160,000
- 6620 Deering St \$140,000
- 1773 Gilman St \$167,000
- 28828 Krauter St \$72,000
- 201 Lathers St \$127,000

Livonia

- 30956 Dalhay St \$174,000
- 38048 Donald St \$195,000
- 31025 Dorais St \$191,000
- 18513 Flamingo Blvd \$160,000
- 19607 Inkster Rd \$82,000
- 9915 Merriman Rd \$141,000
- 29603 Nottingham Cir \$170,000
- 19611 Osmus St \$168,000
- 18572 Stamford St \$250,000

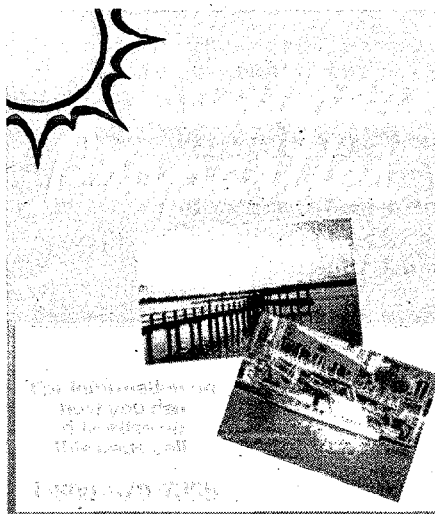
Milford

- 315 Cabinet St \$98,000
- 917 Canal St \$177,000
- 320 East St \$185,000
- 4285 Grondinwood Ln \$125,000
- 1159 S Tennyson Dr \$298,000

Northville

- 44921 Broadmoor Cir S \$335,000
- 44944 Broadmoor Cir S \$373,000
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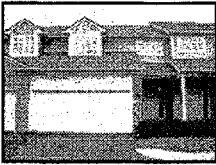
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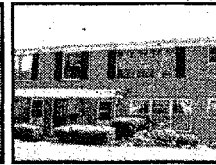
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Perfect for rental or 1st time buyer. Very clean, 2 bd, 1 bath, open floor plan, large Dining Area, Deck off Living Room & Master, neutral décor t/o, & all appl stay.
\$120,000 (P-670PL)



STARTER CONDO
Great opportunity to own in popular Royal Oak community. Large Living Room, spacious Master w/large closet, association dues include heat & water.
\$61,900 (C-230SH)



CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY
Gourmet island Kitchen w/ hwd, spacious Family Room, formal Living & Dining, large Master w/WIC & private bath, 3 car Garage, & a paver Patio.
\$359,900 (C-366SP)



COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT
Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Olde Villagel Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage. Large lot. Call for details.
\$299,000 (C-446ST)



WELCOME HOME
Popular Belmont model featuring 2 story Foyer, 9 ft ceilings, dual staircases, gourmet Kitchen, walk-in pantry, Master w/cath ceiling & sitting area, guest room w/ bath, & professionally landscaped.
\$469,900 (C-508SY)



GREAT BUNGALOW
Nice home featuring updated Kitchen, hwd floors under carpet, Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/Family Room & bath, Deck, extra deep lot, & garage w/covered porch.
\$124,900 (C-527WA)



GREAT HOME
Great curb appeal on this cute bungalow w/large Master, formal Dining, full finished bsmt, bay window, & so much more.
\$194,900 (C-331AN)



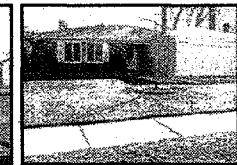
GREAT STARTER HOME
This home has been reduced over \$28,000 for a quick sale! Move in condition, short sale approval needed from bank. Call for details.
\$42,000 (C-450AS)



AFFORDABLE
Why rent when you can own this beautiful 3 bd brick ranch that has been lovingly cared for & offers hwd floors, six paneled doors, 2 car Garage, large private yard, & so much more.
\$137,900 (P-269AL)



WONDERFUL HOME
This 4 bd ranch features a Family Room, finished bsmt, too many updates to list, great neighborhood close to everything, & more. Pride of ownership shows!
\$159,900 (P-553BA)



BEST BUY IN PLYMOUTH
This well maintained 3 bd brick ranch has neutral décor t/o, open living space, 2.5 baths, Ply-Canton schools, & great location. You won't be disappointed.
\$234,900 (P-198BA)



