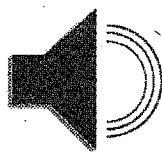


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Trustee tells teachers: Take a pay cut

Incumbent says 6-percent slice would fix budget deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Superintendent Jim Ryan prepares to deliver \$7.5 million in 2007-08 budget cuts for consideration by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education, one school board trustee believes he has a solution that will generate millions of dollars to

avoid cuts increasing class sizes, layoffs of teachers and cutting classroom programs.

Richard Ham-Kucharski, completing his first term as a school board member, suggests asking teachers for a one-time 6-percent salary reduction and eliminating annual step increases, which he said would generate millions of dollars in hard-to-find revenue.

"According to my calculation, for the first year alone - if we just got the salary reduction - we would actually have a \$2 million surplus in the budget next year," Ham-Kucharski said. "As for the step elimination, that's \$1.9 million, guaranteed, added to our budget every year, and growing, because their salaries grow over time."

How local teacher salaries compare to neighboring school districts, A4.

Not unexpectedly, the idea isn't going over well with the leadership of the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which is prepared to begin negotiations next week on a wage reopener in the current contract.

"Richard wants to balance the budget on the backs of teachers," said Chuck Portelli, P-CEA president. "I think the P-CEA has helped the dis-

trict over and over again. We're not unwilling to help them, but a 6-percent pay decrease is unacceptable."

Ham-Kucharski said the annual step increases, in which it takes 11 years for an educator to get to the top of the pay scale, is a hidden raise on top of the annual negotiated contract pay increase.

"For every year of service they get an automatic incremental increase," Ham-Kucharski said. "The union says,

PLEASE SEE TEACHERS, A4

Parents express concern about new boundaries

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A recommendation by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Housing Committee to move nearly 50 students from Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township to Workman Elementary in Canton Township has some parents concerned the move won't be permanent.

Residents in the Royal Pointe subdivision in Canton - south of Warren Road and west of Beck Road - don't believe the move will be the last for their children.

"Looking at the housing committee numbers and what we get from Canton Township, there's going to be a lot of building around Workman," said Karen Suggs, whose 9-year-old daughter, Kate, is currently a third-grader at Isbister. "It may take a few years, but when Workman starts getting new kids, who is going to get moved - again?"

"We're also not happy because class size will go up, making us concerned about the amount of attention our kids will get from teachers," Suggs added. "They could do split classes, but that's not an option I like very well."

Suggs and her neighbors plan to attend a public hearing on the housing committee's recommendations scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Discovery Middle School in Canton. The board is expected to vote on the recommendation at its May 8 meeting.

Along with the move from Isbister to Workman, approximately 40 students are scheduled to be transferred from Gallimore Elementary in Canton to Workman.

Barbara Rodenberg, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent of instructional services, said the housing committee looked at data four years out and determined Workman won't be overcrowded anytime soon.

"It appears to be a trend that people are moving away for economic reasons, and we're not seeing an end in sight," Rodenberg said. "The housing committee, after looking at the data, felt safe in recommending the move of the three neighborhoods."

Rodenberg said the likelihood the two portable classrooms at Isbister will be gone within the next couple of years also played a part in the decision.

"One of the reasons to lower the population at Isbister was because we will be losing the portables in the near future," she said.

Suggs' daughter will be going from a class size this year of 26 to about 29 next year at Workman, if the enrollment figures hold up. However, Rodenberg said it appears most of the other grades next year at Workman will have lower class sizes.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy and Jeff Powers of Plymouth Township are marketing the Pure-Go, a wrist-worn hand sanitizer worn much like a watch.

Cleaning up

Inventor hopes sanitizer rubs people the right way

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Powers doesn't consider himself a germophobe by any stretch of the imagination.

But even Powers recognizes that generally benign acts such as shaking hands with people open the door to potential problems. For Powers, the point was driv-

en home emphatically during a business trip abroad where he had to shake hands with some 30 different people in an area "outside the U.S. where hand hygiene is viewed somewhat differently."

"I'm not a germophobe, but you come into contact with so many people in the course of life, and I didn't want to bring

PLEASE SEE SANITIZER, A4

Arts groups to protest state's grant cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and the Plymouth Community Arts Council plan to be in Lansing next week to protest the lack of state funding for the arts.

Delegates representing arts groups from across the state will converge on the steps of the state Capitol to voice their displeasure with a March 29 Executive Order from Gov. Jennifer Granholm declaring a moratorium on state grant expenditures until at least Sept. 30, the end of the state's fiscal year.

"We're going to have to make serious cuts next year," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of the Symphony Society. "We've already spent the money, so we'll have to run a deficit this year and make up for it with some serious cuts next year."

Philpot-Munson said the society received an initial disbursement of \$3,000 for the 2006-07 fiscal year. However, they've been told not to expect the remaining \$7,300.

"The state has become less and less a source of income," Philpot-Munson said about the society's \$500,000 annual budget. "We used to get up to \$30,000 from the state. Now we're only allowed to apply for up to \$15,000."

"We're probably going to have to cut some concerts, probably in Plymouth," she added. "Orchestra Canton gets more funding from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, the 501(c)3 connected to Canton Leisure Services."

The PCAC was told earlier this year it would not receive any state grants this year, meaning \$10,000 of the nearly \$300,000 budget was eliminated altogether.

"It's a huge chunk because it helps us offer free programs to the community," said Executive Director Paula Gangopadhyay, who added that a proposed art enrichment program with Plymouth-Canton Schools may have to be scrapped. "We're trying to come up with other kinds of funding. But with the economy as it is, we have a difficult time tapping corporate resources and retail businesses to provide the funding."

"The arts have to be made an integral part of education and to the overall quality of life," she added. "The total denial of funds hurts grass-roots organizations like the PCAC that are supported by private funds, memberships and generous donations. Funds from the state are not only helpful from a monetary perspective, but also show moral support that art and culture is important."

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Coming Sunday in Health

Dr. Neal Barnard to talk about reversing diabetes



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.

Station anniversary

Former WSDP staff members will celebrate the station's 35th-anniversary with an Alumni Reunion 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 10.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools serve as staff members. The station signed on the air Feb. 14, 1972. Since then, more than 700 staff members, many of whom have gone on to successful broadcasting careers, have spent time behind the microphones.

"Regardless of their career path, our students point back to their time at the station as being a big part of their success," station manager Bill Keith said. "Even if they didn't go into radio, I know many of them look back fondly to their time as a DJ, news reporter or sports broadcaster."

The station held a similar reunion in 1997 and 125 people returned from all over the country. This year's reunion is at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. Tickets are \$50 and

include a buffet dinner and cash bar.

For more information or to volunteer to help, e-mail wsd-palumni@yahoo.com or call Keith at (734) 416-7732.

Stamp show

The Plymouth Stamp Show, set for April 28-29, will feature some 2,800 pages of exhibits, 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada, U.S. and U.N. and Nordica post offices, seminars, society meetings, "Stamps in your Closet" and a youth program.

The Plymouth Stamp Show is a qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's annual champion of Champions competition. It takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Central Middle School, 650 Church (at Main) in downtown Plymouth.

The show is sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club. Admission and parking are free. For more information go to the Web at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/wssc/plymshow.htm> or call (734) 699-1026.

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.

Therapy seminar

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an educational



Cheer champions

The Premier Cheer Zone-Sienna Team from Canton were named 2007 Mini Level 1 national champions after competing in the American Cheer Power Nationals Cheer Competition at the Columbus (Ohio) Convention Center. Some 350 teams competed in the two-day event. Sienna competed in the Mini Level 1 Division, after Saturday's performance they were in 2nd place. The team is coached by Stephani Gagleard, Rachele Frusti and Kim Lindberg. The girls on the Sienna team are Mikaela Berg, Claire Carrier, Maddie DeGroff, Katie Dickson, Olivia Ferrantino, Jaiden Figurski, Gabrielle Georgeson, Olivia Georgeson, Kaylen Glenfield, Taylor Guthrie, Cydney Hunter, Selena Linares, Julia Marshall, Wynter Nickless, Hannah Ryan, Megan Ryan, Erika Selakowski, and Abbey Tassic. Premier Cheer Zone practices out of Splitz Gymnastics. Try-outs for the upcoming season are April 27-29. Anyone interested can contact Gagleard at CheerCoachStephi@aol.com. More information is available at www.premiercheerzone.com.

seminar addressing the physical problems of hips, knees and feet 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16.

Dr. Angelo Sorce will cover the latest technologies and current surgical techniques in hip and knee replacement surgery and arthritis. Dr. Allen Mehler of the Michigan Foot and Ankle Center, St. Mary Hospital, will discuss foot problems, especially those relating to diabetes. Physiotherapy associates will cover post-surgical care of the hip and knee.

Lunch will be served at noon for a donation. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Doris, (734) 459-9730.

Flower walks

The Friends of Miller Woods will be conducting spring flower walks on two Sundays, April 15 and May 6. Tours will be at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m. each day. Come both days to be sure to see the succession of flowers that bloom throughout the springtime season.

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Parents and potential students are being invited to see New Morning School, a pre-K through eighth-grade parent cooperative which, since 1973, has provided a strong foundation through individualized learning methods, a low 8:1 student-teacher ratio, high parental involvement, and a challenging academic curriculum.

New Morning School has announced a pair of upcoming open house dates, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, a classroom demonstration for grades 1-8; and 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, a preschool and kindergarten classroom visit.

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Shred day

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the third Community Shred Day, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the parking lot of New Liberty Bank, located at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth residents may bring any paper products to the New Liberty Bank parking lot and watch as they are shredded. All residents are asked to limit their items to one or two boxes, and remove all large clips. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. Assistance will be available for those who need help.

The Community Shred Day is sponsored by GEM Asset Management, Maximum Financial and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

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

HVA award nominations

Huron Valley Ambulance is seeking nominations for the Life Saving Award in its annual HVA Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards. Nominees can be any citizen in the HVA service area who has saved, or attempted to save, a life under circumstances that indicate heroism and risk to his or her own life. The deadline is Monday, April 30, 2007.

The awards program takes place during National EMS Week on Wednesday, May 23. It will also include several awards specific to HVA, such as Professional Achievement Awards for outstanding employees and Certificates of Merit honoring employees for doing well on specific incidents and projects.

To nominate someone, call PJ Moffett in Community Relations at (734) 477-6782 or e-mail her at pjmoffett@hva.org

Chorale concert

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring Concert, "Sing for the Cure," Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m.

"Sing for the Cure, a Proclamation of Hope" is a unique musical journey through the diagnosis and

treatment of breast cancer. Librettist Pamela Martin wrote 10 songs after numerous interviews with breast cancer survivors, their partners and loved ones. Each song is set to the music of 10 composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. The performances will be narrated by a special guest celebrity, and proceeds from the concert will be given to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

All concerts will be conducted at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276 or visit the Chorale's Web site, www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org, for more information.

Book signings

Award winning poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton will be holding numerous book signings in April, which is National Poetry Month. Copies of her book, *Woman Reclining*, can be obtained at <http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining>, by e-mailing Martin at peroinc5@comcast.net or calling her at (734) 397-1626. The Book Cellar and Cafe also carries her books.

Martin holds a book signing at the Book Cellar and Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth 2:30-5:30 p.m. April 21, and one at the Ward Presbyterian Village in Westland, 1-2 p.m. April 24.

Fellow poets and writers can embark on their literary journey when they take a Spring Class with Martin at the Cherry Hill Village Theatre in Canton, beginning in May. Martin can be reached at (734)397-1626.

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@througe.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 & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, visit Barefoot Productions' Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com

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.

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Connecting with constituents

Office hours, technology help legislator keep in touch at home

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau wants to know what you think. Really. Ninety days into his role as state representative for the 20th District — which encompasses Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Wayne and a small portion of Canton — Northville's hometown lawmaker is hustling back and forth from Lansing. And listening.

"People who call and e-mail me, I really take notice of it," he said. "I need the help. I want the help. I want people's opinions. People would be surprised as how influential one voice can be."

Corriveau's first session of establishing first Friday office hours in Northville — moved from city hall closed for Good Friday down Main Street to his law office — was a bust, but he knows it was more related to the holiday than lack of constituent sentiment.

He's doing similar "office hours" the third Monday of every month, 10-11 a.m., in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

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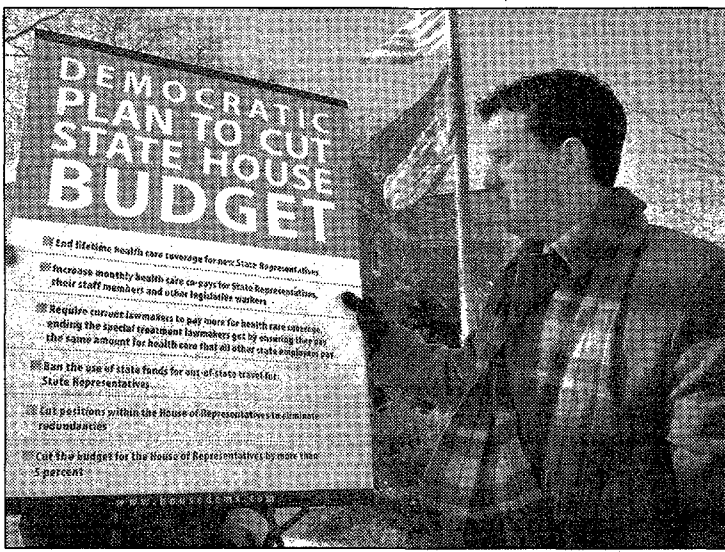
Corriveau's Lansing staff fields between 100-200 e-mails per day. Although people still call and write, most often they vent electronically — from work and from home after dinner and the news.

"It's a fast, accessible way to communicate with me," he said. "And with me being so many places, people are walking up to me."

He's fielded requests to obtain expressway signage to direct shoppers to downtown Northville merchants, to discuss licensing requirements with a local doctor and to help find a treatment center bed for a daughter cutting herself.

Corriveau said he sees on a daily basis how one well-placed phone call can make a difference.

"Sometimes, I have to answer. It's a local issue, I can't get involved in that," he said. His real goal: contradicting the bad rap of lawyers and politi-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) tries to get into the district twice a week, as he did when he unveiled a House budget plan at Plymouth City Hall recently.

ans by following through. Of course, most people calling Lansing these days want to discuss fixing the state's economy — airing opinions on service tax, gas tax and funding to schools.

"Now that I've asked, I've been overwhelmed by how willing people are to communicate," Corriveau said. "I think that's coupled with tough economic times and the very nature of what's going on in the state of Michigan. How things affect people is where they stand."

KEEPING PACE

Corriveau said big questions about state finances loom as a huge challenge.

Meanwhile, he said, even as he and his peers debate how to make the mortgage payment, they have to mow the grass and put the screens back in.

"Every issue is different," he said. "Obviously, the budget is a multi-layered question. I do face some tough decisions coming up in the next 30 days."

With his role chairing the house ethics and elections committee and serving on education, health policy and judiciary committees — in addition to his standard responsibilities — Corriveau has found his palm pilot filling fast.

"I've been able to get a couple of bills through — that's gratifying," he said.

He bookends legislative session Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with in-district visits Mondays and Fridays. During 12-hour days, he also meets with lobbyists, special interest group representatives and individuals on both ends of his commute.

"It's very complex figuring out what's best for the whole state, the 20th District and individuals, wanting what's best for them," he said. The first three months have been a continuous education.

DIVINING CONSENSUS

Responding to individual concerns of Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Wayne residents funneled through his Lansing office give a new meaning to the term "busy schedule." Corriveau said he is committed to being accessible.

"We're turning around responses to constituents in 24 hours or at the very least, saying this needs a little more research, we'll get back to you," he said. "I want people to know I'm up there fighting for them as hard as I can, thinking about their wants."

Corriveau acknowledged the opinions he fields are diverse. He takes seriously his responsibility divining the consensus direction, combining his core beliefs to develop his course of

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau established several ways to communicate with his constituents:

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- Fax: (517) 373-5952
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- Office hours: Third Friday of every month, 10-11 a.m., in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

action. He said his experience as an attorney was solid training to develop a plan for appropriate representation.

"I do a tremendous amount of reading so whenever there's testimony, I can ask thoughtful questions to make an informed decision for the 20th and the state," he said.

AN EAR TO HOME

It all starts with listening. "I want to give people every opportunity to sit down with me," Corriveau said, citing frequent public coffee dates. "I've been given the responsibility of being the people's voice."

He said downtown developer Bob Buckhave's question about expressway signs is one example of an individual concern his staff has pursued. Now that they've researched the process, Corriveau is planning to meet with a traffic department representative next week.

"That's not something I went to Lansing with a knowledge of," he said. "I'm one of 110 (representatives) trying to do what's best for the whole state of Michigan, but also to help the 20th District."

"I'm having fun. I'm working as hard as I can."

ACLU questions Salem board's rules

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Salem Township resident Wayne Wallazy is concerned recent changes by the township board to its meeting policy concerning citizen comment potentially violates the Michigan Open Meetings Act and could restrict free-speech rights of its citizens.

And the ACLU agrees with him. David Cahill, an Ann Arbor lawyer and cooperating attorney for the ACLU representing Wallazy, has sent a letter to Salem Township board members, through their attorney, asking the new rules be amended to avoid possible violations of the law.

As of Wednesday, Cahill said he hadn't heard from any township officials. "All we've gotten is an acknowledgement, nothing on the merits at all," Cahill said. "They know we exist, and we're awaiting a response. Any restriction on free speech should be subject to the closest criticism."

Calls by the Observer to Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti were not returned. Salem Township attorney W. Douglas Winters of Ypsilanti said he's in the process of reviewing the ACLU's letter.

"I'm in the process of reviewing the most current case law and I'll make some specific recommendations for the board to consider, probably at the May meeting," Winters said.

The rules were adopted shortly after Wallazy complained a committee of the township board was holding closed meetings with a developer. Wallazy and others wanted to attend; he

said the township ruled the meeting wasn't subject to the Open Meetings Act.

The dispute stems from policies the Salem board adopted in January, specifically rules disallowing "personal attacks, or the use of obscene or grossly indecent language" and a provision that gives the board wide latitude to bar residents they deem disruptive from future meetings.

While on the surface those seem like basic guidelines, Wallazy thinks they go too far. The ban on personal attacks, for instance, could be imposed if a resident is simply complaining about a township official's performance.

"Several residents, including me, are very concerned these new meeting rules are too restrictive," Wallazy said. "We feel these rules will suppress our freedom of speech and violate our rights."

Winters said the rules were adopted after a Salem board member went on-line and read a copy of the rules adopted last year by the Ann Arbor City Council. Salem's rules changes were copied verbatim, Winters said.

"These rules were adopted by Ann Arbor city council as a result of what was some pretty outrageous behavior at city council meetings, and those rules weren't reviewed by the city attorney," Winters said. "When some issues arose in Salem, some board members reviewed those on-line. I didn't review them ahead of time, either."

According to Cahill, a Michigan Attorney General opinion says such bans may only be imposed on comments "totally unrelated to the manner in which (a public official) performs his or her duties."

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SANITIZER

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things home to the kids," said Powers, who lives in Plymouth Township with his wife, Kathy, and their four children. "Necessity is the mother of invention. I came up with an idea to benefit myself."

The idea: The Pure-Go wrist-worn hand sanitizer, a device worn just like a watch which allows the wearer to discreetly sanitize his hands in almost any situation.

The device has been patented by Purgo, the company Powers and his wife, both 1980 graduates of Salem High School, formed when they decided to market their product. The Pure-Go holds a small amount of hand sanitizer and allows the wearer to dispense an appropriate amount when soap and water are unavailable.

"We're not trying to replace the sink and warm water," said Powers, who works taking retail technology to market. "This will do for the sink and warm water what the watch did for the clock. It's not going to replace it."

Powers came up with Pure-Go as a way to sanitize his hands without insulting the people he'd just been shaking hands with. Since pulling out a large bottle of hand sanitizer seemed less than respectful, he wanted something he could use without as much fuss and muss.

The Pure-Go is worn on the wrist, and a small amount of sanitizer is dispensed into the opposite palm. It can be used, for instance, beneath a table with little or no notice. The idea really intensified for him



The Pure-Go wrist-worn hand sanitizer is packaged with a starter bottle of hand sanitizer.

during that crowded meeting. "In a big environment, it seems inappropriate to pull out a big bottle of sanitizer," Powers said. "I didn't want to insult anyone, but I didn't want to take little parts of anyone home with me, either."

The couple is still working on marketing the Pure-Go. They're designing one with the

Canton High School logo on it, to be used as a fund-raiser for the wrestling team. Their high-school-age children, Adam and Leah, both students at Canton High School, have worn it to school, and friends seem to like it.

"It's really encouraging to hear how their friends are reacting to it," Kathy Powers

said. "We were encouraged by that."

They've run into some problems along the way. The first design had too many moving parts. One concern is shipping, because according to Powers 62 percent of sanitizer is ethyl alcohol.

"These aren't insurmountable problems, but you still have to deal with them," Jeff Powers said.

Powers said places where crowds are a problem are all potential markets for the Pure Go. Hospital employees have expressed an interest, and amusement parks could be another market.

When he flies, Powers said airline attendants pester him for the Pure Go when they see him wearing it.

"They're flying in an oblong petri dish and they want to use it," Powers said with a smile. "I've learned my lesson and now I carry 20 of them all the time."

Next is a distribution network. The Powerses are talking to representatives for places like Wal-Mart and Walgreens, but the big stores want "branded" products. Jeff Powers said Pure-Go would be a natural partner for companies like Dial or Johnson & Johnson that already make hand sanitizers.

But ultimately, the Powerses believe Pure-Go is going to become as popular as the general public makes it.

"I think this product is going to go big to general users," Jeff Powers said. "The general public is going to be the user."

For more information on Pure-Go, visit the company's Web site at www.purgo-creations.com or call (734) 516-3892.

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TEACHERS

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that's not a raise, but I've never understood that. If you're going to get a raise, you're going to get a raise and not a hidden raise plus a raise.

"The community thinks that when we give these 1- and 2-percent raises, that's all we're giving teachers and they feel sympathetic. If that were the truth, I would be, as well," he said. "They get these 6-15 percent increases per step, plus the 1- and 2-percent raises on top of that. Eliminating that would also have an impact on our health care and retirement costs."

Ham-Kucharski called the one-time pay reduction of 6 percent "a correction."

"It's where we need to be to eliminate our structural deficit," said Ham-Kucharski. "The teacher's pay is the bulk of our structural deficit, and we've shied away from that. And, that's a mistake."

Portelli said it isn't the P-CEA's fault, their contract has step increases attached to it.

"The step increases were a creation of administration," Portelli said. "They were here 33 years ago when I came into the district. Every district in the state has step increases."

"I've never gotten a 6-14 percent raise except during the years of (President) Jimmy Carter, when inflation was at 7 percent and there were 14-percent interest rates," he said.

Ham-Kucharski said he compared salaries in Plymouth-Canton with others in the area in developing his plan.

"Our teachers, compared to districts around us, get paid considerably more at almost every level," he said. "Some districts are getting up to \$1,000 more per pupil (from the state) and their teachers are still being paid less."

Portelli argued that's not the case.

"We are, by far, not the highest paid teachers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties," Portelli said. "When I started we were in the top three, but in Wayne County alone we are probably in the middle of the pack."

Salem High School teacher Cyndi Burnstein, who has been teaching English since 1973, said cutting wages isn't the way to improve the state's struggling educational system.

"I can't imagine a 6-percent cut would be helpful in attracting and retaining talented teachers," Burnstein said. "The think-tanks and researchers agree that if we want to improve, we have to have high-quality teachers."

School board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who has been part of several negotiated contracts with the P-CEA, declined to comment on Ham-Kucharski's scenario to balance the budget because of upcoming contract negotiations. However, she said the current system of interest-based bargaining has worked well, and the district plans to continue with it.

"The way it works is that everybody understands everybody's issues and interests, and we come up with a mutually agreeable decision," Mardigian said. "It has worked well for us."

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Peace group hosts film on Exxon, climate change

"Out of Balance: ExxonMobil's Impact on Climate Change," a documentary, will be shown one time only in Michigan, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Madonna University.

This 65-minute film looks at the most profitable company in history, focusing on its influ-

ence on the U.S. government and the public, delaying action against climate change.

The director and author, Tom Jackson, will introduce the film at 7 p.m. in Madonna's Science Lecture Hall, and answer questions afterwards. Jackson says the film shows how ExxonMobil spearheaded

a misinformation campaign and has a similar pattern of behavior that goes back to Standard Oil days.

Livonia is the last stop on a tour that has taken Jackson to more than 25 cities since March 15.

Featured in the film are leading climate scientists Michael Oppenheimer and Robert Watson, environmentalists,

and leading authors as well as U.S. government whistle blower Rick Piltz.

The showing is sponsored by the Livonia Citizens for Peace and Madonna University. A donation is requested but not required. For more information, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079 or via e-mail at cmills0079@yahoo.com.

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Here's a look at how Plymouth-Canton teacher salaries compare to other districts:

	BA Min.	MA Max.	School Year
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Northville	\$38,154	\$80,989	05-06
Livonia	\$37,832	\$78,501	04-05
Wayne Westland	\$34,409	\$72,164	05-06
Birmingham	\$39,023	\$82,131	06-07
West Bloomfield	\$37,432	\$83,454	06-07
Plymouth-Canton	\$39,170	\$76,387	05-06
Huron Valley	\$33,164	\$69,096	04-05
Farmington	\$38,930	\$83,417	06-07
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Symphony set for pops concert

Under award-winning Music Director and Conductor, Nan Washburn, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "The Roaring 20s," the PSO's annual POPS Concert and Benefit Auction 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

From the rambunctious and colorful decade of the 1920's, the program will feature the vocal talents of Lauren Norris and many well-known dance favorites including "Happy Days Are Here Again," "You Made Me Love You," "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "Rock-a-Bye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody," "Toot, Toot, Tootsie, Goodbye," "Blue Skies," "Aggravatin' Papa," "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Kitten On The Keys," along with George Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band" and selections from Jerome Kern's "Night Boat."

Patrons are encouraged to dress in costume for the event.

In addition to toe-tapping music and Charleston lessons, the evening will also feature fine dining, and the Plymouth Symphony League's fund-raising auction. Silent and live auctions will take place throughout the evening and will include items such as an amethyst-and-diamond ring donated by the Showroom of Elegance, a hot-air balloon



This photo shows Charleston dancers circa 1922, courtesy of the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. Charleston lessons will be part of the April 20 fund-raiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

ride, two signed Red Wings jerseys (one by Steve Yzerman), golf packages, dinner packages at several area restaurants and a chance to conduct the PSO or host Orchestra Canton's rehearsal of Handel's Water Music in 2008.

The event is supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Mike and Mary Gladchun, at REMAX on the

Trail, sponsored the invitations for the POPS.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorship for groups is also available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the Plymouth Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112, at info@plymouthsymphony.org or visit the PSO's Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

NEWS BRIEFS

Hella named GM's top supplier for 2006

Hella KGaA Hueck & Company was presented the General Motors 2006 Supplier of the Year award for its overall business performance in providing GM with world-class parts and services.

The 15th-annual award – themed the "Best of the Best" – was given during recent ceremonies at the JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes in Orlando, Fla.

"We are proud to honor Hella as one of the 'Best of the Best' GM suppliers in 2006," said Bo Andersson, GM group vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain. "Hella achieved the award based on outstanding performance in 2006. We appreciate their energy, hard work and dedication to the success of GM."

"This significant recognition by one of the world's largest vehicle manufacturers is quite an honor for our company and our employees," said Steve Widdett, executive vice president of Sales and Marketing, Hella North America. "It underscores our commitment to providing high-quality electronics and lighting and developing new, innovative technologies for our customers."

Hella was honored by GM in the field of automotive lighting and body control modules.

The GM Supplier of the Year award began as a global program in 1992. Winners are selected by a global team of executives from purchasing, engineering, manufacturing and logistics who base their decisions on supplier performance in quality, service, tech-



Hella KGaA Hueck & Co. Chairman and President Dr. Juergen Behrend (center) receives the 2006 General Motors Supplier of the Year award from GM Executive Director of Global Technology Engineering Matthew Tsien (left) and GM Executive Director of Global Purchasing- Exterior Kari Kuvaja (right).

nology and price. This year, General Motors honored 89 suppliers for their outstanding performance throughout 2006.

Hella, a global supplier whose North American headquarters are in Plymouth Township, develops and manufactures components and systems for lighting and electronics for the automotive industry, including driver-assistance systems enhancing safety and comfort. In addition, its joint-venture companies produce complete vehicle modules, air-conditioning systems and vehicle-electric systems. Hella is also one of the world's largest companies selling automotive aftermarket parts and accessories, with its own sales companies and partners in more than 100 countries. Annual

consolidated sales for the Hella Group total \$4.4 billion.

Comerica manager

Comerica Bank announced Cherri D. Sayles has been named Banking Center Manager of its 5 Mile-Haggerty banking center in Plymouth Township.

