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One on, one out in school race

Eggenberger wins seat, but Slavens resigns for judgeship

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools voters reelected Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens and voted for challenger Nancy Eggenberger to fill the two, four-year seats in Tuesday's election.



However, the election didn't do much to establish the makeup of the new board. Slavens won't serve at all, Eggenberger

could be appointed earlier than her July 1 start date, and one of the candidates who didn't win Tuesday could still find a seat on the Board of Education.

Eggenberger, widely known throughout the district as president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council and co-chair of the last three bond proposals, finished first with 4,402 votes.

"I was just thrilled to see that many people voted for me," she said. "I'm

REPLACING SLAVENS

What: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is seeking applications to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of board vice president Mark Slavens. When: Chosen candidate would serve

75 cents

from approximately May 22-June 30. Deadline: Submit notice of interest to Judy Mardigian, Secretary of the Board of

Education, by 4 p.m. Friday. May 18, at the Board of Education office, 454 S. Harvey. The choice: The board will interview

selected candidates at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 22.

Questions: Call (734) 416-2757.

interested in working hard to make the budget cuts that aren't going to be easy and be a part of selecting a new superintendent who will do a great job for us."

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School board candidate Nancy Eggenberger (right) and supporter Joan Noricks watch election returns that would eventually show Eggenberger winning a spot on the board.

Parking tickets causing problem

Merchants want lighter touch from enforcement officers

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When the first parking enforcement officers began walking downtown Plymouth streets two years ago, the plan was to ticket those who park more than two hours in prime parking spots to increase the turnover rate.

Downtown merchants wanted to get those who park for significant amounts of time – including employees of downtown businesses – to use long-term lots, leaving more shortterm spaces in front of the businesses for customers.

Merchants have learned to "be careful what you ask for" as It appears the parking ordinance officers – referred to by some as Gestapo officers – are doing their jobs too well. Merchants told city commissioners Monday

Tough stance on teacher pay costs trustee the vote

HOW THEY FARED

Totals in Tuesday's Plym Canton Board of Education	
Nancy Eggenberger	
Mark Slavens	.3,723
Kurt Heise	2,523
Rich Ham-Kucharski	.1,449
Larry Martin	.1,287
Bruce Koldys	587

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

With voter turnout at a snail's crawl Tuesday, Plymouth-Canton school board Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski could see the handwriting on the wall. Ham-Kucharski, who challenged teachers to take a one-time 6-percent pay cut to put money into a cashstarved school budget to avoid teacher layoffs and program cuts, knew the wrath of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association could result in him becoming a one-term trustee.

"Their votes would have been diluted if the general populace came out to vote as strong as the union," said Ham-Kucharski, who finished fourth in the race for two seats on the board. "I think it's pretty obvious."

Justine Cotner, a Salem High School math teacher, didn't leave anything to the imagination in her disdain for Ham-Kucharski's efforts to cut teacher's pay. "He had no business coming out and saying that, putting it all on the teachers, like that's the solution to this (budget) problem," said Cotner, who voted at Discovery Middle School. "It's just wrong."

Rich McCoin of Plymouth, who has two high school students in the district, was more blunt.

"He's an idiot," McCoin said of Ham-Kucharski. "You can't start messing

PLEASE SEE VOTE, A7

Corriveau calls 'pink pig' a political ploy

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The various sides in the trash debate in Michigan brought their game of political football to Plymouth this week, and it involved an actual pigskin.

Not exactly a pigskin, but rather a 12-foot tall, 14-foot long, half-ton fiberglass pig on a trailer pulled by volunteers of the Michigan Taxpayers Association. The pig was pulled behind various trash-hauling vehicles, and volunteers also handed out fliers and posters.

MTA volunteers were in Plymouth – along with Northville and Wayne – to protest legislation that would raise Michigan's trash dumping charge from 21 cents a ton to \$7.50 a ton. This area was chosen, according to MTA officials, because state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, voted for the hike.

"This is one of those fee increases legislators love, because it's hidden in (residents') garbage bills," said MTA director Leon Drolet, himself a former state representative from Macomb County. "People will get angry with their local governments ... and legislators are off the hook." Corriveau predictably denounced the "Pink

Pig" caper as a "political smear carried out by a so-called anti-tax group that attacked ... recent votes on a package of bills that will slash the amount of trash that comes into Michigan from Canada and other states."

"I refuse to be bullied by a political stunt from groups that are nothing more than fronts for the trash industry," Corriveau said. "Canada and other states dump millions of tons of trash in Michigan because it is dirt-cheap to do so."

MTA volunteers attached fliers and posters to residents' trash cans in Northville, Plymouth and Wayne with fliers criticizing Corriveau for supporting the anti-trash package in the House. While Corriveau said in a release residents had lodged complaints with local police, no such reports were filed in Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

Drolet said the MTA was simply trying to alert residents about a fee hike he says is actually a hidden tax increase.



Michigan Taxpayers Association director Leon Drolet (back) and volunteers (from left) Mark Andrek, Brandon Adkins, Clark Ruper, Craig Burgers (kneeling), Doug Tietz and Jonathan Chulski followed trash haulers around with this half-ton fiberglass pig to protest the state House vote to increase dumping fees. night they're losing business because customers are complaining about the \$15 tickets being handed out to violators of the parking ordinance.

"They're the ones who tell their neighbors, friends and family, and they'll find another place to go," said Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made. "It's a bad reflection for us after all the work we've done to make Plymouth a wonderful, welcoming place."

Faby Milano, owner of Milano Clothing, said he's had customers who were ticketed say they will never shop again in Plymouth.

"They've left merchandise in my store because they got a ticket," Milano said. "I've lost a lot of money. This isn't the reputation we want."

At Salon Awesome, where word of the so-called "Gestapo officers" has spread, owner Rachelle Frydoe said many of her customers want to leave town after their hair and nail appointments.

"They come, they park and then they want to leave," Frydoe said. "We need business because it's very slow out there, and the parking is making a bad image of Plymouth."

Mayor Dan Dwyer said the parking issue will be revisited by the parking committee, which will include input from downtown merchants.

"It was the Chamber of Commerce and the downtown merchants who asked for parking enforcement, not the City of Plymouth government," Dwyer said. "I'm not here to say we can't manage it better, but it wasn't the big, bad city looking for dollars. We're not going to get rich on \$15 parking tickets."

That may be of little solace to Jean Ryan of Plymouth, who last week received a parking ticket while shopping downtown Plymouth.

"I had been out of my car for 15-20 minutes ... did my usual thing for downtown I do all the time ... and I had a ticket," Ryan said. "I just think I was sucker-punched."



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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is retiring June 30.

However, Ryan will continue to run the district through February after agreeing to a contract as a senior advisor that designates him as

Superintendent Emeritus, which will save the district \$59,000.

Ryan will continue to be compensated at his current salary rate of \$161,000, adjusted on a pro-rata basis. However, as a contract employee through a thirdparty vendor, the district won't be responsible for fringe benefits, which is the same arrangement it has with other retiring administrators.

"Dr. Ryan will continue to focus on the district's financial issues and the process for the selection of the new superintendent," board

a star

attorney Gary Collins told trustees. "And, until a new superintendent is hired, (Assistant Superintendent)

Mr. Kenneth Jacobs will superintendent Pro Tem ... and assume the legal responsibilities of the office of superintendent, focusing on the district's ongoing operational and administrative needs."

Ryan said, in reality, nothing will change until February.

"The board will focus on selecting a search committee for a new superintendent in September, have community forums in November, a job posting in January, with interviews in March and hopefully a new superintendent by the end of March," Ryan said. "I desperately wanted to be a part of that, and the board has been gracious in letting me stay another eight months."

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MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS!

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The nonpartisan Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race had a strong partisan flavor this year, but top vote getter Joan Gebhardt credits her standing as a Schoolcraft mother and an educator as being more important factors in the race.

Gebhardt was appointed to the board in December to replace Kevin McNamara, who resigned when he won a seat on the Wayne County Commission. She finished first Tuesday in the five-person race for three board seats.

Veteran board members Mary Breen and Brian Broderick were re-elected. Canton attorney James Fausone finished fourth and former Schoolcraft registrar Ron Randall finished fifth.

Gebhardt, an adjunct education professor at Madonna University and an aide to Democratic state House Speaker Andy Dillon, said she didn't think partisan consid-



Gebhardt Breen

erations were a deciding factor in the election. Gebhardt is a Democrat and received strong backing and letters of endorsement from area Democratic elected officials. Fausone is a Republican and received backing and letters of endorsement from area Republican leaders.

"I am a Democrat and work for the Democrat speaker but I was not running as a Democrat but as a parent and as an adjunct professor. I hope that was the deciding factor." "Voters made a statement,"

Gebhardt said. "All five candidates have excellent qualifications, anyone of us would have made a good trustee."

She said having two children attending Schoolcraft may

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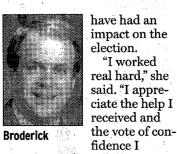
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San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of



Gebhardt finishes first in Schoolcraft election

received at the polls." Fausone was not available for comment.

Breen will be returning for a fifth term on the board. Broderick will begin a third term as a trustee.

"It was a good race with all strong candidates," Broderick said.

He said he looks forward to the development of Schoolcraft's new biomedical facility and the potential for building a four-year nursing program.

He said Livonia dwarfed other communities in voter turnout, which might have had an impact on the low vote for Canton resident Fausone.

Breen said that with five people running for the three

MILITARY NEWS

zation, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. He is the son of Dan Whiteman of Detroit and

Whiteman of Detroit and Debra Pike of Plymouth.

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SCHOOLCRAFT VOTE

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Joan Gebhardt11,693
Mary Breen11,169
Brian Broderick10,231
James Fausone8,395
Ronald Randall5,646

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seats, she wasn't about to take the election lightly.

"I'm thrilled to have won. We worked hard for it," she said.

She said she looks forward to developing programs at the college, especially improving the schools police, fire and homeland security programs.

Ronald Randall said he was disappointed in his showing but "the people have spoken."

"I'm going out this morning and picking up my signs," he said.

He said he is still a Schoolcraft supporter "100 percent."

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Infantry training Army Pfc. Daniel Q. Sparks has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning.

Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Keith Sparks of Canton, and Kendra Sparks of Livonia. Sparks is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School.

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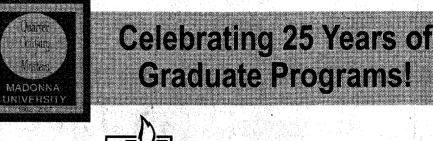
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Community band concert

The Plymouth Community Band spring concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the Little Theatre in Canton High School.

There is no admission charge.

For more information, visit the band's Web site, www.geocities.com/plycomband

Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to join him for a cup of coffee and informal conversation during his coffee hour 8-9 a.m. Monday, May 14, at Big Boy in Plymouth.

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns.

Businesses or organizations who would like to schedule an event with Corriveau should contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Diabetes workshop

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a Diabetes Workshop 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room.

A registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator will present the program, emphasizes healthy food choices, weight loss and physical activity based on the findings of the **Diabetes Prevention Program** Study.

This two-hour program is designed for people who have risk factors for diabetes, such as family history, and who want to learn how to prevent or delay the onset of the disease. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Franciscan Peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for an international peace.

A presentation by the internationally known author, poet, and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.

Bodo is the author of 21 books, including his work on St Francis of Assisi, Francis: The Journey and the Dream. Bodo has conducted Pilgrimages to Assisi for over 30 years and is intimately, familiar with the spirit of St Francis and St Clare.

Tickets are \$15. OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial at Beck. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish, (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

Lincoln roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Stephanie J. Wilhelm at its next meeting, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Wilhelm is a PhD student in English at Wayne State University and is a research fellow at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City. Her topic will be the Detroit Riot of 1863.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited; admission is free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

Senior health day

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a "National Senior Health & Fitness Day" 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 30, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

There will be free blood pressure checks, a dietitian, certified social worker, Vitamin Supplements, Yoga Breathing Techniques, Therapist, Fall Prevention/Safety,Tai Chi Demonstrations, Massage Therapist, Medicaid, Long Term Care Cost Information, Estate Planning Information, Diabetes Awareness, Physical Therapist, Life Skill Coaching, Reverse Mortgage and Chiropractic Evaluations.

Free transportation will be provided to and from the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. for City of Plymouth and **Plymouth Township Seniors** 60 or older. Call Senior Transportation at (734) 459-8888 for reservations. For more information call



PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Something wicked coming

The Plymouth-Cantón Orchestras present "Something Wicked This Way Comes: A Pops Concert," 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, and \$5 for a family pass. For more information, call the orchestra office, (734) 416-2909.

the PCCA at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Toastmaster open house

Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club hosts an open house Wednesday, May 23.

This event is open to the public and visitors are welcome to join club members for light refreshments as they celebrate their second anniversary. We will also be recognizing our club and its members for having earned the District Award of being a President's Distinguished Toastmaster Club. This prestigious award is presented to clubs and their members for having met various educational levels throughout the Toastmaster year.

The meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton, just south of Joy. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237. There is no pre-registration required and no obligation. Western Michigan

ArTour

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts the Western Michigan ArTour 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Visitors can absorb the outdoor beauty of Meijer Gradens' Sculpture Park, enjoy lunch at the Oasis café at the Van Andel

Museum Center overlooking Grand River, get enlightened with a curator-led tour of Dante Morini's glass exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of Art or relax over a glass of wine, stroll, appreciate and shop for unique art.

The tour starts with an orientation at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts in Plymouth. The first stop will be in Grand Rapids where the group will get a special tour of the Frederik Meijer Garden Sculpture Park. Lunch will be at the Van Andel Museum Center's Oasis Café overlooking the Grand River. After lunch, visit the Muskegon Museum of Art for a curator-led tour of a special exhibit on Dante Morini's exquisite collection and the museum's permanent collection of Japanese Sumida Gawa ware ceramics.

The culminating event for the day promises to be unforgettable as well as relaxing. ArTour visitors have been invited as special guests by the Director and Curator of the Muskegon Museum of Art to attend the spectacular "Salon Night" which is scheduled to take place that very evening at the museum.

This unique event brings 300 artists from West Michigan who put up a spontaneous exhibition. Shop for unique art pieces exhibited by various talented artists. Relax as you stroll through the sights and sounds of Art, sip a glass

of wine and reflect over the day's rich experiences.

Deadline to register with full payment is May 14, www.plymoutharts.com. Cost is \$65 per person for the first 12 registrants (includes round-trip transportation, admission and lunch). There is also the option of joining the group at PCAC and driving on your own for \$40 per person.

Educational seminar

Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts an educational seminar addressing 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 from the Michigan Foot and Ankle Center, St. Mary Hospital, will discuss foot problems, especially those relating to diabetes. Physio Therapy Associates will cover post-surgical care of the hip and knee.

Lunch will be served at noon, for a donation. Seats can be reserved, and more information obtained, by calling Doris, (734) 453-9730.

Ladies golf

A non-competitive ladies golf league needs golfers. The league plays 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township, beginning May 17. Interested golfers should call (734) 459-8454 for more information.

'Little Women' on stage

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its production of Little Women with 7 p.m. performances May 17-18 in the Calvary Baptist Church auditorium, 43065 Joy in Canton.

The event features a silent auction to benefit the new Fine Arts Booster Club. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information, call (734) 420-6932.

Postal food drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army teams with the U.S. Postal Service for the 15thannual Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 12.

Local residents should have gotten a post-card reminder in

the mail. Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items (such as instant pudding, powdered drinks, boxed potatoes, canned goods) and personal items (such as feminine hygiene products, soap, laundry detergents, toilet paper, toothpaste). Residents wishing to donate can simply leave the donation in a sack near their mailbox.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Uptown Players

The Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS), Plymouth Community Arts Council's youth theatre group, are prepared to delight audiences with their theatrical renditions of three comedic plays during the Mother's Day weekend in May.

Shows are open to the public, but seating is limited. Tickets are \$6, and PCAC officials highly recommend advance ticket purchase.

The first play, "Once Upon A Shoe," keeps in step with the best of Garland/Roonev traditions when Mother Goose's children come to the rescue of their beloved shoe home by putting on a show. The play, appropriate for young audiences, hits the stage 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 10 a.m Saturday, May 12.

Unsuspecting townsfolk and audiences alike will be stunned by the surprise heroes in a spiced-up version of the classic "Stone Soup." Performances are 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13.

"After Hours" takes audiences on a clandestine visit to a clothes shop that is locked up! tight for the night. The Players enact this comedy 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Performances take place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located inside the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

Scholarship dinner

Spiritus Sanctus Academy hosts its annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction Friday, June 1, at The Inn at St. John's.

The dinner and auction will be held in the Grande Ballroom. An on-line preview of auction items is available at www.sistersofmary.org.

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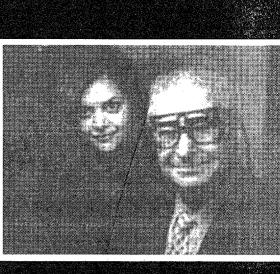
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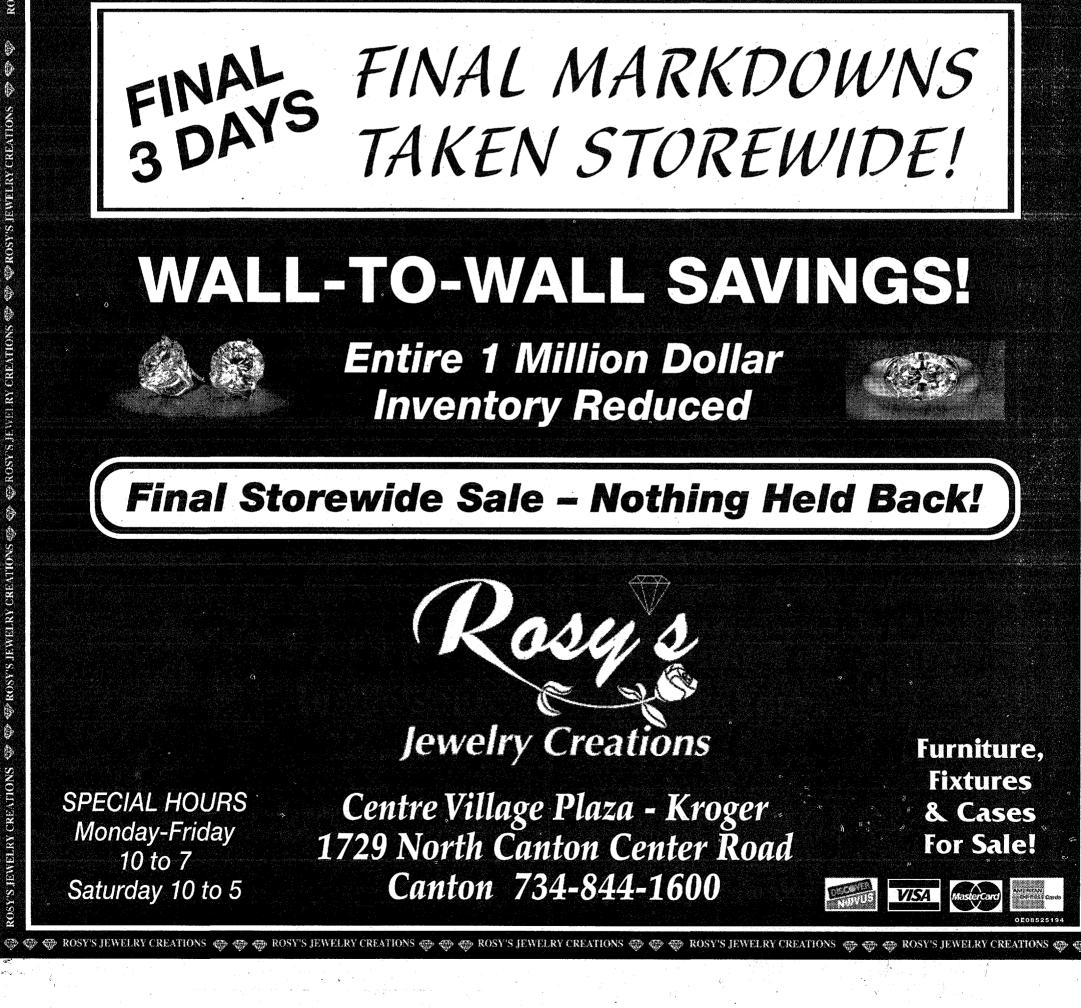
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Woman facing trial for attacking elderly spouse

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

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The first time William H. Baumgartner said "I do" in reference to Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner he was taking her as his wife. The second time came Monday in 35th District Court when he vowed to tell the truth regarding the felonious assault charges against her.

Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, has been charged with domestic violence, assault and battery and felonious assault for allegedly attacking her 86year-old husband during an argument at Max & Erma's on April 22.

If convicted on the felonious assault charge, Campbell-Baumgartner faces up to four years in prison.

At her preliminary hearing on Monday, Judge Michael J. Gerou bound Campbell-Baumgartner over for trial. She is scheduled to be arraigned May 21 in Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Campbell-Baumgartner has been accused of injuring Baumgartner with either a knife or a fork while the two were at the restaurant.

Nicole Clay, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office attorney, touched on Campbell-Baumgartner's violent past, including her plea to an aggravated domestic violence charge that involved her stabbing her mother with a fork.

Baumgartner, who admitted that he didn't want to testify against his wife of five months, said the "ruckus" at the restaurant stemmed from a dispute the couple had earlier that day regarding one of their neighbors.

After getting married, the two moved from the Plymouth house Baumgartner had shared with his late wife of 56 years into a Hendrie Drive home in Canton. They had been having issues with a particular neighbor over their dog.

On April 22, Campbell-Baumgartner began to approach their neighbor and Baumgartner testified he told his wife to "cool it" and then a "scuffle broke out." He said Campbell-Baumgartner accused him of not standing up for her and then hit and

pushed him. According to the police report, Baumgartner told officers that his wife hit him numerous times in the face. After the altercation, Baumgartner said his wife told him she wanted nothing to do with him and drove him to his

old residence in Plymouth. He testified that Campbell-Baumgartner returned to his Plymouth home twice and, at one point, wiped some blood off of his face. Baumgartner testified that he hadn't realized he was bleeding.

Campbell-Baumgartner then suggested they go to Max & Erma's for dinner. While at the Canton Center Road eatery, Baumgartner asked his wife if she was still angry and another argument ensued.

The couple's pastor, the Rev. William Moore, testified that he attempted to greet the two at the restaurant when Campbell-Baumgartner began yelling obscenities at him.

Dave Foydel, who does magic tricks at the restaurant on Sundays, testified that he observed Campbell-Baumgartner yell at her husband and dump his food into his lap. He alerted the restaurant's manager, Brian Elliott, about the incident. When Elliott tried to escort Campbell-Baumgartner outside, Foydel told police she began to kick at the manager. During several moments of testimony by Moore and Foydel, Campbell-Baumgartner lightly shook her head in disagreement.

While on the stand, Baumgartner shot down statements in the police report that alleged Campbell-Baumgartner held a knife close

to the right side of his head. Sometime after Campbell-

Baumgartner exited the restaurant, Moore and Foydel testified they saw blood on the right side of Baumgartner's face.

Defense attorney Charles Anderson argued that the charges should be dismissed because the case against his client is weak and no one could testify that they saw Campbell-Baumgartner injure her husband.

'Why are we bending over backward trying to make a case," he said, noting Baumgartner's desire to have a no-contact restriction between him and his wife lifted.

Anderson referred to his client as "this poor woman" and said the state has no case because there wasn't a crime.

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Society honors Plymouth's Libbing

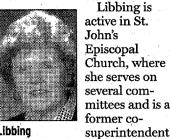
Long-time Plymouth resident Jane Libbing has been recognized as its 2007 Woman of Distinction by the Plymouth-Canton chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, women teachers recognition society.

Libbing's many contributions to the community include her many years as a classroom and homebound elementary teacher in Plymouth, Northville and Wayne-Westland. Since her retirement, Libbing has been serving as the Plymouth-**Canton Symphony Society Education Coordinator.**

In that role, she coordinates details for the Koncert for Kids for all fourth-graders in Plyimouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland and Our Lady of Good Counsel schools. She is on the Plymouth-Canton Familyi and Consumer Science Advisory Committee. She has been co-leader of the "Link Up with Lincoln" project which began as a DKG project and brought together the Plymouth Symphony, Plymouth **Community Arts Council**, Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth and Canton public libraries, as well as the community schools to work on a joint

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project in connection with the opening of the Lincoln Room at the Plymouth Historical Museum.



Libbing

of the Sunday School program. She is also a volunteer with the Friends of the Penn and with the

Plymouth Symphony League. In addition to all of that, Libbing has served Delta Kappa Gamma's local chapter

in all its major offices, including president.

HVA awards

Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics Matt Matthias, Jeff Shoemaker and Emily Ward won first place in the Advanced Life Support practical competition at the 2007 Emergency Medical Services Expo

statewide competition, held April 21 in Grand Rapids.

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In the Basic Life Support practical competition, HVA **Emergency Medical Technicians** Amanda Heathman and Dale Willett won first place while EMT Megan Hall and EMT-Specialist Libby Mieczkowski took second place.

Matt Matthias scored first on the paramedic written test. On. the EMT-Specialist written test, Libby Mieczkowski took third place. On the EMT written test, Amanda Heathman took first place, Dale Willett took second place, and Megan Hall took third place.

EMS Expo is Michigan's largest continuing education conference for the emergency medical profession. Employees from ambulance services throughout the state compete individually on written exams and in teams for practical scenarios.

Based in Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Ambulance is a nationally accredited, nonprofit community ambulance service covering Washtenaw, western -Wayne and southwest Oakland counties.



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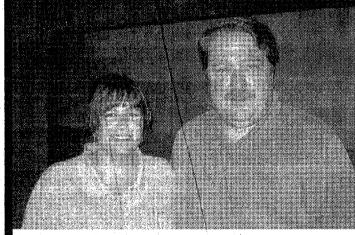
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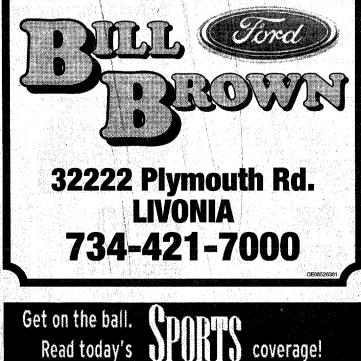
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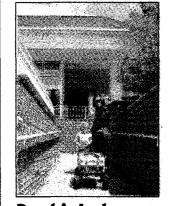
Please note: Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 27-28, for Memorial Day weekend.

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. -Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Shirley Weimar, (248) 348-9953.

GREAT BOOKS, Monday, May 14, 7 p.m. – This meeting will wrap up the 2006-07 Great Books series - meetings will resume in September. 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 WRIT-ING GROUP, Tuesday, May 15, 4 p.m. – Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION,



Bookin' along

It's a warm spring day and a perfect time for a weekly trip to the Library for 4-year-old Carson Podolinski and her mother Kristin.

Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion. 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

GROUP, Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m. – Join other gardeners in this informal gathering exchange ideas, share tips, discuss gardening concerns. No registration required.

STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS, Monday, May 21, 7 p.m. - Find out what you can

expect from the upcoming summer skies from Plymouth resident Mike Best. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com ■ NEEDLECRAFTERS

MEETING, Monday, May 21, 7-9 p.m. – Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, May 23, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell. 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

OPTIMISTIC ECOLOGY WITH CHUCK GAIDICA. Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m. -The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invite all to meet and enjoy this presentation by WDIV Director of Meteorology, Chuck Gaidica. Mr. Gaidica will share his thoughts on optimistic ecology and ways we can all contribute to the ecological well-being of our community.

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, Monday, May 14, 10 and 11 a.m. and Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. - Lap Sit Storytime is a 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies ages 6 to 24 months and their caregivers. Only the registered caregiver and baby may attend. No siblings please. Registration is limited to the first 16 children; call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

■ BABY PLAY — There will be no Baby Play session this month, due to the Memorial Day holiday. This program, which takes place on the fourth Monday of the month, is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required.

PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Wednesdays through May 23, 7 p.m. — This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

State files \$70 million in embezzlement charges against cemeteries' owner

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

The state's top prosecutor is pressing charges against an Oklahoma businessman for misusing funds set aside for the maintenance of almost 30 cemeteries he owns around Michigan.

Michigan Attorney General. Mike Cox announced late last month he had filed 39 felony counts against Clayton Ray Smart of Oklahoma in connection with the alleged embezzlement of up to \$70 million in cemetery trust funds.

The charges account for \$38 million of the \$70 million that should be set aside in cemetery trust funds. There may be more charges to come.

The charges include one count of racketeering, 10 counts of embezzlement and 28 counts of failure to trust cemetery proceeds.

According to Cox's office, the money was embezzled to fund the purchase of 28 cemeteries in the state. Smart is currently in custody in Oklahoma fighting extradition to Michigan and Tennessee.

Cemetery trusts are required, by state law, so that there are funds to care for the physical well-being of the land. They are there to provide for mainte-



nance (mowing, seeding, planting) and for the equipment to maintain the property for the future.

Among the local cemeteries involved are Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, 17849 Middlebelt in Livonia, Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, 34424 Ford in Westland, and United Memorial Gardens, 4800 Curtis in Plymouth.

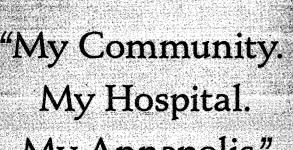
Attorney general's office spokesman Matt Frendewey said the cemeteries were being maintained and operated as normal under the eye of a state-appointed conservator and contracts with them for plots and services already purchased would still be honored.

Todd Turowski, funeral director and vice president of the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, said the charges won't affect the funeral home business, but will likely cast the entire death care industry in a poor light.

He said funeral homes have always been highly regulated in regards to trusts.

"Funeral homes have always been accountable for pre-need arrangements," he said. "We have to put/100 percent of that money in a trust - there's no money to lose."

In past/years, before funeral homes lobbied to have the law changed, companies running cemeteries didn't have to put any pre-need funds into trusts. cemeteries will end up trusting



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LOCAL NEWS

ELECTION FROM PAGE A1

Slavens, whose 3,723 votes were second and earned him his third, four-year term, resigned after Tuesday's regular board meeting - before the final results were in - because he's not allowed to hold elected public office as a result of his gubernatorial appointment to the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court bench.

Third place went to Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, incumbent Richard Ham-Kucharski, who is completing a four-year term, finished fourth, Larry Martin of Plymouth Township was fifth and Bruce Koldys of Canton Township finished sixth.

The Board of Education has already made plans to replace Slavens by seeking applications for the five-week term through 4 p.m. Friday, May 18.

Since the Board of Education will have to make another appointment after July 1 to fill the seat for one year of the four-year term won by Slavens, it might make sense to appoint newly elected Eggenberger to the short-term position.

"That's certainly a possibility," said Barry Simescu, school board president. "We have to see who applies and goes through the process.

Eggenberger said she'll apply for the early appointment.

"I think I will," Eggenberger said. "It would be great to get a

jump start. Heise said he hasn't decided if he will send a letter of interest to the school board for the five-week appointment.



"As far as I'm concerned, I've already made an application." Heise said. "I went through a three-month campaign process, I participated in the League of Women Voters debate and I've achieved the support of 3,000 (actually 2,523) voters in Plymouth-Canton. I don't know if I will jump through any additional hoops at this time."

The Board of Education will go through the same process when Slavens' four-year term begins July 1, with 20 days to fill the first year of the term. Martin said he'd be interested in that position.

"But, it might be worth going through the (current) process as a rehearsal," Martin said. Ham-Kucharski, whose term

"I still feel there's a lot of work to be done," Ham-Kucharski said. "It's a crucial help the board through the budget crisis and the selection of a new superintendent."

to be on the board, but voters

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than to serve on the Board of Education, but having finished last would make it inappropriate for me to seek the appointment," Koldys said "I wish to be elected in my own right and will continue in my efforts to achieve that in the upcoming months and years ahead."

VOTE

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with people's pay, especially teachers who bust their tail to give our kids the best education they can. Cutting their pay would lessen the impact that Plymouth-Canton has to attract great teachers."

Even those who supported Ham-Kucharski at the polls, like Fred Bolden of Canton Township, had to disagree with the candidate on the teacher's pay.

"I supported him because of his stand on issues like autism, he seems to be one of the levelheaded members on the board," Bolden said, "However, I don't see teachers taking pay cuts. That's the only issue I didn't like of his.'

With Mark Slavens receiving the second-highest vote total, voters didn't seem to be turned off by his late announcement he would step down from the

However, many of those votes came via the absentee announcement. Some of the frid voters at the polls had a differ γ R

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"I think there could have 🛸 been more done to get out there he was appointed a $-m_{m}^{*}$ judge," said Tony Woolf of Orac Plymouth. "He pretty much" knew he was in the process It? doesn't come as a surprise and when someone gets appointed ed."

Bolden said Slavens should have made a better effort to role remove himself from contention in the school board torn election.

Unfortunately, I still saw his signs up and I saw him still campaigning," Bolden said. "Is was disappointed he didn't and make a better effort to get out and say 'Please don't vote for ?? me, there are other qualified of candidates on the slate." 1 to

Cotner said she didn't 17913 believe Slavens was holdingbuss back information. TUÍN

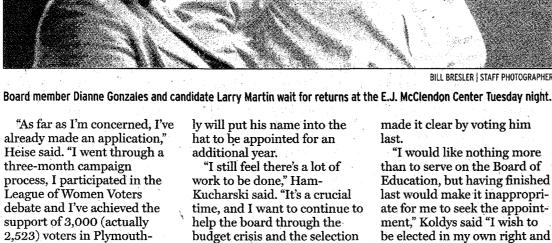
"If you get opportunities like that in life, you have to take 105 them," she said. TSE 008





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The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a free program titled "Genealogy and DNA, The New Tool" featuring Roberta Estes, a professional in the information technology arena, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, at 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Michael Brautigan, (734) 454-3495.

Texas Hold 'Em

A top prize of \$1,000 is up for grabs in a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, sponsored by Livonia Costco to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. The poker tournament will take place Saturday, May 12, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The tournament fee is \$100 per person, which covers the tournament buy-in, two drink tickets and an array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

The tournament, which begins at 8:30 p.m., is limited to 120 people with the top four players earning cash prizes. First place will receive \$1,000, second place \$500, third place \$300 and fourth place \$100. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a spot in the tournament, call Costco's Ann Chaloux at (248) 755-1348. She can be contacted via e-mail at w390mkt01@costco.com. Remaining tickets can also be purchased at the door, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Western Wayne Genealogical Society The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Speaker Carl Katafiasz of Monroe will discuss "French Canadian, Polish, and Name Changes." At 6:30 p.m. will be a DVD presentation "Ancestors: Discovering Your Heritage, episode 2, Family Records." Meetings are open to the public, guests welcome. Visit http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/

or call Margie ast 734-522-4050. Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors the Mother and Son Magic Show with Jasen Magic 10:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Genitti's (108 E. Main) in Northville. The magic show runs 10:30-11:20 a.m., followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. The show is open to children ages 3 and up. No strollers, and the family style lunch will include soup, pasta, salad, chicken, brownies and lemonade. Cost is \$14 per person. Pre-register by going to the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 700 W. Baseline, in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Soup & Salad

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup & Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 fee includes soup, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event also features two 50/50 drawings (don't need to be present to win) and door prizes. For reserved tables of 10 or more or for advance tickets, call (734) 671-1020.

Women remembering Women A "Women Remembering Women" evening tea is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Best Western Hotel Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive, in Livonia. The evening is designed for women who

have lost mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, friends or other special women in their lives. The evening includes tea and desserts, a special speaker, educational materials and a special gift. Cost is free. RSVP requested by May 7, but not required. To RSVP or for more information, call (800) 770-9859 and ask for Diana or Sherri.

Golf league

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Livonia Women's Golf League is hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh just south of 8 Mile Thurday mornings teeing off at 8 a.m. beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Nonresidents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy, (248) 476-3991.

Register for St. Genevieve School St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extendedday program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit

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Card party/luncheon Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145. Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

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Canton Newcomers

- The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening
- of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer! **Kiwanis Çlub**

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site

(www.pckiwanis.org). **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusianet@aol.com

German/American Club of Plymouth

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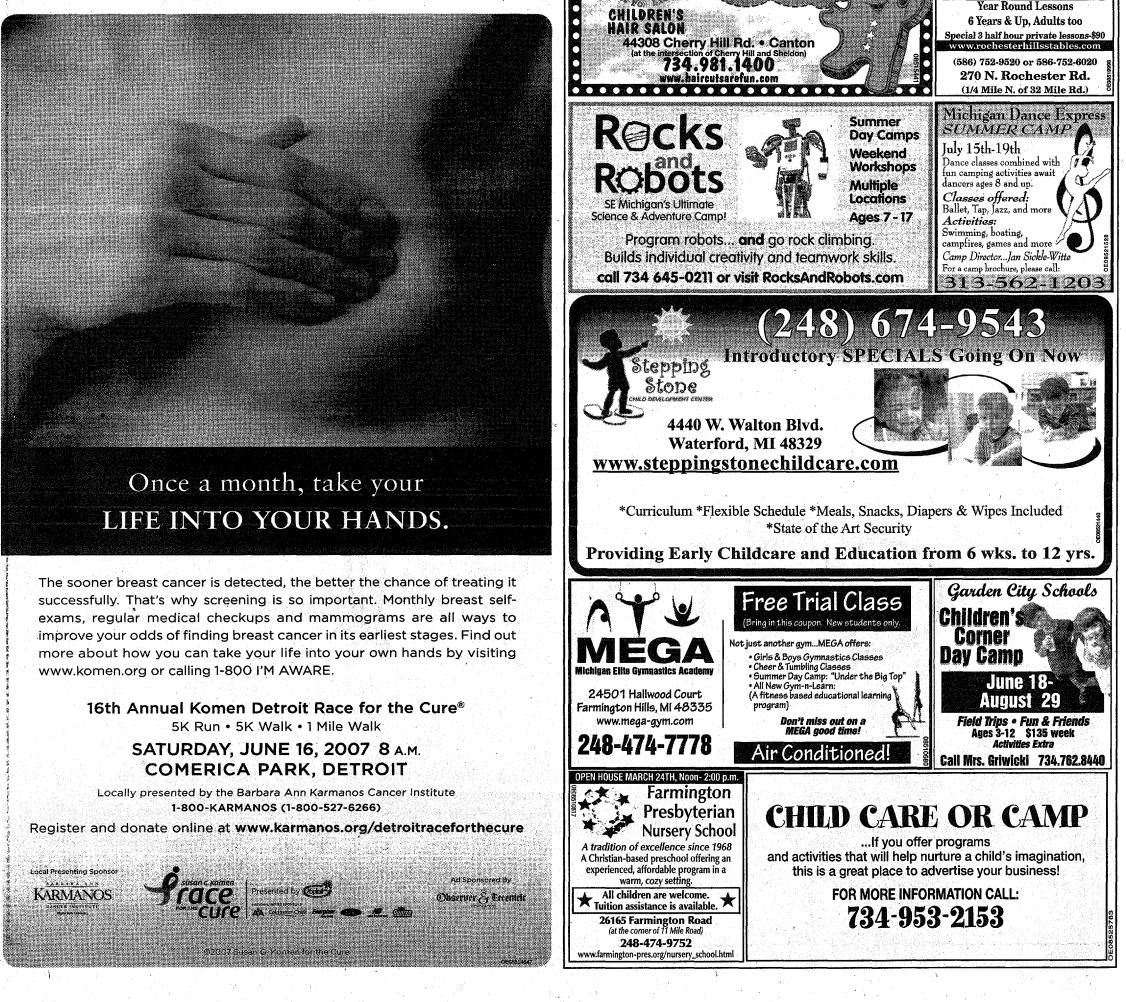
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For 22 years, the *Observer* has honored outstanding young scholars and held them up for public recognition so the community can see first hand the tremendous talent and potential that exists here.