EXCEPTIONAL BEAUTY
Must see 4 bd home w/original woodwork in great shape. Lots of room, large Living Room w/ nat frpl, & an unbelievable 7 car Garage w/separate elec meter.
\$119,900 (C-636CA)



ULTRA CLEAN CONDO
Nice condo in popular Carolon Village. Living Rm w/bay window, freshly painted, updated white Kitchen, newer furnace & A/C, Master w/WIC, updated baths, & very usable floor plan.
\$102,900 (C-081CA)



HISTORIC ROSEDALE GARDENS
This outstanding Livonia, 4 bd Tudor brings together the past & the present! Plastered walls, coved ceilings, & brick frpl from the past. Newer roof, windows, gutters, & updated Kitchen from the present. A must see!
\$229,900 (C-900CR)



PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP
Traditional Plymouth colonial featuring 2 story Foyer w/hwd, formal LR & DR, spacious Kitchen overlooking Family Room, 4 season room, Pella windows, Hardie siding, & over 85k in updates.
\$428,900 (P-732DE)



ENJOY THE VIEW!
This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/view of fountain & pond. Great Sunroom extends to Deck & Patio, vaulted ceilings, updated oak Kitchen, finished bsmt w/garden windows, & more.
\$309,900 (P-855DR)



DESIRABLE LOCATION
Chase Farms proudly presents this spacious colonial w/ traditional layout. Foyer w/ hwd, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, formal LR & DR, Den, Master w/luxury bath, 1st floor laundry, crown molding, & finished walkout. Too much more to list!
\$459,900 (P-053DU)



GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY
Pheasant Run presents this great home backing to commons area. 2 story Foyer, formal LR & DR, Fam Rm w/dual frpl, Master w/glamour bath, finished bsmt w/bath, oversized Garage, & fabulous Trex Deck.
\$394,900 (P-698GL)



GREAT INVESTMENT
2 bd ranch currently rented. Investment package available w/other homes in same area & seller can help with closing costs.
\$20,000 (C-105GR)



GREAT INVESTMENT
3 bd bungalow currently tenant occupied. Investment package available w/other homes in same area & seller can help with closing costs.
\$20,000 (P-138GR)



SPRAWLING RANCH
Livonia ranch situated on approx 2 acre lot. Spacious floor plan offering 2 natural fireplaces, updated flooring, roof, A/C, furnace, front windows, hwh, fenced yard, & 2 car attached garage.
\$173,900 (P-548HI)



TOTALLY UPDATED
Well appointed quad w/ upgraded insulation, windows, doorwall, ceramic, oak Kitchen, granite, newer appl's, beveled glass entry door, finished bsmt w/bath, & vinyl fencing.
\$249,500 (C-415HI)



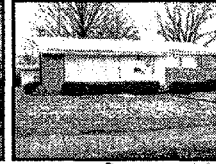
PLYMOUTH BEAUTY
4 bd colonial w/huge Great Rm, beautiful top of the line w/south Redford schools. Kitchen, in-ground pool w/ fountain, Florida Rm w/hot tub, & more.
\$249,900 (C-992IV)



BRICK BUNGALOW
Here is the one you've been waiting for! 4 bd, 2 bath home w/south Redford schools. Remodeled oak Kitchen, finished bsmt w/bar & sauna, heated Garage, fenced yard, & nicely decorated.
\$142,000 (P-402LU)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry door, updated maple Kitchen w/Corian, nook w/new doorwall, updated powder room, formal dining, Fam Rm w/frpl, & 1st fl laundry.
\$254,900 (P-5560A)



WELL CARED FOR RANCH
Lots of updates in this sunny & cheerful home. Finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, 2.5 baths, appliances stay, walk to schools, & lots more.
\$172,900 (P-594OR)



CAPE COD CONDO
Enjoy the comforts of a free standing home w/the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades t/o. Granite, gas frpl in large Great Rm, 1st floor Master w/WIC & bath, 2 car Garage & more.
\$358,000 (C-021SA)



SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Traditional Canton colonial feat 1800 sq ft of WOW best 2 story entry, formal LR & DR, roomy Fam Rm w/brick hearth frpl, updated maple Kitchen, hwd floors, & ready to move into!
\$234,900 (P-955SO)



CUSTOM BRICK RANCH
describes this 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/Livonia Schools, Gourmet Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl, double doorwalls to huge Deck overlooking nature preserve, finished bsmt, & landscaped lot.
\$264,999 (C-520WA)



PREMIUM LOCATION
Executive colonial on 6th green of the south course in highly sought after Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st floor Master w/ luxury bath, island Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl & towering windows, walkout bsmt, Deck w/spectacular views.
\$528,900 (P-646SP)



A REAL BEAUTY
South Redford 3 bd, brick home w/hwd floors, huge Deck, oversized 2 car Garage, LR w/frpl, updated Kitchen, new carpet upstairs, finished bsmt, & a fenced yard.
\$129,900 (P-418BE)

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Home & Garden Show closes out spring show circuit

The Spring Home & Garden Show, produced by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), will close out the 2007 spring show season with a bang April 13-15 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Visitors to the show can tour two full-size homes, stroll and admire more than 30,000 square feet of designer landscaped gardens, learn how to install a brick patio, win a backyard makeover, see a springtime petting zoo and get expert advice and tips and more.

"The possibilities are endless," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Using the array of resources available at the show, homeowners and idea seekers can save a lot of time and money by simply strolling through the show and taking advantage of the experts and talent under one roof."

The Green Thumb Theater will feature Don Engebretson, known as the "Renegade Gardener." Engebretson will headline the theater Sunday with his seminar "The Top 10 Gardening Blunders and How to Avoid Them." His presentation is directed toward suburban homeowners by helping them escape the cookie cutter landscape that fills their subdivisions. Using his 10-step path to gardening, Engebretson invites and encourages creativity, depth and individuality into the landscape

mix. He will appear at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Also planned for the stage are local experts, including seminars from *Roses for Michigan* author Nancy Lindley.

Other planned features for the show include:

■ Little Valley Homes in Novi will display and showcase two model manufactured homes at the show. The homes will range from a starter home through an upscale home. Each home will feature a professionally designed landscaped garden to provide a visual example of the great possibilities attendees can create for their own home.

■ More than 30,000 square feet of landscaped displays, created by dozens of local landscape companies, will decorate a quarter of the show. "The landscape displays alone are worth attending the show," said Mark Baldwin of Mark Baldwin and Associates of Plymouth. "Anyone in the metropolitan area knows this show is the place to get ideas and see the amazing landscape and gardening talent in your own backyard."

■ Stone City will offer do-it-yourself brick paving workshops. Attendees can learn how to install brick pavers, garden walls and even learn how to seal brickwork.

■ Children can also enjoy do-it-yourself workshops. AM 910 Radio Disney

and The Home Depot of Novi will host kids' workshops Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a springtime petting zoo with bunnies, chicks and even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

■ The Spring Home & Garden Show will also feature live broadcasts from local home improvement radio hosts: Glenn Haege, host of *The Handyman Show* on WJR-AM (760) Saturday and Sunday and weekend long programming from WDTK-AM (1400).

The Rock Financial Showplace is located at Grand River Avenue between

Taft and Beck roads in Novi. Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 and older; children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Ample parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee. Discount coupons are available online at www.novihomeshow.com or at participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations. For more information, go to www.novihomeshow.com or call (248) 862-1019.


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SOUTH LYON-Exquisite 4 bdrm, 4 1/2 bath colonial in Tanglewood! 1st flr library/in-law qtrs w/full bath, custom ktchn w/hickory cabs, granite tops, butlers pantry & lovely island, fin'd LL w/ all the amenities! \$499,900 (L60Gre)

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NORTHVILLE-Custom built 2846 sq ft 4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath colonial w/ loads of upgrades! Cherry ktchn w/ granite counters, hardwd floors, master ste w/ luxurious bath, guest rm w/ full bath, daylight basement + tons more! \$478,600 (L33Run)

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CANTON-Immediate occupancy for this exquisite colonial w/ 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, library & sunrm overlooking deck & private yard. 3 car side entry garage. Great location, close to new high school! \$429,000 (L94Lab)