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Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
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4044 - Pfizer - 40 Boxes, Shelving, Suitcase

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4148 - David Fuller - Power Tools, Bed mattress, Misc Items
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4024 - Shatoya Gray - 2 Mattresses, 3 Portable TV, Couch

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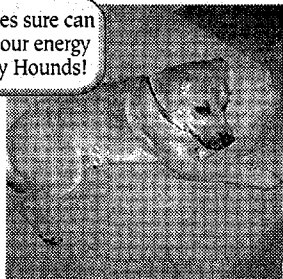
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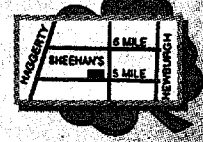
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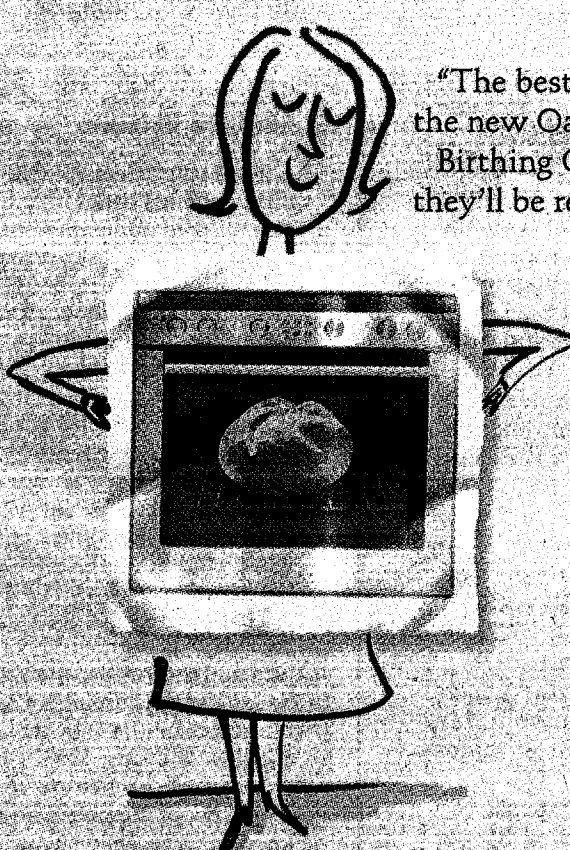
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OUR VIEWS

Eggenberger, Slavens our picks

With the budget issues facing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and a search for a new superintendent on the horizon, it's a critical time to get the right people to serve on the Board of Education.

We believe the two from this year's field who are best suited to fill the two open seats are incumbent Mark Slavens and challenger Nancy Eggenberger.

Slavens is a veteran board member who has served a couple of terms as board president and currently sits as the board's vice president. He is completing his second term and has, in eight years, proven to be one of the board's go-to leaders.

Even before joining the board, Slavens devoted himself to the issue of equitable funding for public schools, forming a grass-roots group to take the fight to Lansing. It's a battle he has carried on during his board tenure. Slavens has stressed academic excellence and accountability throughout his service.

His experience battling budget problems makes his opinion valuable as the district struggles with a structural deficit. But it's Slavens' experience with the other big issue — finding a new superintendent to replace the retiring Dr. James Ryan — that makes him our choice for re-election.

Ryan will step down in Spring 2008. Slavens and trustee Judy Mardigian are the only current board members who've been through the search process before. Slavens' leadership through another search will be important.

Eggenberger has already shown a gift for leadership without having actually served on the board. She has co-chaired two bond committees and she led the committee formed to make the transition process from middle school to life on the huge high school campus smooth.

Eggenberger is familiar with the issues facing the district, she is a critical thinker who isn't afraid to say unpopular things; for instance, she thinks a state tax increase might be the only way out of Michigan's economic mess.

While she hasn't participated in a superintendent search, Eggenberger has worked closely with administrators and board members and has definite opinions on what the district needs. She has been one of the district's most dedicated supporters; now she's earned the right to become one of its leaders.

A third candidate, Kurt Heise, warrants a mention. Heise, director of the department of environment for Wayne County, is new to the district, having moved here last fall. He has educated himself on the issues facing the district and, perhaps more importantly, manages a budget that mirrors the school district's in size. However, we believe he needs to set down stronger roots and become more knowledgeable about the district before being handed a leadership position.

That's exactly what Mark Slavens and Nancy Eggenberger have done, which is why they get our nod in the May 8 election.

Expand deposit law on drink containers

Now that the snow is gone, the litter that has accumulated along our roadways is visible for all to see.

Making up much of that litter are throwaway water, juice and sports drink bottles.

Thirty years ago, Michigan residents voted in favor of a law that placed a 10-cent deposit on cans and bottles containing carbonated beverages — mainly beer and pop.

The law has helped to keep our roadsides — and landfills — clean. According to a recently published report, more than 97 percent of the bottles and cans of carbonated beverages sold in Michigan each year are returned.

Now the law needs to be updated to include plastic containers for water, juice and sports drinks.

The legislators who wrote Michigan's successful bottle and can law couldn't foresee three decades later when people would pay for water in drink-size containers. They couldn't predict that in 2007 the sale of water, juice and sports drinks would be on its way to outpacing the sale of traditional beverages.

Distributors and grocers don't want the law to be expanded because they say it adds to the cost of doing business and is especially hard on small, independently owned stores. They say trash — dirty cans and bottles — doesn't belong in stores where food is sold.

So far, lawmakers have listened to the lobbyists.

Some have instead introduced plans to expand general recycling in Michigan. But participation in voluntary recycling, even when it's curb-side convenient, is lackluster at best.

A recent survey by Waste Away, a trash disposal contractor based in north Oakland County, showed 23 percent to 43 percent participation in eight communities.

That's a far cry from the 97 percent of pop cans and bottles that get returned.

Clearly, the best way to clean up Michigan's roadways — and help reduce landfill waste — is to expand the returnable container law to include water, juice and sports drinks.



LETTERS

Supports Gebhardt

Joan Gebhardt, who is a candidate for trustee for Schoolcraft College, is currently serving the community in that capacity as the result of her unanimous appointment by the incumbent trustees to fill the vacancy that was created when Kevin McNamara was elected to serve on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Gebhardt is abundantly qualified to hold that office and voters would make a wise decision to keep her in that position by voting for her in the May election to serve a full term. She brings to the table a wealth of experience as a school administrator, adjunct professor in the College of Education at Madonna University, and by appointment of the governor, previous service as vice president of the State of Michigan Utility Consumers Protection Board.

Joan Gebhardt is a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Wayne County League Of Women Voters and she was president of the Taylor Principals Association. She has 31 years in public K-12 education.

As a resident of Livonia for 27 years, Joan is committed to insuring that Schoolcraft College maintains its highly valued reputation for education and its prominent role in serving the community.

James Amar
Plymouth

Tainted picture

Since being elected to the Plymouth-Canton school board in May 2006, I have encountered numerous amazing things occurring in our district. MEAP scores are growing by leaps and bounds. The district has gained statewide recognition for academic excellence. This solid schooling foundation is something I am extremely proud to have my children be part of.

Amazing academic feats have been accomplished with funding that has decreased annually when compared to state mandates. The district has a statewide reputation for delivering a world-class education on a shoestring budget.

That's why I have been shocked and dismayed by the former school board members and their criticisms of the current board and the administration and all of the efforts put forth by this dynamic team of educators.

Last week, a letter was sent in by an old school board member who suggested he knew how we could balance the budget and have passed a bond. In fact, I have encountered several of these previous school board members who sarcastically suggest they are more in touch with the needs of the community than anyone else.

As far as the bond is concerned, I am sad we failed to make our case to the community. However, I personally called over 2,000 voters to ask their opinion on the bond months before the day of the vote.

I would have liked nothing more than to argue the positive aspects of the bond in a

public forum. There were two problems. First, and most important, no district official can legally ask anyone to vote "yes." Secondly, there were no opponents that attended all of the workshops and researched all of the information. Without being able to be an advocate and without a worthy opponent, there could be no debate.

In the last month, the focus of the school board has shifted to the budget. It could be easily balanced by making class sizes huge and removing the very programs that have led the district to excellence. We are looking at creative cost-saving measures that will stay out of the classroom and preserve the academic learning environment for as long as possible.

Since 1999, the administration has added millions of dollars to the fund balance every year under the direction of the senior members of the school board. This means even with reductions in finance and additional state mandates that surpassed financial additions, the district found ways to cut the budget and put millions of extra dollars in the bank.

I appreciate all of the parents, volunteers and educators who help make our district outstanding. As far as the critics who offered to "help" the district, I will smile and listen to whatever they have to say. But, the community can find comfort in the thought that when it comes to making cuts in the budget, I will turn to the team of 24,000 experts — the parents, teachers, students and administrators — who are part of our district, not just one school board member who wasn't re-elected.

I would like to ask the writer who criticized the school board and offered his "magical" solutions to our bond and budget issues to take his own advice into consideration. Several years ago, the voters spoke particularly loudly to you, too.

Dianne Gonzalez
Plymouth-Canton school board trustee

Endorsing Gebhardt

The Faculty Forum at Schoolcraft College (an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association) and the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan are endorsing Joan Gebhardt for trustee for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, election.

As educators and staff, they have selected someone who they think will be an ambassador and advocate for the college and do what is in the best interest of the students and staff attending Schoolcraft.

I join those two professional organizations in supporting Joan Gebhardt because I was an educator who worked with Joan in the Taylor schools for 30 years. Joan is a consummate educator who truly understands the needs of education and of the stakeholders she represents. I attended her swearing-in ceremony in January, and have followed her progress.

Joan takes this position very seriously — she has attended every event that has occurred during her time on the trustee board. She has prepared for the meetings

and asks thoughtful, intelligent and practical questions about issues brought before the board.

Joan Gebhardt should be retained in her position on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. I ask that voters give her serious consideration when they cast their ballot and join me in putting Joan back as a trustee to represent us.

Peggy Koppa
Northville

Go direct

Nowadays, we can't open the newspaper or watch TV without encountering some reference to identity theft. It's an issue I deal with all the time in my role as the president and CEO of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, and I'm especially concerned when the victims are seniors and other vulnerable citizens.

A recent U.S. Treasury Go Direct poll found in metro Detroit nearly one in three respondents (31 percent) said they had a check, important document or large sum of cash lost or stolen and nearly half (49 percent) said they or someone they know had fallen prey to identity theft. The good news is, there is a simple step seniors can take to stop identity thieves in their tracks: Use direct deposit.

Do you or someone you love or care for receive a Social Security check in the mail? If so, I strongly encourage switching to direct deposit. It's safer, easier and in most cases faster because your money is automatically deposited into your account on the morning of your payment day. It's one less thing to worry about in an uncertain world.

The State of Michigan has declared March Go Direct Month, and as a partner in the Go Direct campaign, The Detroit Area Agency on Aging encourages anyone who receives Social Security or other federal benefits to get on board with direct deposit. Signing up is easy and people are available to help you. You can call (800) 333-1795, or sign up online at www.godirect.org.

Paul Bridgewater
Detroit Area Agency on Aging

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"Plymouth was looking at a \$10 million fix, which not only would have been far more expensive, but would have involved construction of an equalization basin built somewhere in or near the city, where land is scarce. It would have been very disruptive and very expensive, and something we were trying to avoid. This way, you're going to be part of the regional system at a very reduced cost, and it also allows the city to continue to look at and improve the local system, which is in everybody's best interest."

Kurt Heise, Director, Wayne County Department of Environment, on the projected costs of a potential sanitary sewer overflow plan

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Columnist gets readers' views on China, schools and economy

"Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them."

— Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., governor, Illinois, 1949-53, and Democratic candidate for president (1952 and 1956)

Oh, yeah, I get e-mail. Ideas do matter and are critical if we hope to move our state forward. I view my role on these pages as taking positions that some might view as "controversial" to help stimulate thought and to create community conversations. As my first boss so aptly pointed out, "If we both agreed on everything — one of us would not be necessary."

What follows are some comments that my columns have generated from readers.



Tom Watkins

In an article that I wrote about the 10th anniversary of the death of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, one reader wrote, "What are you, some #@&*# communist sympathizer looking to ship our jobs to China?" No, I am not.

Never mind that the point I was making was that Deng Xiaoping's ideological shift from socialism/communism to a socialist market economy changed China and changed the world. Yes, Deng should be remembered for the blood of the Chinese people he helped spill; but he should also be remembered for lifting hundreds of millions of his own people out of poverty by shifting his ideological philosophy. We need our leaders in Michigan to shift their historical ideological bent and find new ways to solve our old problems.

The definition of insanity is "doing the same thing, over and over in exactly the same manner and expecting the results to be different." Are we insane in Michigan?

Many readers thought the words I expressed about "rhetoric and our children" hit the bull's-eye. "We say we value our kids and we continue to cut services to them," one reader wrote. Yet, the column did move a couch potato off the couch and to say he was going to volunteer his time as a mentor. This pledge has reinforced my belief that words can promote action.

Some believe our state and nation are becoming more divided along the Red and Blue political lines. Yet, Michigan may be the "Black and Blue State" when it comes to the way readers react to addressing the state's continued budget morass and lack of leadership in finding a shared vision and common agenda we can rally around.

The anger at our elected leaders is palpable. Some writers spew such hate as, "Gran-mole is nothing but a tax and spend liberal that covered up the state's financial problems until after she was safely re-elected and now wants the oppressed workers of this state to bail her out — it ain't going to happen!"

Meanwhile, several writers see another reality and understand the problems we face as a state are broader than any one politician and are not going to be fixed with a silver bullet. Yet, many seem dis-

appointed in the direction we are headed and, as one writer spewed, "Pox — on all of the politicians' houses!"

One reader suggested that I blend my columns on "rhetoric" and "lack of leadership" into one — because "we hear the rhetoric and don't see leadership." Others like the quote from country singer Toby Keith: "We need a lot less talk and a lot more action — out of Lansing!"

Being fair is critical as a columnist. I must be hitting the right tone as a reader accused me of being a "right wing, nut-case, Republican" and another a "puppet for Gov. Granholm and her tax and spend merry-men/women in the Legislature." Let me assure you, I am neither.

Clearly there were many LLEAs (Languishing Legacy Landmines of the Engler Administration) awaiting Gov. Granholm when she took office. Yet as one reader stated, "that was then — this is now." So take a page from Engler and knock a few heads together and — "get 'er done, governor."

Perhaps the articles that generate the most attention are those calling for our schools to change or perish. Clearly, the people in Michigan are passionate about their schools and want the best for kids. Some believe I am an unabashed "cheerleader for public education" and some think I am "rocking the boat far too much."

Let me set the record straight: ■ I believe our public schools are the true Statue of Liberty of this great country of ours — taking the tired, the hungry, the poor and giving our children hope and opportunity — and our teachers are the torch.

■ We will be better off when the only adjective that matters before "school" — be it private, public or charter — is *quality!*

■ Too much time is focused on power, control, politics and adults and not enough on teaching, learning and children.

■ Schools need to change to meet the demands of the 21st century, global, technologically driven, hyper-competitive world. This means developing schools that will prepare *all* of our kids to compete on the world stage; addressing the runaway health and pension costs; and consolidating the more than 550 school districts and redirecting more resources to the classroom.

Perhaps Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. said it best in 1952 when he said, "If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is not a barking dog, to be tethered on a 10-foot chain."

So break the chain and keep the ideas flowing. Our collective ideas, energy and commitment are the ingredients that help our communities and state soar.

Tom Watkins is president and CEO of TDW and Associates, a business and education consulting company. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05. He has traveled to China numerous times since his first trip in 1989. Read his internationally recognized report, *The New Education (R)evolution*, at www.nacol.org. He welcomes reader comments at tdwatkins@aol.com.

Forget the iPods, lawmakers, fix Michigan's ailing economy

Just recently, the Michigan House Democrats revealed a plan of giving every student in Michigan schools an iPod. This made national headlines from TV to newsprint.

This is outrageous! Is this the kind of work we want our elected officials in Lansing to do — despite us facing one of the worst economies in the nation and the highest unemployment rates? Shame on Lansing!

Moreover, the pledging of \$100 million to create better downtowns is misguided because it lacks a budget source in which the Legislature has failed to provide. This is basically an unfunded mandate. We need to be shown where and how the money is going to be spent by legislators.

Legislators in Lansing have at their disposal an entity called the HFA or the House Fiscal Agency, a nonpartisan wing that helps lawmakers understand the true fiscal implication of a particular piece of legislation. They should take advantage of this valuable resource. I guess many lawmakers are not doing their homework.

Speaker Andy Dillon's plan to shift business taxes to companies who do business here but have no facility here is economic suicide. Let's get back to the drawing table, Speaker Dillon, and come up with a coherent plan to stimulate Michigan's economy and balance our budget. Let's look at non-essential spending habits. Let's create a plan in downsizing government and selling off or leasing some of the state's most lucrative real estate operations and bring the state into a surplus. Pick up the phone and contact your colleagues at the Department of Management & Budget and see what property there is in surplus that should be sold or leased off. You'd be amazed by how much money not only we can save the state, but the money the state can make and put back into our coffers.

Let's evaluate every single state program and streamline state agencies, accordingly. Every year, Michigan should review between 20-30 percent of state agencies and see where government downsizing and consolidations can take place, respectively. We need a mandate to limit the growth of state government.

There are Republicans and Democrats who oppose tax increases as this would impede on the economy and continue to send it into more of a quagmire and cost thousands of jobs all across Michigan. There are Republicans and Democrats who reject cuts to programs that they feel would result in losses to the vital services to the poor, women and children.

Moreover, some have a mixed-use plan such

as raising taxes and cutting services. To bring about a balance, let's keep our taxes low and stimulate job growth and a low cost of living and ensure vital public services are carried out in a quality manner.

Lawmakers in Lansing seem to have a plan to fix our economy: Raise taxes! Not the answer, folks. Balancing a budget cannot be measured by raising a dollar in taxes for every single dollar cut in services. We need to make our state the most business-friendly state in the entire nation. I couldn't stress it more. Our laws have failed us and our laws have destroyed our economy.

Let's look at some cuts in our corrections system and release nonviolent offenders and help them get on their feet and work, so they can dispose their incomes in the Michigan economy. We spend almost \$2 billion annually in Michigan prisons. Michigan ranks No. 4 in the nation in terms of spending on prisons: a whopping \$1.6 billion per year to be exact. Throughout the nation, the increase in cost of corrections outpaced the costs of health, education, and natural resources.

Lawmakers need to stop focusing on their own state retirement plan benefits or legislative salary increases and need to put the *people* of Michigan first. It is your duty! Let's rewrite our tax code and be business-friendly in the likes of Texas, Nevada and Delaware, etc. The Democratic and Republican plan to raise taxes is not going to work. The proposed gas tax is not a viable plan either.

Lawmakers need to heed the hurt and pain and voice of Michigan citizens: **NO NEW TAXES! WE NEED ACTION!** The career of lawmakers in Lansing is dependent on a stroke of a pen by the electorate in November 2008. You swore on oath to execute and uphold the Constitution, so let's focus on serious action to restore the economic pride and glory of what Michigan once was and not worry about reckless spending on gadgets.

If you cannot uphold, defend and execute the Constitution to the best of your ability, then you don't belong in the Legislature. You will certainly pave the foundation for a new generation of leaders who will come to Lansing to clean up the House and Senate and put the interests of the citizens before the interests of the lawmakers and the special interests.

I urge our lawmakers in Lansing to engage in a constructive bipartisan dialogue to the long-term solutions to the Michigan's fiscal disaster and quality of life challenges. Enough is enough! We are bleeding badly here and need help ASAP! God Bless Michigan and May God Bless the United State of America!

Johnny Oram is a Farmington Hills resident and former chief of staff to former state Rep. Ken Daniels, a Democrat of Detroit.

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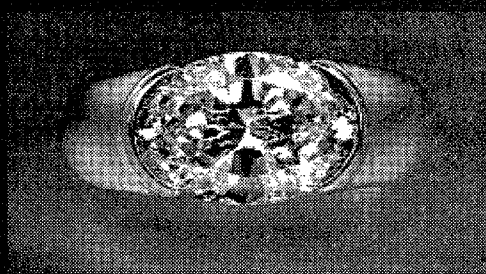
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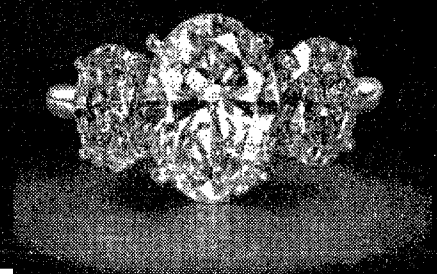
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International investments enhance portfolios

Although this was a rocky quarter, with the Dow falling more than 400 points in one day, the Dow ended the quarter losing less than 1 percent, and the S&P 500 was up fractionally. It is interesting to note that the average U.S. mutual fund was up more than 2 percent and that the average international stock fund was up better than 3 percent. In fact, if you go back over the last 12 months, the average U.S. stock fund was up about 8 1/2 percent, while the average international fund was up more than 17 percent. Something that I have stressed to investors for years is the importance of investing internationally.

All too often, too many investors avoid international funds because they believe they are too aggressive; yet nothing can be further from the truth. In fact, because international funds don't always operate on the same cycle that domestic funds do, you can actually lower the overall risk of a portfolio and enhance returns by investing a portion of your portfolio internationally.

I believe there are at least four distinct areas of international investing that every investor needs to consider. These areas are large cap, small cap, emerging markets and international bonds. In fact, there is even now emerging a fifth category of international investing that can further diversify a portfolio and that I am now using in accounts that my firm manages and that area is international real estate.

I know that some people think I am crazy to invest in real estate, considering what is happening to real estate values in Michigan and residential properties around the country. However, it is important to recognize that the residential real estate market does not represent the entire real estate industry. Commercial real estate, for example, has done quite well of late. The residential markets are particularly volatile at this point in time because too many consumers overpaid for their houses.

It is interesting to note that real estate as a sector was up more than 3 percent for the quarter and up nearly 22 percent over the last year. Because many of the laws around the world have changed, allowing real estate investment trust (REIT) investments, this category provides investors a further way to diversify their portfolio, reduce risk and enhance returns. At this point in time, there are not many options for the no-load investor in inter-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

national real estate. In my managed accounts, I have started to use the Cohen and Steers International real estate fund. Most investors, though, cannot buy this fund on a no-load basis, therefore an alternative would be the Alpine International Real Estate Fund (888-785-5578).

Another area on international investing for all investors to consider is emerging markets. In the past, I only recommended emerging market funds for long-term investors who consider themselves aggressive. My reasoning was based upon the volatility of these investments. However, as markets have matured and world economies have changed, I believe that just about every type of investor needs to add a small portion of their portfolio into emerging market funds. My recommendation for an allocation is somewhere in the area of 2 to 5 percent.

It is important that if you invest in emerging markets, you need to recognize that they can be volatile. In February, when the markets around the world took a downturn because of the Chinese situation, the emerging market funds took a substantial hit. Although they have come back, it is important for investors to recognize that when you invest in this type of investment, you should expect to see a roller-

coaster ride. However, these funds over the long run will substantially enhance an investor's return.

Many investors do not have any small cap international funds in their portfolio. Just like we have seen in our market, where small caps have outperformed large caps, we have also seen the same situation internationally. A fund like the Forward International Small Companies Fund (800-999-6809) is a no-load fund that once again will further diversify a portfolio and at the same time enhance returns.

Recently at a talk I gave, someone questioned whether it was patriotic or not to invest internationally. My answer was that this was not an issue of patriotism, but rather an issue of good business. We live in a global economy and it is important for investors to protect themselves, and one way to do that is to make sure that you have international exposure in your portfolios.

Although international funds have outperformed domestic funds, one mistake that investors may make is to overfund the international exposure in their portfolios. My thought is that depending upon the type of investor you are, a 15- to 25-percent exposure in international markets is justified. Investors that invest greater portions of their portfolio in the international market places are taking a greater risk. It is important to recognize that, by far, the No. 1

economy in the world is the United States. Even though countries like China have made significant gains, they are still a fraction of our economy. In addition, there are certain risks inherent to international investing such as the fluctuation of the U.S. dollar and geopolitical concerns. The reality of the situation is that there is no economy as safe and secure as the U.S. economy. That is why I've always recommended to investors that the bulk of their money be invested here.

One last note and that is investors should not fall for the mistake of restructuring their portfolio and investing in what was hot last quarter. As I have stated many times before, what was hot last quarter may not be hot this quarter.

The bottom line is if you attempt to chase returns, you inevitably will end up buying high and then being frustrated when that sector of the economy doesn't perform, causing you to sell low — which is exactly what an investor should not do. Although I believe the bottom line is the bottom line, chasing short-term performance is a fool's game. Good luck!

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Varied works highlight Schoolcraft's Collage Concert

A rich and eclectic program awaits music lovers at the Collage Concert, Schoolcraft College's annual collaboration of musical genres, on Saturday, April 14. Composers range from Richard Strauss and J.S. Bach to Pat Metheny, Dizzy Gillespie and Dmitri Shostakovich, with traditional spirituals and folk-songs included.

The concert will take place in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room on the Livonia Campus at 8 p.m.

Performers include the college's Choral Union, Jazz Band, Piano

Department, Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble. The groups are composed of college students and staff and community residents.

Program selections include Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Robert Schumann's *Arabesque*, Opus 18, David Holsinger's *On a Hymn of Philip Bliss*, Robert Lamm's *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is* and the traditional spiritual *Shall We Gather at the River*.

The concert is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information call (734)462-4403.

Seminar focuses on marketing to U.S.

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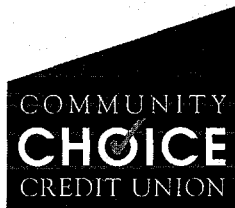
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■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, April 16 and 30, 7 p.m. — This discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, April 17, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP** — There will be no meeting this month due to the holiday. Mark your calendar for the next meeting on May 13, 1-3 p.m. Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, April 16, 7 p.m. — Want to know more about the spring sky? Plan now to attend this lively

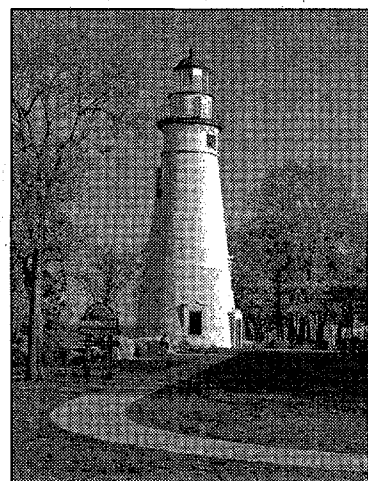
exchange of thoughts with local astronomy expert, Mike Best. All are welcome — ages 6 to 106. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read Love and Other Impossible Pursuits by Ayelet Waldman. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. — Join other gardeners in this informal gathering — exchange ideas, share tips, discuss gardening concerns. No registration required.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. — Kick off a new project or keep after your current one. Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **WORLD WAR II PERSPECTIVES**, Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., FROM STALINGRAD TO BERLIN: THE END OF THE THIRD REICH (1942-45) — Professor Robert Citino of Eastern Michigan University will



Lighthouse returns

The Plymouth District Library will again welcome Great Lakes Lighthouse Historian, author and photographer Wayne S. Sapulski as he shares "Recent Success Stories in Great Lakes Lighthouse Preservation" in slides and prose. The program takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26. After a brief overview of regional lighthouses, he will discuss recent lighthouse restoration activity with emphasis on recent successes as well as mention of those sites still seriously in need. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

continue his examination of the later years of the Third Reich. Professor Citino is a noted World War historian and author of Blitzkrieg to Desert Storm: The Evolution of Operational Warfare and other books. This series is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 25, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail: lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSES**, Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m. — Join lighthouse historian, Wayne S. Sapulski, as he shares "Recent Success Stories in Great Lakes Lighthouse Preservation". Mr. Sapulski is the author and photographer of the guidebooks, Great Lakes Lighthouses, American and Canadian and Lighthouses of Lake Michigan, Past and Present. Both books are in the Library's collection and available for check out. This series is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS/PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY**

ARTS COUNCIL, Monday, April 30, 7 p.m. — For nearly ten years, the Arts Council has offered exceptional presentations about the DIA's permanent collections and special exhibits. Register by calling the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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

Youth programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young — babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required — call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, ext. 5.

■ **GREEK MYTHS AND FABLES FOR HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES**, Thursday, April 19, 1 p.m. — The Kelsey Museum of Archeology will bring us an afternoon filled with Greek myths, fables, art and artifacts. This free program is intended for children ages 5-12. Register by calling (734) 453-0750, ext. 5.