We're pleased to continue the tradition of recognizing academic excellence and even more pleased to be joined by our partners — the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Huntington Bank and Madonna University — in honoring the brightest and best of the Class of 2007.

The 2007 All-Stars are outstanding scholars and musicians. They volunteer at schools, local hospitals, churches and synagogues. They strive for careers in medicine, science, education and law. They honor and applaud the teachers who have had an impact on their lives.

We have high expectations for all of these students.

Today, in a special section inside this newspaper, we salute the All-Stars and the runners-up. All of these students are smart, motivated and eager to expand their world. They are generous with their time and talent. They act locally, but think globally. They are eager to make their communities, the state, the nation and the world a better place. They are grateful to their teachers and parents who have nurtured them along their path to academic and personal success.

Congratulations to the 2007 Academic All-Star Team of (in order of ranking) Zhe (Julie) Xiang, Canton High School; Joshua Mann, Churchill High School; Sruthi Renati, Farmington High School; Lauren Jones, Harrison High School; Alexander Sapick, North Farmington High School; Breanna Miller, Canton High School; Jakub Poznanski, Plymouth High School; Shobha Narasimhan, Salem High School; Laura Oliver, Thurston High School; D.J. "Dorothy J." Heebner, North Farmington High School; Chelsea LeBlanc, Salem High School; Shulamite Chiu, Harrison High School; Anna Sheppard, Farmington High School; Katherine Lebioda, Plymouth High School; Kimberly Martinez, Stevenson High School; and Zhe Guan, Churchill High School.

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Need new board

The Plymouth Historical Museum's unnecessary fiasco with the IRS reminds me of when I was a youngster. I think of a conglomeration of fairy tales. Carl Berry's Gang of Eight reminds me a bit of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, or Mary and her Little Lambs or the Three Little Pigs, except they were pure and innocent and they were all fairly cute. The bad guys always died and the good guys lived happily ever after.

Carl's gang intentionally and maliciously conspired to destroy Beth Stewart - no ifs, ands, nor buts about that! They did not care who or what got in their way, not even the museum. While they profess to want to save the museum, their actions cost the museum not only in terms of legal fees but also in terms of anxiety and bad publicity and many good volun who've subsequently quit volunteering. They intimidated a lot of good people, hard working museum volunteers, into firing Beth by lying, withholding and/or skewing the truth, and creating a fear of IRS retribution. What Beth Stewart worked for 17 vears to create and develop, they attempted to destroy almost overnight. All for what? They wanted Mark Abbo to be elected. They gave no consideration to the overall welfare of the museum. They were intent upon destroying Beth Stewart and did not care if they destroyed the museum in the process. Well, Beth lost and Abbo won the primary. But a much better man won the election. Now the museum still stands but is reeling from the aftershock of Carl's Gang's shenanigans.

as I offered in my July 23 letter: "Now, for all this hullabaloo about bulk mailing permits and the use of the museum for meetings: If everything I read in the O&E is correct, Beth Stewart correctly handled the use of the permit by first obtaining permission from the permit owner to use it for her limited mailing and in paying the commercial rate for the copies and mailings."

I believe my assessment has been validated by the results of the investigations. The IRS findings of "no damage to the nonprofit status of the museum" also vindicates the museum of any wrongdoing or bias toward the campaign of Ms. Stewart.

I think this calls for a hearty round of resignations by the present museum board members (as I called for in my unpublished letter of Dec. 15): "I would call for the resignation of the board members because of th gence in setting policy and carrying out their duties." I also think a formal letter of apology from the museum board to Beth Stewart would be in order. As Dan Parker, a retired IRS criminal investigation agent, stated in his interview with the Detroit News: "The board handled it horribly. I know how the system works and I told them then that they were over-reacting." A few other items that are worthy of consideration when you evaluate the validity of Mr. Berry's tale: The complaint against the museum was filed by Ron Lowe's attorney. Eric Doster. Why would he do that? Isn't Ron Lowe on the museum board? A complaint was also filed with the State Attorney General. I wrote to Mr. Cox asking the status of the complaint. I never received the courtesy of a reply. Aren't Mike Cox and his wife, Laura, a part of the Michigan Republican Party Machine, and didn't Laura Cox openly campaign for Mark Abbo (the defeated candidate for 20th District representative)? Why was the decision and announcement of the firing of Beth Stewart by the museum board delayed until only a few days before the primary election? Wasn't that a picture of Carl Berry celebrating with Mark Abbo that I saw in the O&E after the primary election? Well, fellow voters, you will have to make up your mind. As for me, I give it the "Duck Test:" 1) It sure looks like a duck; 2) it sure sounds like a duck; 3) it walks (was performed) like a duck; 4) And it smells... It sure sounds like the local Republican party.

Recently, I read an article about the budget problems facing Plymouth-Canton schools and was especially grieved to see the 30-year-old, student-run radio station on the chopping block.

Every morning for the past five years since discovering the radio station, I listen. WSDP has put me in touch with valuable community information, and their public service announcements are awesome. My son and I listen to WSDP every morning and every evening on our way to and from school because of the fine music.

Furthermore, I look at WSDP and Plymouth-Canton schools as a parent. WSDP is an exemplar of what a good school program in a good district looks like. As a parent, I have many options. I can select from charter schools, private schools or public schools. It's programs like the student-run WSDP that set Plymouth-Canton schools apart from its competition in my eyes; there's no other program like it. I can give my perspective as a professional, as well, as I work within the field of education for Eastern Michigan University. I spend a lot of time in local middle schools and am starkly aware of budget constraints, curriculum issues and other strains upon Michigan public education today. Our kids are facing a world that looks a lot different from the one we parents saw in high school. This is why it is especially important to do what we can to keep them engaged in their own learning and prepare them for the future. WSDP offers students a chance to learn marketable skills. It serves the community in a variety of ways through public service announcements, contests and information awareness. Don't let this gem of the Plymouth-Canton School District fall victim to our hard times.

This is National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The week is scheduled to coincide with Florence Nightingale's birthday May 12.

Nightingale is considered the founder of modern nursing, famous for her efforts to care for British soldiers during the Crimean War.

Nursing has come a long way since Nightingale first raised public awareness of the profession. It is a demanding, rewarding and growing field.

According to the U.S. Census, nursing will grow by 623,000 jobs between 2002 and 2012, the largest job growth for any occupation.

These figures reflect the severe nursing shortage in the U.S. and particularly in Michigan. The Michigan Center for Nursing highlights several factors for what is expected to be a continuing problem over the next couple decades: a growing and aging population; fewer young people entering the nursing workforce; an aging workforce in a field that demands physical strength; a workforce that doesn't reflect the diversity of the general population; and more professional options for women, who represent 92 percent of registered nurses.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed the Michigan Nursing Corps. to train 500 additional nursing instructors to graduate more than 3,000 additional nurses in the next three years.

Area nursing schools at Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Oakland Community College and Oakland University are putting a new emphasis on health care professions, particularly nursing. Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress has proposed that the Legislature allow the college to offer a four-year nursing degree.

Currently, nurses are burdened by mandatory overtime and a heavy patient load.

For their sake and for the sake of the public health, we need to encourage a growth in nursing by offering better educational opportunities and better compensation for those men and women who take up the challenge to follow Florence Nightingale.



Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

I hope the Plymouth Historical Society elects a new Board of Directors that will not be so easily intimidated by the likes of Carl Berry and his Gang. The museum deserves to live happily ever after.

> Sally Fedus Museum Board Candidate Plymouth Township

Letter is laughable

Thank you for publishing Carl Berry's letter in the Thursday, May 3, edition. I have not laughed so hard since the time I saw the results of the District 20 State Representative election last fall.

Wow. Talk about a work of pure fiction.

If the electorate of District 20 believes the tale Mr. Berry spins, then I'm sure he also has some good highground land near New Orleans he will let them have for a reasonable price, sight unseen. His story certainly exemplifies his belief about how stupid and easily duped the voters of this district are.

The outcome of all the investigations is now in with the results exactly

WSDP a great asset

There is no doubt we face tough economic times here in Michigan. Time after time I read about budget deficits and cuts in jobs in all sectors.

Maria Gonzalez-Allen

Director of Gear-Up Parent Programs Eastern Michigan University

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QUOTABLE "We had a battalion operation and I went on foot patrol with the company commander to find a sniper ... Two other Marines took my vehicle and convoyed back to pick up some others to help. They took the vehicle I was driving, (ran) over an IED (and were killed) ... in the same intersection we drove through four or five times that day..."

Marine Cpl. Steven Oliver, Plymouth resident who recently returned from a tour in Iraq

OTHER OPINIONS

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Serving jury duty a civic privilege

like Barry Manilow and chick flicks. I've become obsessed with Rachael Ray. A normal breakfast for me is two Boston Cremes and a coke from Tim Horton's. I own two -count 'em, two – pink shirts.

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Let's just say I'm used to getting weird looks from people.

So I barely noticed when people gaped at me when I expressed delight at receiving the first jury summons of my 48 years.



To most people, the spectre of jury duty seems to be an unbearable nuisance. But to someone who would have loved to serve on the O.J. Simpson jury, getting the summons was akin to a visit by Ed McMahon with one of those big cardboard checks.

Professional cohorts

Brad Kadrich

weren't the only ones who looked at me funny. My own sons eyed me as though I'd just sprouted horns, until 16-year-old Marcus thought maybe I'd get on the Stephen Grant case. Umm ... wrong county, but how cool would that be?

I admit I was far more excited a couple of weeks ago when the summons came than I was the day before I was set to serve. Suddenly, the idea of spending the day at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center seemed less appealing. Besides, it was supposed to be sunny and in the mid-60s, and my golf clubs were screaming to be let out of the trunk.

And, of course, getting to the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center meant driving to downtown Detroit, a prospect that generally gives me hives. Too many one-way streets and huge buildings that confuse me. Fortunately, my partner in crime here does traffic on the radio, and his predetermined route got me exactly where I was going well before a rash could develop.

I arrived about 15 minutes before the scheduled 8:30 a.m. show-time, filled out the ques tionnaire then sat back - with some two dozen others - to wait. We took our first break (without really needing one) around 9 a.m. People read newspapers or books, talked quietly or watched the Will Smith movie, Hitch. I spent 15 years in the U.S. Air Force, so all this "hurry up and wait" stuff wasn't anything new to me.

Around 10 a.m., we were moved over to the Lincoln Hall of Juvenile Justice for possible jury selection in a child protection case. As we waited for voir dire to begin, conversations revealed a little more about each of us. It was the first time I'd ever been summoned for jury duty. Others had done it often; Michael Long of Van Buren Township said he'd been called "maybe 15 times," though he'd never actually sat on a jury (that was about to change, though he didn't know it).

Another guy said he'd been an alternate on a murder trial, but had been dismissed when the jury went into deliberations. That jury, he said, convicted the defendant in 15 minutes.

We were led into the courtroom of Judge Frank Szymanski, with whom, I later learned, I had something in common (it was the first jury trial for both of us). The first thing I was struck by was the size of the courtroom. Apparently I've been watching too much Law & Order, because I wasn't prepared for a room that's smaller than my living room.

I was one of the first eight into the box for voir dire, and I was still sitting there when the jury was chosen, so I was one-for-one in jury selection. While many of the people in our group expressed a desire to get the hell out of there, I was happy to be chosen.

By the time the eight of us (six would actually deliberate the case, with two alternates chosen at random at the end of the trial) were seated Thursday afternoon, there was only time for opening statements, which meant a return trip Friday. That was OK with me for a couple of reasons: I was enjoying the experience, and it meant lunch a second day at Bianca's, the greasy-spoon coney island place next door to the courthouse.

But Friday, the case turned grim. We were charged with deciding whether the court should get jurisdiction over the five children adopted by the same mother. There were charges of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and our charge was to decide whether the court should have jurisdiction over any or all five kids.

We listened to the evidence presented by the attorney general and the defense. We took the judge's orders into consideration, and began our deliberations around 4:15 p.m. Friday. During our breaks throughout the day, I had considered the various emotions I was feeling: trepidation, ebullience, honor.

But after listening to evidence of the rape of a 4-year-old boy and the other abuses that had been heaped upon these five children, the awesome responsibility of what to do about it hit home when the decision was left to us. We ultimately left two of the children as wards of the court and returned the other three to their adoptive mother, feeling the state had not proven she'd been part of the pattern of abuse.

Having been chosen jury foreman, it was my responsibility to stand before the principals in the case and read all five verdicts. Reading them, wondering if we'd done the right thing for those children, having to look into the eyes of that mother — it was about as awesome a responsibility as I've ever undertaken.

When it was over, Judge Szymanski told us it had been a privilege to have us as jurors presiding over his first jury trial. And all I could think was, "No, sir, the privilege was mine."

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It's time for the museum to clean house

ow is the right time for members of the Plymouth Historical Museum to go onward and forward and reject the political negativity that was generated last year.

The tax-exempt status of the Plymouth Historical Museum was NEVER in jeopardy, according to Dan Packer, an IRS criminal investigator for 25 years. This was blown way out of proportion by



Stewart

Carl Berry and his "Save the Museum" cohorts. The political motive was to drag down the museum and Beth Stewart and to get Mark Abbo elected. But it backfired because the people of our communities saw through it and elected a Democratic State Representative Marc Corriveau for the first time in many decades. The facts are:

On June 15, 2006, Beth Stewart went to the Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road and Barbara Mitchell, a 30-year employee said, "Why don't you use someone else's bulk-mailing permit?"

Beth Stewart received the written authorization of Mr. Sanford Burr, President of the Board of Directors, to use the Museum's bulk-mailing permit.

At all times, Beth Stewart paid the full postage rate and did not benefit one penny from using the Museum's bulk mailing permit number.

Eric Doster, an attorney for the Michigan Republican Party, filed the complaint against the Museum with the IRS.

On Aug. 2, 2006, Armando Lopez telephoned my wife, Beth Stewart, at home at 9:30 p.m. and said, "You are terminated." Beth Stewart has never talked with the board and has never been given the opportunity to tell her side of the story. Dan Packer has publicly said, "The Board handled it horribly. I know how the system works and I told them then that they were overreacting. In the end, the Board is the group that took action that benefited a political candidate."

Where are the members of the "Save the Museum" group, other than Carl Berry, Shannon Price, Tom Hickey, Mark Mandell, and Matt Frendeway, campaign manager for Mark Abbo and now the spokesperson for Attorney General Mike Cox? They have never contributed one penny to the Museum. Let's go onward and forward and build up our community in a more positive manner.

John C. Stewart is a Plymouth attorney and former state representative in the 20th District.

News media needs to win back the public trust

n the public's eyes, just about the only folks struggling with believability issues more than the Bush administration are journalists.

And journalists largely have themselves to thank for that.



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This past week, newsrooms nationwide observed Ethics in Journalism Week, and they have a sorry state of affairs to consider. Since the mid-1980s, Americans have been increasingly skeptical of the information they receive from the news media, and no major news outlet has escaped the trend, according to The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. Last year, only 19 percent of people

surveyed by the Project for Excellence in Journalism said they believed "all or most" of what they read in their daily newspaper, a drop of 10 points in eight years. Another 40 percent believed only "a good deal" of what they read in the paper.

The loss of public trust should come as no surprise. Journalists have been caught making up stories (Jayson Blair, formerly of The New York Times, and others); rushing stories into the public domain ("Al Gore is our next president. No, make that George Bush. No, make that ..."); accepting payment from the government in exchange for news coverage (three journalists formerly at El Nuevo Herald in Miami, and others); plagiarizing (too many culprits to name here); and juicing their stories with loaded language and sensational imagery (again, we don't have enough space to start naming names).

Business agendas are also getting in the way of good journalism. What else would explain an ABC reporter's "story" about a medical procedure that just happened to play a starring role in the episode of Grey's Anatomy that aired right before the newscast? What happens to local news coverage when hundreds of reporting positions are cut to satisfy investors' expectations, or one corporation owns hundreds of news outlets?

Good journalism is at the heart of our democracy. Like it or not, a free press - warts and all - is what creates an informed citizenry that can hold business, government and the institutions that affect our lives accountable. This nation is great because it has a free. albeit noisy and messy - news media.

The easy thing for a cynical public to do is watch passively as journalism reels from its self-inflicted wounds, or bash the news media until they deliver nothing of substance or value. The media most certainly need to win back the public trust they've lost. That trust starts with a commitment to ethical news production, which is, above all, accurate, fair and independent of special interests. Many news organizations, publicize their ethics policies online. The Society of Professional Journalists' code is widely considered the gold standard of the industry and can be found at spj.org. SPJ members routinely debate journalism ethics online and encourage the general public to join their conversations. Rather than tune out, readers, listeners and viewers should hold news organizations and the companies that own them accountable for their news coverage and the business decisions that undermine responsible journalism. Write letters, send e-mail, make phone calls or blog. We'll all be better for it.

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Madonna holds 60th commencement

Madonna University awarded approximately 980 degrees at ceremonies Saturday at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy. This year marked the university's 60th commencement.

The university awarded 700 undergraduate degrees and certificates and the remainder were master's degrees.

Honorary degrees were given to 1959 alumna Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski and retired General Motors Vice President Edward P. Czapor. The Distinguished Alumna award was given to Joan Duggan, class of 1973.

The invocation was given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. On Thursday, a graduation Mass was celebrated for all graduates and their families at the Presentation House at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse.



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Madonna University's Master's Degree candidates enter Calihan Hall.



Chairman of the Board of Trustees John Landis and Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa confer an honorary doctoral degree to Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski. She is the author of the 585-page "The Felician Sisters of Livonia: First Province in America."



Elodie Rogers uses her cell phone to find her family in the crowd at Calihan Hall.