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PLYMOUTH-Traditional Plymouth colonial offers all the right stuff! Updated kitchen includes all appliances, 1st floor laundry, family room with fireplace overlooking lovely yard with patio. Great location! \$286,000 (L11Tall)

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W. BLOOMFIELD-Great location on cul-de-sac! Offers 4 lg bdrms, 2.5 baths, master suite w/ bath, fireplace & walk-in-closet, 2nd flr laundry, large deck off kitchen leading to nature trail. West Bloomfield schools! \$259,900 (L90Dov)

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Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs Manager, WARM Training Center will instruct attendees on the basics of green building products, and will provide many pass-around samples, from bamboo flooring to low-VOC paints, recycled glass terrazo to all-natural carpeting, and much more.

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 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Prepared by NCI Associates, Madison Heights, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

The registration fee is \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 548-2090.

■ A "Design/Build" seminar from 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) series.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to create a well-managed, full-service building or remodeling business that can pocket more profits while maximizing customer satisfaction.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "A 10-Point Game Plan for Success" seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver Road, in Troy. The seminar is sponsored by First Horizons Home Loans.

Tom Richey of Richey Resources will instruct attendees on "Heeding the Ten Commandments of Today's Challenging Economy," "marketing to address the new market," "bringing sales management up to an A-performance level," and "learning how to neutralize the negotiators."

Registration fees are \$35 for Sales and Marketing Council and Remodelers Council members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Codes and Quality Control" - from

8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 20, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on defining quality within one's company by identifying five essential quality components. The course outlines a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provides tips on code enforcement and compliance on the job site.

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 Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for specific negotiating situations through a combination of lectures, exercise and role-playing.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Business Management for

Building Professionals" course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

How to build your own home

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive, all-inclusive 16 hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Saturday/Sunday, April 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and much more.

Many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder. The seminar costs \$220 and is all inclusive with a building textbook and a book prepared exclusively for seminar students covering home building information pertinent to southeastern Michigan.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, April 25, to Oakland Builders Institute.

Please call 1-800-940-2014 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 15 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Builder pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

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Future of Michigan Real Estate discussion

The Detroit Real Estate Investors Network will host the first session of its 12-week discussion series entitled "What Becomes of a Broken Market - The Future of Michigan Real Estate" from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at The Java Exchange Café, 440 Burroughs (TechOne building), Detroit. The location is in Detroit's Tech Town area on the north side of Wayne State University. Each session of the 12-part series will focus on a different topic of interest to real estate investors, practitioners, homeowners, business owners and the community at large. Each event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited; so timely arrival is suggested. For more information, call Loray at (313) 443-7188.

Decorate like a designer

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home with the seminar "Decorate Like a Designer" offered by Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute's Design Spirit. This class will be held Wednesdays, April 18, 25, May 2 & 9, 2007, from 7-9:30 p.m. at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington.

Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes. The course will cover basic design principles and how to apply them to your home. Hands-on exercises include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper as well as finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Also covered are the principles of color and color matching. Many hand-outs and helpful tips. Bring a small pair of scissors to class.

The instructor is a graduate of New York's Sheffield School of Interior Design and the University of Michigan.

The cost of the class is \$110 plus \$5 for materials to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Monday, April 16. Call Farmington Community Education at (248) 489-3333 to register Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's class is offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26, 2007 from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community

College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 13, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Pre-license class is offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26,

2007 from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 13, to Clarkston Community Education. Call (248) 623-4321 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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 or see the consultants at the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Rock Financial Showplace, April 13-15.

Feng shui classes

Improve your chances for good luck in many aspects of your life from money and relationships to career and health using Feng Shui (foong shway), the ancient Chinese practice of placement.

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

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,

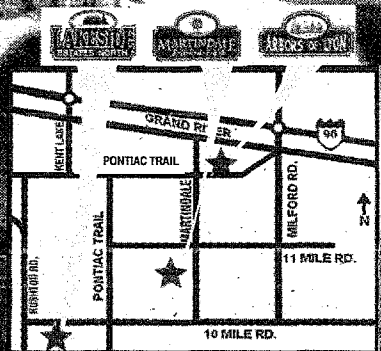
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