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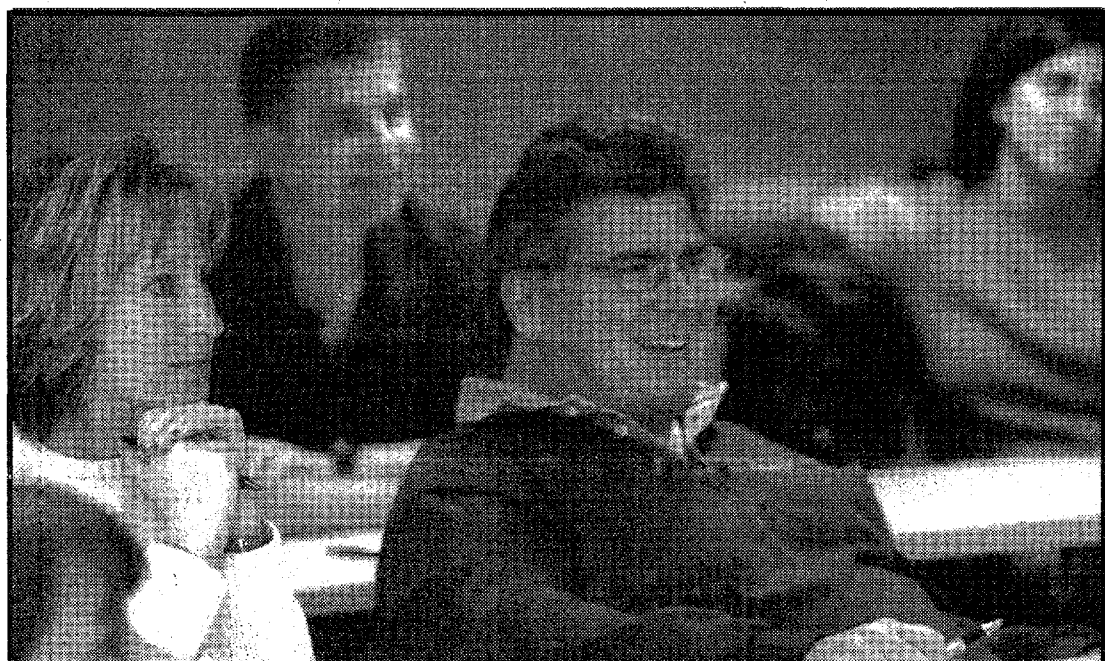
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Editor's note: Five candidates are competing for three six-year terms on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, school election. Incumbents Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and recent appointee Joan Gebhardt face challengers Jim Fausone and Ron Randall. Trustees receive no compensation for their service. The district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

Breen says she has brought leadership

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



Breen

Mary Breen was first elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in 1983 and the longtime educator believes she still has something to offer. The current chair of the board, Breen is proud of her leadership in bringing commercial development to college property south of the campus. "When I became board president, I announced that we ought to do something with the 45 acres to the south of us. It's been an absolute windfall," she said. "We get \$800,000 a year just from land lease, not even counting the money from rental of the buildings. The north side, we did that in 1986

or '87. Land lease on that is \$230,000 a year. We have put up McDowell Center, VisTaTech, remodeled Waterman and the library. I am so pleased." Breen of Plymouth, a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University, had a long career as a teacher and school administrator at Wayne-Westland and Livonia public schools. After taking an early retirement from Livonia schools, Breen decided to return as a substi-

PLEASE SEE BREEN, A14

Broderick worried about rising costs Fausone advocates better marketing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



Broderick

At \$68 a credit hour, Schoolcraft College is still a good bargain for students. But as the state struggles economically, Schoolcraft Trustee Brian Broderick is concerned about shifting too much cost to students. "It's a bargain for consumers when you compare what you would pay at four-year colleges and universities around here," he said. "Still it's a lot of money and could be a burden. My No. 1 concern is how to alleviate some of that burden." Broderick, 40, of Plymouth Township is running for a third term as a Schoolcraft College

PLEASE SEE BRODERICK, A14

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Fausone

Jim Fausone believes that Schoolcraft College is doing great things but isn't doing a good job in getting the word out. "One thing I think Schoolcraft is not doing is marketing itself well on its achievements outside of the culinary arts program," he said. "We all love the culinary arts program, but they're not doing the marketing that needs to be done in the science, technology, engineering, math areas, STEM. They're talking about the governor's education initiative, but I don't see them getting out front to kids that it makes a

great deal of sense to do two years here and then transfer to a college of your choice." Fausone, 43, is running for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees after applying unsuccessfully twice to fill board openings, most recently in December to replace Kevin McNamara. He serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. The Canton lawyer is a partner in the Northville firm of Fausone Bohn. He attended

PLEASE SEE FAUSONE, A14

Gebhardt supports a practical vision

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



Gebhardt

With two children in Schoolcraft College, Joan Gebhardt appreciates the opportunities the college offers. Gebhardt was appointed by the board of trustees in December to complete the term of Kevin McNamara, who had been elected to the Wayne County Commission. Now she is seeking a full six-year term. "Everyone has a responsibility to give back to the community. I've been in education and I'm good at it. In addition both of my grown children attend Schoolcraft College," she said. Gebhardt, a resident of Livonia for 28 years, was a public school teacher and administrator for 31 years. She is now an adjunct professor at Madonna University and a full-time aide to House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford. Gebhardt said her son originally was pursuing an engineering degree at Kettering when he decided to enroll in Schoolcraft's culinary arts program. He is now a chef at Tribute. Her daughter is pursuing a nursing degree. "Working at Madonna, we get many students from Schoolcraft," she said. "Two-year colleges will help us get out of the slump here in

Michigan. Many of the courses and the vision of the president and trustees of Schoolcraft College are right on the money and I want to be part of it." Gebhardt said it was important that Schoolcraft keep its vision practical. "You have to have a vision of what jobs are out there and what avenue we should take," she said. "What courses we should offer. Is it something the public will want and students will sign up for. Can we keep our prices down so that it's affordable. We have to have courses that are needed. We have to have tuition that is practical and we have to have the vision of what's going to happen on the horizon." Gebhardt gives good marks to Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress. "We just completed his evaluation and he received outstanding marks. I had to rely on my fellow trustees," she said. "I told Dr. Jeffress, when I am evaluating I look at two things, caring and credibility, and the caring part is true and I can

PLEASE SEE GEBHARDT, A14

Randall emphasizes history with college

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



Randall

After 32 years as a Schoolcraft employee, retiring in 2002 as the college registrar, Ron Randall believes he will bring a lot of history and insight to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. "I know the college, inside and out," he said. "Through years of experience, I've gained knowledge of the college, I'm a staunch advocate for students and I'm very devoted to student success. I've been in Livonia 24 years and the one tax bill I've never minded paying was my Schoolcraft College tax." Randall is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and received a master's degree from Madonna with a concentration in community college management. He began working at Schoolcraft in 1969. He was the college registrar, in charge of student records and the registration process, for 11 years. He served under four Schoolcraft presidents. "I was brought under the guise of customer service," he said. "Our goal was always to not only match but exceed student expectations." Randall said the college needs to continue serving the needs of traditional students and workers displaced by the

changing economy. He said he supports Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress' emphasis on technical education. "Conway has done an excellent job, he's one of the most intelligent people I've ever met in my life," Randall said. "Years ago, we used to offer manufacturing, we had an auto shop. The new Biomed building will offer STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and GRIN (genetics, robotics, information, nanotechnology). The GRIN part of it is especially exciting. Two great acronyms for Conway's vision for the college." Randall said he understands that the state and the college can't spend more than they have but he worries about the impact of decreased state support on the college. "No one wants to say I go to the cheapest college in Michigan. I worked too many years to see that happen. I'm proud of my accomplishments that this a great place," he said. In his time at the college, Randall served on the curriculum committee, worked on

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APRIL

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

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.

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia host its second formal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 15, with special devotions and a luncheon to which all area Catholics are cordially invited, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as an annual day of prayer by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with the Holy Mass at noon. At 2 p.m. there will be opportunity for confessions followed by recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "greatest mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death and will include the

exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All area Catholics are welcome to participate. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

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.

Garage sale
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 20, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Archbishop Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Admission: \$1. \$10 grab bag on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Most items: free will offering, also "Special Treasures" Priced Items. Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, and clean, gently used children's clothing and baby items. Please note, no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734) 464-5973.

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, and every third Friday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

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.

Concert
Proud 2B American Tour 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21, doors open at 6 p.m., at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert includes comedian, Nazareth; illusionist, Jarrod Mac, and recording artist, Ashley Reynolds. Tickets \$5, family of three or more \$15, and available by calling (248) 374-7400.

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 Urbiel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to urbiel@angel-space.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.

Rummage Sale
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Redford Aldersgate Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago).

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.

Livonia youth choir concert
3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. No charge but a freewill offering will be taken. Call (734) 522-6830.

Mercyaires concert
Mercyaires, a Mercy High School student choir, gives a concert 3 p.m. Sunday April 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Songs are designed to entertain people of all ages. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 youth/students.

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 Springvue Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at presenting theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Church members wanted
The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to www.psalml2verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

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 Newburg 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 rodney@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.ward-church.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 of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Personal ministry
Due Season Christian Church is a 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. Weight-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 Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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.

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ARTHUR B. CALHOUN

Age 89 of Milford, and a former longtime resident of Plymouth, died on April 6, 2007. He is survived by Muriel, his beloved wife of over forty-four years, his sister, Glema Brandemihl of Flat Rock, and his large family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Mr. Calhoun was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge, a retiree of the G.M. Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti, and well known in Plymouth where he and his wife operated Muriel's Doll House for over fourteen years. A funeral service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Monday, April 16th, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. James Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Sunday 2-9 p.m. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DENISE O'NEILL JOHNSON RADTKE

Age 72, April 8, 2007, died suddenly at home. Loving mother of Lynn Radtke (Rick Talbot) of Plymouth, Kim Sweet (Tim Sweet) of Raleigh, North Carolina, daughter-in-law Barb Radtke, Holland, MI and the late Jeff Radtke. Denny is also survived by six grandchildren: Samantha, Amber, Matthew, Summer, Marshall and Calvin. Sisters Pat Henke (Fritz) and Miki Wolff (Craig). Many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including Ken Radtke. Denny graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974 with a BA in Political Science with honors. Denny worked in politics her entire career and was devoted to her job and volunteer service. She was instrumental in developing the Schoolcraft College Women's resource center. Denny was a congressional aide for Carl Purcell and Joe Knollenberg. After retirement, Denny was appointed to the Michigan Women's Commission by the Governor, and worked for the US Census Bureau in 2000. Visitation will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia on Wednesday from 2-9, funeral services on Thursday at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

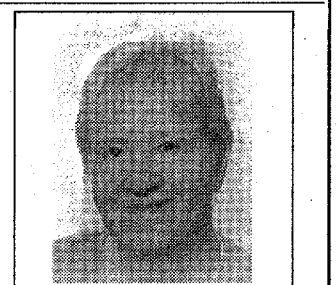
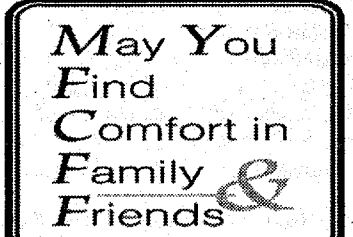


JEFFREY NORMAN HALE

passed away in his home in Sacramento, California after a long battle with Colon Cancer. Born and raised in Pinckney, Michigan, Jeff was involved in sports throughout the area. Having played football for the Pinckney High Pirates and Ferris State College, he then went on to play volleyball. Jeff also coached volleyball spending 12 years with the elementary girls' volleyball team at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, MI, four years with Huron Valley High School and four years at Canton High School. He also played men's softball with the Livonia Recreation Department for over 20 years. Jeff was survived by his wife, Jeanette; children Michelle Capriola, Laura Stark, Jennifer Laframboise, Benjamin Clifford and Kelly Clifford; also his two grandsons Nicholas Hale and Anthony Laframboise; along with his mother, father, four brothers and one sister. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia, MI at 1:00pm on the 21st with an open house to follow at the Capriola home in New Hudson, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society for colon cancer research or your own favorite charity in memory of Jeff.

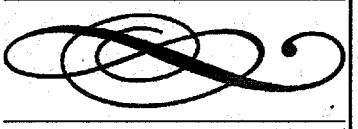
LEE TRICKEY

Age 87, passed away April 8, 2007. Wife of the late Mynor. Dear mother of Bonnie (Jim) Carr, Judy (Duncan) Lewis, Robert (Kathy), Sandy (James) Mulvey and Georgia (Craig) Notebaert. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Sister-in-law of Edna Gilroy, Ella Mulder and George Trickey. Memorial service was Tuesday, April 10th, 12:30 p.m. (gathering at 11 a.m.) at Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue. Memorial visitation was Monday 7-9 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Silent Hands 425 Huroon, Suite 100, Milford, MI 48381.



METTE MARIE DILLER

April 7, 2007 Age 77. Beloved wife of John Cabot Diller, Jr., Dear mother of Christine, Marianne, Thomas, Elizabeth, Charlotte and the late John III. Proud Grandmother of Heather, Jason, Lindsey, Melissa, Alexis and Jessica. Also remembered by relatives and friends in Denmark. Visitation Thursday 9:30am until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:30am at the Birmingham Congregational Church, 1000 Cranbrook at Woodward. Tributes to the Airedale Terrier Rescue (A.T.R.A.) are welcome. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujukCalcaterra.com



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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.

Services
St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries
For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees,

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Bible talks
4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap
A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Worship services
At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Community Bible study
Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service
New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

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tute teacher. Since 2000, she's been a substitute for Franklin High School and the Career Center.

Despite the success of the land development projects, Schoolcraft faces financial challenges with reduced state funding.

"Finances are still a major problem, but we're only one of 28 community colleges that does not have a debt," Breen said.

Still, last year the college had to make \$1.5 million in cuts to its budget and faces more cuts this coming budget year. Breen said in the past the state covered about a third of the budget, tuition and fees about a third and a district millage about a third.

"Now it's way out of line," she said. "It's lopsided. We're putting more burden on students and their parents even though our tuition is still \$68 a credit hour."

She is supportive of Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress.

"He's been extremely effective," she said. "The faculty like him and work hard for him. He has brought so many new ideas to the board and faculty."

One of those ideas is a four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree program that Breen supports.

"We really felt that the need is there for nursing, obviously," Breen said. "We want to establish our two-year program we have had all along. We wanted to go into a four-year program. We don't want people in the community to think we are going to become a four-year

college because we are not."

Breen said the next project would be to improve the college's police, fire and homeland security programs.

"I know there are federal monies out there. The police and fire program is loaded to the gills. That would be our next program," she said.

Breen said she has also been supportive of agreements with four-year colleges that allow students to take three years of credits at Schoolcraft before transferring.

"Students are paying \$68 a credit hour instead of \$200," she said. "It's one of those innovations that Dr. Jeffress developed that is incredible. We are working on 14 more programs. The universities are happy to have us because they know there will be more students coming in that fourth year.

BRODERICK

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School, Notre Dame University and the University of Detroit Law School. He said his training as a lawyer brought "a different set of eyes to the board."

"I have a good temperament, a good ability to listen, a good ability to make decisions," he said.

Major decisions will need to be made in the coming years about Schoolcraft's finances. At one time, the state provided for about one-third of the college's budget (along with a third from tuition and fees and a third from a district millage). State funding has declined to about 17 percent of the college's budget.

Schoolcraft has benefited from the commercial development of its property along Seven Mile and, in the last two years, along Haggerty.

"Development has helped a lot," Broderick said. "College Park has helped us fund the new Biomedical Building and stabilized the budget. If we didn't have it, tuition would have gone up

even more."

That income has helped the college build the VisTaTech Center, renovate the library and begin construction on the new Biomedical Technology Building, scheduled to open in fall 2008.

Broderick has high praise for Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress, who last week received a positive evaluation from board members.

"The thing about President Jeffress and the previous administration (of Richard McDowell) is that they were always cutting edge, they had the vision thing down in the sense that they know where they want to go," Broderick said. "They're usually on target. They know where the hot fields are going to be."

The hot fields are health care, math, science and technology. Jeffress has discussed petitioning the state legislature for permission to expand Schoolcraft's nursing program to a four-year bachelor of science nursing degree. Broderick supports the idea.

"The nursing thing is going to be controversial," he said. "He wants to do a bachelor's

degree there. I don't want to speak for the board, I am supportive of it but there may be board members who need to be convinced. There is a mindset with some board members that Schoolcraft was set up to do one thing and that was an associate degree and it will take something to get them over that hump."

He said other colleges that offer four-year nursing programs may also oppose the idea.

Another strong area for the college, Broderick said, is the Lifelong Learning programs. He would like to expand on the college's public safety program at the Radcliff Center in Garden City to compete with programs at Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College.

Broderick said he would also be interested in exploring the idea of expanding the Schoolcraft district to include areas now not served by a community college, such as Livingston County. About 40 percent of Schoolcraft students live outside the district.

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Austin High School in Detroit and received two engineering degrees from the University of Michigan. He received his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash. He is married to Brigadier Gen. Carol Fausone with the Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I see the importance of higher education," he said. "It's made a difference in my life, my wife's life and our entire family. In a couple generations we've gone from the copper mines of the UP to all my brothers and sisters having master's degrees or better."

Fausone said he supports the emphasis the college is placing on technology and that his engineering background will allow him to better understand the issues.

"Today, a well-rounded student, to get a four-year degree or go into the workforce, has to have a high degree of technical ability, run computer programs, understand computer programs and not be afraid of technology," he said. "We're going in the right direction by putting the emphasis on those things."

He also supports an idea advanced by Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress to petition the legislature to allow the college to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Despite the college's emphasis on technology, Fausone said he is disappointed in Schoolcraft's application of technology, espe-

cially the Internet.

"You can't go to the Web site and see a cost comparison with four-year institutions. That's one of the things I'd be selling to parents," he said.

He said the Web site is little more than the school's catalog.

"The day of static Web sites is long gone," he said. "It was gone five years ago. They need to make a dynamic Web site. The way you're going to sell Schoolcraft to kids is to have a cool Web site. If you have a crummy Web site, they've checked that out long before mom and dad ever brought it up."

He also said the college needs to improve its online learning programs. He said modern technology makes it possible to make lectures available to all students to download on an MP3 player.

GEBHARDT

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personally attest to that. ... He is competent and respected at the community college level and respected by faculty and staff."

She said she supports the college's emphasis on science, math and technology. She is less favorable toward Jeffress' idea of offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree at

Schoolcraft.

"I would like to see a matriculation program worked out where nursing students could go to Schoolcraft for three years and then work with Madonna and they could offer a degree from Madonna and other colleges at Schoolcraft rates. Let's be creative," she said.

She said it was important for Schoolcraft to remain competitive in the face of reduced state funding.

"We have to plan a budget

that we aren't going to get any increases from Lansing," she said. "We're the third lowest community college in the area. We have to price ourselves to not only be competitive but to offer residents of the Schoolcraft community what they need and is affordable to them."

Gebhardt said that as a union person she would like to see more "sharing" between the Faculty Forum and the trustees and more transparency as they prepare for negotiations.

RANDALL

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athletic eligibility and was in charge of student discipline.

Randall said education is needed to turn the state around by giving people the skills they need to obtain higher paying jobs.

"Isn't it better we train peo-

ple who can pay taxes on \$50,000 a year instead of \$25- or \$30,000?" he said.

He said he supports the idea of Schoolcraft offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree, but said that emphasis should remain on the associate nursing degree given the severe shortage in nurses.

He said he also thinks the college should continue its life-long learning programs.

"I think most people in the

community realize it is a jewel, particularly the community service and community education. Some people turn 40 and they want to learn to dance. It all contributes to exposure for the college," he said.

When Randall retired, he and his wife began to take trips in their motor home throughout the South. He said he should still be able to get away now and then if he's elected to the board.

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Support grows for Plymouth AD in wake of layoff

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How tall is the mountain of respect Plymouth High School Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk has earned among the school's athletic supporters during his five-year tenure?

The members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education are about to find out.

A wave of support for Sawchuk has grown ever since word spread that he will be laid off at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

A large and growing group of Plymouth coaches, athletes — both current and former — and parents of athletes are orchestrating a

movement that they hope will not only save Sawchuk's job, but keep intact the current three-AD set-up at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

If Sawchuk's job is eliminated, current Canton AD Sue Heinzman and current Salem AD Tom Willette are expected to be asked to oversee the athletic programs at all three schools.

Sawchuk was laid off because he has less seniority than the other two P-CEP athletic directors.

Elaine Hubbard, the president of both the Plymouth High School wrestling and track-and-field booster clubs, is just one of many Sawchuk supporters who plans on making a presentation

to the board at its meeting next week.

"I'm not sure the school board is aware of how many people are truly upset about this situation," said Hubbard. "And it's not just the people at Plymouth. If Terry's job is eliminated, it's going to effect the athletic programs at all three schools because it will put more of a strain on the two remaining AD's."

"Managing three schools' athletic programs takes three athletic directors — and I don't even know how they do it with three people."

"Terry is not just an athletic director. He's a mentor and the backbone of the entire athletic program. He puts in 60 to 70 hours every week. How are they going to replace that?"

Several Plymouth High School coaches have expressed concern about the future of the school's athletic programs if Sawchuk's pending layoff is not somehow avoided.

"To put it very simply — Terry Sawchuk is Plymouth athletics," said Wildcat volleyball coach Kelly McCausland. "He lives and breathes for his student/athletes and his coaches. I, personally, cannot believe that such a large school district would let this happen. I have been around many other districts that only operate with one AD, and their programs suffer greatly. I don't mean any disrespect to Tom (Willette)

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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Nick Cote, pictured advancing the ball up the field despite the defensive efforts of Holt's Kevin Cooper, tallied a game-high five goals in the Warriors' 10-2 victory Tuesday night at the P-CEP junior varsity stadium.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Jared Ruark (left in white jersey) and Patrick Downey (far right) battle for possession of the ball with a trio of Holt players during Tuesday night's 10-2 Warrior victory.

More than Ram tough

Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team streaks past unbeaten Holt to improve to 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team was in midseason form during Tuesday night's early-season home game against unbeaten Holt.

Combining air-tight defense with machine-like efficiency on the offensive end of the field, the Warriors subdued the Rams, 10-2, to improve their record to 3-0.

"The key to tonight's win was that everybody executed the game plan," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "We worked on a lot of new things at practice this week — some new offensive sets and some new man-down looks — and then the guys went out tonight and executed the plays just like they were designed."

"We got goals on a couple of the new plays, which is exactly what the coaching staff wanted to see."

PCS never trailed after securing a 1-0 lead in the opening quarter. The Warriors owned a 4-1 advantage at the half before extending the lead to 7-2 with 15 minutes to play.

Senior midfielder Nick Cote earned the game ball for the Warriors after scoring a career-high five goals.

"Nick was outstanding tonight," said Costello. "On one of his goals, he stripped the goalie of the ball and scored. It was a tremendous play. He was all over the field tonight."

Jared Ruark also shined for the winners, netting three goals and one assist.

Devin Murphy and Danny Norris notched the Warriors' other two goals. Junior Scott Wisniewski registered an assist.

Junior Justin Scott was outstanding in net for PCS, recording nine saves.

"Justin made a few tremendous saves when Holt had numbers on us," said Costello. "The saves came at a point in the game where if Holt would have scored, it may have been a different outcome."

The Warriors were short-handed as eight of their 30 players headed South for spring break.

"Because we had so many kids on spring break, it was important that we possessed the ball as much as possible tonight," said Costello. "We didn't want our defenders to get tired."

The Warriors outshot Holt, 33-23. They also won the groundball battle, 40-25.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Connor Martin (24) holds off Holt's Dylan Wolff Tuesday night.

Nobody does it better

Ignition's Beasley named MISL's Most Valuable

Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley was named the Major Indoor Soccer League's Most Valuable Player Saturday during a nationally televised award ceremony.

"The Detroit Ignition family is extremely proud of Jamar and his on-field accomplishments," Ignition President Greg Bibb said. "He truly has had a season to remember and the recognition he is justly receiving is a reflection of the hard work and success all of our players have enjoyed."

"More importantly, Jamar and his teammates have proven to be outstanding members of the community and their collective off-field efforts have played a vital role in the success our organization has enjoyed during our inaugural campaign."

Beasley finished the 2006-07 regular season on top of the MISL's PUMA Scoring Champions Leaderboard while tallying five three-point goals, 35 two-point goals, and 22 assists for 107 points. The four-year veteran also received his first-ever selection as a member of the All-MISL First Team for his performance with the MISL's regular-season champions.

MISL PLAYOFF PICTURE

- **When:** First-round series are set for Saturday and Sunday;
- **Who:** Top-seeded Detroit Ignition will play Milwaukee; Games 2 and 3 (if necessary) will be played Sunday at 4:35 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena; also, the third-seeded Philadelphia KiXX will take on the No. 2-seeded Chicago Storm;
- **What's next:** The winners of the two semifinal series will play in the championship game April 21 at the Compuware Sports Arena. The game will be televised nationally on the VERSUS network.



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The Ignition's Jamar Beasley was named MVP of the MISL.

Batter up! Fournier's late goal lifts Whalers

Vellucci named OHL's top coach. Please see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Using a swing that would have made Barry Bonds proud, Plymouth Whalers center Andrew Fournier all but knocked Kitchener's Ontario Hockey League playoff hopes out of the ballpark Tuesday night.

Just 42 seconds into overtime of Game 3 of the OHL's Western Conference semifinals, Fournier assumed a left-handed baseball stance in the left faceoff circle then swatted an airborne puck over the left shoulder of Ranger goalie John Murray and into the top corner of the net to give the Whalers an electrifying 5-4 victory and, more importantly, a commanding 3-0 lead in the series.

The game was played before 3,542 spectators at the Compuware Sports Arena, which will host Game 5 — if necessary — Friday at 7:05 p.m. Game 4 was set for Wednesday in Kitchener.

The Rangers, who played perhaps their most complete game of the series, couldn't have been more stunned if they would have been hit over the collective head with a giant Louisville Slugger.

"I used to play baseball when I was younger, but I was more of a

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 3, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 3, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. PUBLIC HEARING 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Yack, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. to Consider Tax Abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Lajoie inquired if the number of jobs stated is on target. Gary Wood stated the new jobs created will be, from 12 to 15. There were no public comments in opposition or in favor of the tax abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to Consider Tax Abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a real and personal property expansion within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on April 3, 2007, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 9, 2007, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a real and personal property expansion to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: PARCEL 1: That part of the northwest 1/4, section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point distant south south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 769.83 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 435.50 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, thence due south 375.00 feet; thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west, 227.70 feet; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west, 431.08 feet along the easterly right of way of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to the point of the beginning. PARCEL 2: Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 1205.33 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east, 200.02 feet along the north section line of section 1; centerline of Joy Road; thence due south 375.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road, thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 200.00 feet; thence due north 375.00 feet to the point of beginning. PARCEL 3: Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north section line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road and due south 375 feet along centerline of Haggerty Rd. from the northwest corner of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, and proceeding thence due south 200 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road; thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 316.89 feet; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 229.91 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 427.72 feet to the point of beginning, also reserving the east 33 feet for road purposes. PARCEL 4: That part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north line of section 1, centerline of Joy Road, and due south 575.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road, and proceeding thence due south 571.85 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road; thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 657.38 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 316.89 feet to the point of beginning. 2.85 Acres Parcel Identification No's: 002-99-0005-001, as to Parcel 1 002-99-0004-000, as to Parcel 2 002-99-0005-002, as to Parcel 3 002-99-0005-003, as to Parcel 4 Commonly known as: 41155 JOY ROAD be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett, to adjourn to study session. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 1. Tours: Fellows Creek Golf Club, Park Maint, Bldg, Canton Sport Center A van shuttle was provided. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Vellucci named OHL's best coach

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci has been awarded the Ontario Hockey League's Matt Leyden Trophy as the OHL Coach of the Year.

Vellucci, a resident of Northville, is the first American to win the Matt Leyden Trophy. "I'm honored to be the first American to win this award," Vellucci said. "I share this award with (Associate Coach) Todd Watson and the players. I want to thank (Whalers owner) Peter Karmanos, Jr. for his support for myself and junior hockey over the years."

"Mike, in many ways, represents a changing of the guard in the Ontario Hockey League," said Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch. "He's a younger coach with a bright hockey mind who played in the OHL not too long ago."

Vellucci played for the OHL's Belleville Bulls from 1983-86 and joined current OHL coaches Bob Boughner, Bruce Cassidy and Dale Hunter - among others - who also played in the Ontario Hockey League.

Vellucci, in his sixth season behind the Plymouth bench, led the Whalers to a 49-14-2-3 regular-season record and 103 points, the second-most in

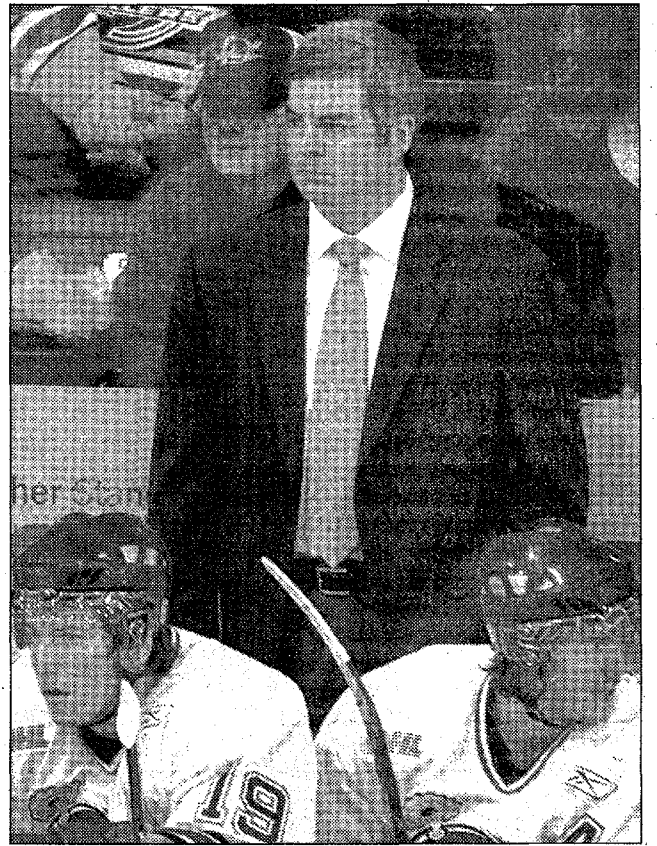
the OHL behind just London. Plymouth won its 10th West Division title this season.

Plymouth has never finished lower than second in the OHL West with four division titles during Vellucci's tenure behind the Whalers bench.

Vellucci's overall record in Plymouth is 228-124-36-20 in 406 games. His career winning percentage (.627) is second in franchise history behind current Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Paul Maurice (.681), who worked for the Whalers from 1993-95 when they were known as the Detroit Jr. Red Wings.

Before coming to Plymouth, Vellucci's Detroit Compuware teams of the North American Hockey League dominated the United States Tier II ranks. From 1994 to 1999, the Ambassadors went to the National Junior A Gold Cup championships every season, winning the U.S. national championship in 1994 and 1999. During that time, the Ambassadors racked up a regular-season record of 241-82-27 for a .689 winning percentage, winning two NAHL regular season titles and four Robertson Cups.