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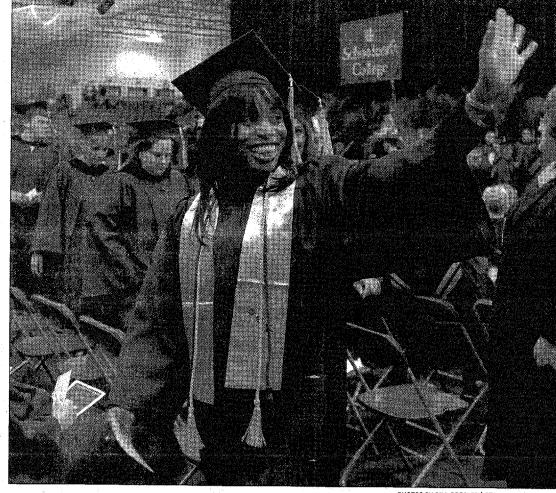
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Schoolcraft holds two graduation ceremonies

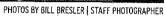
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Graduation ceremonies for Schoolcraft College were held Friday and Saturday. On Friday, 110 Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates received their degrees and certificates at ceremonies at the Physical Education Building. Andrew Arena, special agent in charge of the Detroit division of the FBI, was the special speaker. On Saturday about 425 of the 1,456 eligible students received their diplomas at a ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow addressed the graduates.

Stabenow received an honorary degree. Laura Carter Callow, a women's rights advocate and an original member of the Schoolcraft Women's Advisory Committee, also received an honorary degree.



Sophia Jean Nelms recognizes someone in the audience.





To all the nurses of UMHS,

On behalf of the U-M Health System, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize you and your outstanding work during National Nurses Week.

Of America's 2.9 million registered nurses, I am honored to work with the very finest right here at the U-M Health System. My physician colleagues and I are grateful for your dedication to the care of our patients and their loved ones, and for your being integral



After picking up her diploma, Robin Boucha reacts when someone in the audience shouts "You did it!"



Michael Siegrist, Editor in Chief of the Schoolcraft College Connection Newspaper, addresses his classmates.





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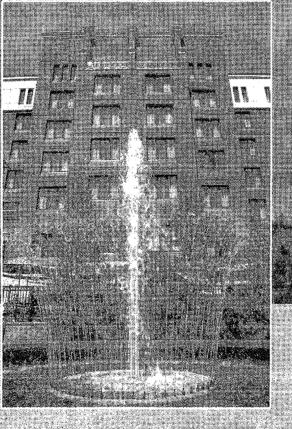
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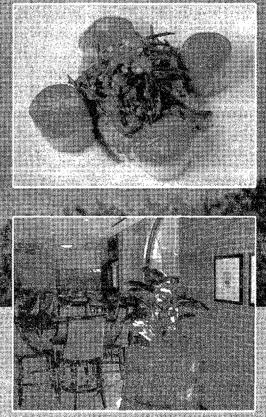
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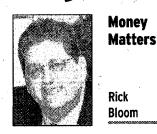
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When making a loan to a family member, put it in writing

Have you ever been asked to loan money to a family member? I was recently asked if it's a good idea to consider such a loan and what are the legal implications when dealing with family members. I believe whenever family or friends get involved in a business transaction there is the potential for problems that can impact someone financially and cause rifts within a family. However, there is one side of the equation and that is the good feeling you get from helping out a family member or friend. In addition, if a family member is starting a small

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business it may be very difficult for them to obtain financing at a reasonable interest rate. Sometimes the only chance of success is to go to family and friends.

If you're thinking of getting involved in a transaction with family or friends, my advice is that there has to be a clear understanding whether the

money is a gift or a loan. Both parties should know in advance what is expected. I know that these discussions with family members can be uncomfortable, however, keep in mind the transaction involves more than the parties involved. It can also impact the whole family.

If the transaction is a loan, then the terms should be discussed up front. Just like any other loan, the terms include payment schedule, interest rate, collateral, if any, and what happens in case of default. If the lender says "pay me whenever you can" this can cause problems because the terms are open ended. In this case, the lender has to recognize that they may never be repaid.

Even when terms are discussed up front, problems can develop if payments aren't made. Even though you may have the legal right to do something, your actions impact the family and that is something to consider. Everyone has to recognize there is more than a financial risk with these types of transactions.

If the money is a loan, I recommend terms be put in writing. It's a good idea to have an attorney draw up the document so it is a legally binding. Having an attorney involved lets the borrower know they are entering a legal transaction and that there are consequences if they fail to comply with terms of the loan. Even if the money is a gift, it's a good idea to also put that in writing.

What you charge in interest is always an issue. From an IRS point of view, in order for the loan not to be treated as a gift, thus causing gift tax consequences, you have to charge a fair rate of interest. However, the law does recognize that you do not have to charge the same interest rate as a financial institution. The lender does have to report the interest received as taxable income while the borrower may or may not be able to deduct the interest.

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Many people believe if they make a loan to a family member and he or she does not repay the loan that they can deduct the loan as a bad debt. According to the IRS, if you take a deduction for a bad debt, you have to prove that you used all reasonable efforts to collect on the debt. This action includes potentially bringing legal action against the borrower.

Lending money to a relative or a friend is a nice gesture, however, it can cause problems. The key to avoiding problems is to make sure everyone involved understands the agreement.

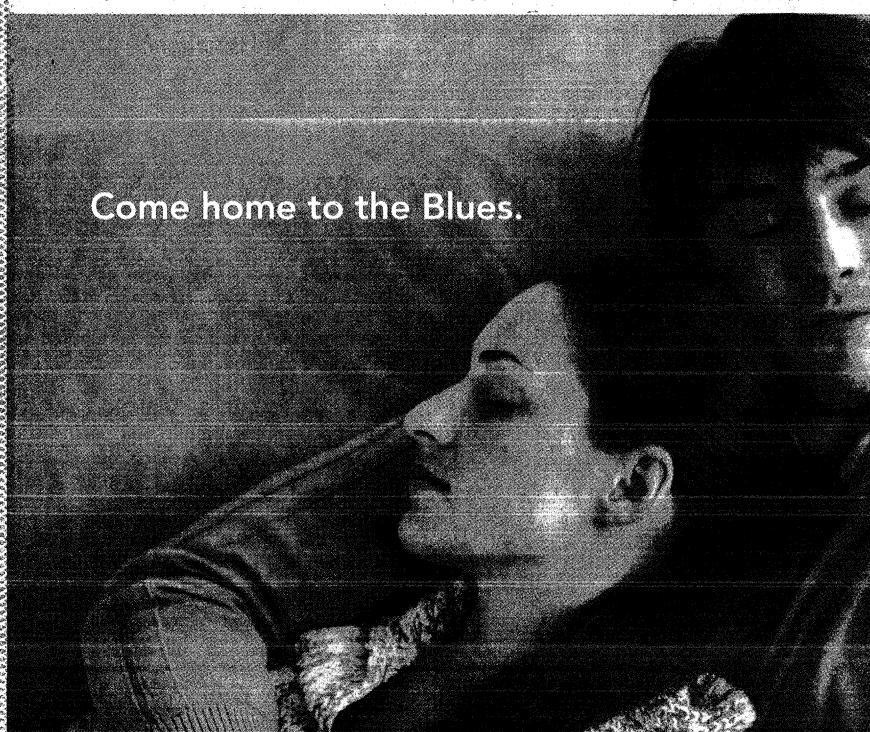
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Wolver-Bents hold recumbent bike rally

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will sponsor it's annual Michigan Recumbent and Tandem Bicycle Rally 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Willow Metropark pool shelter, located off exit 11 of I-275 in southwest Wayne County. For those not familiar with the bicycles, recumbents have the rider sit on a chair-like seat instead of a narrow saddle, providing a very high comfort level.

The event will consist of recumbent and tandem bicycle displays, test-rides, dealers, a noon group ride, as well as a "buying your first recumbent" talk at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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AGNES MacDONALD

Age 72 of Livonia, went to be with her Lord on May 7, 2007. She was preceded in death by her beloved hus-band Roy (Mac). She is survived by her three sons, Alan (Cheryl), John and Roy. Her loving family also includes grandsons Cody and Shane, sister Catherine (Dave) Curtis, Rose and Joan MacDonald and nieces and hephews. A memorial service will be held Fri. May 11th at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church located at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church or Salvation Army in memory of Agnes. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Traverse City Chapel of Covell Funeral Home, 231-946-6515.



BENSON V. BENEKER

New Bedford, MA. ----Benson V. Beneker, 93, passed away peacefully May

i, 2007 at Št. Luke's Hospital following a brief illness. Ben was the beloved husband of the late Alberta Ormsbee (Gibbs) Beneker, to whom he had been married since 1941. Born in Provincetown, MA., he was the son of Gerrit A. Beneker and Flora (Van Vranken) Beneker. As a young man he attended Loomis Chaffee, Bowdoin College, and New York University, where he majored in journalism.In 1934, Ben began a career in reporting and public relations, at the Cape Cod Colonial and Millerton, N.Y. News. He was staff writer and copy editor at the Providence Journal when war broke out in 1941. Ben served in Naval Intelligence in New Bedford before shipping out to the Pacific as a communications officer. He participated in the invasions of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Guam, Siapan, Leyte, and Iwo Jima. In 1946 he resumed his nublic relations career at A T&T later serving as general advertising manager at Michigan Bell. Ben will be remembered for his undying optimism, straightforward manner, pursuit of excellence, kindness and devotion to his family. He loved sailing and Orleans Jazz. Memberships included Advertising Club of Detroit, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club Race committee. In 1976, Ben and Alberta retired to Padanaram Village, MA. Surviving are his sister, Helen Menin of Brewster MA, son Gerrit of Lake Orion MI. daughter Katrina of Padanaram, son Jan Nicholas, and grandsons Andrew and Benson of Bloomfield MI. H was father to the late Cornelia Ann of Quadra Island, BC., and brother to the late Katherine Murphy of Wellfleet MA, and the late Jean Kubik of Beverly Hills, MI. Services will be held Sunday 4:30 PM at Seaman's Bethel. Flowers (to our home) are acceptable or donations to Community Nurse & Hospice Care, 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Viewing will be at Nickerson Funeral Home, 340 Main Street, Wellfleet, MA. at noon Monday, followed by burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Truro.

KENNETH L. KAHRL

Age 91, of Monroe, formerly of mouth, died May 8, 2007. The son of the late Herbert and Lillian (Krumm) Kehrl, he married the former Marvel Boyd, June 1939, in Plymouth. She died August 22, 1996. He was a car salesman at Atchinson Ford and a self-employed farmer, retiring in 1982. He was a life member of the Elks: member of Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 F & AM, Shriners and Monroe Moose Lodge #884. Surviving are a daughterin-law, Karen S. Kehrl of Monroe and two granddaughters. Katie and Erinn Kehrl of Monroe. He was preceded in death by a son, Herb S. Kehrl, and a sister, Phyllis Henry. Visitation 3-8 PM Friday at the Rupp Funeral Home, Monroe where a memorial service will be held at 7:30 PM Friday. Memorials may be made to Frenchtown Senior Citizens Center or Herb Kehrl Memorial Scholarship at Monroe County Community College.

MAXIE M. SHARP

of Farmington Hills. Age 74. May 8 2007. Beloved wife of Roger for 40 years. Loving mother of Joan, Judith, Gerland, John, Peggy, Roger and the late David, Glenna, Janie, and Sandra. Cherished grandmother of Jasen, Joshua, Kristopher, Curin, Brian, Theresa, Brandy, Brandon, Zachary, Jaylynn, Byron, Chris, Jordan, Derek and Marisa. Great-grandmother of Blake, Hunter, Chayton, Mike and Alex. Dear Sister of Gene Bradley. Funeral Saturday (time pending) at Thaver-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave, downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington downtown Grand Rd.). Visitation Thursday 5-9 P.M. and Friday 2-9 P.M. Interment at New Hudson Cemetery.

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MRS. BETTY RUTH REDD

made her transition on Saturday May 5th 2007. Her body is being handled by Swanson's Funeral Homes, Detroit. She will lie in State on Friday May 11th. 2007 at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 29066 Eton, Westland, MI. 48186, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Services will be held also at Gethsemane on Saturday May 12, 2007. Family Hour: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m.

REV. ALFRED GOULD, B.E.M.

May 3, 2007 of Livonia for 25 years. Loving husband of Sharon. Father of Robert, Lisa and Kim. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Instate at the .G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Friday 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm and instate at Ward Presbyterian Church. 40000 W. 6 Mile Rd., Northville, Satura so am until time of serv ice at 10:30 am. Memorials may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church, Chine Bible Church or Angela Hospice. To leave a message of comfort, please call 1-800-795-6160 or sign online guest book, please go to www.rggrharris,com

Robert J. Durivage

Died May 3, 2007 at his home in Bonita Springs, Florida. He was November 6, 1922 born in

Youngstown, Ohio, a son to Arthur and Lillian McCann Durivage. Robert was a World War II veteran, trained as a military specialist, and called to serve for the U.S. Army's infantry of 78th Lightning Division. He fought in combat at the "Battle of the Bulge." Bob" was a graduate of Kent State University. He married Kathryn Marguerite Lehnerd on June 12, 1948, in Youngstown, Ohio. Together they moved to Lorain, Ohio for a short time, and then on to Livonia, Michigan where Bob made a career with the Ford Motor Company as a Quality Control Engineer. He retired in 1988, and moved with his wife to Bonita Springs for the winter months. Bob and Kaye also maintained a summer home at Canadian Lakes in Stanwood, Michigan. His loving wife Kathryn died in 1992, and for the last years, his life companion has been Ruth Strubbe of Bonita Springs. In both Florida and Michigan, Robert remained active in the Catholic Church, serving locally at St. Leo's and St. John the Evangelist as Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Word. Bob volunteered for the St. vincent DePaul Society and Hope Hospice. Until the last year of his life, Bob trained and supervised a volunteer staff of income tax consultants who assisted community residents with their annual income tax returns. Bob was an avid tennis player, sailor, and sports enthusiast. In retirement, he traveled extensively around the world with friends and family. Bob and Kave raised a family of 11 children, nine girls and two boys. Robert is preceded death by his daughter Suzanne Durivage. He leaves eight daughters, Mary Jo Durivage of Dearborn, Michigan, Marguerite Rivage-Seul of Berea, Kentucky, Michele duRivage of Katonah, New York, Virginia duRivage of Long Beach, California, Jane Durivage of Glendale. California. Kathryn Fagan of Merchantville, New Frances DuRivage of Jersev. ouisville, Kentucky, and Lorene Pastor of Omaha, Nebraska, and two sons, Robert Durivage of Wixom, Michigan and Arthur Durivage of Commerce Township, Michigan, and 17 grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Mary Donna Barrett of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jeanne DuRivage of Poland, Ohio. An eternal optimist, Robert Durivage led an ethial and vibrant life in service to his family and community. He died by the light of the full moon, shining brightover Little Hickory Bay. Services will be held TODAY, Friday, May 4 2007 at Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge in Naples. A public view-ing begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. funeral service conduct ed by his brother-in-law, Fr. Frank Lehnerd. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Naples. A memorial service will be held for family and friends on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 11:00am at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Remus, Michigan. Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, FL, 239-592-1611

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MAY

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.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Cinco de Mavo Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Hohts, Please bring a dish of Mexican or spicy food or a Dulce de Leche Cream Cake (double cream cake), and \$5 at the door. Cards and board games afterward. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Lifeworks

Single Point Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church presents Lifeworks 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, Dick Bont continues his series Creating and Recreating Relationships touching on topics concerning single adults with encouraging methods and ways to grow healthy relationships, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, Light refreshments and good conversation being served. No fee or registration required; free childcare provided. For more information, call 248) 374-5920. Bicycling group10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, presented by Single Point Ministries at Kensington Metro Park. Take Exit 151 off of I-96, north of Kensington Road to the park entrance, east one mile to the West Boat Launch, Single Point bike rides are geared toward the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcome. The group stops for lunch (at your own expense) half way through the ride and will ride every Saturday. morning starting from various locations until the weather turns cold again. The next ride is 10 a.m. May 19, meets at Newburgh Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh Road. For a schedule or information, call the SPM office at Ward Church (248) 374-5920. All riders must wear a helmet. Mother and daughter dinner

4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for moms and their daughters. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. This cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by May 9 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Adoration in which the church is open from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200. Neon indoor golf

Friday, May 18, details are to be determined. For more information call the Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's. Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Coffeehouse concert

Lee Murdock performs Saturday, May 19, at MAMA's Coffeehouse in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories on the Great Lakes. Colin O'Brien, a singer-songwriter from Wisconsin, opens. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve an open mic time. J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday 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. Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment. After lunch. feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games. Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Once a month our youth have an outing/activity geared specifically to their needs. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

UPCOMING

Franciscan peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a

Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and Rev. Sean Humby will preside. The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) preaches traditional doctrines of the Protestant Reformation. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfession.org.

Italian night & auction

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to sup# port the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and reserve 🔞 your spot at (734) 495-0035. **Baccalaureate Mass**

And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, ext. 243 or visit www.olgcparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Summer safety event

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son Dinner

4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Summer camp

The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Crafters wanted

St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

DOROTHY D. HOPPE

Age 77, died May 4, 2007 in Livonia. She resided in Livonia. She was buried at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

EILEEN E. MASON

Saline, MI, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI. Age 82, died Sunday, May 6, 2007 in the loving care of the Arbor Hospice Residence, located in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was born June 3, 1924 in Wyandotte, MI, the daughter of Ernest and Laura (DeClercque) Jackson. She was married to James P. Mason for 54 years, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2002. Eileen was a member of the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. Loving mother of two sons; Rob (Susan) Mason of Saline, and James (Kerri) Mason of Scottsdale, AZ. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Marie Brush. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, with Rev. Fr. William J. Stevenson as Celebrant. Burial will take place in the Arborcrest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmiller Euneral Home where friends may begin calling on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 between the hours of 3:00 - 8:00P.M. and at the church on Thursday, May 10, from 10:00 A.M. until time service at 11:00 A.M. Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home, 301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176

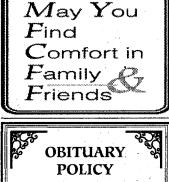
RUTH LORRAINE MARTIN CHANDLER

Age 87, passed away May 5, 2007 in Plymouth, Michigan formerly of Westland. Loving mother of Laurence (Ruth), Carolyn Miller (Eldon), Robert (Sue), and Judith Smith. Dear grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of 17. Preceded in death by her husbands Roy Martin, father of her children, and Charles Chandler. Visitation Wednesday, May 9, 5-9PM and Thursday 10 AM to 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Funeral service Thursday 12 Non. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, Michigan. Memorial donations to Heartland Hospice would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

 ∞ **RUTH M. HITT**

Age 88, of Alpena passed away peacefully on Friday, May 4, 2007 at

Tendercare Alpena. Ruth was born on July 23, 1918 to the late James and Fredrecka (Schrader) Norman in Detroit, MI. She married Vernell W. Hitt on August 17, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio. Ruth was employed as a secretary at Wayne County Training School for many years and later worked in the family greenhouse for 20 years. Ruth loved flowers, carving figurines and painting. She also enjoyed the dolls she collected. Ruth is survived by her loving husband, Vernell of 66 years; her son, Bill and wife, Judy Hitt of Alpena; two grandchildren, William "Rob" Jr. Hitt of Margate, FL and Sherrie (Mrs. Paul) Carnarvon of Allen Park, MI; two great-grandchildren, Paulie and Jessica Carnarvon; one brother, Robert and wife Jo Norman of Kalkaska, MI, as well as several nieces and nephews. Ruth was preceded in death by two brothers. Louis and William Norman. Per her wishes, Ruth has been taken from the Karpus-Hunter Funeral Home for cremation.