Vellucci was named NAHL Executive of the Year in 1994 and 1999, and NAHL Coach of the Year in 1998.



Plymouth Whalers Head Coach Mike Vellucci was named the Ontario Hockey League's "Coach of the Year" earlier this week. Vellucci is the first American to win the award.

WHALERS

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catcher than a hitter," revealed Fournier, smiling. "Joe McCann shot the puck, it bounced off Tommy (Sestito) and another guy and I just had to wait for it to come down past the crossbar so that it wouldn't be high-sticking."

"It was probably the luckiest shot of my life, but I'll take it."

So will Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, whose team is now just one win away from advancing to the Western Conference finals against the winner of the London-Sault Ste. Marie series. "Andrew's been working very hard," said Vellucci. "He got robbed in our last game against Kitchener and I told him he was going to get one if he just kept working. He really came through tonight."

Fournier's incredible goal gave the Whalers their only lead of the night in a game that saw-sawed back and forth like a game of full-contact ping pong.

Kitchener rookie defenseman Dan Kelly's first OHL goal with 9:30 left in the first period set off the back-and-forth scoring sequence that ended with Fournier's top-shelf net-finder. The teams were never separated by more than one goal the entire night, which was predictable considering both of the first two games were decided by one goal.

"We just kept fighting back every time they scored," said Fournier. "Game four is always the toughest one to win and we know nothing is going to be easy. We're going to have to battle just as hard - or harder - as we did tonight."

Starting for the third straight game, Plymouth goalie

Michal Neuvirth stopped 31 shots. The Washington Capitals draftee had shared the starting goal-tending duties with Jeremy Smith throughout the regular season and the first round of the playoffs, but he's monopolized the crease thus far against the Rangers.

"Michal deserves to be in there right now - he's earned it," said Vellucci. "Smitty understands. He's not necessarily happy he's not playing, but he understands. He knows he's only 17 years old and that he'll get his chance."

Five minutes after Kelly's ice-breaking goal, Tom Sestito knotted the game at 1-1 when he flipped a knuckleball-like shot past Murray from just inside the blue line. Fournier and Brett Bellemore assisted.

Kitchener regained the lead, 2-1, 45 seconds before the first intermission when Matt Halischuk lit the lamp. The

Whalers answered with just 2:9 left in the period on Daniel Ryder's goal from Chris Terry.

Kitchener leading-scorer Steve Downie gave the Rangers a short-lived 3-2 advantage with a goal 2:37 into the second stanza. But Evan Brophy evened it up at 3-3 48 seconds later with a goal assisted by James Neal and Jared Boll.

Downie's second goal of the night with 8:18 left in the second made it 4-3, but Terry beat Murray at the 6:44 mark of the second to deadlock the score at 4-4.

The OHL's first- and second-ranked defensive units stole the show in the scoreless third period. Defensemen Bellemore, Steve Ward and Zack Shepley all shined for the Whalers.

Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 35-28.

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SUPPORT

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or Sue (Heinzman) because I am confident that they will do their utmost to make sure all programs will not suffer from this cutback. But I do wish that the Board would reconsider its decision."

McCausland added that the timing of the reduction in AD's couldn't be worse.

"It's happening at one of Michigan's most athletically trying times," she said. "With the reconfiguration of the sports seasons, every school will need its own AD to make sure that the alignment is happening to benefit each school. I fear that the district is making

a decision - or has already made the decision - that is not in the best interest of the athletes, the parents, the community or the coaches."

"If they let Terry go, it will be a shame for the district and all the kids whose lives he's touched and those he would have touched," said Kurt Britnell, the head coach of both the Plymouth boys and girls track-and-field teams. "If Terry is gone, what kind of attention are the athletes and coaches going to get at Plymouth?"

"If Terry does lose his job, there very well could be a trickle-down effect and several coaches may leave, too."

Mary Rolfe, the mother of a Plymouth High School student/athlete, is curious why

the P-CEP athletic program is taking such a large hit in light of all the revenue-generating requirements that are currently in place for the district's high school athletes.

"The district requires each athlete to 'pay to play' (\$150 for the first sport each year; \$80 for the second) and most of the sports programs also charge entry fees to parents and spectators to watch them play," she said. "And from the moment each season begins, there's a continuous fund-raiser to raise money for uniforms, coaches' salaries, equipment upgrades, and even field improvements. The parents continue to open their pockets to meet these demands and with all of that effort, the district still threatens to take

away the very thing that keeps things running in an efficient and organized manner.

"The question that most of us have is whether these hundreds of thousands of dollars that are raised each year through the 'pay to play' fees and the gate receipts are being filtered 100 percent back into the athletic programs that generated them in the first place? If they were, we probably wouldn't be worried about how to pay the salaries of the three athletic directors."

All three P-CEP athletic directors were pink-slipped last spring, however, they retained their jobs after agreeing to a significant cut in salary.

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LWCF GRANT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to take comments regarding the submittal of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Massey Field.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City offices at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

Linda Mangmesser
City Clerk

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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.

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Salem runners heading in the right direction

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The numbers are starting to add up nicely for the Salem boys track team.

The only things more encouraging than the number of athletes head coach Kyle Meteyer has to work with this season (98) are the numbers the athletes are posting on the stop watches.

"Judging by the times, heights and distances in our first two meets, we should be a better all-around team this year," said Meteyer. "When we compare last year's marks at the Huron River Relays — our first meet of the year — to this year's marks, we improved significantly in almost every relay and individual event. That speaks to the hard work and practice ethics of the front-runners on our team.

"We may have one of the largest boys track teams in the area, and sometimes there is strength in numbers, especially in the long-term. I hope to find a few diamonds in the rough among the dozens of new faces out this year."

The Rocks boast talent and depth in their distance crew, which is led by returners Craig Cowing, Rob Curtis and Kevin deBear, a junior who qualified for the D1 state meet in cross country this past fall. Curtis has posted a time of 4:49 in the 1,600-meter run, which is just eight seconds faster than the team's best time last year, and Cowing turned in an impressive 10:36 in the 3,200.

Justin Kane and Brandon Goble will pace Salem's middle-distance contingent.

"They're both very enthusiastic runners and since Justin is a junior and Brandon a sophomore, I look forward to seeing them improve for a few more years," said Meteyer.

The Salem field-event unit will be led by Jim Crabill (throws), Mo Saaidi (throws, jumps), Jace Bearden (jumps) and J.P. Truesdell (pole vault).

"Jace has already exceeded his previous best several times this year in the high jump," Meteyer said. "J.P. is the definition of a leader: he's dedicated, knowledgeable and charismatic. I'll miss him after this year."

Senior Adam Kashoro is the captain of the Rocks' sprinters. Stephan Telenko, a junior, should earn significant points in the 200 and 400.

"Adam has been working hard," said Meteyer. "He's showing the younger guys the results of hard work."

Senior Baze Efreimov is the team's top returning hurdler. He will also make major contribu-

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tions in the sprints.

Among the top newcomers are Kevin Cope, Ross Davis, Grant Stone, Scott O'Connor, Mike Marek, Jason Smith and Alex and Eric Volstromer.

"One of our main goals this year — besides continued improvement in all events — is to develop the talents of every kid on our team," said Meteyer.

CANTON

The Chiefs will be looking to match last year's regular-season excellence when they compiled a 6-1 record in the WLAAs Western Division, which was good enough for a share of first place. Coach Bob Richardson's team racked up some serious hardware, placing first in the talent-laden Observerland meet, the City Meet and the Dearborn Elks Relays; second in the WLAA conference meet, third in the D1 Regional get-together; and 30th in the 64-team D1 State Finals.

"We few of our key guys are injured right now, but it's giving some young guys an opportunity to step up and produce," said Richardson. "This team has a lot of talent and it also has a lot of great senior leadership."

Richardson also praised his knowledgeable coaching staff of Matti Kilpelainen, Paul Bedford, Brian Soash, Landon Burkhardt and Bob Colville.

The Chiefs' captains — who were elected at a season-capping picnic last spring — are seniors Ryan Langdon, Steve Paye, Brian Rakovitis and Eric Zech.

Langdon is one of the area's top pole vaulters. Paye is a state-qualifying thrower. Rakovitis shines in the pole vault and relays, and Eric Zech is one of the WLAAs' top middle-distance performers.

Canton's contingent of seniors is big, fast and strong: Nick Moores (sprints, relays, throwing events); Eric Thornton (high jump, long jump); Marcus Sylvester (sprints, relays), Jon Rykalsky (hurdles), Okemdi Opareake (high jump, long jump), Antwuan Hawkins (sprints), Josh Godwin (800 and 1,600), Wardell Fuqua (throwing events) and Andrew Manuel (200, 400 and relays).

Among the group of upper-classmen, Thornton stands out as he placed in the state meet last year and has already cleared 6 feet, 8 inches.

The Chiefs' talented junior class includes Tim Belcher (hurdles), Josh Etim (sprints, field events), Chris McGinnis (pole vault, relays), Adam Somers (long jump, sprints), Derek Hoerman (distance), Eric

Piwowar (sprints) and Dalton Walser (sprints). Sophomores who will provide the Chiefs with tons of depth include Tosin Adedji (long jump, sprints), Kyle Clinton (distance), Josh Hurst (distance), Greg Reed (distance), Duncan Spitz (distance), Scott Zech (middle distance), Sherif Hassinen (hurdles and relays) and Ryan Randall (sprints, relays). Zack Spreitzer (distance) and Keith Zech (middle distance) are the team's top freshmen.

PLYMOUTH

A large void left by the graduation of several key performers from last year's team will be filled admirably by a crop of young, up-and-coming athletes who will attempt to keep the Wildcats at or near the top of the WLAAs Western Division standings.

Plymouth tied Canton for first in the division last year and defeated the Chiefs in a dual meet. The most significant loss from that team was D.J. Coleman, who was a state qualifier in the long jump.

"I have no idea right now how we'll do this year simply because we're so young," said second-year coach Kurt Britnell, who also coaches the Wildcats' girls team. "We have some holes to fill, but we also have some excellent athletes returning like Nate Gholston (hurdles) and Anthony Scaparo (distances)."

Among the top newcomers are freshman Jenarian Caldwell, who is already being clocked near 11 seconds in the 100-meters, and sophomore Malek Rich, another top-flight sprinter.

"I'm excited to see how they'll do this year," said Britnell. "Nate and Anthony have been looking good so far, too."

Pacing the Wildcats' middle-distance crew is junior Kyle Wallath, an outstanding competitor in the 800. He'll get plenty of help from sophomore Ken Lomske (400) and Mike Hanchett (400).

Pole vaulter Ben Ambrose will be a regular points-earner for the Wildcats' field-events contingent. He set a personal-best last week with a vault of 13 feet. The team's top throwers include Sam Richards, Derek Bradford and Gerald Lou.

Possibly the deepest part of the Wildcats' roster is their distance contingent, which will be led by Scaparo, an All-State cross country runner last fall, senior Pat Slavens, sophomore Derek Lax and junior Matt Lewandowski.

"Northville will be strong again and Canton is always good," said Britnell, sizing up the race for the Western Division title.

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TODD HORGER

Role model in blue

Salem varsity baseball player Heath Parling (right) had the undivided attention of several youngsters who attended the Rocks annual baseball camp March 31. Parling and his teammates will open the 2007 season this week when they travel to Cincinnati for a series of games against Ohio high school teams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School wrestling program will be hosting its 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Wrestling Money Auction on Saturday, April 21, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The event will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The \$100 tickets include dinner, an open bar and a chance to win \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000. There will be a live auction, money boards, a 50/50 drawing, raffles and giveaways.

For more information, call (734) 582-6885.

PLYMOUTH

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth- through ninth-graders is set for 1-4 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

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.

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.

SUMMER GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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 reg-

istering, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

IGNITION CAMPS

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

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

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

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit www.detroitignition.com; or call (888) 436-4625.



U-11 Jags prevail

The Novi Jaguars '96 Girls Green squad was the champion of the recent Jefferson Cup soccer tournament in Richmond, Va. The Jaguars, coached by Livonia's Mario Galindo and Canton's Andrea VanWashenova, earned the title with a shootout victory over D'Feeters from Texas. The Jags — ranked second nationally, higher than any other Michigan youth team — advanced to the finals in the U-11 championship division after defeating teams from New Jersey, Georgia and Pennsylvania. Members of the team, listed alphabetically, include: Jade Antolec, Novi; Reema Bzeih, Northville; Caitlyn Cook, Novi; Gabby DeLeon, Novi; Sierra DiMaggio, White Lake; Katie Erdman, Novi; Jenna Kentgen, a guest player from Naperville, Ill.; Jacqui Kozlowski, Novi; Kendall Kramer, Novi; Mary LeAnnais, Ferndale; Kerri McMahon, Novi; Kate Morris, Plymouth; Jordan Newman, Swartz Creek; Julia Palushaj, Northville and Heather Rolls, Fenton.

Miller leads Agape baseball team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEWS

The New York Yankees have A-Rod (All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez).

The Detroit Tigers have I-Rod (All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez).

And the Agape baseball team has J-Rod, 6-foot-4 junior pitcher Jared Miller, who first-year head coach Daniel DeWitt said will lead the Wolverines this season.

"Jared is a well-rounded baseball player," said DeWitt of Miller, who should be in the middle of any success the Wolves taste in 2007. "He's our No. 1 pitcher, our lead-off hitter and — when he's not pitching — our shortstop. He might even catch a little, depending on the situation."

"We'll be looking to Jared for leadership and for his baseball knowledge."

The Wolverines starting pitching staff will be rounded out by junior Brandon Pierson, a polished righthander who will play short when Miller is pitching; juniors Ty Majeski and Daniel Walker; and freshman Ethan Walker.

"Our last three pitchers don't have a lot of experience, but they have a lot of potential," DeWitt noted.

Daniel Walker has earned the starting catcher nod.

"He has a very strong arm," said DeWitt. The starting infield spots will be manned by senior Jack Anleitner (first

base), sophomore Scott Molnar (second), Miller (shortstop) and Ethan Walker (third).

"Jack is probably the closest thing we have to a power hitter," said DeWitt.

The Wolverines' starting outfield will consist of juniors Kevin Reith and Mark Mullett, and Majeski.

Providing depth off the bench will be Justin Thomas (freshman catcher), Matt Sampson (junior utilityman), junior Cameron Loloio (junior outfielder), Donald Mullett (freshman utilityman), and freshman Billy Martin (freshman infielder).

"Our goals are to win the conference and win the District," said DeWitt, who also coaches the Agape boys soccer team in the fall. "The teams to beat in the conference are probably Baptist Park and Franklin Road."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

Optimism rules at Plymouth Christian Academy on the heels of last season's 3-11 campaign.

"We're not real deep pitching-wise, but we should be improved both defensively and with our hitting," said coach Kurt Johnston. "We only have two seniors, but I

think we're capable of doing well in the conference and winning our District."

The one-two punch of senior lefthander Matt Saagman and junior righthander Trevor Zinn will pace the Eagles' pitching corps. Both threw the ball well last season, but were hampered by a lack of run support and shaky defense.

Sophomore Brent Zinn, the younger brother of Trevor, will handle the catching duties behind the plate. He also will see some time on the mound after faring well in a short pitching stint last week.

The Eagles' infield will include senior Devyn Govan (first base), sophomore Kevin Bottorff (second), Trevor Zinn (shortstop) and junior Charles Cane (third base).

"Devyn will be our clean-up hitter," said Johnston. "He had a hit in both of our games last week."

"Trevor is very solid at short. He has a great glove, a very accurate arm and he's a team leader."

Sophomore Justin Govan will start in left, Saagman will play center when he's not pitching, and either Reid Barber or freshman Josh Johnston will play right field.

Providing depth to the Eagles will be Josh Loman, a sophomore utility player, and Alejandro Diaz, an infielder.

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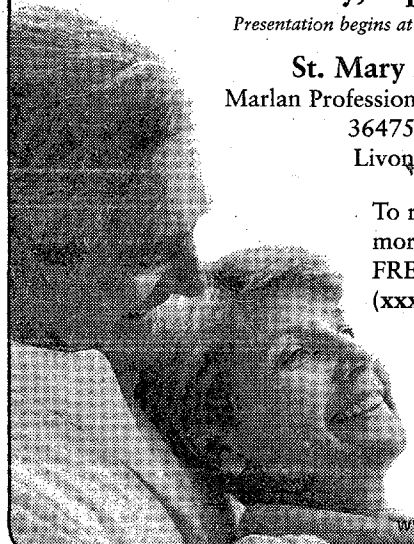


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MU takes pair from Concordia

Canton alum Brittney Scero laced a single to center in the bottom of the ninth Tuesday to lift host Madonna University to a 3-2 victory over Concordia in the nightcap of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill.

Scero's second single of the game scored sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston, who doubled to left to open the inning. Johnston took third on a single by sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson.

Madonna (18-9, 5-1) trailed 2-0 in the top of the first as Concordia junior outfielder and Garden City product Terra Russell homered to left.

Russell collected two of just three hits allowed by Crusaders' starter and winner Liz Ballinger — who pitched all nine innings.

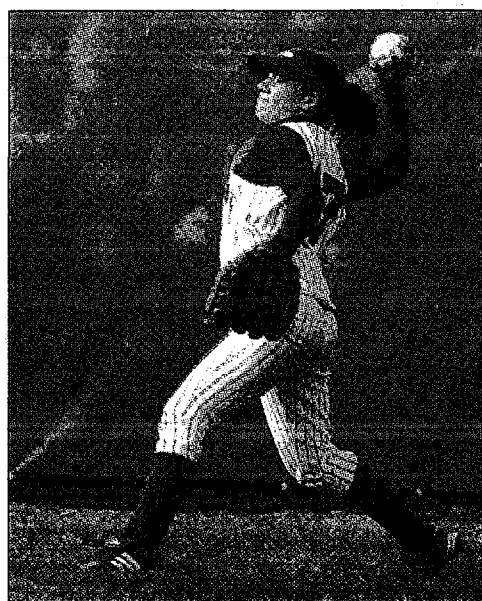
The home team chipped away with runs in the first (on a bases-loaded walk to freshman first baseman and Churchill alum Caitlyn Sidor) and second. Singling in the tying run was junior outfielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton).

Taking the loss was Auna Shaffer, who pitched six innings of relief for Concordia (5-16, 0-6).

In the opener, Madonna built an early 4-0 lead and held on for a 4-3 triumph.

The Crusaders, who only registered three hits, scored two of their runs on a double by sophomore outfielder Heather Godfrey and others on RBI outs by Heather Richardson and sophomore third baseman Ashley Bonsall (Livonia/Franklin).

Senior pitcher Shannon Noder went all the way for the victory, giving up two earned runs.



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Hurrying a throw back to the infield during Tuesday's doubleheader is Madonna junior outfielder and Canton alum Heather Richardson.

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3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch, refinished hardwood thru-out, New paint & window treatments thru-out, finished bsmt, w/wet bar. Extra lg. 3 car w/workbench. Open Houses Sat-Sun. 12-5pm. \$167,000 734-261-4441

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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

It's common knowledge that business owners and managers embark on community service not

simply for altruistic reasons. They know that this type of engagement helps them develop business. The relationship between an employee in a company and community engagement isn't as clearcut.

Many companies view community engagement largely as corporate responsibility, giving back to the community and strengthening ties. Employee development is tertiary, after personal growth. Janice Johnson, corporate relations manager of the UPS Foundation at the \$47.5 billion United Parcel Service (UPS), for example, loves her job. "We spin it (community service) as benefitting you personally as well as the organization," she states. Based in Atlanta, she has global responsibilities and multiple projects. The scale of her work is much greater than the single-activity focus of her own church volunteering.

PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS
The fact that employees benefit professionally is beginning to be recognized in some corporations. Willie Murray, director of Philanthropy at the Raleigh, N.C., Landquest Development,

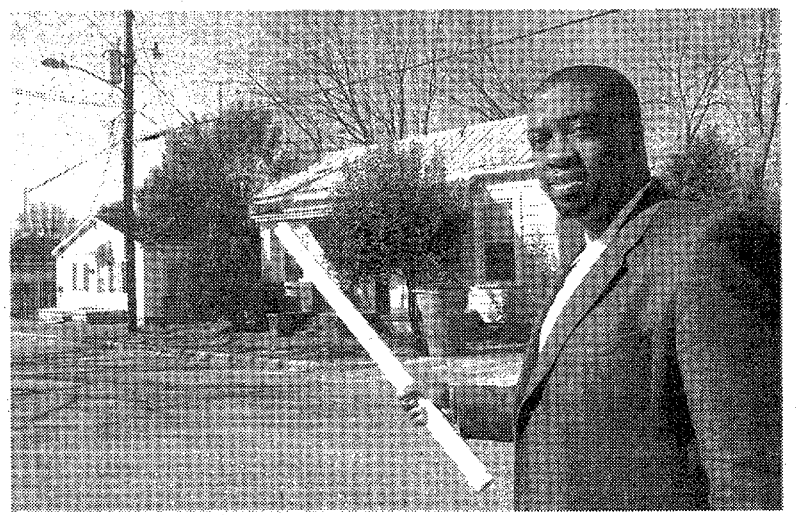
which builds environmentally-friendly communities, was a project administrator for a construction company and previously served as an advisor to students at several colleges in Raleigh-Durham. Both parents were pastors. He and his three siblings "started sharing but didn't know we were practicing philanthropy." The difference for him now is that his construction background, work with college students and church volunteerism "all came together." He oversees multiple charities worldwide and reports to the company president.

"We're in the planning stages for a project in southeast Raleigh," he says, "taking old abandoned houses, remodeling them and building houses for people who live in the area already. We're also opening a job training center so that owners can be self-sufficient and self-sustaining. We're hiring minority contractors. Some of the area is in a historic district; so we have to be really careful about following the laws." Clearly, he's benefitting professionally by hiring the new contractors and working within the guidelines of historic preservation.

Dan Rodriguez, Telecommunications manager at the Atlanta headquarters of the \$213 million Cbeyond, a managed services provider to small businesses and leader in Voice-over-Internet-Protocol, maintains that community involvement brings extensive professional benefit to him and to his team of about 12 employees and interns. Managing

internal telecommunications in seven markets, he says that senior leadership at the company "sees me more as a leader the more I'm active in the community." As his involvement has increased, he's received "higher profile projects" and a salary bump. "By doing community service," he says, "you're learning leadership and teaching it to your team. My employees have put together activities - showing leadership by involving themselves and others. This is one of the benefits a company sees. One group can involve other groups, not just be in a silo. That increases communication among various work groups." He recalls the woman in customer care who, at one event, was dismantling and repairing a computer for the first time in her life. "She left that day with a new appreciation and understanding of some of the daily goings-on in the IT department," he explains.

"For me, personally," he adds, "there are groups I rely on for support and groups that rely on me. When we go off-



Willie Murray of Raleigh, N.C., directs Philanthropy at builder Landquest Development. He's pictured in downtown Raleigh in the area Landquest will be renovating through BuildingBlocks, which is adhering to guidelines established for Historic Preservation.

site to do these activities, we tend to talk a bit more and share more about our family and personal situation. This helps build personal relationships between the folks through more communication and increased familiarity. These relationships have improved my understanding of the roles of other departments in the company. Although cliché, giving back to the community is a win-win. For instance, when we donate equipment the community benefits, the volunteers get a feeling of pride and I get my storage room back!"

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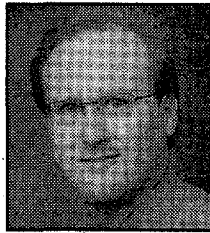
GM S CROSSOVERS ARE DESTINED TO BE HITS

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By Dale Buss



The new GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook are just the right models for General Motors, coming at just the right time: well-designed and -executed crossover utility vehicles that are appearing as consumers are casting about for more fuel-efficient offerings that drive well and still have a lot of cargo space.

In fact, in Acadia and Outlook, GM appears to have filled two big problems with its product lineup all at once. American consumers have been looking for more nimble SUVs with better fuel economy than the behemoths that GM has specialized in peddling over the last several years, and these two new entries fit that bill perfectly. At the same time, Acadia and Outlook go a long way toward meeting the needs of the families with young children whom GM shortchanged by abandoning the minivan market a couple of years ago.

Both Acadia and Outlook are refreshing to behold, to occupy and to drive. Each of them leaves three basic impressions right away, all of them positive. First, they are smartly styled and clear departures from the unremarkable, big-box design scheme that long has predominated at GM for any decent-sized SUV. Second, Acadia and Outlook are more than adequate in terms of their drivability, taking great advantage of the fact that they're built on a new unibody platform known as Lambda instead of on the modified truck bodies that haul around most of GM's other big SUVs.

And third, Acadia and Outlook have great livability factors. They're great on-the-road support systems for as many as eight people and a whole lot of cargo. If GM hadn't achieved that third objective, of course, reaching the other two would have been rather pointless. (By the way, a third vehicle sharing the same basic design, Buick Enclave, is due out soon).

The stance of both vehicles is long and wide,



GMC's new Acadia is appearing just as Americans are looking for crossover utility vehicles. The Outlook is an important new model for expanding Saturn's product lineup.

but the proportions are longer compared with the width than you might be used to from other large SUVs. Short front and rear overhangs, pronounced wheel arches, and lowered cab contribute to Acadia's sporty appearance, as does the ample use of black cladding as a trim element all around the car. The overall appearance of Acadia, however, is a bit compromised by the fact that GMC also has slapped a lot of chrome trim around the body as well.

Outlook is an even niftier design, with the wheel wells flared and a rounded, almost bulbous rear end that blows away any notion of utilitarian Saturn-ness that long has afflicted this brand.

But it's inside where both vehicles really impress. There is plenty of room in the third-row bench seat for three people—including their legs, even if they're adults! That's a huge plus for these vehicles and something you might not assume from looking at them only from the outside. The front-wheel-drive configuration gave GM room to make sure the second and third rows are commodious like that.

The option of captain's-chair seating in the second row means you can only seat seven in either vehicle, but the third row is easier to get to that way. On the other hand, if you want to seat eight, both Acadia and Outlook offer a nifty new feature called Smart Slide that makes third-row access easy: with the flick of a lever, the second-row seat cushion

flips up while the seatback slides forward, widening the path to the third row.

Neither has GM chintzed on the amenities for second- and third-row passengers. Each row has its own climate vents and the second row has controls, and each row has a dome light.

Another nice feature on the Acadia I drove is something you find with increasing frequency on GM vehicles: a full sunroof over the second row. In a vehicle as long as Acadia, this visual access to the great outdoors can make a huge difference to rear passengers on a long drive.

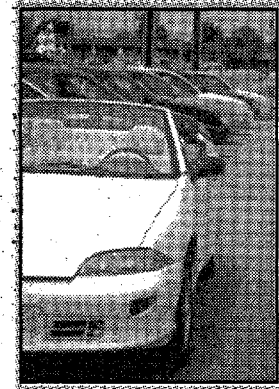
For drivers and front-row passengers, Acadia and Outlook both offer nice options like head's up speedometer readings, a fairly deep and useful closed compartment on the dash, and fold-down headrests on the third-row seats that help the driver see through the rear window clearly.

GM also answered the bell when it comes to handling. Both Acadia and Outlook drive like a car in the best sense of the word, with responsive handling, great cornering, and an overall milieu of control.

The only slight disappointment about both cars was that the 3.6-liter V6 engine that powers both Acadia and Outlook lacked just a bit in pickup. But with EPA mileage ratings of as high as 26 mpg on the highway for both vehicles—and a summer of \$3-a-gallon gasoline prices heading at us—I can live with that.

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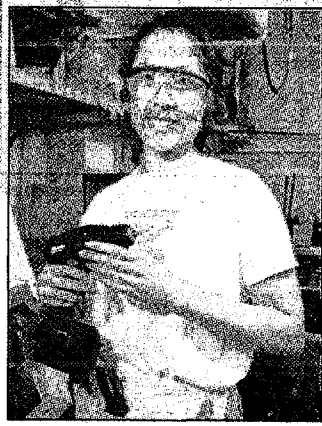
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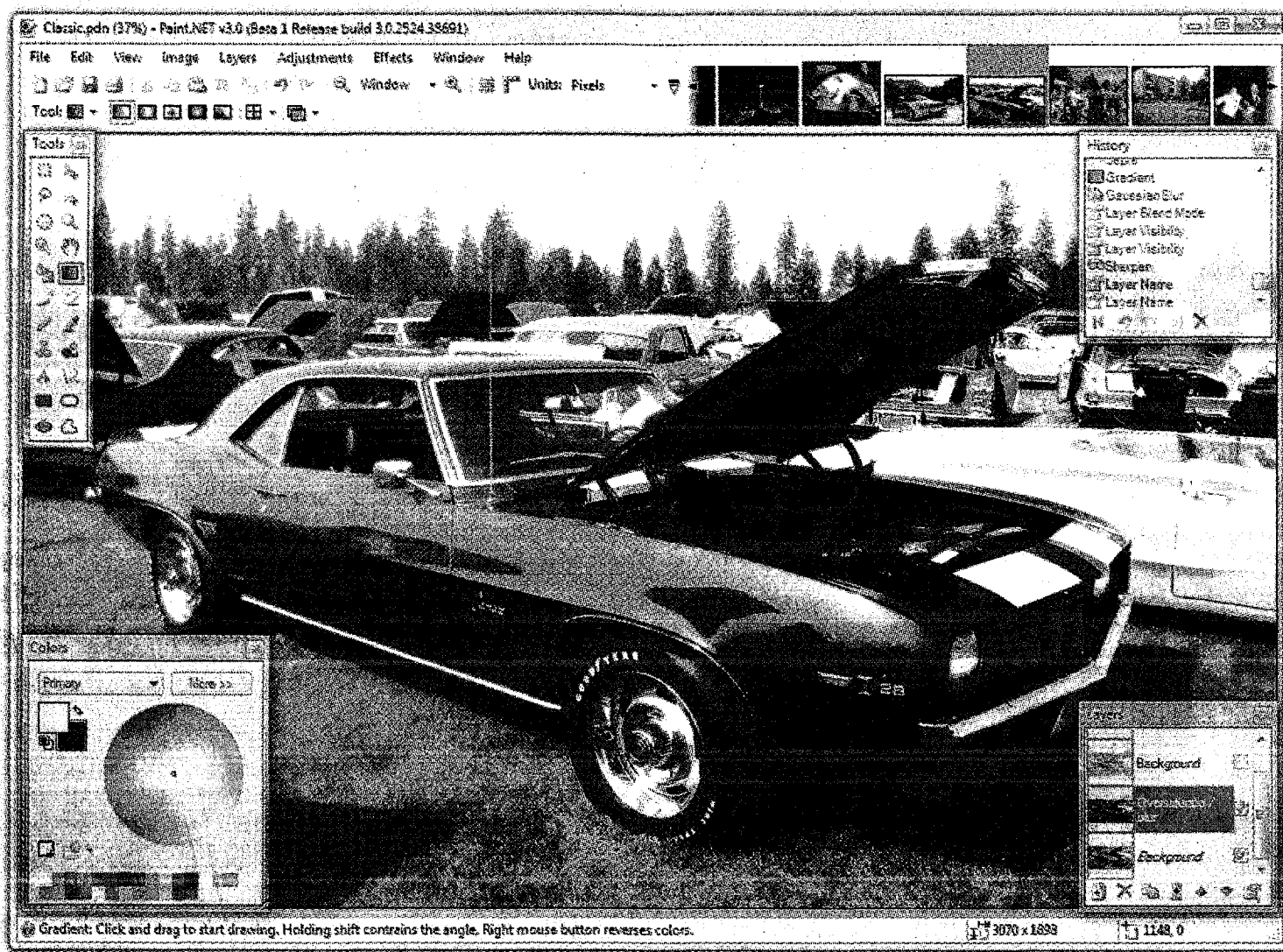
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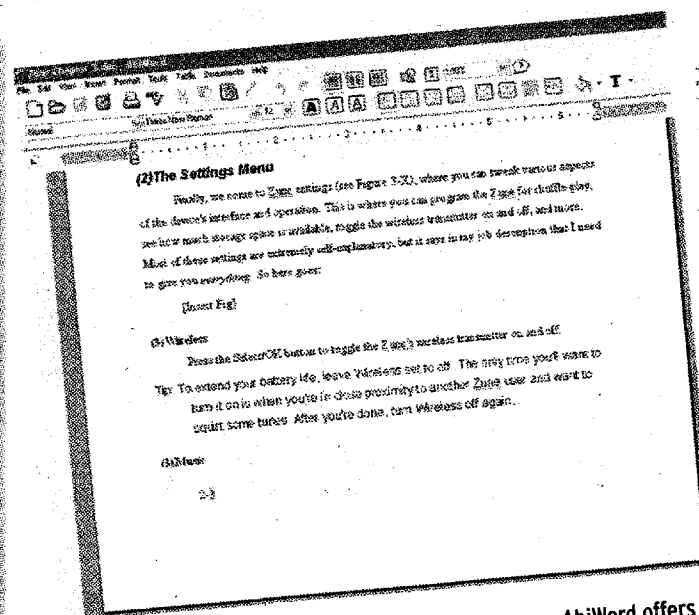
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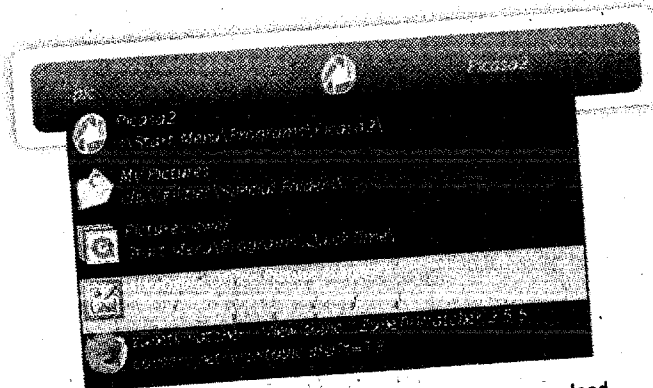
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Imagine that someone invented a better screwdriver, one that enabled you to finish your job in half the time, and decided to give it away free. That's how I feel about the five software applications in this week's column: They help you work faster, smarter or just plain better, and they're all free of charge.

ABIWORD

In the past I've gushed about OpenOffice (openoffice.org), the freeware alternative to Microsoft's pricey Office suite. But that application-packed heavyweight may be overkill for some users. What if all you need is a word processor? Enter AbiWord

(abisource.com), a free program that can easily take the place of Microsoft Word. It offers tables, mail merge, a spell checker and just about every other feature most people need, all wrapped in an attractive, simple interface. The only area where AbiWord comes up short is macros. It doesn't support them, so if you need

them for work, you'll probably want to stick with a commercial word processor. Even so, this fabulous freebie is worth a try. It's available for Windows, Mac and even Linux PCs. LAUNCHY The more programs you have installed on your PC, the harder it

becomes to find the one you want. That's why I've fallen in love with Launchy (launchy.net), a simple application launcher that saves me having to sift through the dozens of programs in my Start menu. It's a text-based launcher, meaning all I do is type the first

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Trans fats and you

Check food labels carefully, ask at restaurants, too

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

A Harvard University study recently indicated that no amount of trans fat is OK, and even consuming a little has a detrimental impact on health. One gram of trans fat increases the risk of heart disease 20 percent if consumed daily, according to the study. And heart disease is a leading killer in both Oakland and Wayne counties. Getting rid of trans fat doesn't have to be difficult in the kitchen or when dining out, but it does take some thinking. Trans fats are created when vegetable oils are processed with the partially hydrogenated method — it's a process to extend the shelf life of foods. Restaurants are now taking initiative to eliminate it. If your favorite one hasn't yet, ask them.

The New York City Board of Health voted to ban trans fats in restaurants. Los Angeles is considering it. In January Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, D-Beverly Hills, proposed a resolution calling on the Oakland County Health Department to ban trans fats, but it appears that she instead wants to create a study group of health professionals to look at the issue and find ways to address it. The issue may be discussed at a commission meeting April 19. In the stores, Keebler cut trans fats out of one of America's most popular cookie — the Oreo. A Washington Post food writer wrote that the newer cookie's taste is the same as the old. Oreos were targeted for change from the San Francisco group "Ban Trans Fats." The group focused specifically on the

popular cookie because, they said, children don't understand which foods to avoid. Hiller's is removing trans fats from its six locations. There, Chef Rick Halberg, the director of culinary services, is revising deli recipes. Hiller's Markets believes that part of its responsibility to the community is to help everyone stay healthy, Halberg said. In the world of pizza — where two slices can contain one gram of trans fat in the dough — things are improving. Jet's Pizza has zero trans fat listed on its labels. Troy schools, for example, and many others, are working to eliminate it from school lunches. To allow the consumer to take responsibility, the Food and Drug Administration now requires trans fat contents listed on all food labels, though the labels can be tricky. Under FDA regulations, if the

product is "cholesterol free" doesn't mean it won't raise bad cholesterol. So watch for cholesterol-affecting ingredients from two sources: animal products and trans or saturated fats. Cooking oils that we use at home usually don't contain trans fats. Use oils like safflower, corn, olive, soy bean, peanut and canola. Many margarines however, do, so check the label. serving contains less than 0.5 grams of trans fat, the content may be listed as zero. Because of that confusion, simplify it by reading the ingredient label. If there's partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, trans fat is included. And some more label news, "fully" hydrogenated oil doesn't contain trans fat. It's the word "partially" to avoid. Also, in the health world, just because a product is "cholesterol free" doesn't mean it won't raise bad cholesterol. So watch for cholesterol-affecting ingredients from two sources: animal products and trans or saturated fats. Cooking oils that we use at home usually don't contain trans fats. Use oils like safflower, corn, olive, soy bean, peanut and canola. Many margarines however, do, so check the label.

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 Ken Abramczyk, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Please send the information by Thursday, April 19.

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Wines from southern Italy are increasing in popularity, not only for their value and quality, but the interest created by the use of ancient varieties.

Wine sales are an obvious barometer of success, but when producers in Campania, Apulia and Calabria are building new facilities and enlarging the old, purchasing state-of-the-art equipment and aging wines in new French oak barrels, it's obvious that these producers have found ultimate success.

Focus on Wine
Ray and Eleanor Heald

MASTROBERARDINO

In Campania, Antonio Mastroberardino has been dubbed the "archaeologist" of the vine by British writer Hugh Johnson. Of all the producers in southern Italy, Mastroberardino demonstrates the passion for propagating ancient vines. He also uses modern technology to preserve the fundamental nature and characteristics of ancient wines.

In recognition of the role he's played in protection and

revival of historical vines, the "Soprintendenza Archeologica di Pompeii" has entrusted Mastroberardino with the management of vineyard sites in the ancient city of Pompeii.

As a result, in 1996, experimental plantings of the grape varieties piedrosso and sciacinoso were made at Pompeii. Five small vineyards, averaging one-half acre each, were planted in the same dimensions as evidenced by the fossilized foot print of ancient vineyard posts. Next to the vineyard are buried ancient amphoras believed to have been used to ferment grapes into wine.

President Piero Mastroberardino, recalling an earlier time, said, "My father realized that the future of wine in Campania rested with ancient varieties. After World War II, local experts were promoting sangiovese and trebbiano as the key to the future in southern Italy, but my father approached local growers and convinced them to plant historical varieties such as aglianico, greco, fiano, falanghina and piedrosso.

"At that time, market for the wines of southern Italy was as low as it could go; it couldn't get much worse. My father argued that Campania should not try to be like every other Italian wine region, but should promote unique, locally historic varieties in an effort to

make wines characteristic of a place."

Today, the three flagship wines of Mastroberardino are Taurasi "Radici" made from aglianico, Greco di Tufo from the greco grape and Fiano d'Avellino made from the ancient fiano. It's interesting to note that 80 percent of Mastroberardino wines are white rather than red. However, fish and seafood of all sorts are harvested from the seas that surround the Italian peninsula and grace the tables of most restaurants along the coast.

MASTROBERARDINO WHITE WINES

2005 Falanghina (fah-lahn-GEE-nah) \$19 introduces a fresh, fruity aroma highlighted by white flowers. Citrus and pineapple flavors easily complement simply grilled swordfish.

2005 Radici Fiano de Avellino \$25 greets with aromas of citrus and minerals followed by flavors of pear and citrus with a crisp lingering impression — great for fresh oysters, fish and seafood.

2005 NovaSerra Greco di Tufo \$24 boasts aromas of white peach and flavors of ripe pear highlighted by crisp acidity and elegant structure — an ideal accompaniment to creamy pasta, grilled white meats, seafood and vegetables.

WINE PICKS

Although many Italian producers are increasingly focused on indigenous varieties, in the U.S., that parallels with Zinfandel. The following are the best from our recent tasting.

EXCELLENT

2004 Dashe Dry Creek Valley \$22
2004 Mazzocco Cuneo Saini Vineyard Dry Creek Valley \$24

2004 Dry Creek Vineyard Old Vine, Sonoma County \$25
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2005 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley \$30
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2004 Kenwood Reserve \$20
2004 Rodney Strong Knotty Vines \$20
2004 Lake Sonoma Saini Farms \$22
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2004 Mazzocco Home Ranch Dry Creek Valley \$27

2004 Montevina Terra d'Oro Home Vineyard \$30
2005 Dutton Goldfield Morelli Lane Vineyard Zinfandel \$40

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2005 Sebastiani Sonoma County \$15
2005 Dry Creek Vineyard Sonoma County Heritage \$16
2005 Artein \$18

2004 Clos LaChance Central Buff-Bellied \$18

MICHIGAN WINE OF THE WEEK

April is Michigan Wine Month and if recent surveys are correct, you're looking for a different taste. Chateau Fontaine 2005 Woodland White, Leelanau Peninsula, \$14 fits the bill. This bright, attractive wine with white-fleshed fruit aromas and flavors is 100 percent auxerrois blanc (oh-zher-WAH blahn), a white grape with French origins in the Alsace region. This Michigan version is a real charmer.

It's available at Joe's Produce in Livonia, Merchant's Fine Wine in Dearborn, Randazzo's in Rochester Hills and Vince & Joe's in Southfield.

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

Vesuvio Coda di Volpe \$19 is a lovely wine with notes of banana, pineapple and white peach. Fine fruit flavors include a mild mineral component that enhances seafood pasta and grilled fish.

MASTROBERARDINO RED WINES

2005 Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Piedrosso \$22 has cherry, plum, raspberry and strawberry aromas that are

mirrored on the palate. Hints of pepper and plush tannins are evident and make this a great wine to accompany meat-based pasta.

2001 Radici Taurasi \$41 is 100 percent Aglianico (ah-ly-AH-nee-koh) that spent one year in large ovals followed by an additional year in small oak barrels and 18 months in bottle before release. Violets, dark cherries, tar and earthy elements introduce a full,

powerful wine with great structure and fine, but obvious tannins. Optimal drinking eight-10 years from vintage.

Eleanor and Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

BROIDA

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few letters of the program I want. For example, to launch Google Picasa, I merely type "pic" and then press Enter.

Launchy also serves up Web favorites. To head straight to Lifehacker.com, for instance, I type "lif." It even indexes files, so you can load, say, Word documents or iTunes music

with just a few keystrokes.

If this sounds familiar, it's because Microsoft added similar functionality to Windows Vista's Start menu.

Using Launchy may seem a bit unusual at first, but trust me when I say you'll grow to love it.

PAINT.NET

Why spend big bucks on Adobe Photoshop, the gold standard for image-editing programs, when you can get

Paint.NET (getpaint.net) for free?

The software puts a wealth of artistic tools at your fingertips, allowing you to create new images from scratch, add special effects to existing images, modify and repair digital photos, and plenty more.

It even supports layers, a decidedly high-end feature that affords incredible control over how you edit and enhance your images.

It's a must-have addition to your software arsenal.

WIPEER

If you've ever wanted an

easy way to share files between one or more notebook PCs, WiPeer (wipeer.com) is for you.

This simple program leverages the Wi-Fi radios built into most modern notebooks to create direct wireless connections between machines.

You don't need a router, a network, nor even the Internet. It's like linking two PCs with a cable, minus the cable.

In addition to file sharing, WiPeer lets you chat and even play games with other users of the program. It's available for Windows; a Mac version is in

the works.

WORDWEB

WordWeb (wordweb.info/free), my new favorite program, provides definitions and synonyms with one click of your mouse.

This dictionary/thesaurus can look up words in almost any program. Just press the Ctrl key and right-click a word: Up pops WordWeb (and fast, too).

It can also find sets of related words and leverage your Internet connection to pull info from Wikipedia, Wiktionary and other sources.

It'll even pronounce words for you.

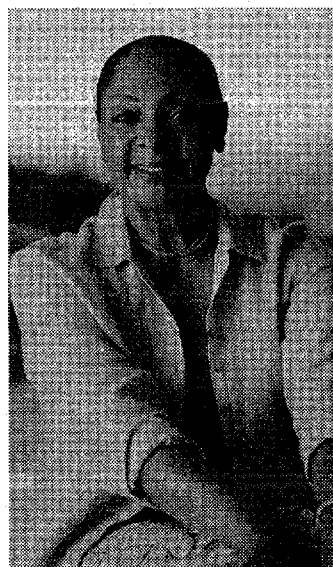
This is an impossibly handy tool, far superior to the dictionary and thesaurus built into, say, Microsoft Word. WordWeb works with all versions of Windows. It's free for personal use.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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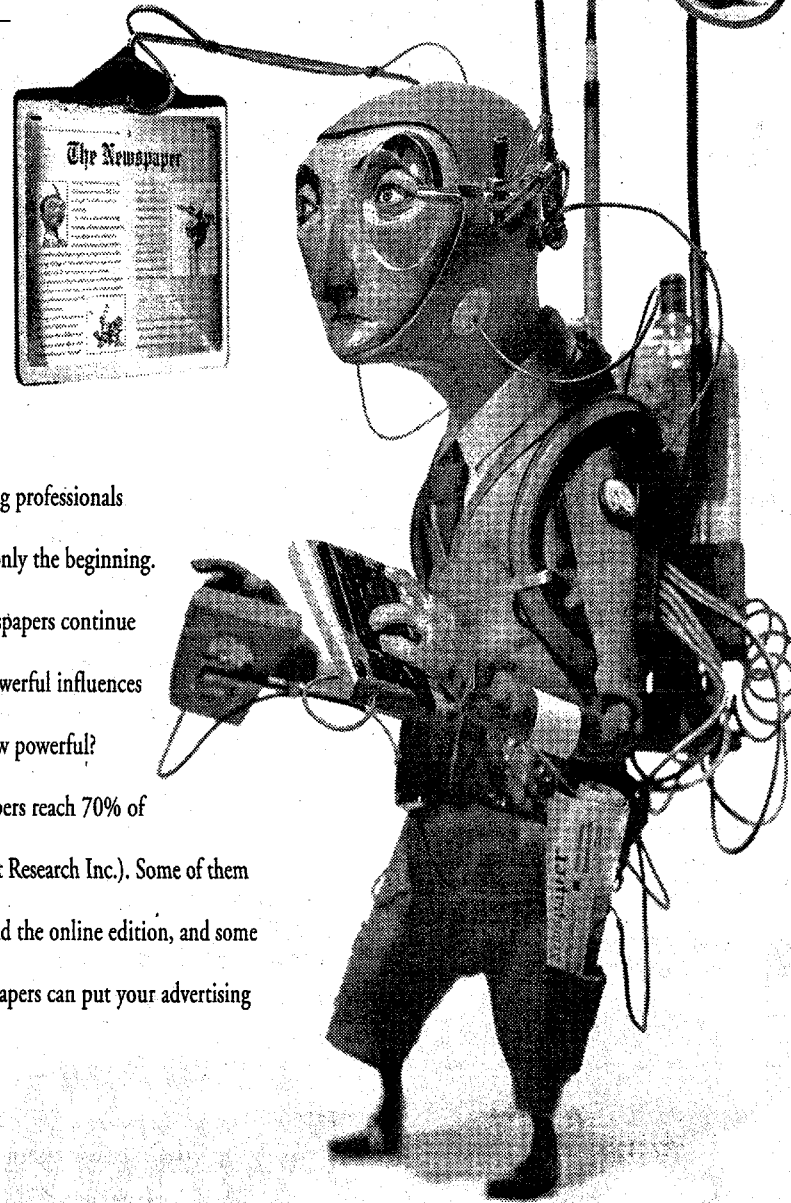
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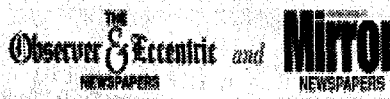
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Remember Arts & Crafts simplicity

Jeanne from Bloomfield Hills writes: "I love the Stickley style of furniture and the Frank Lloyd Wright style of architecture and design. I have a few pieces of furniture that reflect this style, but I'm at the point of needing to do some updating in my home and I'm not sure where to turn to select the right colors and styles to complement what I've already started. Where do I begin?"

The design and architecture style you mention is collectively known as the Arts & Crafts Movement.

This movement began around 1860 and lasted until 1920 as a reaction to the heavy ornamentation of the Victorian period.

William Morris is recognized as the father of this style and introduced it to reject the elaborate, machine-made products of the Industrial Revolution. He wanted to showcase simple forms, solid materials and fine craftsmanship.

Other designers and architects were to follow in this school of thought.

They include Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Art Nouveau designer; Frank Lloyd Wright, the founding architect of the Prairie style; Charles Eastlake and Gustav Stickley - who was a furniture maker and architect, gave a voice to the American Arts & Crafts movement through his periodical *The Craftsman*, and is recognized with the Mission Style of design.

Arts & Crafts style has never completely gone out of fashion and, in fact, has seen a resurgence of popularity over the last several years. You can see this style in all price ranges of furniture.

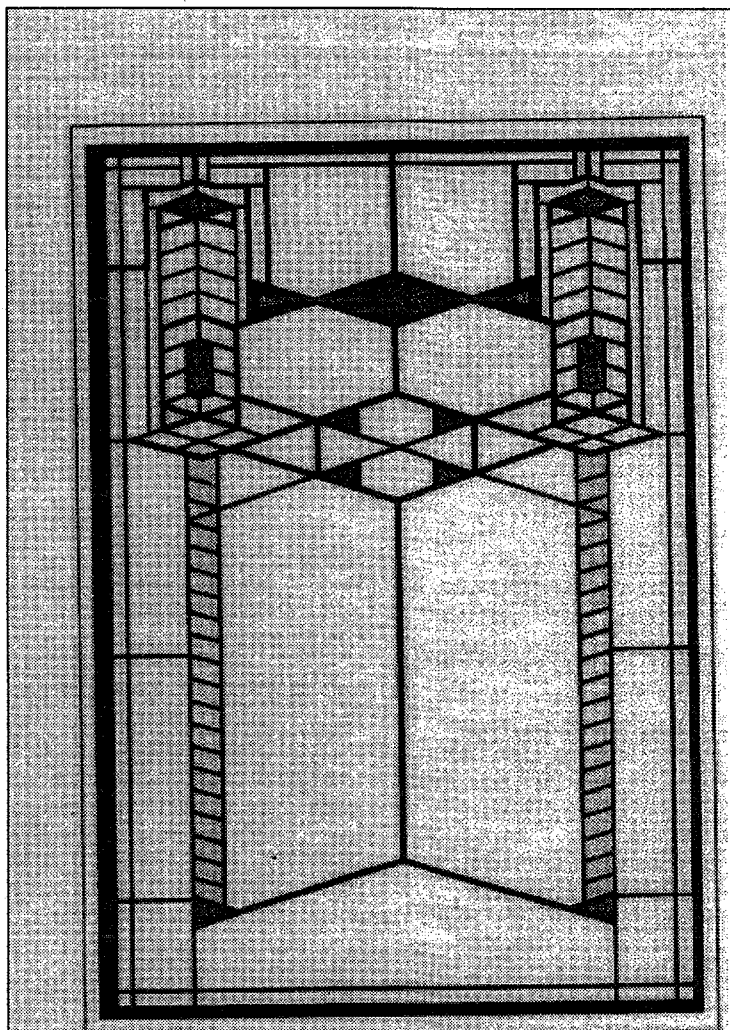
Gorman's Furniture is now carrying the Stickley line, and you may want to check this out on the www.Stickley.com Web site.

Many of the big name paint companies have collections of interior and exterior colors for the Arts & Crafts era, too.

Before you buy anything or begin painting, you should begin your search on the Internet and at the library. There is so much information out there. Become more familiar with this style and the colors associated with it.

ELEMENTS

For example, the colors



This art glass window design by Frank Lloyd Wright was used in his 1910 Robie House in Chicago.

associated with the Arts & Crafts movement were created in protest against the chemical dyes used during the Industrial Revolution.

William Morris originally used natural dyes and pigments. These are the Earth-inspired, warm tones of nature, such as, russet brown, mossy green, terra-cotta, sea blue, indigo and beige.

The furniture was typically made of American oak or maple and showcased the quality craftsmanship with straight lines, exposed joints and little ornamentation. The wood was stained, not painted.

Flooring materials, again, showcased nature. Wood floors are very typical, along with stone or other natural materials.

Beautiful area rugs can be placed over the floors to anchor seating arrangements. Avoid fussy rugs and instead use uncomplicated Navajo designs or choose a rug with simple, muted colors to showcase the other design elements of the room.

Hagopian World of Rugs in Novi has many rugs that are inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement or that will complement this style.

The Arts & Crafts movement used stained glass as a way to embrace light and openness.

Tiffany style lamps are appropriate, as well as many of the Frank Lloyd Wright glass designs for which he is famous.

You can view the Wright glass designs at the library, at the book store or on the Internet. Your next trip to Chicago should include a visit to the Robie House and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio in Oak Park.

MIXING

Many people appreciate Arts & Crafts in their home, but

don't want their entire home to reflect this style and wonder about mixing other styles with it.

This can be successfully accomplished by remembering this movement is clean and simple and embraces nature.

Keep your rooms very streamlined and your accessories simple. No unnecessary trimmings or fussiness. Navajo designs work very well with the Arts & Crafts style.

Another style that mixes well with Arts & Crafts is Asian. Frank Lloyd Wright spent some time in Japan and fell in love with its simplicity and purity of design. He incorporated some of this style into his creations, too.

To take this one step further, I encourage you to read some of the books written by architect Sarah Susanka, such as *The Not So Big House*, *Home By Design* and *Creating the Not So Big House*.

She has taken many of the philosophies from the Arts & Crafts movement and incorporated them into modern American design. Her books are a treasure and should be read cover to cover to fully appreciate her philosophy.

Some other resources for you are www.wikipedia.org, www.behr.com and www.sherwin-williams.com. Search the Internet; you will be amazed at the quantity of information out there on this subject.

If you are still unsure as to where to proceed with your project, you may need to call in an interior designer to help you with your selections and to pull everything together.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

Filling your freezer cuts energy costs

Terri writes: "Please help me settle a family dispute regarding refrigerators."

"We own a house in Florida with two other families. My brother-in-law has convinced others that in order to keep the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in good working order and prolong the life of the appliance, you need to fill large bottles with water and

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

keep them in the freezer.

"He says the bottles will occupy air space in the freezer and will minimize the amount of energy used to keep other things frozen."

"I say the freezer will run more often to keep the water in the bottles frozen, thus using more energy. Please comment on this and help resolve this issue."

Well, Terri, I know what it is to have a brother-in-law who is a know-it-all.

I took mine fishing five years ago up into the far reaches of northern Canada, where he proceeded to tell me how to fish. I left him 28 miles up the Ivanhoe River with a fishing pole, an ax and a book of matches. Haven't

heard from him since.

Please don't treat your relative this way because he is absolutely correct. Let me explain his theory in a way that is easily understood.

During a refrigerator's self-defrost cycle, a heater comes on and melts the snow that accumulates on the evaporator coil. You can't see this snow or evaporator because a panel covers them.

The snow turns to water and runs down a drain system into the drain pan located underneath the refrigerator near the compressor.

During this defrost cycle, which occurs every eight hours or so, the heater introduces a ton of heat into the freezer section, as much as 70 to 90 degrees.

This great amount of heat will go directly to the food items in the freezer and can even affect the quality of those food products. (Heat goes to cold.)

You should always have your freezer section filled with a 3/4 food load. This helps to combat the heat load and reduces the run time of the compressor, thus reducing energy costs.

I have told consumers for years, "If you can't afford to fill the freezer with food, fill some empty plastic milk jugs with water, leaving room for expansion, and store them in the freezer section." I hope this helps

straighten out the family dispute.

The bigger problem causing increased energy consumption is the condenser coil located underneath the refrigerator.

A dirty condenser will cause you to spend from \$5 to \$10 more per month on your utility bill.

Service technicians perform many thousands of service calls where the only thing wrong with the refrigerator is that it has a plugged-up condenser coil.

Dirt, dust, and cat and dog hair will accumulate rather quickly on the coil, which should be cleaned every three to four months.

Refrigerator condenser brushes are available at most appliance stores and hardware locations, and the whole job can take just minutes to complete.

Keep in mind that a dirty condenser will cause your compressor to overheat and can cause you to spend more than \$600 for repairs. 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.

HOME CALENDAR

Remodeling 101

Anyone remodeling or redecorating their space is welcome to attend Remodeling 101, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy.

In addition to an open house, visitors may browse the showrooms at MDC, listen to a variety of lectures by local design experts, and take part in a complimentary design consultation.

Tickets cost \$40 per person, or \$60 per couple, and include one copy of the book *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*, which showcases Michigan's finest designers and their most exciting projects.

Register in advance, by visiting michigandesign.com or calling (248) 649-

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Spring design seminar

Design expert Ray Foley will share tips and ideas for easily updating a home for spring at free seminars at some Art Van Furniture stores.

Guests will have an opportunity to view new spring collections, including merchandise for outdoor entertaining, and ask questions. Refreshments will be served, and guests will receive a gift.

All seminars will begin at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199.

Dates and locations include Monday, April 16, at 14055 Hall in Shelby Township; Tuesday, April 24, at 22555 Greenfield in Southfield; and Thursday, April 26, at 27775 Novi Road in Novi.

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Local 'tomboy' helps women with home repair

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK

Melissa Laing doesn't wait for her husband to complete her 'honey-do' list anymore. Instead, she grabs a set of Tomboy Tools and does it herself.

"There are things that I see that need to be fixed, and he doesn't have time," Laing explains. "When I've fixed them, he doesn't even notice but I'm happy because they're done, and there's a huge amount of satisfaction in doing it myself."

As a consultant for Tomboy Tools, the Plymouth resident is on a mission to empower other women to grab a toolbelt and get to work.

Tomboy Tools makes and markets tools ergonomically designed for women. In addition to being lightweight and sized for smaller hands, many have special features which make them easier to use. Hammers are equipped with nail setters to prevent thumb injuries. Tape measures are labeled with fractions to 1/8 of an inch. Paint rollers are splatter-proof.

Tomboy Tools also emphasizes education. The tools are sold through home-based parties, where everyone gets involved. Hostesses select a project — from drywall to faucet maintenance — and Laing brings a tool box and prop boards to demonstrate step-by-step.

"You get your girlfriends together and pick a project. I go into your home and teach the basics. I don't just do a show-and-tell demo, it's hands-on," Laing says. "Everyone gets a chance to do the project."