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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.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month. doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit

www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com. Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Teach-in A journey to eliminating health care disparities 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland. Do you ever wonder what your doctor said after you return from an office visit? Need to know what your prescription does? Have trouble hearing or understanding your medical directions? Join us for this Teach-in. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or send e-mail to colleen@princeofpeacewestland.com.

Living rosary 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in this spiritual experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer if offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic

chaotic world? How peace in our every day life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, ext. 221.

Bodo is the author of 21 books including his work on St Francis of Assisi titled Francis: the Journey and the Dream. Bodo has conducted Pilgrimages to Assisi for over 30 years and is intimately familiar with the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare. Bodo also spends time working from Geneva, Switzerland with Franciscans International in an effort to support international peace initiatives in many troubled parts of the world.

Garage sales

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. If you need it, you will find it. Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

Rummage sale

Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8' tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for vourself on June 2.

Texas Hold-em

Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford, \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Worship service scheduled

The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia, Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

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.

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.

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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.holycrosslivonia.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.

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.celebratcrecovery.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.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile , one block

west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470. 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

Explore your destiny - God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m.

(traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton, For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

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Worship service

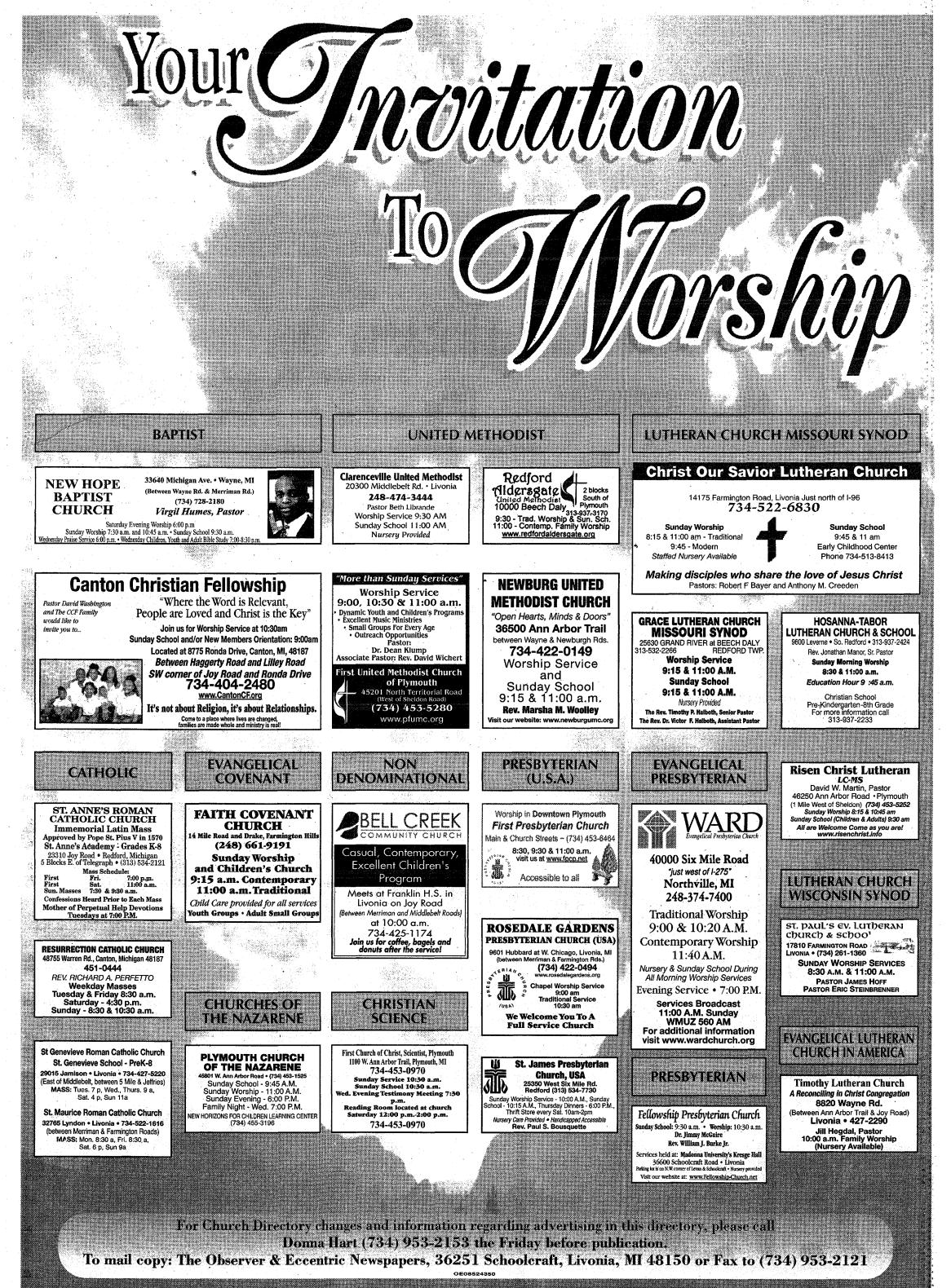
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330. Adult literacy classes

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

Personal ministry

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

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County holds Transportation **Education Expo**

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To help observe National Transportation Week (May 13-18), the first Wayne County Transportation Education Expo will take a look to the future and a nostalgic ride in the past from 10.a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Nankin Mills in Westland. Exhibits will range from a plug-in hybrid automobile and electric cars to award-winning custom cars, robots, awardwinning bridge displays and the latest technological advancements in the transportation industry. A classic car cruise along Hines Drive will begin at 4 p.m.

Exhibitors will include: Ford Motor Co., the Engineering Society of Detroit, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Washtenaw Community College, Grand Valley State University, Lawrence Technological University and Eastern Michigan University. Other exhibitors are the **Golightly Career and Technical** Center, Davis Aerospace High School, Southeastern Technical High School and the Breithaupt Career and Technical Center. In one exhibit from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a robot will navigate through an obstacle course, staying within boundaries while avoiding construction barriers and potholes.

The Redford Rolling Thunder Club will feature more than 30 classic autos, dating as far back as the 1920s. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's Vision Fund will award \$1,000 scholarships to each participating school and institution.

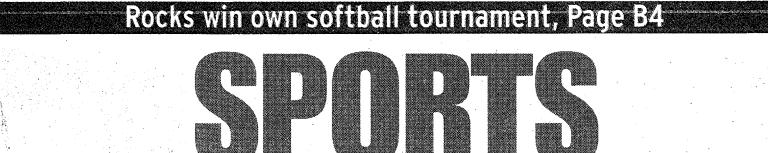
Nankin Mills is on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

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Ed Wright, editor . (734) 953-2108 . ewright@hometownlife.com

Chiefs win one for injured teammate, 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As paramedics prepared to lift Canton sophomore second baseman Shelby Anthony into a waiting ambulance during the bottom of the fourth inning of the Chiefs' annual under-the-lights showdown against Salem Tuesday night, she delivered a short but inspiring message to her older sister, Canton starting pitcher Sarah Anthony.

"She looked up at me and said, 'Now go out there and beat them," recalled Sarah Anthony.

Despite some incredibly stressful cir-

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cumstances, big sister obliged.

Sarah Anthony tossed a three-hitter in the Chiefs' 3-0 victory over the Rocks in a game that was delayed for close to an hour after Shelby Anthony suffered a displaced right kneecap while swinging at a pitch from Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach.

"Going back out there when the game re-started was tough, but it was something I had to do," said Sarah Anthony. "I had to do it for her.

"She's two years younger than me, so

this is the first time we've gotten to play on the same team, and I've loved it. We've really grown closer.'

Not long after the medical staff administered a pain-killer to Shelby Anthony, something amazing happened - her injured kneecap shifted back into place. As of late Tuesday night, she was resting comfortably at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and her knee was stabilized, according to Sarah.

"Everybody was understandably down after the injury," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "But I relayed to them what Shelby told Sarah, and then I told them how her knee went back into place and

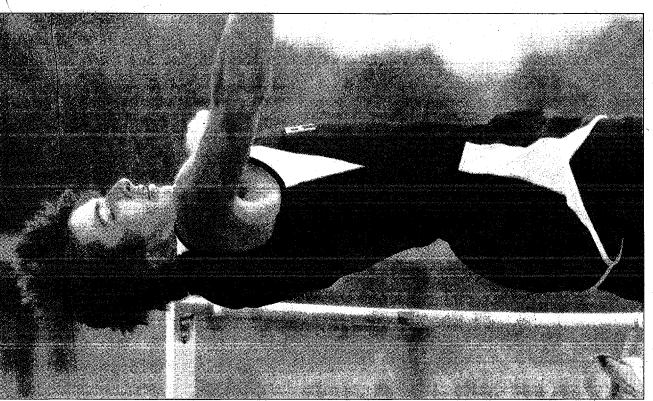
37th Annual Observerland Relays

that everything was going to be OK. "And, for a change," Arnold added, smiling, "they believed me." Considering Sarah Anthony's competi-

tive spirit, Arnold said he wasn't surprised she wanted to keep playing after her sister's injury.

"After Shelby got hurt, I asked Sarah if she wanted to leave," he said. "She looked at me and said, 'No, I'm staying and I want to keep pitching. I've learned ever since her freshman season that Sarah is a very tough girl - and her younger sister is a lot like she is. They're

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B4



Plymouth's Connor McKinney cleared the bar at 5 feet, three inches in the high jump during Saturday's Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.







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Demolition 59-0

Running back Kiana Dennis rushed for over 200 yards and scored six touchdowns as the Detroit Demolition ran their record to 2-0 in the Independent Women's Football League's Midwest Division with a 59-O win Saturday against the host Iowa Crush.

Linebacker Misty Findlay paced the defense with eight tackles and three sacks. She made all of her extra points.

The Demolition, winners of 41 straight regular season games, return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School to face the 1-0 Chicago Force, which opened its season with a 27-6 win over the lowa Crush. Tickets for home games are available by caliing (248) 474-9176. Prices vary and special early purchase and group rates are available. Visit www.detdemolition.com.

Canton Chiefs football events

The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held 5-7:30 p.m. June 11-14 at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should

plan to attend the camp; which will improve footballfundamentals and skills. To

register, contact freshman

coach Richard Mui at (248)

229-2738 or rmui@hotmail.com. The fee is \$50

before May 26 and \$60

after that date. All campers

will receive a Chiefs foot-2

ball T-shirt and shorts.

Registration forms and

camps can be found at

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more information on the

The annual Canton

Football Team Golf Outing

will be held June 23 at Fox

shotgun start is set for 1:30

p.m. For the \$100 entry fee,

Hills near Plymouth. The

participants will get 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and an

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Stevenson runs away with first title since 1980

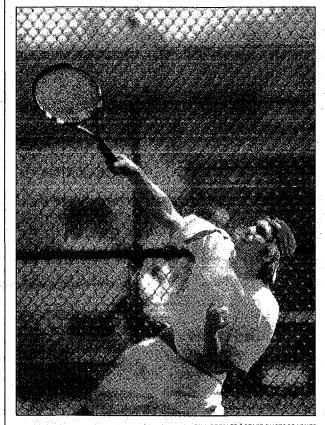
BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

After a near-miss, second-place finish a year ago, coach Scott Shaw and his Livonia Stevenson athletes left no doubt who was No. 1 in the Observerland Relays this year.

The Spartans won going away Saturday night, finishing with 89 points and 14 better than city rival Livonia Churchill in the 37th annual meet at Farmington High School.

It was the first Observerland championship since 1980 for Stevenson, which finished a point behind Canton last year.

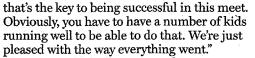
"Obviously, our kids ran really well," Shaw said. "We scored in 13 out of 16 events, and



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Serves you right

Canton's No. 3 singles player Nathan Larimore spins a serve at Plymouth's Clint Korpalski during Monday's match at Plymouth. Larimore won the match to help lead the Chiefs to a 6-2 victory over the Wildcats. For more tennis results, see Page B9.



Stevenson had a better start this year, winning the three-man long jump and high jump relays.

The Spartans still trailed Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won both throwing events, by a few points in the early scoring, but they moved into the lead after six events following a victory by Myles White in the 110meter high hurdles.

"We came out of the field events in a lot

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Canton's Joey Massel stretches out to a jump of 17 feet, 2 inches in the long jump during Saturday's 37th Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

LOCAL FLAVOR

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Although the three P-CEP boys track and field teams didn't fare as well at Saturday's 37th

Observerland Relays as they may have liked (Canton, Plymouth and Salem placed eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively), there were still plenty of outstanding efforts, including: Canton's pole-vaulting trio of Chris McGinnis, Ryan Langdon and

Brian Rakovitis placed second with a combined school record-tying effort of 36 feet, six inches; Salem's Baze Efremov placed third in the 110-meter hurdles, just ahead of Plymouth's Nate Gholston; and

Plymouth's Patrick Slavens placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run, just ahead of fifth-place finisher Rob Curtis of Salem.

Underdog Sudbury takes 2-1 series lead against Whalers

What's a sixth-seeded team doing in the **Ontario Hockey League Championship** Series?

Very well, thank you.

The Sudbury Wolves, who were seeded No. 6 in the OHL's Eastern Conference postseason brackets, earned a 2-1 advantage over the No. 2 seed Plymouth Whalers with a 5-4 overtime victory in Sudbury Tuesday night.

The Wolves' Justin Donati scored the game-winner 3:15 into the extra session off assists from Jonathan D'Aversa and Marc Staal.

Plymouth forced the overtime with 2:36 remaining in regulation when Evan Brophey secured a pass from Steve Ward and stuck it in the back of the net to make it 4-all. James Neal also assisted on the gametying lamp-lighter.

Sudbury scored first 12:22 after the opening faceoff when Nick Foligno scored from Andrew Self, who was named the game's No. 2 star. Twenty-six seconds later, the Whalers tied it on Ryan McGinnis's second playoff goal from A.J. Jenks.

The Wolves led 2-1 after two periods thanks to Patrik Lusnak's goal from D'Aversa and Staal at the 6:15 mark. Plymouth evened things up at 2-all on Jared Boll's power-play goal 6:17 into the third period.

Energized by a crowd of 5,737 at the Sudbury Community Arena, the Wolves surged ahead 4-2 with back-to-back goals from Self (his eighth of the playoffs) and Kevin Baker, his sixth.

Plymouth's Sean O'Connor (from McGinnis and Boll) narrowed the Whalers' deficit to 4-3 with 3:14 to go before Brophey tied it 38 seconds later.

Whalers. Sebastian Dahm earned the win shots.

In Sunday's Game 2 at Plymouth, the Wolves used a balanced attack and steady goaltending to defeat the Whalers, 7-3, before 3,331 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Six different Wolves scored at least two points each, including first star Self (two goals and an assist), second star Devin DiDiomete (two goals), third star Matt Dias (one goal, three helpers), Baker (one and two), Nick Foligno (three assists) and Justin Donati (goal, two assists).

Dahm stopped 42-of-45 shots in goal for Sudbury. Neal (12th), Daniel Ryder (8th) and Dan Collins (7th) scored for Plymouth.

Sudbury broke open a 1-1 game after twenty minutes of play with four goals in the second period on goals by DiDiomete (5:03), Dias (9:50) and two by Self (10:48 and 18:10, respectively) sandwiched around Plymouth goals by Ryder (11:08) and Collins (18:47)

The Wolves then closed out the scoring in the third period with two unanswered goals - DiDiomete (11:35) and Donati (16:46).

Plymouth outshot Sudbury, 45-31.

opportunity to win prizes. There is a nongolf/dinneronly package for \$40. Visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com. **Plymouth football**

golf outing

The seventh annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3605 Napier in Canton.

Included in the \$100 entry fee for the best-ball scramble (shotgun start) are 18 holes of golf and a dinner afterward. Individuals are invited to attend the dinner only for \$40. There will be prizes for the first-place team; longest drive for men and women; and closest to the pin. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

To register, mail a check to and the names of the individual in your foursome to: Lisa Goble, 5160 Gotfredson, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Call (734) 207-8889 or send an e-mail to: Rgoble64@aol.com. The registration deadline is Tuesday, May 22.

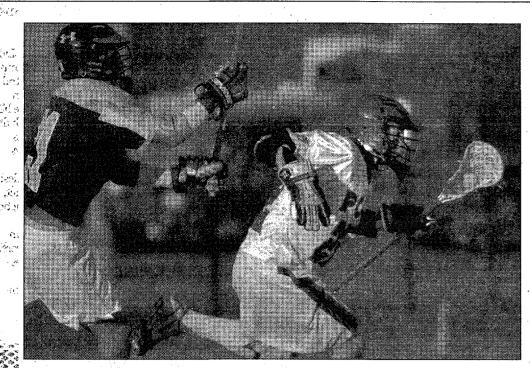
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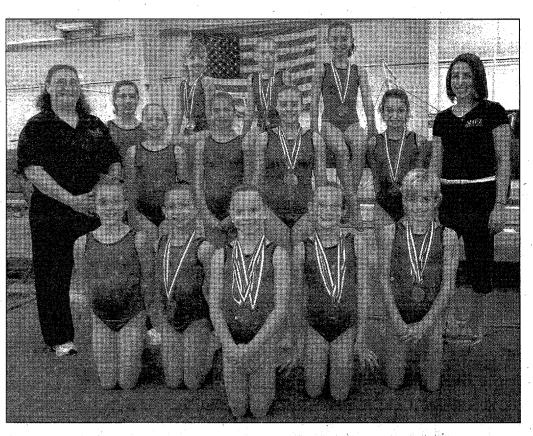
Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse player Devin Murphy is pictured eluding a defender during a game earlier this season. Murphy and the Warriors dropped a 14-1 decision to Ann Arbor Pioneer on May 3. The lone PCS goal was tallied by Danny Norris. Goal-keeper Justin Scott recorded a team-record 24 saves.

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The Level 6 gymnastics team from Splitz Gymnastics in Canton won the state title in Midland on April 21. Pictured are (front row from left) Sienna Yacoub, Jeani Hatkow, Alyssa Green, Lydia Rudolph, Corey Wellik, (middle row from left) coach Patti Bovee, Kate Jung, Carley Olender, Nicole Jacobs, Ashley Daines, Sarah Uhlian, Coach Anne Marie Walko, (top row from left) Allison Kunz, Rachel Dickson and Allie Archibald. Not pictured is Katie Radulovich.

Nobody does it better Splitz gymnasts earn Level 6 state championship

The Level 6 team from Splitz Gymnastics in Canton captured the state title April 21 in Midland.

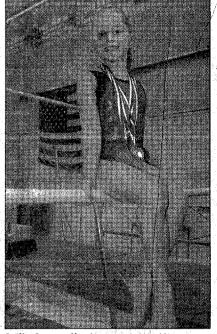
coached by Anne Marie Walko and Patti Bovee, the Splitz girls upended the Lansing Twistars, who had dominated Level 6 for several years.

"This was a great accomplishment for a group of girls in their first year at this level," said Eileen Spicher, owner of Splitz Gymnastics.

The team is made up of girls from 9 to 14 years old who reside in Canton, Northville, Ann Arbor and Howell. "Anne Marie and Patti have done a wonderful job with this group of girls," said Spicher.

The Splitz individual state champions are: Rachel Dickson (floor, beam, bars and all-around); Ashley Daines (bars), Sierra Yacoub (bars), Jeani Hatkow (floor) and Allison Kunz (beam).

Other team members who placed in their respective events were: Lydia Rudolph, Alyssa Green, Corey Wellik, Katie Radulovic, Allie Archibald, Sarah Uhlian and Kate Jung.



Splitz Gymnastics team member Alyssa Green won four medals at the Level 6 state meet in Midland. She placed fourth on the vault and bars, third on the floor and third in the all-around.

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FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Livonia.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$50 per participant, will introduce future high school players to the sport of field hockey as well as promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play, including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The first half of the day will focus on skills with the second half set for team play and smallsided scrimmages.

All campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouthpiece, a water bottle, a field hockey stick (some will be available to sign out at the camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended.

Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School. For more information, call (734) 751-9790.

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.

GOLF RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 197 CANTON 262 May 4 at The Woodlands

Glenn scorers: Jessie Veltri, 44; Jessica Riggs and Taylor Morgan, 50 each; Courtney McKinney and Carrie Kulkowski, 53 each;

Jamie Young, 65. Canton scorers: Chelsea Osburn, 45; Kala Gregory, 49; Alex Wee, 76; Amy Provost, 92. Glenn's dual meet record: 3-5 overall, 2-3 WLAA.

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 Rd. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

SALEM ROCKS WOMEN'S

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Salem High School football staff, players and Linebackers Club will be hosting a "Women Only Football Academy" on Saturday, June 2, at Salem High School.

Registration will begin at 7:59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8:59 a.m. to 2:59 p.m., will include onthe-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intraacademy scrimmage all in an effort to teach women the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to "First Step" and the "Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute."

The cost of the academy is \$50 per adult and \$40 for girls under the age of 13. Only the first 200

registrants will be accepted. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Registration forms can be found at salemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention:

Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170. For more information, send an e-mail to:

salemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

CANTON CHIEFS

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL CAMP

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently accepting applications. The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. The camp's \$100 fee includes a

T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers. Registration forms can be

obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144; or by vis-

iting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com Space is limited, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

RUNNING CLUB

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

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

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles.

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or

call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

LIONS FOOTBALL CAMP

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

The \$159 camp fee includes: ■ Four days of non-contact. fundamental football instruction;

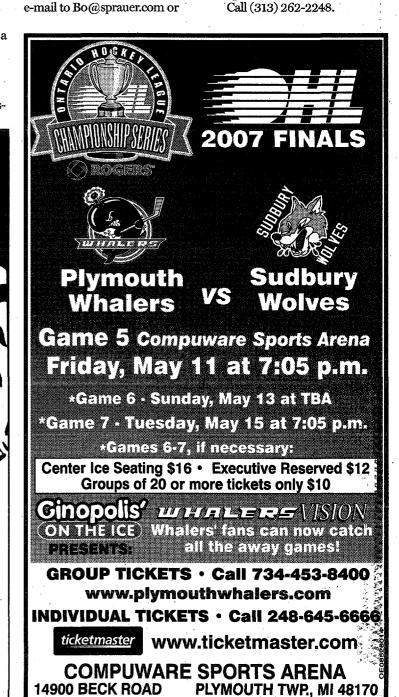
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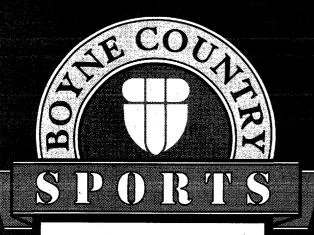
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Rocks win own softball tournament

Salem's softball team proved to be numero uno on Cinco de Mayo.

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The red-hot Rocks captured the 10th Annual Salem Invitational on Saturday when they outlasted a strong field of eight teams by going 4-0. It was the second straight year that the Rocks won their own tournament.

I'm proud of the entire team, but especially my seniors, who were truly team players on Saturday," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Even though they had the prom on Friday night, the girls seemed to get stronger as the day went on Saturday. We had great senior. leadership all the way around.

"We've won five in a row now and we seem to be getting stronger. The girls have gotten a taste of how sweet it is to win and what it takes to do it, and they know they have a ton of talent. They are continuing to improve and that's what we like to see."

Salem opened with a 3-0 shutout victory over South Lvon. Melissa Leach was the star, limiting the Lions to two hits and two walks while striking out six. The Rocks pushed across a pair of runs in the first inning with two outs when Abby Pairitz and Kait McKinley walked and eventually scored on wild pitches.

The Rocks added an insurance run when Pairitz singled in Amanda Emmons, who finished 2-for-3. Salem knocked off Flat Rock, 5-3, in Game 2. Kelly MacDonald earned the mound victory after allowing nine hits and walking two while whiffing six. Leach earned a save by working the seventh.

Offensively, the winners were led by Pairitz and Kait McKinley, both of whom went 2-for-3 while combining to knock in all five Salem runs.

The Rocks registered a thrilling 7-6 triumph over Livonia Franklin in the Game 3. Leach earned the victory by giving up six hits and three walks while striking out two.

The Patriots jumped ahead by scoring all six of their runs in the second inning. The Rocks fought back with one in the second on Mary Cox's RBI double; two in the third on a Patriot error and sacrifice fly by Emily Pitcole; on in the fourth when Cox scored on a passed ball; and three in the sixth on singles from McKinley and Pairitz. Behr went 3-for-3 for Salem.

The Rocks ousted Farmington, 7-5, in the title contest. Salem jumped to a 7-0 advantage thanks in large part to Kelly MacDonald's long home run over the left-field fence.

Leach earned the win on the mound with relief help from Pairitz.

MacDonald (home run and single) and Pairitiz (two doubles) paced the offense. The four wins improved Salem's record to 9-10.



Salem's Kelly Behr, pictured above sliding into third during a game earlier this season, played an instrumental role in the Rocks' second straight Salem Invitational title on Saturday.

Wildcats whitewash Mustangs, 7-0

On Monday at Plymouth, the Wildcats avenged a heart-breaking 7-6 loss to the Mustangs two weeks earlier by supporting the stellar pitching of junior Megan Patterson with a solid 12-hit attack and beating the Mustangs, 7-0...

The Wildcats tallied three in the second inning, one in the fourth and three in the fifth. Patterson, who shut down the Mustangs for six innings in the teams' first meeting, scattered eight hits and walked three.

Offensively, the winners were paced by Erin Rodes (2-for-4, two RBI), Melissa Butzow (2for-4), Amanda Burnard (2-for-4, two runs, RBI, double), Stacey Klonowski (2-for-3, two RBI, triple), Madison Dresser (2-for-3, two runs, stolen base) and Jill Brennan (2-for-3, RBI).

The defensive play of the day was made by freshman third baseman Burnard, who, with a runner on third and one out in the fifth, speared a hard hit grounder, tagged the runner on third then threw the batter out with a hard throw to first.

The victory was the sixth in a row for Plymouth, which improved to 10-2 overall, 8-2 in the WLAA and 5-2 in the Western Division. The Wildcats trail first-place Canton by one game.

SALEM 9, W.L. NORTHERN 7: On Monday at Northern, the Rocks mounted a dramatic threerun rally in the top of the seventh to pull off the victory.

Emily Pitcole ignited the rally with a single to lead off the seventh. Amanda Emmons singled, Mary Cox reached on an error and Emily Meade (who was running for Pitcole) and Kelly MacDonald (who had reached on a fielder's choice) scored on mishandled balls. Kelly Beher then added an insurance run when she knocked in Cox.

The victory improved the suddenly surging Rocks to 4-3 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

"It certainly wasn't one of our best wins this season, but it put us over .500 in the division,' said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We lost to Northern the first time we played them, so this was what we were looking for. There was no way the girls were going to let it happen twice."

The Rocks ripped 12 hits. Leading the offensive onslaught were Abby Pairitz, who ripped a three-run homer in the top of the fourth, Behr (2-for-4, double, two RBI), Cox (two hits) and Christina Parsons, who drilled a pair of hits.

"Abby home run saved the day and got the momentum going our way," said Southerland. "Abby has come through in the clutch lately with some big hits in the last week."

MacDonald earned the mound win in relief of starter Melissa Leach. MacDonald entered the game in the fourth with the score tied 6-all and yielded just one unearned run, three hits and one walk in three innings of work.

The Rocks were perfect on defense over the final three innings.

CANTON 7, W.L. WESTERN 0: On Monday at Canton, the Chiefs rode a three-hitter from junior pitcher Hilary Payne to the decisive victory. The first-place Chiefs improved to 14-3 overall, 8-1 in the WLAA and 5-1 in the Western Division, one game ahead of Plymouth and Northville.

Payne shined at the plate and on the mound as she went 2-for-4 with two RB while striking out 10 while allowing no walks.

Canton did not commit an error defensively;

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both very talented players, but they're also great kids."

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Leach was nearly as effective as Anthony following a shaky first inning when she vielded four hits and two Canton runs. The hard-throwing right-hander limited the Chiefs to just three hits and one run over the final/six innings to keep the Rocks in the game.

"I thought Melissa pitched a nice game," said, Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. 'We just needed to hit a little better. Anthony did a nice job. Her change-up was on and she was fooling us with it.

Southerland said Anthony's injury had a deep impact on her players.

"It's always tough when someone gets injured like that in this game because a lot of the players on both teams know each other," she said. "A lot of my girls are friends with the Anthonys, so it was tough. I had girls crying just like Canton did."

In a game played at Massey Field just north of downtown Plymouth, the Chiefs struck first in the bottom of the first when Lauren Delapaz, Stephanie Sadek, Alyssa Johnson and Kimmy Keppen ripped successive two-out singles to make it 2-0. Johnson and Keppen both registered RBI in the frame.

Anthony set down the first 11 Rocks, four via strikeouts. Salem's Abby Pairitz broke up the perfect game with two outs in the fourth when she beat out an infield hit that hit first base and popped high into the air. Pairitz went to second on a wild pitch, but was stranded when Anthony struck out the next batter.

With her sister's injury still fresh in her mind, Anthony struggled a bit when she gave up back-to-back hits to Emily Pitcole and Amanda Emmons to open the fifth. However, the Rocks failed to score following a flyout, fielder's choice and pop out.

'It took Sarah a little while to settle down after the injury, but once she did, she got right back in the groove," said Arnold.

Canton added an insurance run in the sixth when Amy Dunleavy reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a long triple off the bat of Miranda Rysdorf.

Canton center fielder Alyssa Johnson helped derail a possible seventh-inning rally by Salem with a nice running catch on a hard-hit ball by Kait McKinley.

Delapaz paced the Chiefs' seven-hit attack with a single and double. She nearly reached base a third time, but her scorching line drive was speared by McKinley, the Rocks' shortstop, in the third.

Pairitz, Pitcole and Amanda Emmons recorded the hits for the Rocks, who fell to 9-11 after having won their previous six. Canton improved to 15-3.

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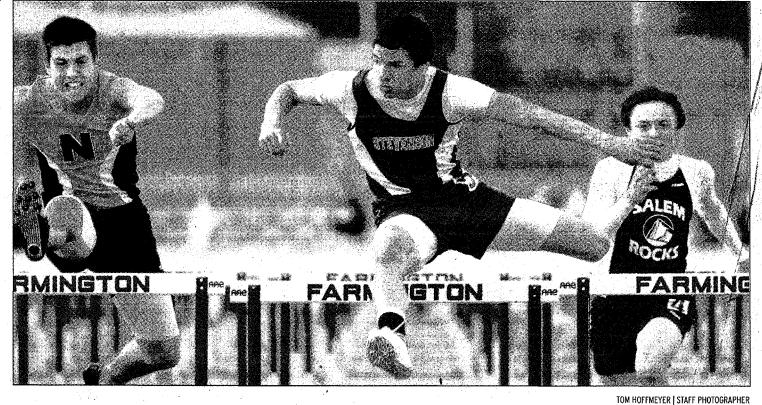
better shape than we did last year," Shaw said, adding his team scored 20-plus points as compared to just one in 2006. "We felt, if we could come out of the field events with some points, we could contend on the track."

Shaw made all the right moves when he put together his lineup for the running events, too.

Stevenson also won the distance medley, 800-meter and sprint medley relays, and the Spartans were in the top three in three other events.

"You just don't know what's going to happen (on the track), where teams are going to put people," Shaw said. "You just hope you put a lineup together where you can compete. Some load up to win one event. We tried to spread it out, so we could compete in a lot of areas." After winning the 800 and sprint medley relays, Stevenson maintained its lead, which grew to as much as 24 points, for the duration of the meet. "We have a lot of kids back," Shaw said. "We lost some sprinters, but some younger sprinters have picked it up quite well. And we have a couple sophomore long jumpers

who are doing real well. "Myles, obviously, had a great day, winning the 110 hurdles and being a part of the 800 and long jump teams. Matt Rzepka was second in the mile and ran two good relay legs. We have some depth, and our distance



Salem's Baze Efremov (right) placed third in the 110-meter hurdles at Saturday's Observerland Relays behind winner Myles White (center) of Livonia Stevenson and runner-up Cavan Corcoran of Northville.

guys are coming around pretty well.

"Nobody ran poorly. There was no place we had a major disappointment. The pole vaulters (Brad Dow, Jon Gudeman, Osama Al-Hakimi) all PRed tonight. We took fifth place and we haven't been real strong in the pole vault. That was kind of an unexpected place in the field events."

After the Spartans established their lead, the battle was for second place with Churchill holding that position for the second half of the meet to finish 10 points ahead of

Northville, 75-65.

The top eight included Farmington, Westland John Glenn, CC, Farmington Harrison and Canton, which had won five of the previous seven meets.

"I thought it was an outstanding Observerland Relays," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Stevenson was, obviously, the class of the field. They had a lot more first-place finishes than we did or Northville.

"Winning all those events was a difference maker. Hats off to Stevenson. They're well coached and they had all the

right people in all the right places."

The Chargers won the 1,600 relay and were second in the discus, 6,400, 800 and shuttle hurdle relays. They also were third in the long jump, pole vault, 3,200 and sprint medley.

"I'm also very, very proud of our kids, most of whom competed in four events," Austin said. "They were challenged during the week, and they responded to that challenge tonight.

"Our kids get fired up for the Observerland Relays. We're excited to be a part of such a

great event, and it showed in our performances tonight."

Brian Robertson, Brandon Grysko, Andrew LaBerge, Jacob McDonald, Billy Gutowski and David St. Amant were standouts on the track for the Chargers, according to Austin, who added St. Amant ran "some pretty difficult races" for us with only one race in between."

In leading Northville to a victory in the pole vault relay, Mike Yassay broke a meet record held by former Livonia Franklin star and U.S. Olympic athlete Paul Terek.

Yassav/vaulted 15 feet, 5 inchs, bettering the record of 15-4 that was set by Terek, a former Big Ten decathlon champion at Michigan State and NCAA runner-up, in 1997.

Northville's Jason Turnbull won the 1,600 run and anchored the winning 6,400 relay team. The Mustangs also won the shuttle hurdles by one-10th of a second over Churchill.

Stephen Byars of Farmington High won the 100-meter dash in 10.99 seconds and also had the best long jump at 21 feet, 3.75 inches.

"He's been/running so well we kinda wanted to highlight him," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "We wanted to put him in the 100 and see what he could do against some of the fellas, and he responded very, very well. He did well in the long jump, too, and anchored two relays.

"We definitely felt we could finish in the top five and possibly be in the top three. We did everything to try to get points and have a good night.

"Were a solid team; we can score in a lot of places. As we get into the regional and conference meets, we hope to come together and finish the season with some fireworks."

C's Mike Martin had the best individual efforts in the shot put (56-9.5) and discus (146-6), leading the Shamrocks to a record-setting performance in the shot put. CC set the old record of 150-8.5 in 1986. Stevenson's Mitchell White

and Westland John Glenn's Ian Thornton, who was second in the 100 dash, tied for the best high jump at 6-1.

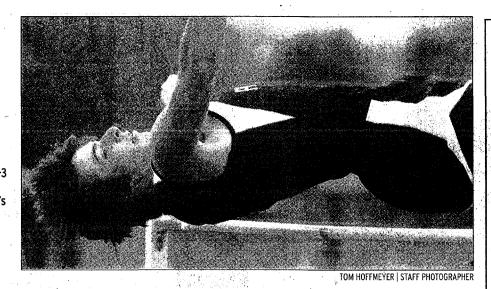




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Salem's Zack Gaskell clears 5-3 in the high jump during Saturday's Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

37th OBSERVERLAND RELAYS BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS May 5 at Farmington High School Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 89; 2. Livonia Churchill, 75; 3. Northville, 65; 4. Farmington, 52; 5. Westland John Glenn, 43; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 41; 7. Farmington Harrison, 34; 8. Canton, 27; 9. Plymouth, 22; 10. Salem, 15; 11. Wayne Memorial, 14; 12. Livonia Franklin, 7; 13. Lutheran Westland, 6; 14. Redford Union, 3; 15. Redford Thurston, 2; 16. Garden Citv. 1.

Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Jake Maloney, 130-6; Noait Kokoska, 131-11; Mike Martin, 146-6), 407-11 (meet record); 2. Churchill, 392-2; 3. John Glenn, 388-10; 4. Canton, 372-7; 5. Stevenson, 353-5; 6. Franklin, 350-3. Individual best: Mike Martin, Catholic Central, 146-6.

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jerry Yono, 43-5.5; Jake Maloney, 52-1; Mike Martin, 56-9.5), 152-4 (meet record); 2. John Glenn, 135-6; 3. Canton, 133-4.25; 4. Churchill, 128-10; 5. Wayne Memorial, 126-3.50; 6. Northville, 124-11.25. Individual best: Mike Martin, Catholic Central, 56-9.5.

High jump: 1. Stevenson (Wyatt Stahl, 5-3; Pat York, 5-11; Mitchell White, 6-1), 17-3; 2, Farmington, 17-0; 3. John Glenn, 16-10; 4. Northville, 16-8; 5. Redford Union, 16-8; 6. Harrison, 16-6. Individual best: (tie) Ian Thornton, John Glenn, and Mitchell White, Stevenson. 6-1.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison, 19-4; Dave Simor, 19-5.75; Myles White, 20-10.25), 59-8; 2. Farmington, 56-8.75; 3. Churchill, 54-11.75; 4. (tie) Harrison and John Glenn, 54-10; 6, Franklin, 54-7.50. Individual best: Stephen Byars, Farmington, 21-3.75.

Pole vault: 1. Northville (Mike Yassay, 15-5; Eric Francheschi, 11-6; Johnny D'Anna), 38-5; 2. Canton, 36-6; 3. Churchill, 35-6; 4. Franklin, 34-6; 5. Stevenson, 30-6; 6. Salem, 29-0. Individual best: Mike Yassay, Northville, 15-5 (meet record).