Tomboy Tools workshops last up to two hours, and range from installing trim moulding to toilet repair.

Faux tiling is a popular choice, and a mosaic tile workshop Laing recently led was a hit.

Laing, a former secretary, is a stay-at-home mom to son Brennan, 22 months. She says she had never wielded a wrench in her life when she signed on to sell Tomboy Tools. Just a little over a year ago, she saw a short segment about the company on HGTV. She logged onto the Tomboy Tools website and saw there was only one representative in Michigan.

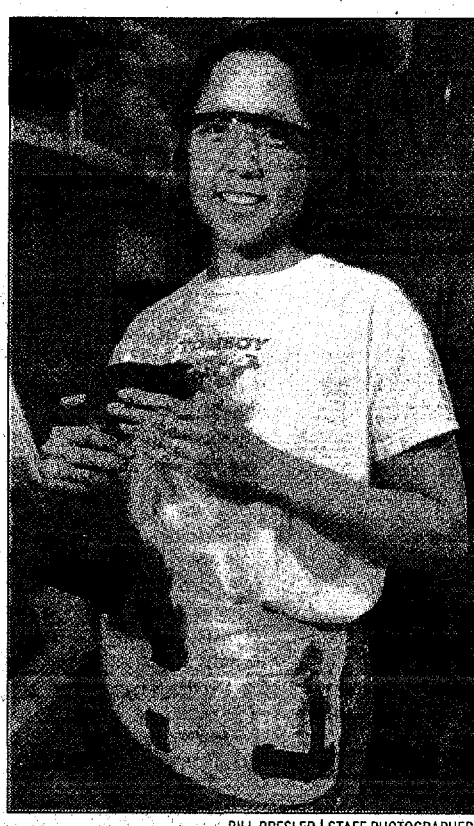
"I thought, this is a ground level business. Maybe I should start doing it," she says.

Laing ordered the training kit, watched a set of DVDs and started on her way to building success.

Now, she has a team of representatives under her who also sell Tomboy Tools.

Laing admits home repair can be daunting, and that's why Tomboy Tools stresses education.

Many clients feel more comfortable learning home repair and remodeling skills from other women in a private setting.



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Melissa Laing of Plymouth is a consultant for Tomboy Tools.

"What makes our concept work so well is when you're in a home environment people aren't afraid to ask those silly questions like they would if they signed up at a

major home improvement store where the classes are full of men," Laing says.

Tomboy Tools is taking off, Laing says, because more and more women are responsible for maintaining property.

According to the National Association of Realtors, single women made up 22 percent of all home buyers in 2006, up from 14 percent in 1995.

"The homeowners are a mix of younger women starting out in their careers, and due to higher divorce rates, women who are stuck with houses that their husbands traditionally did the maintenance on," Laing says. "We also have a percentage of widows whose husbands did the upkeep on the home. They never took out a hammer or screw."

These homeowners are faced with hiring expensive help, or stepping up to the ladder themselves.

But it isn't just single women who find fulfillment in knowing how to operate a power drill or lay kitchen tile.

Laing's husband Richard might be handy with a hammer, but Laing doesn't leave tasks solely up to him.

"I'm in a new home, but there are so many things you can do once you look at it and deconstruct it. It's easy once you have the right tools," Laing says. "My personal challenge is documenting the work of redoing a half bath all by myself. We'll see if my husband trusts me enough."

For more information, visit www.tomboytools.com or contact Melissa Laing at michiganatomboy@comcast.net.

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Novi Home & Garden Show

Tomboy Tools is among more than 500 exhibitors set to take part in the Spring Home & Garden Show, April 13-15 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Stop by for expert advice, demonstrations, tours of designer homes and gardens, a chance to win a 'Backyard Makeover,' and a petting zoo for kids. Admission is \$6-\$7. Visit www.novihomeshow.com or call (248) 862-1019.

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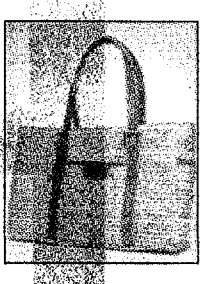
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Charlotte Jewelry Relocates

Charlotte, the fine European jeweler that opened in downtown Royal Oak in Sept., 2003, relocated to downtown Birmingham on April 3. To celebrate, Charlotte will host a ribbon cutting ceremony, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19, and grand opening galas April 20 and 21, at the new location, 128 S. Old Woodward. Refreshments will be served. Call (248) 593-4300.

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Macy's Bridal Salon at Somerset will host a Toni Federici Bridal Accessories Trunk Show April 13-15. Federici specializes in custom veils, unique crystal and pearl headpieces and jewelry. A representative from Toni Federici will assist with selections. Call (248) 816-4270.

Pamper the Bride Expo

Eloquets Enterprise Event Planning will host its first "Pamper the Bride & Beyond" Bridal Expo noon-6 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at Pi Banquet Hall, 28447 Franklin Road, Southfield. The event will feature interactive

workshops, live music, exhibitors,

appetizers, champagne, pamper services and a fashion showcase of bridal trends. Call (248) 747-3482 or visit www.ewedding.com/sites/pamperthebride.

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How Hormones Affect Weight Loss

Learn how hormones control your food cravings, body temperature and weight at this free program presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C., N.D., 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 at Women's Health Boutique, 31211 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Call (734) 425-8588.

fun

Bocce for Bucks III

The Visiting Nurse Association will host Bocce for Bucks III, 2-6 p.m. April 22 at Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. The afternoon features indoor bocce ball, instruction from World Cup Bocce players, an Italian buffet, silent auction and more. No experience necessary, all ages welcome. Call (248) 967-8324 or visit www.vna.org.

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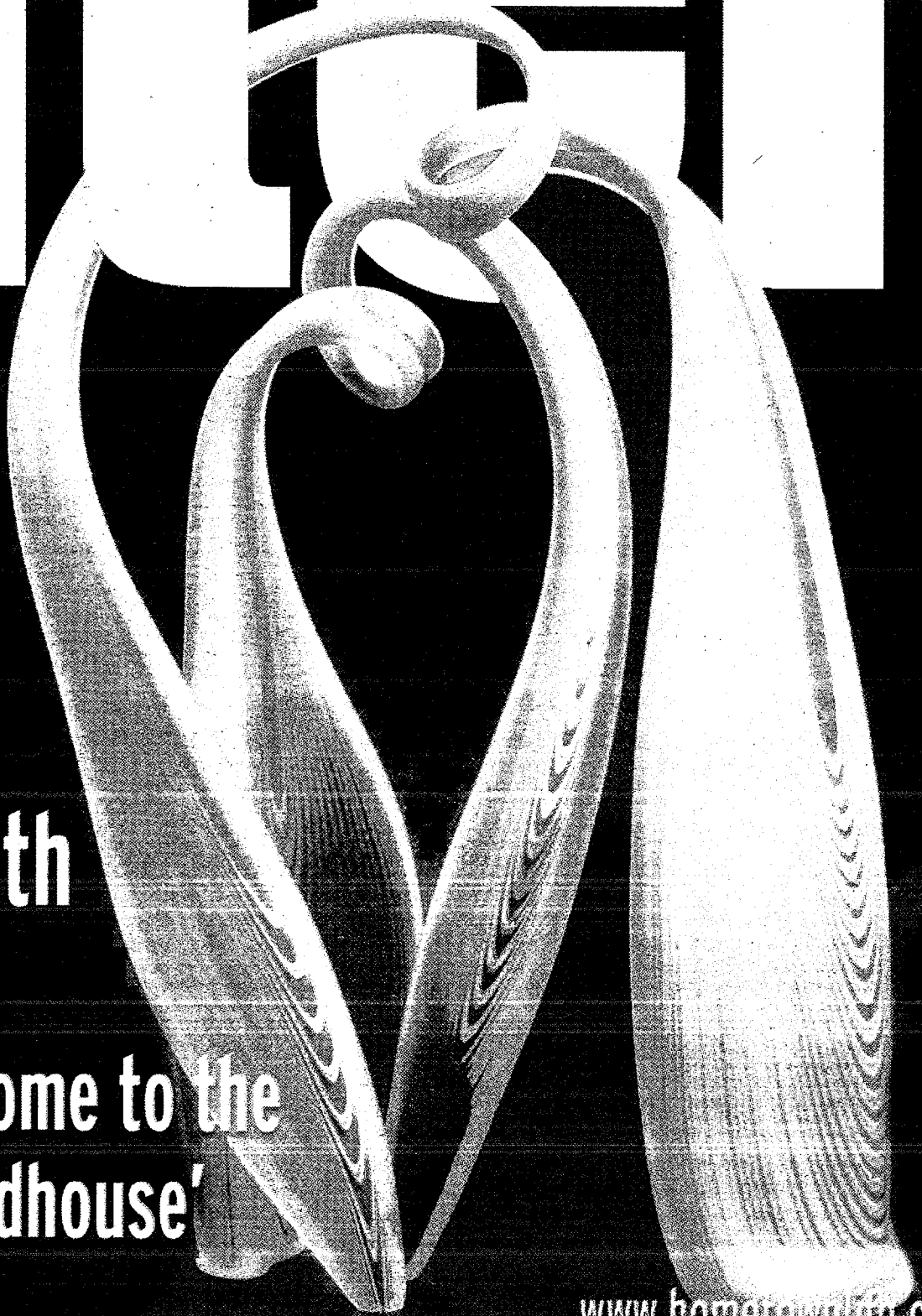
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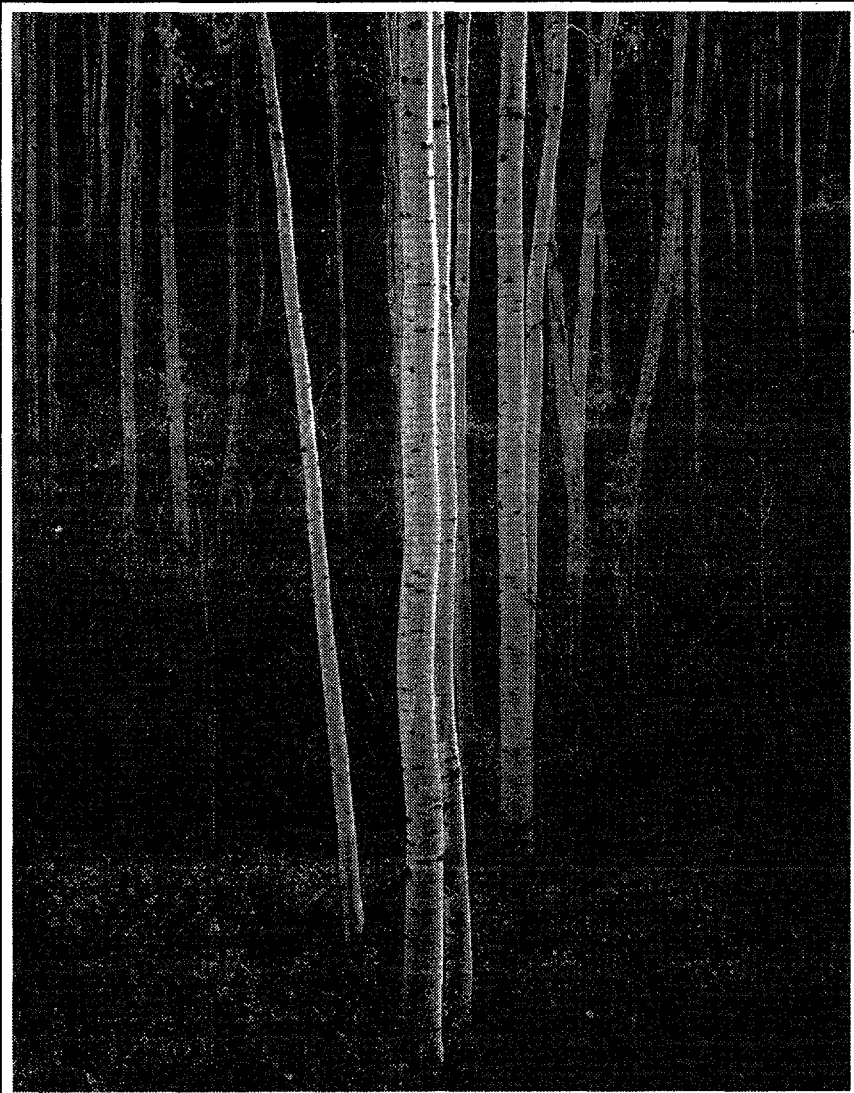
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The newest addition to the Detroit Science Center focuses on math, science and engineering. It is sponsored by U.S. Steel.

Get scientific at the Fun Factory

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Science Center opened the doors to its newest permanent collection, the U.S. Steel Fun Factory Tuesday, in hopes of introducing the manufacturing industry to area youngsters.

The collection includes 39 touchy-feely, wonder-inspiring exhibits divided into three areas: Strong as Steel; Engineers at Work; and Production Processes. It's bound to draw attention for its sheer size and colorful scope. But its purpose is quite serious:

"The state of Michigan grew and prospered around the great factories of the automotive industry and manufacturing remains a vital part of the state's economy," said Kevin Prihod, president of the Detroit Science Center. "The U.S. Steel Fun Factory will help to keep alive that great legacy by igniting a passion for manufacturing and inspiring our young visitors to pursue careers in engineering."

Visitors enter the U.S. Steel Fun Factory through a fiery tunnel and are greeted by a map of the exhibit. Once inside, cubes of compacted steel guide visitors to an informative area where they can see how steel is made, melted from iron ore, and rolled out into flat slabs. Video of the steel-making process is played above a conveyor belt.

Around the corner is a chance to operate a chain hoist — the type that will lift and lower a heavy car engine, and a vacuum lifter. Look up to see an assembly line, complete with a car door moving along the track.

U.S. STEEL FUN FACTORY

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R. St., at Warren Avenue in Detroit's University Cultural Center.

Tickets: Admission ranges from \$2 to \$16.95 depending on the combination of entrance to permanent exhibits, IMAX movies and the planetarium.

More information: Call (313) 577-8400.

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The moment James Chapman, a welder and mechanic for U.S. Steel, walked through the tunnel and felt the heat, it reminded him of walking into the factory.

"I'm very proud and honored to be part of this," he said.

Co-worker Floyd Morsica, a Livonia resident, noted that area high schools are not teaching hands-on work in shop classes like they once did, which makes the U.S. Steel Fun Factory an important learning tool.

Fred Jauss, general manager of U.S. Steel, Great Lakes Works, said by 2010 there will be a skilled labor shortage of 8 million people. "Complicating this trend is the fact that young people are looking away from manufacturing for satisfying careers," he said.

Jauss called the Science Center's new collection an "investment in our company's future but also an investment in our children, our state and our nation."

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Diana Ross



John Legend

Catch these concerts while you can

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

It's official. The summer concert season is starting early in metro Detroit. This weekend ushers in a slew of must-see shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills, Detroit's Fox Theatre and Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre.

While the following rundown doesn't encompass all that the metro area venues have to offer, these are a few of the shows people will be talking about — this month and for years to come:

JOHN LEGEND

He's proven himself to be no ordinary performer. John Legend wasted little time on his way to stardom. The multi-Grammy winning recording artist made a name for himself with the 2004 release of *Get Lifted*. The single *Ordinary People* captured widespread attention, including the ear of Oprah Winfrey. She invited him to perform the song at her own Legend's Ball.

His sophomore effort, *Once Again*, was released late last year. Legend has collaborated with artists like Jay-Z and Common, and was among the first artists signed to Kanye West's label, G.O.O.D. Music. He will perform live this weekend, with opener Corinne Bailey Rae.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$35-\$75, call (248) 645-6666.



DIANA ROSS

Motown royalty returns next week as Diana Ross prepares to take the stage at the Palace of Auburn Hills. From her heady beginning with The Supremes to her breakout solo music career in the '70s and '80s, to her acting turn on Broadway and on the silver screen, Ross is so much more than a star. She's an icon.

Audiences began their love affair with Diana as she sang early hits with The Supremes, including *Stop! In the Name of Love* and *Where Did Our Love Go*. She returns the favor now with her latest record, aptly titled, *I Love You*.

When: 7 p.m. Monday, April 16.

Where: Palace Of Auburn Hills, 4 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills.

Tickets: \$35-\$75, call (248) 645-6666.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS

Since her first studio record, a blues and country covers album titled *Ramblin'* released in 1979, Lucinda Williams has managed to creatively wander the line between folk rock and country music — to much acclaim. Her latest release, and eighth album, *West*, marks that passage of time with a

meandering nod to life's tragedies. From her mother's death to a relationship breaking apart, the songwriter never flinches at reality.

She's toured with Bob Dylan and collaborated with Ryan Adams. Tom Petty and Mary Chapin Carpenter have respectively covered her songs. There exists a universal link in her songs, one that defies description for this Grammy award winner. Lucinda Williams performs this weekend with opener Carrie Rodriguez.

When: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

Where: Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

Tickets: \$35, call (248) 645-6666.

IGGY & THE STOOGES

Hailing proudly from Ann Arbor, Iggy Pop and The Stooges revolutionized avant punk rock in the late 1960s. From Pop's primitive — sometimes peanut buttery — stage antics to the seminal release of the band's second record, *Funhouse*, in 1970, the band remained an unpredictable lot. Drug use dismantled The Stooges early on in their first incarnation. Though there have been a few false-starts, Pop began working to reunite the band in 2003, while working on his solo record, *Skull Ring*.

The Stooges' most recent effort is their first release in 33 years. *The*

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The Police



Billy Joel

'Grindhouse' basks in b-movie glory

★★★★★ (out of five stars)

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
FILM CRITIC

Rose McGowan is having a bad day. She quit her job as a go-go dancer, lost her leg after getting hit by a tank and is surrounded by a town full of flesh-eating zombies. She's got to stand tall – on one leg and one machine gun – to survive. Call her Cherry Darling.

McGowan stars opposite Freddy Rodriguez (*Six Feet Under*) in *Planet Terror*, the first half of the thrilling '70s-inspired double feature *Grindhouse*, now in theaters.

Directors Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*) and Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill I and II*) joined forces to create the movie-going spectacle. Clocking in at just over three hours, the double-feature includes four tongue-in-cheek, over-the-top pseudo movie trailers directed by horror heavyweights like Eli Roth (*Cabin*

Film

Fever) and Rob Zombie (*The Devil's Rejects*).

Beginning with a cloaked knife-wielding vigilante in *Machete* to the *Halloween*-inspired spoof *Thanksgiving*, in which Roth claims: "You can go home again, in a body bag," the coming attractions play on the campy element of horror flicks made in the '70s and '80s. And they're a laugh-inducing complement to the films they surround.

Grindhouse is named for the urban, run-down movie palaces and drive-ins that, in the 1960s and 1970s, showed b-movies, exploitation films and slasher flicks – all oozing with gore, violence and sex. Capitalizing on shock value, a few prints traveled around the country – getting scratched and losing reels along the way. Both movies pay homage to the tradition.

Tarantino's *Death Proof* is equal parts horror, car chase and revenge flick. Storywise, this second half of the *Grindhouse* is superior to the first. With all of its familiar throw-back qualities, the story is very modern – com-

plete with text messages. It's set in Austin, Texas.

In his most linear film to date, Tarantino introduces viewers to Stuntman Mike (Kurt Russell), a man who uses his muscle car as a weapon. But is the scarred villain any match for Abernathy, Kim and Zoe – out for a joyride in a borrowed white Dodge Charger?

Elements of classic terror are all there – a group of girls plan to spend the weekend at a lake-house alone. A mysterious car seems to be following them. An innocent blonde is stranded and accepts a ride from a stranger.

But then Tarantino's story spins right around. Instead of picking off female characters one-by-one until a single, virtuous heroine is left standing, "the girls" relentlessly seek revenge. He also leaves plenty of room for off-beat cult film and music references making it all so unmistakably Tarantino.

In a way *Grindhouse* re-writes b-movie history. This time, sexy female characters don't cringe in fear. They stand up and fight back – earning audience cheers all the way.

In *Planet Terror*, Rodriguez



Cherry Darling (Rose McGowan) is a sure-shot in *Planet Terror*, part of 'Grindhouse.'

nails that vintage horror style, and injects plenty of humor into his gruesome, claustrophobic zombie scenes. His vibrant characters – whether it's the proud proprietor of the "best barbecue in Texas" or a syringe-slinging anesthesiologist – leave their mark.

Black Eyed Peas fans should keep an eye out for Stacey "Fergie" Ferguson's woman-in-distress cameo. And Josh Brolin is absolutely sinister as a jealous husband and doctor who's infected with the rampant disease.

But Freddy Rodriguez and Rose McGowan shine brightest as undaunted heroes Wray and Cherry. This gore-fest is accented by campy close-ups, scenes where the entire screen is awash in red, "lost reels," and film that

looks so scratchy it might as well have been run through a meat grinder.

The films are loosely and cleverly tied together by common characters, like Marley Shelton as Dr. Dakota Block, and by simple props. Between the movies a commercial for Acuna Bros. fast food appears. Later, a character in *Death Proof* is seen holding a cup with that label. Some *Grindhouse* talent pull double-duty – McGowan appears in both films and Roth directs one trailer and acts in *Death Proof*.

Grindhouse is more than the sum of its shocking, high-energy parts. It's truly worth seeing in a theater. Don't miss it.

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Weirdness was produced by Steve Albini and released late last year. The band was unquestionably the hottest ticket in March at Austin's South By Southwest Music Festival. See them now with opener Powertrane.

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 13.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$35-\$59.50, call (248) 645-6666.

BILLY JOEL

Billy Joel may be the perfect example of an artist who has endured after decades in American pop music. He's never lived down his nickname as the Piano Man, borrowed from the title of his first hit song in 1973. This multi-Grammy winner has a storied history. But it was with the 1977 release of *The Stranger* that he truly dominated Billboard charts. Songs like *Just the Way You Are* and *Only the Good Die Young* took the album to No. 2 on the Billboard charts and solidified Joel's place in pop music history. In the early 1980's he became a bonafide star and married supermodel Christie Brinkley. She was the inspiration behind songs like *Uptown Girl*, on the album *An Innocent Man*. By 2002 a Broadway Musical titled *Movin' Out* showcased 24 of Joel's songs in a whole new way. Hear the legend live at his piano for yourself.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, May 4.

Where: Palace Of Auburn Hills, 4 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills.

Tickets: \$49.50-\$85, call (248) 645-6666.

THE POLICE

Recently reunited and ready to rock, The Police spent more than two decades apart. The band formed as a trio in 1977 with Sting on vocals, Andy Summers on guitar and Stewart Copeland on drums. The Police signed to A&M records on the merits of songs like *Roxanne*, which appeared on *Outlandos D'Amour*. The band's reggae-tinged pop rock reinvented music at the time. The Police earned multiple Grammy awards in the 1980s. Albums like *Ghost in the Machine* (1981) and *Synchronicity* (1983) topped the charts — thanks to enduring hits like *Every Little Thing She Does is Magic* and *Every Breath You Take*. To celebrate the band's contributions to pop music, and mark its 30th anniversary, The Police reunited to open the 49th Annual Grammy Awards in February and followed with a highly anticipated tour. See them this summer with opener Fiction Plane.

When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

Where: The Palace Of Auburn Hills, 4 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills.

Tickets: \$52.50-\$227.50, call (248) 645-6666.

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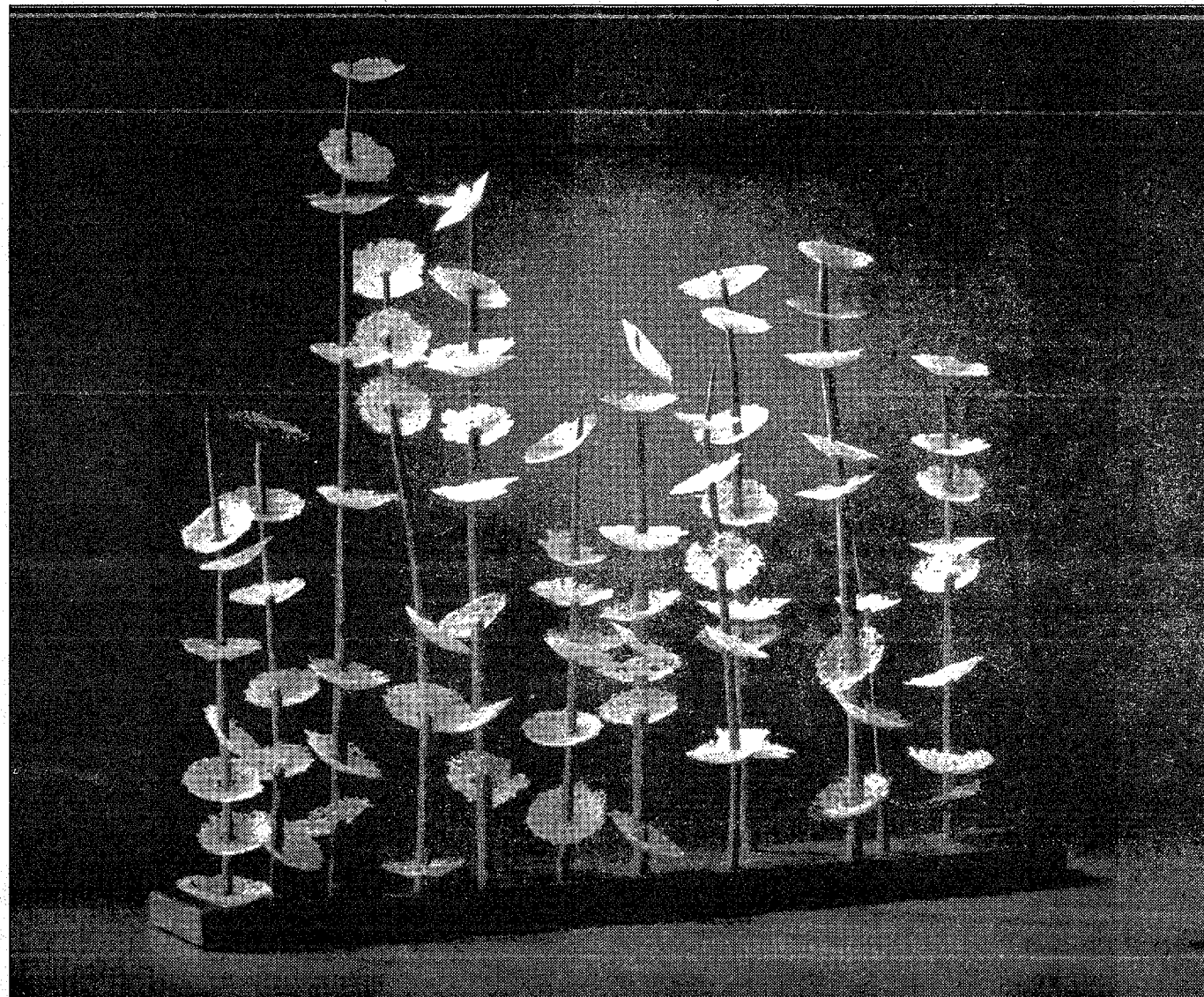
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Katrina Ruby's *Winter Night* is made of fabricated steel. See her work during Michigan Glass Month.

PRISM CONTEMPORARY GLASS

Classy and glassy

Artists create fragile beauty

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Glass art is fascinating. Talk about variations on a theme. Glass can be blown, fused, or slumped.

For the artists who tackle this skilled and technical craft, it is a magical art form and all about expression, said Maureen Nolan, owner of Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

"It's a flowing art form," Nolan said. "People love the glitter and the shine of it. It's like diamonds, it's liquid and it's captivating. They love to watch it being formed. They get addicted to it."

Nolan's gallery is among several in the Detroit area hosting events throughout April to promote glass artists during Michigan Glass Month. The month was

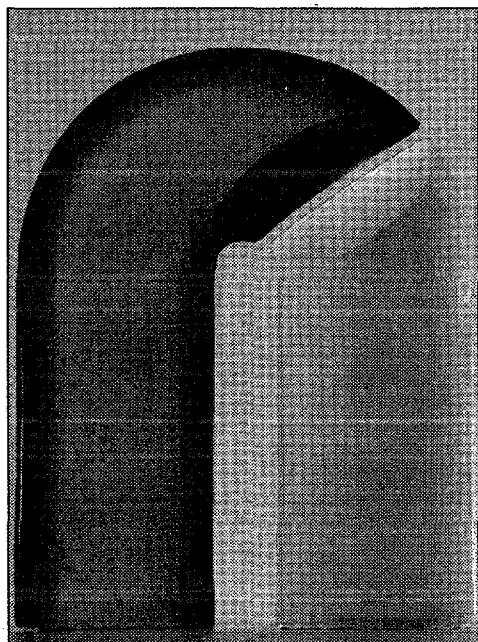
established to educate and promote public awareness of the varied kinds of glasses, their use in industry, in the home, and in art, and to focus on Michigan artists who are using glass as their chosen material for artistic expression.

Other galleries will celebrate the month with either demonstrations or exhibits:

■ Michigan Hot Glass, 604 Clay Ave. in Detroit in Russell Industrial Center, hosts demonstrations on April 20.

■ Artisans will be demonstrating glass-blowing technique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 14 at Greenfield Village's opening day. Jeff Mack, master glassblower at Greenfield Village, has studied with glass artists in the United States and Italy. Recently his work was accepted into the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington D.C.

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PRISM CONTEMPORARY GLASS

JB Wood's *Green Touch* is a cast glass work.

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Glass demos and exhibits highlighted

Several galleries and other locations are recognizing glass artists and their works during Michigan Glass Month. Here is a list of activities. Call these locations for hours.

ANN ARBOR

New Works in Glass, through April 30, view exciting new works in glass from a variety of Michigan artists; on April 22, tour the exhibition galleries, stop by the gallery shop and create a stained glass project with your child. Join local artist Barbara Yerace from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day for a lampworking demonstration, Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, (734) 994-8004, www.annarborartcenter.org.