6,400-meter relay: 1. Northville (Kolbow, Dalton, Jacob, Turnbull), 18:52.00; 2. Churchill, 19:03.55; 3. Catholic Central, 19:08.58; 4. Plymouth, 19:20.23; 5. Salem, 19:35.74; 6. Canton, 19:36.82.

tlo hurdles: 1. Myles White, Stevenson, 14.69; 2. Cavin Corcoran, Northville, 14.88; 3. Baze Efremov, Salem, 15.24; 4. Nate Gholston, Plymouth, 15.34; 5. Renaldo Powell, Wayne, 15.44; 6. Andy LaBerge, Churchill, 15.52.

Distance medley: 1. Stevenson (Kyle Osborne, Kevin Reschke, Mike Gibbons, Dave McIntyre): 11:07.44: 2. Wayne, 11:10.46: 3.

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Glenn, 1:32.1; 5. Lutheran Westland, 1:32.7; 6. Farmington, 1:33.4. **1,600 run:** 1. Jason Turnbull, Northville,

4:25.19; 2. Matt Rzepka, Stevenson, 4:32.12; 3. Alex Townsend, Farmington, 4:37.14; 4. Pat Slavens, Plymouth, 4:37.33; 5. Rob Curtis, Salem, 4:37.90; 6. Brian Chambers, Garden City, 4:46.29.

3,200 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Zachary Oleski, Spencer Hall, Brandon Schneider, Alex Toloft), 8:20.85; 2. Northville, 8:28.17; 3. Churchill, 8:29.44; 4. Farmington, 8:33.42; 5. Canton, 8:40.60; 6. Stevenson, 8:45.22.

100 dash: 1. Stephen Byars, Farmington, 10.99; 2. Ian Thornton, John Glenn, 11.25; 3. Chris Pride, Harrison, 11.31; 4. Jack Daykin, Catholic Central, 11.33; 5. Steve Eideh, Stevenson, 11.45; 6. David Morgan, Redford Union, 11.53.

Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Dan Cragel, Nate Sergison, Matt Rzepka), 2:29.29; 2. Harrison, 2:33.45; 3. Churchill, 2:34.72; 4. Canton, 2:35.74; 5. Wayne Memorial, 2:36.07; 6. Farmington, 2:37.37.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Northville (Gerish, Arastu, Francheschi, Corcoran), 1:01.90; 2. Churchill, 1:02.00; 3. Farmington, 1:03.50; 4. Salem, 1:03.70; 5. Thurston, 1:05.66; 6. Lutheran Westland, 1:06.22.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Chris Pride, Norman Shuford, Mark Dell, Darius Davis), 44.68; 2. John Glenn, 44.76; 3. Stevenson, 44.85; 4. Plymouth, 44.87; 5. Farmington, 44.97; 6. Franklin, 45.10.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Billy Gutowski, David St. Amant, Jacob McDonald, Andrew LaBerge), 3:25.05; 2. Stevenson, 3:27.62; 3. Farmington, 3:32.75; 4. Northville, 3:33.23; 5. Lutheran Westland, 3:37.17; 6. Catholic Central, 3:37.28.

STAFFORD RELAYS May 5 at Walled Lake Western

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 100 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 52; 3. Waterford Kettering, 44; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 43; 5. Novi, 42; 6. Walled Lake Western, 34; 7. North Farmington, 31; 8. Farmington, 26; 9. Walled Lake Central, 22; 10. Salem, 9. Franklin 1sts: pole vault relay (Meghan Powers, Kelly Tapella, Anastasia Bending), 24 feet; shot put relay (Robyn Whalen, Ashley Price, Kara Glummo, 94-10.5; high-jump relay (Liz Holfaway, Ashley Sawyer, Ashley Butkowski), 13:10; 6.400-meter relay (Ailison Milican, Devan Walley, Laura Marshall, Kari Saarela), 23:38.96; 1,600 relay (Casey Lynett, Butkowski, Milican, Senneca Scott, 4:21.3; discus relay (Whalen, Price, Giummo), 308-5; 2nds: long iump relay (Megan Wilson, Powers, Medhan Powers, Danielle Poole, Wilson), 54.59; **7ths:** 3,200 relay (Marshall, Victoria Church, Amanda Young, Kelsey Kaplan), 11:28.6; **8ths:** discus 400 relay (Giummo, Brittany Milican, Price, Whalen), 1:11.8;

LIVONIA STEVENSON INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET May 5 at Stevenson

PARTICIPATING TEAMS: Ann Arbor Pioneer JY (AAP), Brighton (B), Canton (Ctn), Livonia Churchill (LC), Clarkston (Clk), Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (DCD), Farmington Hills Mercy (FHM), Northville (N), Livonia Stevenson (LS), 10. Wayne Memorial (WM).

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Whalen (FHM), 37 feet, 2 inches; 3. Becca Bartek (LS), 32-5; 4. Mamme Adomako (LS), 31-3; 6. Shannon Getchen (LC), 29-4.25. Discus: 1. Nicole Bergeski (LC), 99-5; 2. Bartek (LS), 98-0; 5. Whalen (FHM), 95-3; Golan (DCD), 91-3.

High jump: 1. Ariel Roberts (AAP), 5-3; 2. Brianna Jenkins (N), 5-1.

Long jump: 1. Konopka (N), 16-5.75; 3. Fregene (DCD), 15-10.75; 4. Stuart (N), 15-8.75; 5. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 15-7.5; 6. Moore (DCD), 15-6.

Pole vault: 1. Marla Winkler (LS), 10-7; 2. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 10-2; 3. Julie Foucher (N), 9-8; 4. (tie) Michelle Blackstone (LS) and Eren Ural (LC), 8-2; 6. Jennifer Olmstead (LC), 8-2.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Paige Madison (AAP), 15.23; 2. King (N), 16.3; 3. Jackie Gribeck (LC), 16.34.

300 hurdles: 1. Amanda Maher (AAP), 47.61; 2. Brittany Gentile (LS), 49.1; 4. Christine Armstrong (LS), 49.85; 5. Dominique Mosby (FHM), 50.01.

100. dash: 1. Sam English (FHM), 12.78; 2. Emily Kriechelt (N), 13.02; 3. Ashley Banks (Ctn), 13.09); 5. Ashley Terry (FHM), 13.16.

200: 1. Tiara Sharp (AAP), 25.77; 2. English (FHM), 26.84; 3. Kreichelt (N), 26.89; 4. Amber Simpson (DCD), 27.52; 6. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 27.92. 400: 1. Jessica Lee (AAP), 1:01.13; 3. Kristina Bell (FHM), 1:02.36; 4. Taylor Moore-Willis (DCD), 1:02.55; 6. Amy Bernstein (N), 1:03.47.

800: 1. Kelsey Duerksen (AAP), 2:22.15; 3. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:24.11; 4. Lindsay Hagan (N), 2:24.55; 6. Lindsey Graciak (LC), 2:29.79.

1,600: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:19.2; 2. Hagan (N), 5:19.3; 3. Erica Hope (LC), 5:34.06; 5. Jenny Murphy (N), 5:30.63; 6. Alissa Ott (DCD), 5:38.9, 3,200: 1. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 11:12.63 (school record); 3. Calka (LS), 11:54.89; 4. Murphy (N), 12:00.17; 5. Megan Maceratini (LC), A200.73; 6. Ott (#CD); 12:15:33; 5. 400 relay: 1. Pioneer (50.45; 2. Northville,

51.64; 4. Stevenson, 54.19; 5. Churchill, 55.27; 6. Country Day, 55.32.

800 relay: 1. Pioneer, 1:44.4; 3. Northville, 1:50.32; 5. Mercy, 1:54.02; 6. Stevenson, 1:54.07.



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800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Steve Eideh, Dan Cragel, Nate Sergison, Myles White), 1:30.8; 2. Churchill, 1:30.9; 3. Harrison, 1:31.8; 4. John Brownlee), 41-10; sprint medley (Butkowski, Hollaway, Wilson, Scott), 3:06.1; shuttle hurdle (Sarah Woods, Stephanie Belcher, Morgan Passino, Lynett), 1:14.3; distance medley (Milican, Scott, Walley, Saarela), 14:02.7; **3rds:** 800 relay (Lynett, Butkowski, Brownlee, Wilson), 1:54.9; **5ths:** 400 relay (Lynett,

1,600 relay: 1, Pioneer, 4:07.26; 2, Churchill, 4:15.16; 3, Northville, 4:19.53; 5, Mercy, 4:32.95; 6, Country Day, 4:35.58, 3,200 relay: 1, Pioneer, 9:48.12; 3, Northville, 9:55.9; 4, Stevenson, 10:01.4; 5, Mercy, 10:48.9;

6. Canton, 11:23.0.

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Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.3

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Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 17.0

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Brooke Knochel (Stevenson) 1:04.3

Somar Aoude (Churchill) 1:04.6

Sara Kroll (Churchill) 1:04.8

Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 1:04.9

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Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 2:22.8

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Salem baseball team edges W.L. Northern

On Monday at Salem, the Rocks pulled out a dramatic 6-5, extra-inning victory over the Knights thanks to a pair of late-inning suicide-squeeze bunts.

The victory improved Salem to 6-11 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Salem mounted three rallies to post the win. The Rocks led 1-0 after one when Heath Parling walked, stole second and scored on a long double by Sam Ott.

After the Knights pushed three across in the third, Salem cut its deficit to 3-2 in the bottom of the inning when Ott doubled and scored on two wild pitches.

Trailing 4-2, Salem scored single runs in the fifth and sixth on a single and sacrifice fly by Drew Grabowski, respectively. After Northern regained a 5-4 lead in the seventh, Salem knotted the game at 5all when Steve Pydyn doubles and later scored on a perfect squeeze bunt by Justin Horger.

Ott led off the eighth with his third hit -- a single -- before stealing second. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Mike Myers' squeeze bunt.

Salem starting pitcher Joe Posler worked the first seven innings. Dave Hales worked a perfect eighth inning to earn his second victory.

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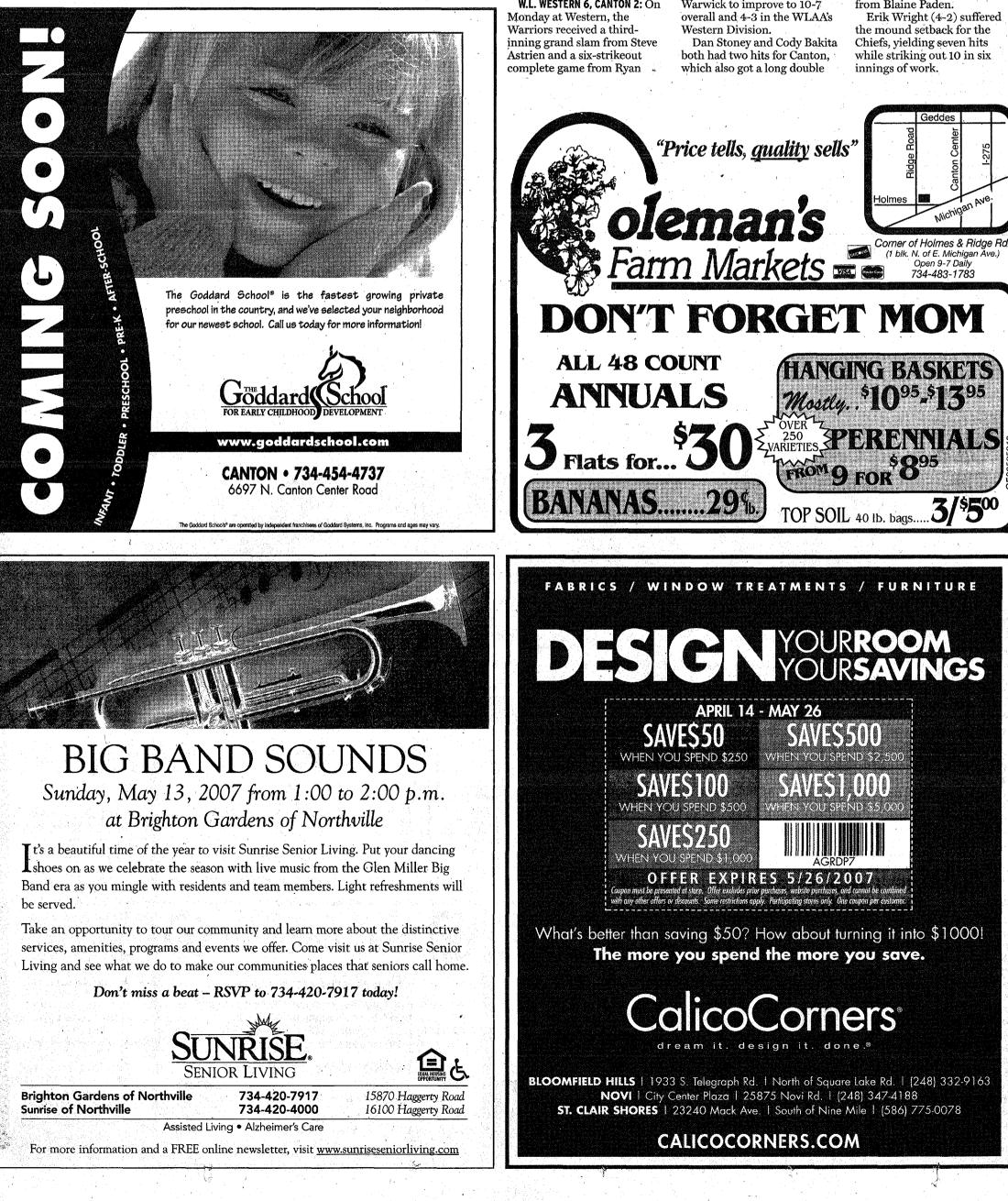
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Salem's Steve Pydyn delivered a key pinch-hit double in the Rocks' dramatic 6-5 victory over Walled Lake Northern Monday afternoon.

Warwick to improve to 10-7

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LOCAL SPORTS

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SALEM 6 CANTON 2 Tuesday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Eric Szydłowski, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Justin Liedel, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Nathan Larimore, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Mike Darouie, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang (C) def. Matt Benson-Tyler Jeleniewski, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; No. 2: Riley Hoernschemeyer-J.P. LaFontaine def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev (S) def. Anton Schauerte-Santosh Shanmuga, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Paul Blackford-Andy Fosdick (S) def. Jeremy Lind/Bauer-Dan Poooff, 6-4, 6-2.

NORTHVILLE 6

SALEM 2 Monday at Northville

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Tim Wasielewski, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Peter Curran, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3; No. 3: Mike Baskins (N) def. Jake Burnstein, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Steve Irvine (N) def. Dave Benson, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Harry Zhang-Lee Schecter (N) def. Matt Benson-Tyler Jeleniewski, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Kevin Zhang-Phil Irvine (N) def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Andy Mills-Mike Hagan (N) def. Kevin Steinman-Yuvi Rajeev, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Graham McHenry-Jason Raymond (N) def. Paul Blackford-Andrew Fosdick, 6-1, 6-1.

SALEM 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL O

May 4 at Wayne Memorial No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Aaron Koshorer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Nick Martin, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Tommy Pattenaude, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Matt Benson-Tyler

No. 1 doubles: Matt Benson-Iyler Jeleniewski (S) def. Jake Fyfe-Mike Hicks, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: John Bills-John Kang (S) def. Andy Morton-Kevin Tarnowski, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Paul Krutty-Surya Nagaraja (S) def. Josh Barnett-John Mayfield, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Andrew Steinman-Corwin Stout def. Andrew Thyron-Blake Berry, 6-4, 6-2.

PLYMOUTH 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 May 2 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Mike Hicks, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Andy Mitchell, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffler-Max Korpalski (P) def. Nick Martin-Jake Fyfe, 6-O, 6-2; No. 2: Pat Orono-Anoop Gopai (P) def. Andrew Morton-Josh Barnett, 6-O, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Andrew Thyrion-Kevin Tarnowski, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Anastas Manettas-Patrick Bailey (P) def. John Mayfield-Blake Berry, 6-1, 6-O. Wayne's dual meet record: 1-6-2 overall, O-

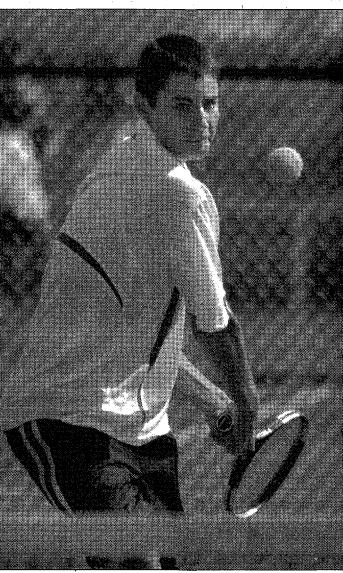
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LIVONIA FRANKLIN O May 2 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Ton Semonick, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jake Burnsten (S) def. Steve Trapp, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Tyler Jeleniewski-Matt

TENNIS RESULTS



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Plymouth's No. 3 singles player Clint Korpalski, pictured during Monday's match against Canton, will be one of many local players competing in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament, which will be played on Plymouth-Canton Educational Park courts. Northville enters the tournament as the team to beat following an unbeaten regular season.

Benson (S) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** John Bills-John Kang (S) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Ryan Aubert-Uvi Rajeeve (S) def. Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tusypov, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Paul Blackford-Andrew Fosdick (S) def. Nate Warrick-Brent Rossler, 6-1 6-1. **Franklin's dual meet record:** 0-6-1 overall, 0-6 WLAA.

CANTON 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Monday at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Eric Szydłowski (C) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Nathan Larimore (C) def. Brad Noyes, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Mike Darouie (C) def. Gordy German, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 7-6(3), 6-3; No. 2: Riley Hoernschemeyer-J.P. LaFontaine (C) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Anton SchauerteSantosh Shanmuga (C) def. Justin Samland-Nikhil Kalothia, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 4:** Jeremy Lindlbauer-Dan Popoff (C) def. D.J. Dillard-Billy Lyons, 6-3, 6-1.

PLYMOUTH 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2 April 30 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Steve Trapp, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Tony Semonick, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Brett Kavulich (P) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-

No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffler-Pat Onoro (P) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Anoop Gopal-Max Korpalski (P) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tuszypov (LF) def. Spencer Skotske-Nick Girimont, 7-6 (7-5), 6-

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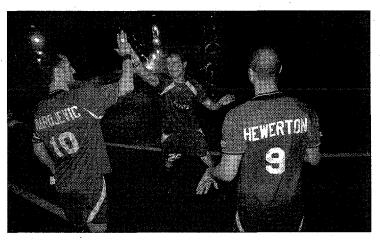
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Ignition captain Marojevic retires

The Detroit Ignition has announced that Novi Marojevic, the club's first team captain, is retiring from the Major Indoor Soccer League after eight successful seasons. Marojevic, 34, will focus on opportunities outside of soccer.

"I want to thank the fans for their tremendous support and the entire Detroit Ignition organization for everything throughout the season," said Marojevic. "This was a very difficult decision for me but I look forward to returning to my wife, Jadranka, and my son, Marko. I will miss the game, but I am excited about the opportunities and challenges I will face down the road."

"On behalf of the entire Detroit Ignition organization, I want to thank Novi for being an impact on the field, a leader in our locker room and a positive role model in our community," Ignition President Greg Bibb stated. "Novi will be missed and we wish him well



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(CP)

Detroit Ignition captain Novi Marojevic, pictured above during the team's pregame introductions prior to the MISL championship game, announced his retirement recently.

in all he does in the future." Marojevic finished third on

the Ignition in scoring during the 2006-07 season with 12 goals and 19 assists for 45 points. The former All-Star posted career regular-season totals of 155 goals and 111 assists for 382 points over eight seasons.