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Glass at the BBAC-Gallery Shop, through April 30. Featuring Bruce Boatman, George Bochnig, Timothy Cory, Christine and Jim Freeburn, Chris Nordin, Kristin Perkins, Michelle Plucinsky, Bill Poceta, Kathleen Porter, Mark Suduth and April Wagner. DVD presentation of *Masters of Glass* - Dale Chihuly and Lino Tagliapietra, 7 p.m. April 19, \$5 suggested donation, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, (248) 644-0866, www.bbartcenter.org.

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PRISM @ PF: Full Spectrum, April 18-22, preview dates April 19-20, group exhibition, featuring new works from PRISM. A full spectrum of artists and works from across North America, with a special feature on Michigan artists Andrew Wu, John Wood and Katrina Ruby. PRISM Contemporary Glass @ PF Galleries, 213 E. 14 Mile Road, (312) 243-4885, www.priscontemporary.com.

DEARBORN

Collecting Glass: The Early Years at University of Michigan-Dearborn, through May 2, early works by pioneers in the Contemporary Studio Glass Movement; Dale Chihuly, Dominic Labino, Salvador Dali, Harvey Littleton, Herb Babcock and more from the University's permanent collection, The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, (313) 593-3592, www.umd.umich.edu.

Greenfield Village's Liberty Craftworks Glass Shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 14, village artisans perform extreme feats of technical glassblowing as they replicate the famous Guggenheim Cup, an intricate goblet that has stumped glassblowers for centuries and continues to stand as a benchmark of craftsmanship and expertise in the industry, free with admission or membership. Visitors can also create their own South Jersey flower with the help of the glass blowing team for a small fee. The Henry Ford/Greenfield Village Glass Shop, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., for tickets and information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org.

First annual *Motor City Blow Off*, April 28, 15 of Michigan's hottest glass artists demonstrate glass-blowing, lampworking, stained glass and neon, live during this family-friendly event, all-day pass \$10, students \$5, light refreshments, Furnace Design Studio/Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, (313) 561-4527, www.glassacademy.com.

Finished Works of Motor City Blow Off, all works for sale, in one unique gallery setting, noon to 5 p.m. May 5, free, opening reception, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 28, Furnace Design Studio/Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, (313) 561-4527, www.glassacademy.com.

DETROIT

Hot Reveals 2 exhibit through April 21, an exhibit of work by College for Creative Studies students Anna Bregin, Daniele Fratarcangeli, Robin Hages, David Helm, Stephen Jacklyn, Taylor Kurlle, Robert Madvin, Andrea Oleniczak, Adam Thomas, Jessica Tokman and Elizabeth Torrance; also Hot Glass Bonanza, 1-5 p.m. April 15, demos by students and faculty in the CCS glass shop, College for Creative Studies, Yamasaki

PLEASE SEE EXHIBITS, E12

Particle brings its energetic funk rock to the Magic Stick

Particle made a name for itself playing late night shows and high-profile festivals from Lollapalooza to Bonnaroo.

At these festivals, they may take the stage as late as 3 a.m. and play their electronic-infused rock for up to five hours.

Live

That kind of energy creates a lot of hype. Particle is coming to the Magic Stick, probably for a much shorter set, on Saturday, April 14, with Boombox.

Both bands are rock-funk-improv electro music. For Particle, a new album will be released later this year.

The Los Angeles-based members are Eric Gould, Steve Molitz, and Darren Pujalet.

The band forged its signature sound at events like the Austin City Limits Festival, Coachella, and New Orleans Jazzfest.

In 2004, Particle released its debut album *Launchpad*, which The Associated



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRYSTAL ROBISON

Particle comes to the Magic Stick on Saturday, April 14.

Press named among the year's Top 10.

Shortly thereafter, Particle formed a percussive-driven electronic side project with Grateful Dead percussionist Mickey Hart called Hydra and created an entire new repertoire. A sonic shift happened, allowing the band to add new directions to its already diverse style.

With the recent addition of Ben Combe on guitar and vocals, the band released a DVD and live CD featuring special guests

Joe Satriani, Robbie Krieger, Blackalicious, and DJ Logic.

They also recorded a song for the *Scarface: The World Is Yours* video game entitled *American Dream*.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Eighteen and over only. Tickets are \$15 at www.ticketmaster.com or visit www.majestictdetroit.com/stick.

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FACTORY

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Keith Cooley, director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, agreed.

"It starts with this, opening minds and feeding the imagination."

Inside, the 2,800-square-foot exhibit is coated in primary colors. Visitors will meet Kako, a robot with a sense of humor who interacts with a video screen. They'll learn about statistics and safety. A car crash simulator shows what happens when a car is struck in the front, the side, or when it rolls over.

Kathleen Straus, a member of the Detroit Science Center's Board of Trustees and a Bloomfield Hills resident, said she found the exhibit "very educational." She noted that it was a good way of introducing manufacturing jobs, and of highlighting the importance of math and science.

"With the new (Michigan) curriculum, this will help a lot," she said. Straus, who is also State Board of Education president, envisions elementary and especially middle school students will gain a lot from the exhibit.

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Olga's kitchen

Restaurant continues to be a favorite even after 37 years

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Olga Loizon opened her first restaurant, Olga's Souvlaki, in downtown Birmingham in 1970. By 1976 it was purchased by current company president and CEO Michael Jordan (not of NBA fame) and Olga's Kitchen, Inc., was launched. Now, through a joint venture between Olga's Kitchen, Inc. and TEAM Schostak, expansion of Olga's is ongoing.

The menu at its 30 restaurants features the Original Olga (broiled, seasoned beef and lamb topped with onions, tomatoes and Olgasauce wrapped in warm Olga bread) plus a variety of options ranging from salmon to turkey to roasted veggie pesto wrapped in warm made-to-order Olga Bread.

Olga's Snackers (appetizers), a line of main course salads, including Olga Salad, homemade soups, white bean chicken chili, hand-made

Olga's Spinach Pie, Olga's Fries and desserts can be accompanied by an Orange Cream Cooler, Olga's signature beverage.

Olga's Kitchens are located in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. In Michigan, last year, Olga's opened locations in Allen Park, East Grand Rapids, Bloomfield Township and St. Clair Shores. In February 2007, the 128-seat Auburn Hills location became the newest.

DOING WELL

It's no secret that several area restaurants have closed. The economy has been blamed. Yet, Olga's is subject to the same economic realities and it's expanding. The question begs, why? "Our continued success is built around a fresh, made-to-order menu, great service and loyal guests," Jordan said. "Many of Olga's 1,400 employees have been with Olga's for more than five years, some for more than 20 and 25 years,



Olga's Kitchen, located at the Northeast corner of Squirrel and Walton roads in Rochester Hills, serves The Original Olga, a sandwich of seasoned beef and lamb, with Olga's Dipping Fries, The Olga Salad, and an Orange Cream Cooler.

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making the company's retainment record well above the restaurant industry average."

SPECIAL FEATURES

Olga's in Auburn Hills features a contemporary setting with free Internet wireless service (WiFi) and like all locations now, a smoke-free environment. A Suncoast Smoothies counter is featured in the lobby alongside the location's carry-out service area.

Suncoast Smoothies, offered in Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and a few other locations, can be individually blended with power booster options in fresh fruit flavors such as Super Berry, Strawberry, Banana Blast and Three Berry Tango. For diners trying to shed a few pounds, JUST ABOUT fat-free selections and LoCarb Olga Bread are available.

A creative kids' menu including four surprise meals, Kids' Olga Sandwich or several other sandwich options, desserts and kid-size beverages can be ordered as traditional, fat free or low carb.

COUPONS

Looking to save money eating out? Several times throughout the year, Olga's distributes Coupon Cards but you can get them online at www.olgaskitchen.com. Every Monday is Double Coupon day as

OLGA'S

Area locations: 2580 N. Squirrel Rd. in Auburn Square (northeast corner of Walton and Squirrel Roads), Auburn Hills (248) 276-8620; 138 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 647-2760; 2075 S. Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Township (248) 451-0500; 37612 Six Mile Rd. (Laurel Park Place), Livonia (734) 464-1400; 452 Briarwood (Briarwood Mall), Ann Arbor (734) 994-0939.

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well as Tuesday through Thursday after 4 p.m. Special coupon days upcoming are: Secretaries Day-Wednesday, April 25; May Day's Savings-Every Wednesday in May; Mother's Day-Sunday, May 13; and Memorial Day-Monday, May 28.

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Wine bar sets Fleming's apart

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

With nearly every top-tier steak house chain located in the metro-Detroit area, it's important to differentiate one from the other.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar does this in its two-part name. Steaks are prime beef, yet other steak houses serve the same grade. It's the Wine Bar with its progressive wine list that sets Fleming's apart. In these times when wine has outstripped other beverages of choice, that's the point of differentiation.

Fleming's signature 100-wines-by-the-glass program is truly an integral part of the dining experience. "Nobody else does it," said Curtis Nordeen, operating partner of the newly-opened Fleming's in Birmingham.

"For other restaurants, 20 wines by the glass is the norm and two-ounce pours, in a holder like our wine vine, are not available."

The list of 100, arranged from light-bodied to fullest intensity is not at all intimidating. Sixty percent of the

featured wines are hot brands a wine aficionado recognizes. "It's all about accessibility and a comfort zone," Nordeen adds.

The balance of less-recognized brands is made diner-accessible via the wine vine, a three-glass holder twisted like a vine branch for two-ounce pours. It is priced at one-third of the by-the-glass price. The principle - if you don't know it, try it - makes selection simple.

Attached to the "vine" is a card naming the wine choices.

They are served top to bottom of the "vine" from lightest-bodied to fullest. This reminder is a helpful way to keep track of tastes.

Fleming's Reserve wine list, served only by the bottle, spans the international wine scene with a host of stellar, icon and legendary selections.

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ART EXHIBITS

Art-is-in-Market

Featuring abstract watercolor expressionist David McIntosh, this artist-in-residence exhibition runs April 13-25, Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 432-9177.

Cranbrook Art Museum

The 2007 Graduate Degree Exhibition runs April 22 - May 11, at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

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.

Detroit Public Library

70th annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition, exhibit runs through May 5, 5201 Woodward, across the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts, 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. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.org.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu

ART GALLERIES

Arnold Klein

32782 Woodward (two blocks south of 14 Mile), Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

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, through May 31, Domino's Farms Office Park, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, (734) 930-7514, www.ave-mariaart.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.

Charles Waterhouse Studio and Gallery
The Village of Auburn Hills, 3342 Auburn, (248) 853-6779, www.waterhouse.com

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Livonia artist Topher Crowder's Playing God, opens April 14 and runs through May 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901

Cranbrook Art Museum

Wired Magazine Speaker Series features Architecture for Humanity's Cameron Sinclair 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Alice Frank's multimedia solo exhibition runs through April 28, 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

Lotus Art Gallery

Thomas Arvid, painter of American Realism, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail (at Harvey), in Plymouth, (888) 889-4ART or (734) 453-5400.

Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Oakland University Art Gallery

Tergloba, exploring globalization's different aspects; exhibit runs through April 15, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

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.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, April 23-June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; also Rochester K-12 Art Show, April 23-May 12, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

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Ann Mikolowski, Works on paper, through April 21, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paukotula.com, (248) 544-3020.

Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

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.-noon April 14, Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

The Print Gallery

29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www.MonaLisaMania.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. For more information (248) 651-4110.

Sherrus Gallery

109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery

Moments and Movements II: New Drawings and Paintings from Chun Hui Pak, 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.

Synergy Gallery

4111 W. 12 Mile, Berkley.

University Art Gallery

Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs through April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

Collecting Glass: The Early Years at UM- Dearborn, studio art glass collection, through May 11, public reception 5-7:30 p.m. April 20, Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, (313) 593-3592.

West Bloomfield Township Library

Michigan Water Color Society Slide Show, entries in the 2007 MWCS Exhibition, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 14, 4600 Walnut Lake Rd. (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.

AUDITIONS

Detroit Metropolitan Youth Ensemble

Detroit Boys Choir, boys between 8 and 12 (regardless of religious affiliation, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 12, \$15, Jacob Bernard Pincus Music Education Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, www.dmye.org, (313) 850-2316 for information.

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 Dr., Dearborn, 7 p.m. April 25; 8101 Movie Dr., Brighton, 1 p.m. May 12.

CLASSICAL

Cameron-Scott International Gallery

Spring concert series, Fabulous Sundays at 4, 167 Townsend, Birmingham, reserve seat at (248) 626-4625.

Measha Brueggengosman

The Canadian soprano, supported by William Bolcom on piano performs 8 p.m. April 12, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, \$10-\$50, or visit 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 Andrés 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 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the 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

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

Musical Magic, May 11, all at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.,

Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Ravi Shankar, 8 p.m. April 21; Andre Watts, 3 p.m. April 22, all at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

Eastern Michigan University

Alexander Recital Hall (corner of Lowell and East Circle Drive, www.emich.edu/musicdance

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber

Orchestra

Bach's B minor Mass, Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort in downtown Detroit (corner of Fort and Third), \$15 for general admission; group rates and patron seating also are available, (313) 961-4533, www.fortstreet.org

Oakland University

Chamber Ensembles, 7 p.m. April 15, Varner Recital Hall, free, (248) 370-2030, oakland.edu/mtd for information.

Oakland University

Applied music instructor Lori Newman presents faculty recital, 8 p.m. April 18, Varner Recital Hall, (248) 370-2030, oakland.edu/mtd for information.

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Chopin's Complete Solo Works, 7:30 p.m. April 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.html

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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Sultry saxman Marion Meadows, 8 p.m. May 11, \$30, 2739 Russell, Detroit, tickets at ticketmaster.com or bertsentertainment.com.

The Buzz Bar

Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under A Buzz P-Funk Jam Session and John Arnold's Brokefunk DJ set, April 12; The Strange, April 13; DROID Detroit, April 14; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis, April 15; Open Mic, April 16; The RJ Spangler Trio, April 17; Bricktown Station, April 18, at 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800.

Club Bart

Ugly Radio Rebellion performs the music of Frank Zappa, April 15; Krakatoa & Murder Mystery, April 17, at 22726 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 548-8746.

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Friday night dance party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; 10 p.m. Saturday, DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Edison's

220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Fishbone's

400 Monroe, Detroit (313) 965-4600.

GSM360

The Finals, 6 p.m. April 22, at the club 14217 9 Mile, Warren, tickets \$7 advance, \$8 at the door, all ages.

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 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.

The Lager House

1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 961-4668.

The Locker Room Saloon

7790 Auburn Road, Utica, (586) 731-3363, www.lockerroomsaloon.com

The Magic Bag

22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Memphis Smoke

100 N. Main, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge), Berkley, (248) 399-6750.

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, call (313) 567-7301.

Silky's Martini & Music Cafe

21931 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 565-6278

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**

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 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Joey's Comedy Club at Kickers

http://www.kickerscomplex.com/joey-calendar.html, (734) 261-0555

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

shows 8 and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth,



SEBASTIAN MLYNARSKI

Blonde Redhead will perform with openers Midnight Movies, 9 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets for this 18 and older show cost \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666.

Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedycastle.com.

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Norm Stultz, 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.seconddcity.com

DANCE**Music Hall**

Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, tickets \$19.50-\$75; Detroit Windsor Dance, June 2, tickets \$11-\$50, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

Detroit Dance Collective

Michigan Trilogy II Concert, 8 p.m. April 20, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$22 general, \$18 students and seniors, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Pkwy, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

Nadanta

The Oakland Community College Global Education Committee presents the dances of India by Nadanta, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13 at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$10-\$15, call (248) 246-2649.

FAMILY**Ann Arbor Classic Bicycle Show and Swap Meet**

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Rd., Ann Arbor. cost \$3, kids under 10 free. Visit www.ann-arbor-bicycleshows.com or call (248) 642-6639.

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 or 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 for information.

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour

Inspired by movie, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008, tickets \$17-\$28, on sale, call (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

Go, Diego, Go Live!

The Great Jaguar Rescue, April 18-22, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$18.50-\$40.50, call (248) 433-1515 or visit OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Tiny Tots Concert Series

Eletfa Hungarian Folk Band, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21; X-Men Meet the Symphony, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

FILM**Detroit Film Theatre**

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

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**Spring into Art**

The auction benefits the deaf and hard of hearing community with proceeds going to Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society. The event includes a raffle and silent auction, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 Maple Ave., Birmingham. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call (248) 601-1195.

Benefit for Life II

Right to Life of Michigan will host a Charity Reception 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The event will benefit the RLM Educational Fund. Hear guest speaker Gianna Jessen's story Aborted...and Lived to Tell About It. Tickets, \$125 by reservations only. Call (248) 371-0466 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bravo Bravo

Music and food from Detroit's premiere restaurants, to benefit the Opera House renovation, 7 p.m. May 4, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 961-3500.

Bocce for Bucks II

Learn bocce from World Cup Players and raise money to benefit Homecare/Hospice Fundraiser for the Visiting Nurses Association. Event is open to all ages, 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 S. Lapeer Road, in Orion Township. RSVP required April 13. For tickets, \$100-\$200, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

MS Walk Sit Drink Talk

Food, drink, talk, silent auction, raffle, entertainment, 6 p.m.-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, call (586) 498-9298.

Pontiac Oakland Symphony

All That Glitters, gala fund-raiser with silent auction, dinner, music and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, \$75, (248) 975-6474.

MS Walk Sit Drink Talk

Food, drink, talk, silent auction, raffle, entertainment, 6 p.m.-midnight, April 28, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 W. 12 Mile, Berkley, sit-drinktalk.com, (248) 895-7989.

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 Cafe, 28557 Woodward Avenue, 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 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 for information.

PENNdemonium 2007

Items needed for second fund-raising gala at second annual 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 email 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 Lakes Bowling Center, 23100 Van Born, Dearborn Heights, www.specialdays.org, donate or ticket sales information from Ryan Tucholski at (313) 278-2220.

Team-In-Training

The Royal Oak/Berkley Team in Training marathon team will host a fund-raising event. The Threads will be performing to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, at 8 p.m. April 21 at Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy, in Ferndale.

MommyHood

Stage play brings to life emotions of mothers through monologues, noon-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 Rd. 1/4 mile west of Sheldon in Plymouth, no tickets, instead free-will offering will be taken, (734) 455-8353.

St. John Lutheran Church

Free gospel concert by the International Gospel Center's Voices of Deliverance, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, call (248) 474-0584.

JAZZ**Baker's Keyboard Lounge**

Matt Michaels Quartet, 2-5 p.m. April 22, at 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.

Chick Corea and Gary Burton

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Jazzy Java Cafe

Ralph Koziarski, 7:30 p.m. April 28, at 5071 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 526-1484.

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, at ticketmaster.com or call (313) 887-8501.

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, call (313) 576-5111.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, 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.

GLASS

FROM PAGE E6

■ The Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center hosts Glass at the BBAC-Gallery Shop through April 30. The gallery is filled with works of artists, including Bruce Boatman, George Bochnig, Timothy Cory, Christine and Jim Freeburn, Chris Nordin, Kristin Perkins, Michelle Plucinsky, Bill Poceta and Kathleen Porter.

■ The Motor City Blow Off on April 28 features demonstrations of glassblowing, lamp-working, stained glass and neon at the Furnace Design Studio/Glass Academy in Dearborn.

■ PRISM Contemporary Glass, a Chicago-based gallery, created a five-day exhibition scheduled April 18-22 to showcase Michigan artists in Clawson.

■ In Northville, Sherrus Gallery presents April Wagner and Jason Ruff of epiphany studios in Pontiac. The two College for Creative Studies graduates use an Italian glassblowing technique called Fazzoletto, a free form manner using gravity and centrifugal force to shape the

piece.

"April's most recent focus is a signature series of sculptures that explore ideas outside of the 'epiphany genre,' drawing inspiration from her other passions, landscaping and gardening — the works are luminescent and truly astonishing," said Sherri Mewha, owner of Sherrus Gallery.

Diane Taylor, communications and membership manager for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, believes the BBAC has had increased traffic this month due to the Fine Arts Competition and the glass work currently on display in the gallery.

"You just can't imagine how someone makes it," Taylor said of glass art. "When you look at paintings and ceramics, you can relate to how those are made. When you look at glass and you see the depth and beautiful color, it is harder to understand how the artists made those pieces."

Nolan's gallery is hosting A Glassy Occasion, now through April 30, with works done by Detroit artists.

"Not everyone can do this," Nolan said. "It's a very technical and skilled practice. It may take an artist three or four times to get a piece of art."

EXHIBITS

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Atrium Gallery, 201 E. Kirby, (313) 664-7447, www.cccscad.edu.

Artist lecture with Karen Lamonte, 7 p.m. April 12, glass sculpture and monotype prints depicting clothing explore questions about fashion, beauty, gender and identity, sponsored by Friends of Modern and Contemporary Art, free and open to the public, Detroit Institute of Arts, DIA Lecture Hall, Woodward Entrance, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-4020, www.dia.org.

Axiom Glass annual open House, 7 p.m. to late, April 20 and 22, new works for sale by artists Andrew and Robert Madvin, Friday night event, 7 p.m. to late, will offer art, music, libations and light refreshments, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday event features glassblowing demos, Axiom Glass, 1604 Clay, Ste. 151, 5th Floor, (248) 933-2639, www.axiomglass.com.

Michigan Hot Glass Faculty exhibit, April 20-May 20, featuring the work of Leslie Patron, Lucy Olechowski, Andrew Wu, Bill Poceta and Albert Young, 1604 Clay, located in the Russell Industrial Center (313) 871-1798, www.michiganhotglass.com.

FERNDALE

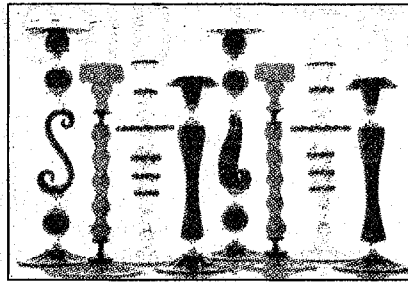
Spring Glass Show, April 20-May 19, artist J. Fitzpatrick, open house-glassblowing demonstrations 2-5 p.m. April 22, Touch of Light Studio, 23426 Woodward Ave., (248) 543-1868, www.touchoflight.com.

NORTHVILLE

Through the Looking Glass, through April 30, 2007, exhibit features Northville's Vic Leo and other international and local artists, meet artists April Wagner and Jason Ruff of Epiphany Studio, Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St., (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

ROMEO

New Glass from Pine Lakes Glassworks, through April 27, glass artist Dave Hilly presents blown glass pieces that reflect the artistry embodied in the baskets and pottery of Native-Americans, Starkweather Gallery, 219 N. Main St., (586) 752-5700, www.starkweatherarts.org.



ORCHARD LAKE FRAMING & GALLERY

These candlesticks were created by Chris Nordin and Michelle Pluchinsky of Furnace Design Studio and part of a glass art display at Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery in West Bloomfield.

ROYAL OAK

Seeking Cinderella: One Way to Cast a Glass Slipper, April 21, an exhibit of Janet Kelman's recent work and a mold making/pate de verre casting demonstration, open house noon to 5 p.m., casting demo 1 p.m., Janet Kelman's Studio, 1205 E. Lincoln Ave., (248) 547-8332, www.janetkelman.com.

35th Anniversary Glass International Awards exhibition, April 21-May 19, contemporary glass from over 100 artists from 16 countries, opening reception, 8-10 p.m. April 21; Scale/Detail, May 19, an exhibition of 50 artists working in diminutive size, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. May 19, Habatat Gallery, 4400 Fernlee Ave., (248) 554-0590, www.habatatglass.com.

SOUTHFIELD

Painted Sand artist Louie Sanchez, through April 30, Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

A New Class of Glass, through May 10, experience glass works done by students and alumni of The College of Creative Studies under the tutelage of guest curator Herb Babcock, glass works are available for purchase, Janice Charach Epstein Gallery/Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, (248) 432-5579, www.jccdet.org.

A Glassy Occasion, through April 30, sculptural, decorative, and functional forms by John Steiner, Chris Nordin, Michelle Plucinsky and other Michigan artists, Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 120, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeart.com.

YPSILANTI

New Works by Baron Glassworks, May 4-6, view new work by Annette Baron, Cal Fette, Jim Fry, Diane Irvine, Marshal Weir, Quentin Weir and students from Baron Glassworks, open house from noon to 5 p.m. May 5-6 with demonstrations and classes, opening reception from 6-9 p.m. May 5, Baron Glassworks/Annette Baron, 838 Railroad St., (734) 482-8829, www.baronglassworks.com.

(Galleries in other communities such as Tecumseh, Muskegon and Windsor also are recognizing Michigan glass artists this month. Visit the Michigan Glass Month Web site at www.reedonline.com/glass/mgm/ for more information.)

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'Spider-Man 3' director is a local boy made good

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When *Spider-Man 3* opens in early May, there will be a lot of attention paid to director Sam Raimi, a 1977 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School who directed the previous two *Spider-Man* films.

Raimi, 47, grew up in Franklin the son of Leonard and Celia

Raimi. After Groves, where he appeared onstage in productions including *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* his senior year, he went on to Michigan State University.

The film director, producer and writer is known for his *The Evil Dead* films in the cult-horror genre, which also include *Evil Dead II*. *His Darkman* was his first major studio picture in 1990,

followed by *Evil Dead 3: Army of Darkness*.

Raimi's first *Spider-Man* movie was released in 2002, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Raimi is also an actor, having appeared as Alan Arkin's bumbling assistant in *Indian Summer*.

One person who's particularly proud is Jim Moll, who was Raimi's drama teacher and director at Groves. "We're very proud of

Sam," said Moll, now principal at Berkshire Middle School, also in the Birmingham district. "Sam's success is just awesome. We're just very proud of him. He's just the golden boy out there."

Raimi produced *Xena: Warrior Princess* for television in which brother Ted Raimi was featured. Sam Raimi is married to Gillian

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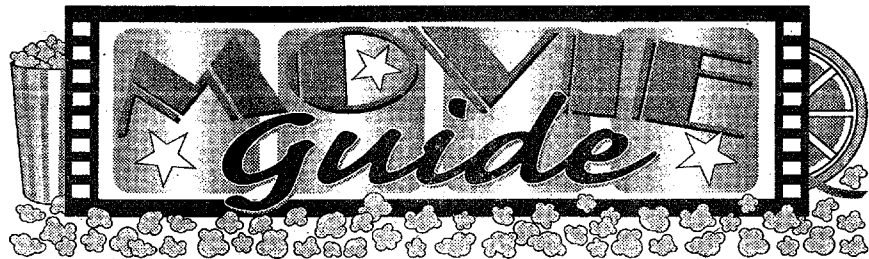
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Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

Recently, I came across a wonderful film at John King Books in Detroit. King is not known for selling movies, but he had acquired a small but noteworthy collection, which I rummaged through. Along with some classic videotapes of *Lost in Space*, I found *The Mighty Peking Man*.

This Hong Kong version of *King Kong* was produced by the Shaw

Brothers, who are legendary schlock film makers. This is a great example why.

The Mighty Peking Man is mighty awful. It is also hilarious.

The story is familiar: Adventurers track down a local legend of a giant ape man hiding out in the jungles of the Himalayan Mountains. I did not know that there were jungles in the Himalayan Mountains, at least I've never seen any in the pages of my lately departed *National Geographic* magazine collection.

But there's more. It seems the big beast — he's about 70 feet tall, depending on which scene he's in — has a girl friend. And I do admit he has good taste for she

is a drop-dead gorgeous blonde who wears a ragged animal-skin bikini at all times, even when she is roaming the streets of downtown Hong Kong. It turns out she is the daughter of a couple who were killed in a plane crash. Her name is Samantha and she was cared for by the big beast, who apparently also taught her to apply makeup because she uses it liberally even in the depths of the Himalayan jungle.

The Mighty Peking Man, as he is known for no good reason, is captured and strapped to the deck of an ocean freighter, which he rides like a kid on a merry-go-round.

In Hong Kong, the story follows the usual trail, as *The Mighty Peking Man* is turned into a carnival freak and engages in a tug of war with a set of Tonka trucks. But then he goes on a rampage when Samantha is being molested by the evil showman who captured him.

After squishing assorted cardboard buildings, *The Mighty Peking Man* climbs a skyscraper where he is blasted to his inevitable doom.

Some of the scenes are spectacular. Early on, the giant Peking Man somehow sneaks up on a little guy in the jungle. The effects, overall, are dreadful. And the dubbing is terrible.

Movies don't get much more idiotic. By all means, seek it out. King doesn't have another copy, but someone must.

Greg Kowalski says "Take that, Peter Jackson." He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@hometownlife.com.

RAIMI

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Greene, daughter of actor Lorne Greene, and the couple has four children.

Moll also taught Bruce Campbell, a 1976 Groves grad who went on to success as an actor. Campbell was Groves' honor alumnus a few years back, and helped with a school fund-raiser to send theater students to Scotland. He showed his latest film while in town.

Moll remembers telling Raimi and Campbell to attend college, something he still considers important for students interested in theater.

"I gave them my standard line," he said. "It's so hard to break into that industry."

The educator later acknowledged the young men were ready for "marketing themselves and showing

people their films."

"They were making all these Super 8 movies in their back yard," Moll said of the pair's high school days with other friends. "They would bring them in and show them in the Little Theatre at night." Those were the precursors to the *Evil Dead* series.

Moll, who periodically gets media calls on Raimi and Campbell, knew they'd succeed. "It's tough to predict that level of success," he said of Raimi becoming a top director. "It's just very remarkable. These were remarkable high school students who pursued their dreams and have been extremely successful."

Moll's modest about associating his teaching with Raimi's success. Campbell has acknowledged the educator and school district in his autobiographical books.

"I like being associated with them, at least vicariously," Moll said.

Richard Gere shines as Irving in 'The Hoax'

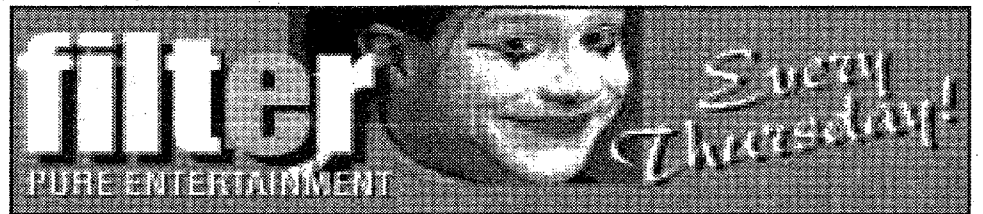
Richard Gere is ideally cast, building on the smug wiliness of his prancing defense attorney in *Chicago* to play a different sort of song-and-dance man, phony Howard Hughes biographer Clifford Irving. In 1971, Irving hoodwinked the publishing world and captivated America with claims that he had broken into Hughes' inner sanctum to become a confidante and conduit of the billionaire recluse's autobiography.

As Irving, Gere gives possibly the finest performance of his career, bringing the necessary charm, cunning and audacity to the man who could not only

con so many people into accepting his fantastic tale, but also maintain a growing web of lies to keep the story in play. True to their subject, director Lasse Hallstrom and screenwriter William Wheeler adapt Irving's memoir of the scam with considerable creative license, fictionalizing many aspects to heighten the drama. Alfred Molina and Marcia Gay Garden co-star. Rated R for language.

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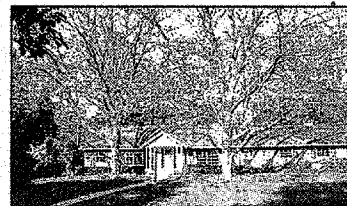
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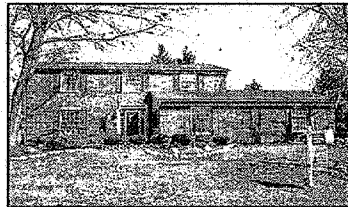
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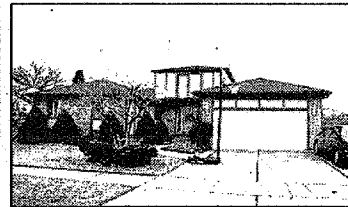
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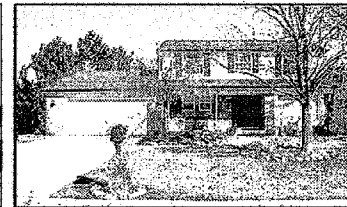
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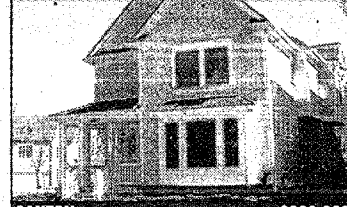
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Fresh Paint W/major Updates! HW Flrs, Newer Roof, Dining Area W/dr Wall To Florida Rm. Patio Leads To Fenced yard, Bsmnt Tiled W/1/2 bth & Stone Fp
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LIVONIA \$164,900
Well maintained Ranch. Country kit very updated. 3 car garage, large FR. Huge private lot. 3 BR 1.1 BA. Plenty of value. Great price. Stevenson schools.
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM
9138 SEMINOLE
REDFORD \$155,000
Beautiful 3BR brick Ranch w/two full baths. Possible 4th BR in fin bsmt. F/P in LR. Updated furn, A/C & wndws. Appliances included. Open 1-4pm.
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LIVONIA \$154,900
Livonia Stevenson High School District! Many updates including: roof, furn, concrete, windows, copper plumbing, kitchen, bath, Hdwd flrs.
MLS# 27047281 734-453-6800



REDFORD \$150,000
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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WATERFORD \$150,000
Totally updated oversized lot. Incl lg bkfst area in kit, mstr BR w/WIC, Newer roof, furnace, appls, windows, electrical & carpet t/o. Rear deck & patio
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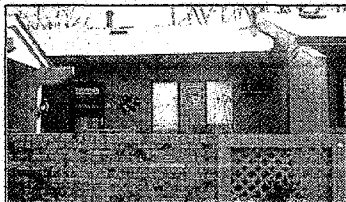
FARMINGTON HILLS \$124,900
Sharp ranch in heart of town. Updts galore: siding, trim, CA, H2O, Wallside wndws, hdwd flrs. Priv yd, grt location-low traffic area. One yr home war.
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NOVI \$122,500
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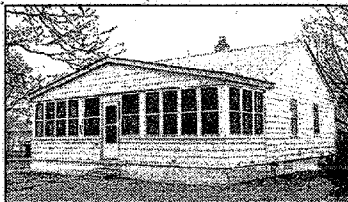
DEARBORN \$119,900
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PLYMOUTH \$95,000
Plymouth, 1 bdrm condo well maintained, updated kitchen & bath, central air, stove, ref, washer/dryer, dishwasher, home warranty included.
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Building Industry Association announces winners in 2007 Spring Parade of Homes

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced the winners of its 18th annual Spring Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 58 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place March 16 through Aug. 1, 2007. BIA and LaSalle Bank sponsor the event.

The winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged, participating homes were divided into 10 categories by price. Two special categories for infill design and historic preservation were added this year.

"This year's Parade of Homes offers a variety of quality crafted homes by BIA Professional Master Builders from attainable housing to lavish estates," said Richard Ives, president of BIA and vice president of Trinity Land Development. "There has never been a better time to buy a new home and our spring lineup is filled with prime exam-



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ples of the unprecedented value consumers are experiencing in today's buyer's market."

The blue ribbon homes are:

■ **Affordable Housing:** Grace I, priced at \$117,000 plus fees, in Pontiac, built by CNS Construction for Lighthouse Community Development, awarded for combining two different living spaces and including a side entrance and garage.

■ **Attached Condominiums Under \$215,000:** The Atwater, priced at \$139,995, in Hazel Park, built by Fairview Place LLC, awarded for its well-proportioned elevation and sensitive use of detail.

■ **Attached Condominiums Over \$215,000:** Wisteria, priced from the \$240,000s, in Clinton Township, built by Palazzolo Brothers and Towne & Country Homes, awarded for its great value and clever use of main floor space.

■ **Homes Priced Under \$250,000:** Kennedy II, priced at \$230,000, in Berlin Township, built by Sherr Development Corp., awarded for its open floor plan, well-detailed front elevation and two walk-in closets in the master suite.

■ **Homes Priced \$250,000 to \$340,000:** Pheasant, priced at \$329,900, in Brownstown Township,



The Legacy, located in Northville Township, was awarded a blue ribbon for homes priced over \$1 Million. Built by Michael Mocerri Design Build it was awarded for its exceptional value, open floor plan and master suite layout.

built by Gerish Construction Company, Inc., awarded for its wrap-around loft and well-planned living space.

■ **Homes Priced \$340,000 to \$380,000:** Beachwood, priced at \$369,900, in the Village of Oxford,

built by Wineman & Komer Building Company, awarded for its front elevation, efficient floor plan and good use of split staircase.

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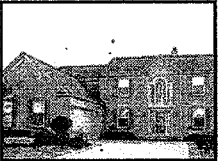
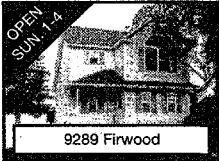
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\$399,900 (P-289FI)

CUSTOM RANCH
Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees & streams. Open floor plan, custom Kitchen, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & great location.
\$289,900 (P-461BR)

BEST VALUE IN SUB
Impressive inside & out! Gourmet maple Kitchen w/all appl, spacious Family Room w/ 2 sided frpl, finished bsmt w/ bath & wetbar, extensive landscaping, & a covered Patio.
\$324,800 (P-227HU)

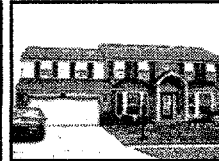
INCOME PROPERTY
Earn income while living in your home! This 2 family home was completely remodeled in 2004. Each unit has its own entry, parking, & Kitchens w/appl. Perfect for investors!
\$149,900 (C-380MA)

MOVE TO THE LAKE!
Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2700 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, maple cab's, Great Room w/frpl, Master w/sitting area & bath, 1.3 acre lot w/ privileges to all sports lake.
\$324,900 (C-515SA)

TO UNIQUE TO DESCRIBE
Start w/11,000 sq ft, 4 bd, 6 full & 2 half baths, extremely private lot surrounded by woods, custom details t/o, 4 fireplaces, walkout lower level w/wine cellar, & a 2 story building w/hot in-ground pool, sauna, & hottub! Too much more to list!
\$2,350,000 (P-775ST)

LOTS OF CURB APPEAL
Gorgeous lot w/bridge, stream, & trees! Super clean 4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/open Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, formal LR & DR, Deck, partly fin bsmt, 2 car garage, & walk to schools.
\$180,000 (C-002AR)

ADORABLE!!
Perfect for 1st time buyers! Updated bath & Kitchen, newer carpet t/o, beautiful hwd, large Master, oversized lot, & garage.
\$124,200 (C-815BO)



EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD
Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything.
\$78,500 (P-418FE)

ELEGANT COUNTRY LIVING
Huron Twp 2 story, 3 bd, 2.5 bath home on a large lot backing to woods. Upgraded granite c-tops, custom hwd, solid six panel doors exhibit the quality of this home. 3 car Garage w/large driveway.
\$295,000 (P-965FR)

DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON
Move right in to this freshly painted ranch condo w/new carpet, updated bath, Kitchen, & private laundry room. Neighborhood clubhouse has an indoor pool, & close to everything.
\$44,500 (C-831GR)

NOVI TOWNHOUSE
Enjoy a pond view from the Deck in the great condo featuring 2 story Great Room, dining area, ceramic Kitchen, neutral decor t/o, loft/office area, 2nd bd w/bath, dual sided frpl, & close to everything.
\$219,000 (C-540OC)

PREMIUM WOODED LOT
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in West Bloomfield on a secluded cul de sac lot. Cherry cab's, stunning Kitchen w/corain, prof finished bsmt, crown molding, bay windows, 3 tiered Deck, & paver Patio.
\$329,000 (C-440PA)

CLEAN RANCH
Nice 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/ fresh paint, neutral décor, updated bath, newer roof, hwh, furnace & C/A. Partially finished bsmt w/glass block, large Patio, & potting shed in fenced backyard.
\$169,900 (C-648PI)

PLYMOUTH - 1.45 ACRES
Country setting close to Plymouth & Livonia shopping. 4 bd, 2088 sq ft, clean & neutral t/o. Decks off Master & Dining Room, large Patio w/hot tub, & treehouse w/elec.
\$239,900 (C-949EC)

MOVE RIGHT IN
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial built in 2002. Family Room w/frpl, wood floors t/o, walkout bsmt, & view of a pond. Great Canton location close to everything. A must see!
\$299,900 (C-466GR)



NEW TO MARKET
Prepared to be overwhelmed w/ this 2007 built 4400 sq ft Novi colonial boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, & additional 2100 sq ft in finished walkout bsmt. Peaceful wooded setting on cul de sac. Uncompromised quality t/o, & too many extensive amenities to list.
\$775,000 (P-964AN)

MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates including siding, oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, neutral décor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & room for an RV. Must see!
\$144,900 (P-543BI)

TURN KEY HOME
Beautiful brick ranch w/over 1400 sq ft. Gorgeous newly finished hwd floors w/oak moldings, fresh neutral paint, updated Kitchen & Bath, tear off roof, updated windows, 2 car garage, & large front porch.
\$168,500 (P-031BR)

UNIQUE & STYLISH
This is not your average bungalow! Set on a large double lot, this home has hwd floors, huge Fam Rm, vaulted ceilings, beautiful backyard, updated windows, roof, C/A, furnace, & tons of storage. Home warranty for buyer.
\$169,000 (C-997CA)

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
2' bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Living Room, Dining Area, 2 car att Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay!
\$124,900 (C-613CO)

GORGEOUS BUNGALOW
Absolutely beautiful home in great neighborhood. Completely remod in 2007 w/addition, 2 baths, freshly painted, new Kitchen, carpet, hwh, furnace, C/A, windows, roof, & more.
\$183,950 (C-304HA)

23. IMMACULATE
You must see this west Dearborn home to appreciate it! Pottery Barn inspired décor, refinished hwd, remod Bath & Kitchen, huge Master w/WIC, part finished bsmt, large Deck & charming neighborhood.
\$164,900 (P-656HA)

24. ROOM TO ROAM
4 bd bungalow w/2 full baths, full bsmt, 1390 sq ft, formal Din Rm, large Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, updated roof, furnace, C/A, windows, fenced yard w/2 sheds, & more.
\$106,900 (C-210HA)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Gorgeous home in downtown Plymouth for under 200k! Gleaming hwd floors, updated Kitchen w/eating area, updated windows, appliances stay. Garage, & home warranty included.
\$198,000 (C-725IR)

GREAT INVESTMENT
4 bd bungalow currently tenant occupied. Investment package available w/other homes in same area & motivated seller can help with closing costs.
\$30,000 (C-590JO)

IMMACULATE JEWEL
This 3 bd ranch is ready to move in to & features newer windows, roof, carpet, paint, entry doors, furnace, hwh, remodeled Kitchen & Bath, & maintenance free yard. Don't let this one pass you by!
\$115,000 (P-675LE)

GREAT DEAL IN CANTON
Great quad-level home priced below 200k w/over 1600 sq ft of living space. 3 bd, 2 baths, stain steel appl's, oak Kitchen, new furnace in 05, exterior freshly painted, & much more.
\$199,900 (P-348LO)

UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL
Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home. Bright open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, maple Kitchen w/granite, professionally finished bsmt w/egress window, new furnace, C/A, & hwh in '06, updated vinyl siding & windows.
\$234,900 (P-824MA)

SECLUDED COLONIAL
Stunning home on over an acre, within walking distance to downtown Northville. Grand Conservatory, hwd floors, gorgeous amenities t/o, all appliances including a dry cleaning unit, & too much more to list.
\$699,900 (C-900NO)

BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW
When only the best will do...spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/ bath, hwd floors, coved ceilings, Liv Rm w/frpl, new floor in Kitchen, updated bath, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, & too much more to list.
\$125,000 (P-421PI)

ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE
Gorgeous Novi home featuring 2803 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, extra deep walkout bsmt, luxury Master Suite w/bath & WIC, large Kitchen w/pantry, located deep in the sub w/large backyard & Deck.
\$439,900 (P-900RE)



CLASSIC CAPE W/ACREAGE
Custom built home w/attention to detail. Open floor plan, cherry hwd, corian, 1st floor Master w/WIC, loft area, huge bonus room, 2 car att & 4 car det Garage, walkout bsmt, & 8.7 acres w/stocked pond. Must see!
\$725,000 (P-900RO)

STEPS FROM DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Wonderful 1400 sq ft condo w/3 bd, 2 baths, quiet nature setting, spacious Living Room w/frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/bath, freshly painted, 1 car Garage, 2 large storage areas & more.
\$154,900 (P-857SY)

SUPER CLEAN RANCH
Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, Fam Room w/ vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kitchen w/ ceramic, finished bsmt w/ recessed lighting, & Patio w/hot tub.
\$159,900 (P-429TR)

ENJOY ENTERTAINING?
This is the home for you! 3 bd brick ranch offering an open floor plan, updated oak Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2.5 car Garage, 2 full baths, Patio, & fenced yard.
\$214,900 (C-015WE)

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■ Homes Priced Over \$1 Million: The Legacy priced at \$1.175 million in Northville Township, built by Michael Mocerri Design Build, awarded for its exceptional value, open floor plan and

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■ Special Award for Urban Infill Design: St. Tropez, priced at \$1.4 million, in Birmingham, built by Arteva Homes, Inc., awarded for its excellent design, minimal hallways and design to fit in with existing neighborhood content.

■ Honorable Mention for Historic Renovation: The Wardell priced at \$365,000 in Detroit, built by BRG Custom Homes and Park Shelton Condominiums,

L.P., awarded for its encouraging contribution to urban preservation.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Sharon Glinka of LaSalle Bank; Michael Gordon, AIA, of Moiseev/Gordon Associates Inc.; and Michael T. Miller, AIA, of The Design Group. The 58 Spring Parade of Homes

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Collections, bylaw enforcement call for funds

Q. Our association is a site condo and we have a limited budget, no monies for litigation. We are trying to get the other board members to recognize why we need it. Can you give me any answers?

A. Many associations go from hand to mouth on a monthly basis in regard to the needs to run their association. The developer may intentionally keep the assessments down so that when the co-owners take over, they do not have sufficient funds to even pay their bills, let alone engage in litigation to deal with collections and/or bylaw enforcement. The association should always have monies available to deal with bylaw enforcement and collection matters as the co-owners may test the board as to its resolve to deal with these issues. You may well have to levy an additional assessment to meet your reasonable needs.



Robert Meisner

a mortgage and her companion helps pay the mortgage, a legal battle could ensue when the homeowner dies. A written agreement should be entered into between the parties indicating whether the surviving companion of a homeowner can continue living in the house after a certain period of time, say one-three years, and then the decedent's heirs would be free to sell the house if they choose. In simple terms, you should find an attorney experienced in elder care contracts that can help you prepare what is analogous to a prenuptial agreement setting forth a division of assets and even questions concerning health care, decision making, medical records, and other financial issues.

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Q. We are a couple living together and own a condominium unit together but we are not married and have separate trusts. Do you have any suggestions in terms of what we do about the use and enjoyment of our condominium if one of us predecease the other or we terminate our relationship?

A. Unmarried co-habitants face legal issues they have to deal with. For example, if a woman owns a house with

ly homes ranging in price from \$97,400 to \$1.4 million.

For additional information on the 2007 Spring Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.biaparaideofhomes.com. Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at 350 LaSalle Bank Branches and 205 CVS/pharmacy locations. BIA and LaSalle Bank also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the fall.



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models are located throughout south-eastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biaparaideofhomes.com, beginning on March 16, 2007. Featured homes include condominiums and single-fami-

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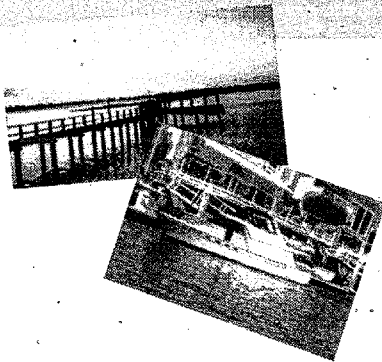
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City	Address	Sale Price
	29221 Fieldstone	\$310,000
	29131 Glenarden St	\$250,000
	34306 Glouster Cir	\$278,000
	38215 Klarr Dr	\$385,000
	28092 Parkhill St	\$167,000
	25713 Pebble Ct	\$256,000
	21814 Purdue Ave	\$120,000
	36618 Quakertown Ln	\$300,000
	21956 Tredwell Ave	\$164,000
	28422 W Eight Mile Rd	\$49,000
	28551 Westerleigh Rd	\$293,000
	32521 Woodvale	\$607,000
Canton		
	44042 Bannockburn Dr	\$160,000
	40561 Bluesprings Ct	\$280,000
	40581 Blythefield Ln	\$135,000
	6932 Foxthorn Dr	\$106,000
	44067 Gordon St	\$135,000
	48446 Ivybridge Ct	\$150,000
	43664 Lotus Dr	\$218,000
	1822 Maple Park Dr	\$244,000
	1831 Maple Park Dr E	\$236,000
	44609 Meadowcreek Ln	\$186,000
	1340 Milbrook Rd	\$300,000
	41111 N Maplewood Dr	\$214,000
	41151 N Maplewood Dr	\$238,000
	1455 Oakview Dr	\$182,000
	2123 Preserve Cir E	\$195,000
	7749 Provincial Rd	\$240,000
	45882 S Stonewood Rd	\$207,000
	44043 S Umberland Cir	\$229,000
	571 Terrace Ct	\$150,000
	395 Tyler Ln	\$245,000
Farmington		
	24002 Colchester St	\$160,000
	22430 Floral St	\$130,000
Farmington Hills		
	37283 Aspen Dr	\$389,000
	29573 Bradmoor Ct	\$603,000
	31061 Cedar Creek Dr	\$284,000
	24605 El Marco Dr	\$256,000
Garden City		
	28855 Elmwood St	\$146,000
	33623 Florence St	\$143,000
	5719 Helen St	\$135,000
	32108 Kathryn St	\$133,000
	27438 Windsor St	\$94,000
Livonia		
	35582 Ann Arbor Trl Ct	\$235,000
	16663 Blue Skies Dr	\$264,000
	32922 Brookside Cir	\$260,000
	11348 Cavell St	\$175,000
	9840 Cranston St	\$180,000
	35554 Elmira St	\$170,000
	9910 Fremont St	\$170,000
	11743 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000
	9072 Merriman Rd	\$162,000
	31687 Myrna St	\$170,000
	33447 Norfolk St	\$245,000
	8867 Norman Ave	\$211,000

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CANTON - Spacious 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo in beautiful golf course/pool & tennis community. Soaring ceilings, great rm w/ frplc, 1st floor mstr w/ luxury bath, gourmet ktchn, lrg windows, 16x12 deck + more! \$299,900 (L81Lex)
www.qualitygmac.com/mis=27033120

NORTHVILLE - Charming 3 or 4 bedrm bungalow in downtown Northville! Nice floor plan w/ living rm, ktchn w/ brkfst nook & formal dining rm. Yard has wonderful brick patio. Walk to shops, restaurants, library & post office! \$289,900 (L36Cen)
www.qualitygmac.com/mis=27020871

PINKNEY VILLAGE - Beautifully updated 3 bedrm home on large lot at great value! Lower level prepped & framed for 2nd full bath, newer roof, H2O heater, furnace, garage door, interior freshly painted + more. Great neighborhood! \$162,999 (L68Ash)
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LIVONIA - Price reduced! Wonderful 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ newer vinyl siding, front wndws, Anderson wndws & door wall on back, new furn & C/A, updated bath, hrdwd flrs, new 6 panel entry & closet doors, etc. \$249,900 (L08Lan)
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MILFORD - Charming 3 bedrm, 2 full bath ranch on beautiful hillside lot within walking distance to historic Milford. Spacious floor plan, warm oak ktchn, neutral liv rm, 2 lg decks, paver patio home warr. \$157,900 (L18Mai)
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LIVONIA - Fabulous 1694 sq ft 3 bedrm, 2 bath ranch offering att'd 2.5 car garage + add'l mechanics dream heated garage, newer wndws, oak ktchn, new dimensional roof, huge liv rm w/ frplc, hrdwd flrs, 13x13 breezeway. \$209,900 (L75Gra)
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WESTLAND - Nice brick ranch with Livonia Schools on one of the best lots! Offers 3 bedrms, replacement wndws, new roof shingles, vinyl siding, living rm/dining rm combo, hrdwd floors, partially fin'd basement, etc! \$129,500 (L61Fru)
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14066 Riga St	\$195,000
28555 Sunnysdale St	\$145,000
29687 Westfield St	\$155,000
17296 Woodside St	\$290,000

Milford

2929 Central Blvd	\$130,000
960 Manderly Dr	\$300,000

Northville

44027 Deep Hollow Cir	\$505,000
42182 Gladwin St	\$141,000
940 Grace St	\$423,000
49087 Rainbow Ln S	\$445,000

Novi

43490 Algonquin Dr	\$250,000
2290 Austin Dr	\$195,000
44800 Bayview Dr	\$144,000
29304 Douglas Dr	\$247,000
42463 Park Ridge Rd	\$233,000
30234 Viewcrest	\$349,000

Plymouth

12141 Amherst Ct	\$368,000
11613 Chandler Dr	\$385,000
40810 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$251,000
44827 Governor Bradford Rd	\$365,000
11715 Hunters Creek Dr	\$380,000
647 Kellogg St	\$87,000
12116 Nicholas Ln	\$245,000
898 Ross St	\$248,000
13020 Wendover Dr	\$339,000
46261 Westbriar Ct	\$270,000
1046 York St	\$203,000

Redford

14112 Brady	\$136,000
18639 Denby	\$105,000
25901 Fordson Hwy	\$119,000
19964 Fox	\$90,000
9902 Kinloch	\$129,000
19508 Lennane	\$127,000
25012 Midland	\$83,000
11320 Seminole	\$147,000
13220 Sioux	\$77,000
9871 Tecumseh	\$120,000
19483 Wakenden	\$92,000

South Lyon

26201 Great Plains Dr	\$302,000
60055 Nine Mile Rd	\$312,000
25390 Villagewood Ct	\$105,000
954 Westbrooke Dr	\$205,000

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1700 Ackley Ave	\$118,000
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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.

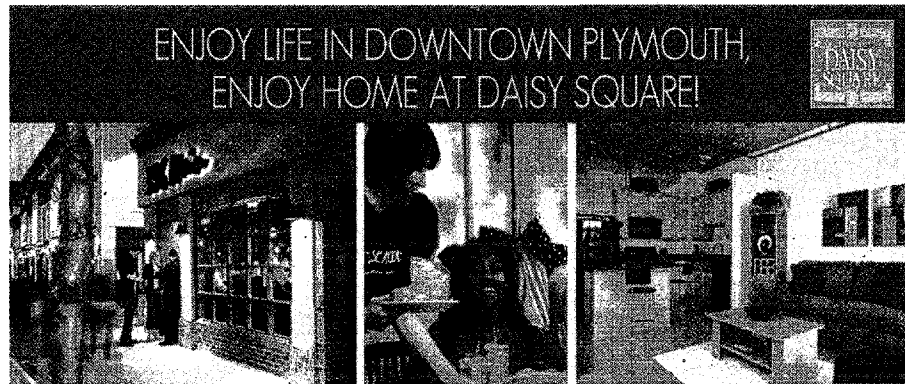
Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as

building codes, insurance requirements and much more.

There are 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 (800) 940-2014, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register.

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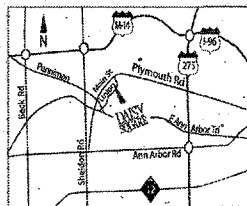


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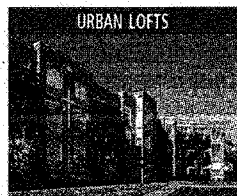
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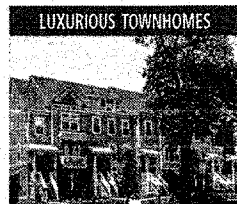


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Real Estate career seminar

For people interested in exploring a career in Real Estate, Keller Williams is hosting a seminar at 6:30 p.m. on April 10 and 2 p.m. on April 27 at Keller Williams Realty, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 100, Plymouth (48170). Registration is required. Please call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Future of Michigan Real Estate

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.

Madonna offers investment class

Flagstar Branch Manager Jeff Clatterbaugh will teach, "How to Build Wealth by Investing in Real Estate," at Madonna's main Livonia campus, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd. from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14. A real estate investor, Clatterbaugh, will offer his perspective on creative ways to obtain supplemental income and build equity. "We are currently in the strongest buyer's market this industry has seen in decades," said Clatterbaugh, who has been teaching real estate seminars for three years. "Now is the time to buy property."

Clatterbaugh will share pointers on immediate and long term investments, purchasing property with minimal out-of-pocket expense, and designing a transaction to raise profits and reduce taxes.

Tuition is \$37. For registration information, call the Madonna University Office of Continuing Education & Professional Studies at (734) 432-5804 or visit www.madonna.edu.

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 from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 18 and 25, and May 2 and 9 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. There are 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 the Farmington Community Education Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (248) 489-3333 to register.

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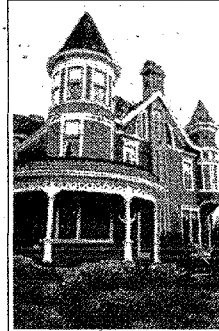


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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, and 26 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.

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 Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register.

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 from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, and 26 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 Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register.

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 counsel-

ing, 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

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:

■ 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.

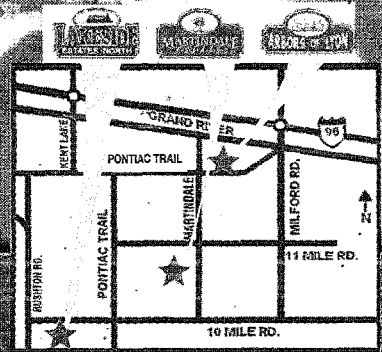
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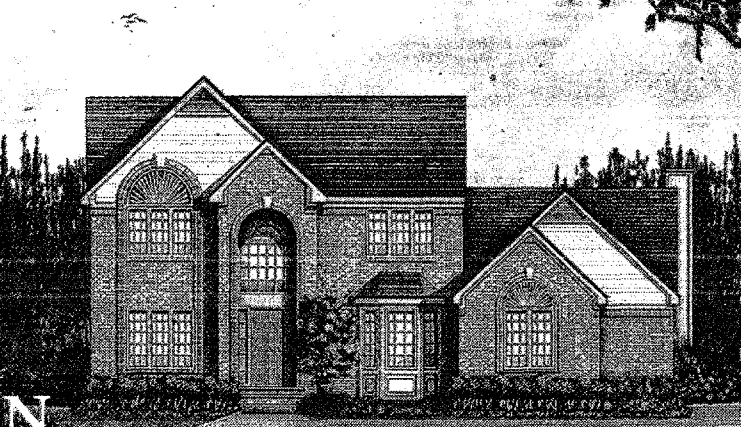
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