The Niksic, Montenegro native debuted in the MISL with the Kansas City Comets in 1996 after spending a number of years playing professionally throughout Europe.



Wednesday, May 23 • 9:00am – 4:45pm

 2, 3 or 4 Person Shopping Scramble – Public Welcome Sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association
 It's an exciting shopping event modeled after a golf outing. Shoppers create a foursome of their best shopping buddies and then "compete" against other foursomes at an all-day outing in downtown Northville. Enjoy a day of pampering, great food, entertainment, prizes and a unique shopping experience!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL Thursday, May 10

Friday, May 12 WLAA Conference Tourney

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Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 Salem at Milford (DH), 11 a.m. West Bloomfield at Plymouth (DH), noon SOFTBALL Thursday, May 10 Baptist Park at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 Canton Classic Varsity Tourney, TBA Lutheran Westland Tourney, TBA **GIRLS SOCCER** Thursday, May 10 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Salem at Rochester, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12 Canton at Troy, 2 p.m. Lutheran Westland at PCA. 10 a.m. **BOYS TENNIS**

at Wayne, TBA **BOYS LACROSSE** Friday, May 11 PCS at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12 PCS at Farmington, 2 p.m. **BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD** Thursday, May 10 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 South Lyon Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 A.A. Huron Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Fenton JV Invite, TBA **GIRLS GOLF** Thursday, May 10 Plymouth at Farmington Invite at Kensington, 10 a.m. Salem at Hartland Invite at Dunham Hills. 10 a.m. Friday, May 11 Plymouth at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

CAMPS AND CLINICS

All-Star Hoop Camp

Registration is on for the All Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15 hosted by Madonna University. MU men's basketball coach

Chuck Henry will direct three session of boys camps including: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 13-16; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22; also July 30-Aug. 3.

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9. The cost for each session is \$175 (hot lunches are available for \$5 per day). Call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps including:

Elite – 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players – 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters – 8:30 a.m.noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth – 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Hitters – 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist – 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12. Call MU women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

Ignition soccer camp

The Detroit Ignition has announced the 2007 Detroit Ignition Summer Soccer Camp Program. With camp locations to be positioned throughout Metro Detroit, Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is currently the only Detroit area soccer program that will offer registrants the opportunity to train with professional soccer players and staff.

Designed for children ranging in age from 4-18, the Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players looking for an edge on technical and tactical training.

For Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp locations and schedules, visit www.detroitignition.com or call (888) 436-GOAL (4625.) Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is sponsored by the Hantz Group and Henry Ford Medical Group. Information regarding purchasing tickets to see the Detroit

Ignition at Compuware Sports Arena can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625), on online at www.detroitignition.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Pencil us in and you'll be saving more than just the date.

Women's Health & Wellness Tour

Clear your calendars to make room for the Oakwood Women's Health & Wellness Tour from 2 until 7 p.m. on **May 15 and 16** at the Oakwood Dearborn Medical Park. Check out our latest women's health programs and participate in screenings that could save your life. You'll also be able to view interactive displays and participate in discussions with Oakwood doctors on topics including the latest in digital mammography, breast health, orthopedics, women's heart disease and more. For details, visit www.oakwood.org



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Former Observer sports editor passes away

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

(CP)

George Maskin, a former Observer sports editor and longtime sports official, is remembered as a man who wore many hats during a career that spanned eight decades.

Maskin, a resident of Novi who died at the age of 90 earlier this month, wrote for the Plymouth Mail & Observer in the 1960s and early '70s, covering the local high -school sports scene.

In overlapping years, he also was the Director of Public Relations for the Detroit Pistons from 1960-1974.

One of Maskin's three children, Julie Rollins of Farmington, related a story involving her father and former Pistons great Bob Lanier. Rollins, a fourth grade school teacher, learned Lanier was working with the NBA in its Read to Achieve program.

She asked her father if he would call Lanier or ask him to visit her classroom when he saw Lanier again.

"Bob agreed to visit," Rollins said. "We had a few minutes to talk the morning of his visit, and I thanked him for coming for me. He told me that he didn't do it for me. He did it for my dad!

"When Bob was a rookie, my dad had treated him like a man, not just a basketball-player. He treated him with respect and kindness. So, when my dad asked him for a favor 35 years later, Bob was honored to do it.

"Bob Lanier called my dad to tell him how much he meant to him, just days before my dad passed

away

Rollins also recalled how she and her brothers would often take calls from area coaches and record scores and statistics for their busy father.

They also went with him to Pistons games at Cobo Arena and worked at the scorers table while their dad did the announcing.

"My dad was so enthusiastic, trying to get the very small crowds of about 2,000-3,000 people shouting BINGO, when Dave Bing would score," Rollins said.

"It was wonderful watching my dad in his element. He knew just about everyone in sports from the Detroit area."

Previously, he wrote sports for Stars and Stripes, the U.S. Army newspaper, during World War II. Afterward, he worked for the Detroit Times, Detroit News and **Detroit Free Press.**

He was the first journalist in Michigan to establish high school and college football and basketball ratings, a concept and practice that continues to this today.

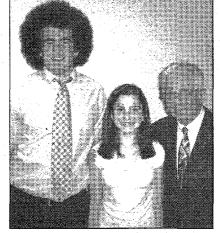
Maskin, who also covered professional sports for the Detroit dailies, joined the Baseball Writers of America Association in 1948 and was the oldest living member in the Detroit chapter.

Maskin was known to many high school coaches, athletes and fans as a longtime sports official. He also worked some college games.

He officiated football, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball from the 1930s until the early part of this decade.

Maskin worked his last football game at Groves High School when he was 84 and was inadvertently

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George Maskin is pictured with two of his grandchildren, Josh and Sarah Rollins, both of whom were scholar-athletes at Farmington High School.

"tackled" by two players. He continued doing softball and volleyball until 2003.

He was inducted into the Michigan High School Sports Hall of Fame, the Catholic League Sports Hall of Fame and the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

The George Maskin Memorial Fund, which will be used to provide college scholarships for student-athletes, has been established at the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation, 2000 Oakley Park Drive., Suite 104, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Maskin is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elaine, two other children - Richard (Dorothy) Maskin of Royal Oak and Douglas (Marie) Maskin of Bloomfield Hills, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

PREP STATE RANKINGS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will publish copies of the spring sports state rankings when space is permissible and on its daily Web site of www.hometownlife.com, Forward copies to sports writer Daniel Stickradt at dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net, or fax to (248) 651-9080.

Baseball

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 - Lake Orion; 2. Okemos; 3. Allen Park; 4. Grandville; 5. Troy; 6. Grosse Pointe North; 7. Hudsonville; 8. Rockford; 9. Warren DeLaSalle; 10. Oxford.

Division 2 - St. Clair Shores Lake Shore: 2. Mount Pleasant: 3. Dowagiac: 4. Richland-Gull Lake: 5. Sparta: 6. Chelsea: 7. Carleton-Airport; 8. Marine City; 9. West Branch Ogemaw Heights; 10. Battle Creek Harper Creek.

Division 3 - 1. Berrien Springs; 2. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic; 3. Blissfield; 4. Bridgman; 5. Onsted; 6. Essexville-Garber; 7. Michigan Center; 8. Hemlock; 9. Parchment; 10. Beaverton. Division 4 – 1. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 2. Climax-Scotts; 3. Southfield Christian; 4. Johannesburg-Lewiston; 5. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 6. St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic; 7. Hillman; 8. North Muskegon; 9. Rogers City; 10. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Girls Soccer

(By the coaches association) Division 1 - 1. Novi; 2. Rochester; 3. Livonia Churchill; 4. East Kentwood; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 6. Okemos; 7. Brighton; 8. Northville: 9. Walled Lake Central: 10. Farmington Hills Mercy. Honorable Mention - Rochester Adams, Grosse Pointe South, Fraser

Division 2 - 1. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 2. Dexter; 3. Lapeer East; 4. Birmingham Marian; 5. Battle Creek Lakeview; 6. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 7. DeWitt; 7. Auburn Hills Avondale; 9. Flint Kearsley; 10. Chelsea. Honorable Mention — Birmingham Seaholm, East Lansing.

Division 3 - 1. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 2. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 3. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 4. Williamston; 5. Jackson Lumen Christi; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 7. Flint Powers Catholic; 8. Grandville Calvin Christian: 9. Milan: 10. Grosse Ile. Honorable Mention - Frankenmuth.

Division 1 - 1. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 2. Kalamazoo Christian; 3. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic; 3. Three Oaks River Valley; 5. North Muskegon; 6. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian: 7. Plymouth Christian: 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard: 9. Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port-Laker; 10. Burton Genesee Christian.

Honorable Mention - Niles Brandywine, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lansing Christian.

Softball

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(By the coaches association) Division 1 - 1. Clinton Township Chippewa Valley; 2. White Lake Lakeland; 3. Harper Woods Regina; 4. Grosse Pointe North; 5. Flint Kearsley; 6. Garden City; 7. Plymouth Canton; 8. Troy; 9. Farmington Hills Mercy; 10. Portage Northern. Honorable Mention - Alpena, Walled Lake Central, Monroe Okemos, Belleville, Hudsonville, Bay City Western, Northville. Division 2 - 1. Niles; 2. Monroe Jefferson; 3. Hudsonville

Unity Christian; 4. Trenton; 5. Stevensville-Lakeshore; 6. Goodrich; 7. Cheboygan; 8. Wyoming Rogers; 9. Otisville-LakeVille: 10. Tecumseh

Honorable Mention - Birmingham- Detroit Country Day, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Petoskey, Spring Lake, Wayland, Escanaba, Mattawan.

Division 3 - 1. Unionville-Sebewaing; 2. Buchanan; 3. Clinton; 4. Scottville-Mason County Central; 5. Galesburg-Augusta; 6. Ida; 7. Freeland; 8. Niles Brandywine; 9. Bronson; 10. Portland

Honorable Mention - Saginaw Swan Valley, Hemlock, Vassar, Watervliet, Kalamazoo Christian, Gladstone Division 4 - 1. Allen Park Cabrini; 2. Bay City All Saints: 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest; 4. Frankfort; 5. Petersburg-Summerfield; 6. Coleman; 7. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist; 8. Posen; 9. Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian; 10. Merrill

Honorable Mention - Beal City, Maple City-Glen Lake, Hillman, Vestaburg, Custer-Mason County Eastern, Adrian Lenawee Christian.

Girls Golf

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 - 1. Rochester; 2. Grand Blanc; 3. Lake Orion; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy; 5. Livonia Churchill; 6. Northville; 7. Traverse City West; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 9. Brighton; 10. Mount Pleasant; 11. Hartland; 12. East Kentwood. Division 2 - Birmingham Seaholm; 2. Livonia Ladywood; 3. Dexter; 4. Greenville; 5. Caledonia; 6. Battle Creek Lakeview; 7. East Lansing; 8. East Grand Rapids; 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; 10. Okemos: 11. Bloomfield Hills Lahser: 12. Muskegon Mona Shores.

Division 3 - 1. Flint Powers Catholic; 2. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic 3. Grosse Ile; 4. Perry; 5. Lansing Catholic Central; 6. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 7. Grand Rapids South Christian; 8. Alma; 9. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 10. Grand Rapids Covenant Christian; 11. Hanover-Horton; 12. Battle Creek Harper Creek.

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Grosse Pointe South; 10. (tie) Brighton, Saline. Division 2 - 1. Okemos: 2. Birmingham Groves: 3. Birmingham Seaholm; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 5. East Lansing; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 7. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; 8. North Farmington; 9. Grosse Pointe North; 10. Portage Central.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1056 – Keith Urban – Couch, Loveseat, Refrigerator 9142 - GPS ENT INC. - Scaffolding, Misc Items 1059 - Angela Miller - China Cabinet, 20 Boxes, Dresser 5037 - David Hieb - 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet, Speakers 4006 – Nicholas Bates – Drum Kit, TV, Dresser 9260 - Dustin Mitchell - TV. 1 Tote, 1 Box

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 4145 - Kevin Steele - portable TV, microwave, 10 boxes

4148 – David Fuller – Mattress, power tools, misc items

- 4211 Debra Tansey 10 Boxes, couch, misc items 4274 Betty Bryant 20 Boxes, Microwave, 4 Chairs
- 5345 Erin Morley Headboard, 20 Boxes, Dresser 4222 - Terry Brown - Couch, Chair, Futon

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 3044 Philippe Lorezca Grill, Kitchen Table, Dresser
- 4056 Frieda Greenshields 10 totes, 5 boxes, misc items
- 4064 Christopher Peters 10 Boxes, 2 Dressers, Table
- 6012 Gaylynne Wall Sofa, Washer, Dryer 6222 - Laura Smith - 20 Boxes, 10 Bags, Misc Items
- 9050 Joseph Dibenedetto 4 Tires w/ rims, Speaker, Amplifier
- 5202 Nyesha Penn 10 Bags, 50 Totes, Toys
- 6048 Nadeem Ahmed Gas Grill, Ice Machine, Misc Tables and Chairs
- 5006 Kirk Surface 15 Boxes, Microwave, Loveseat
- 5206 Sharnette Darden 4 Boxes, 6 Bags, Misc Items

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(formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 5/31/07 at 2:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 1006 - Edward Green - 3 Boxes, Cooler, Misc Items 1058 – Jonathan Rose – 30 Boxes, Ladder 3035 - Edward Green - Couch, Dresser, Mirror 3064 - Mark Billingslea - Bike, Clothing, Kitchen Table

6005 - Christopher Roberts - 10 Bags, 20 Boxes, Misc Items

7006 - William A Dandrea - Clothing, Golf Clubs, Misc Items

8024 - James Smith - 10 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Misc Items

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., June 6, 2007. The bid opening will be at 10:15 a.m., June 6, 2007 for the following:

Request for Proposal - Cultural Center Pro Shop Lease

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

A bid bond/performance bond in the form of either a certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to \$1000, must accompany each proposal.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394 - 5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007 for the following:

PAINTING SERVICES FOR THE BARTLETT -TRAVIS HOUSE

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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 Bids for Playground Asphalt at Gallimore Elementary.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the Central Maintenance Office at 987 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170 on May 17, 2007. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Ms. Laura Hagan, (734) 416-2953. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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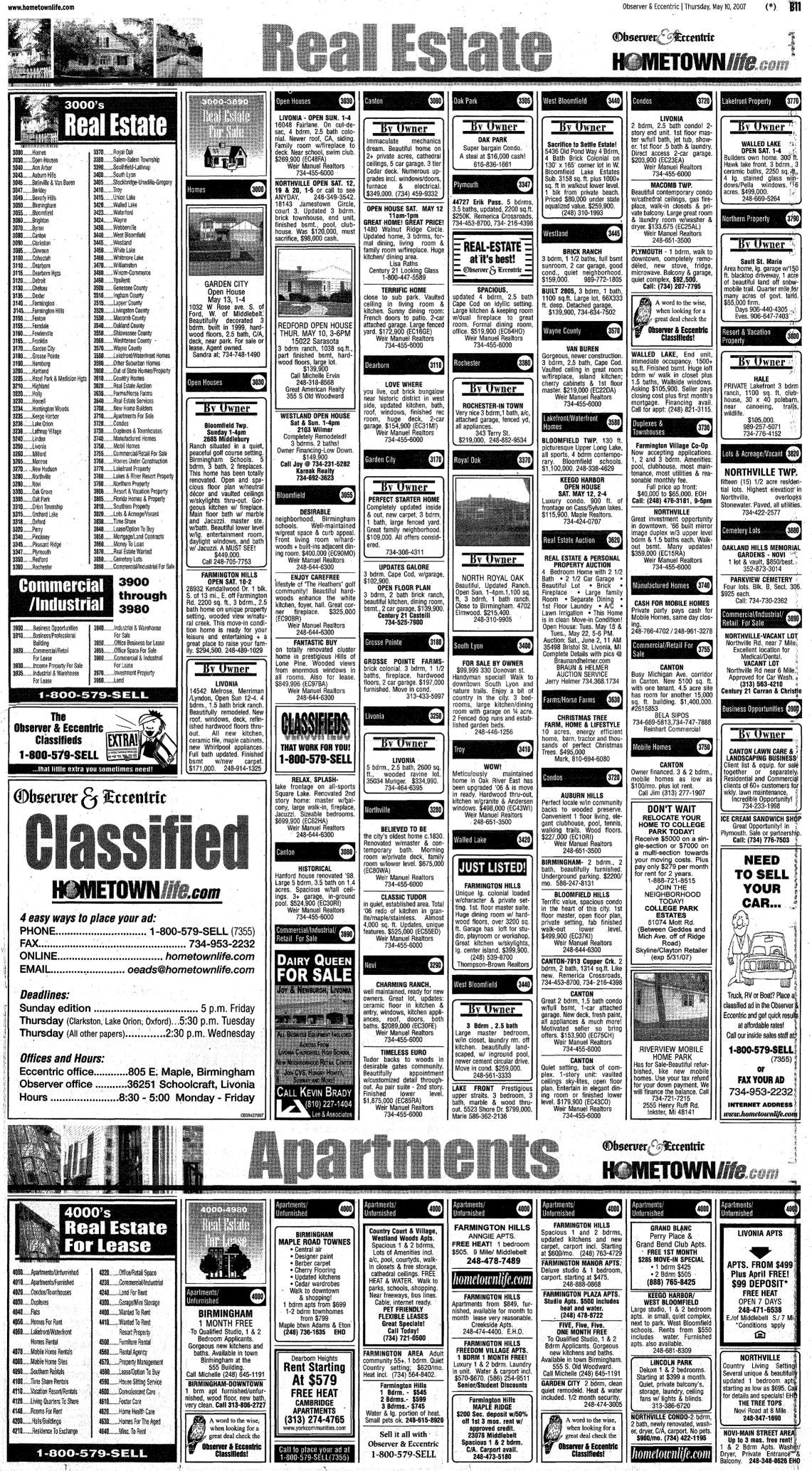
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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on JUNE 8th at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE **OR LESS ITEMS.** UNIT #251 - SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND POND, WHITE LAKE TWSP., MI 48386 Skateboard, skis, boxes, books, and misc. items. UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127 Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and misc. items UNIT #342 - FRANK PAGE OF 1510 CARLTON, JACKSON, MI 49203 TV, (2) dressers, mattress, bike, microwave, chair, file cabinet, skis, clothes, boxes, and misc. items. UNIT #365 - LAURETTE TEDDERS OF 114 N. MILL, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 Chair, desk, grill, exercise bike, dresser, spreader, garbage cans, wheelbarrow, boxes, suitcase, and misc. items. UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS, **BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304** Wheels/tires, car parts, shelf, file cabinets, chairs and misc. items. UNIT #585 - KATHLEEN O'CONNELL OF 1282 EAST LAKE DR. #1, NOVI, MI 48377 Cleaning supplies, floor cleaner, (4) file cabinets, shovel, broom, and misc. items. UNIT #606 - BROWN-SHURGE OF P.O. BOX 545, WAYNE, MI 48184 Refrigerator, chairs, Christmas items, shovel/tools, and misc. UNIT #619/668 - CLAUD STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE) OF 42173 E. ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 Pallets of computer printers/approx. 100, copier, other misc. items. SALE DATE IS JUNE 8, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

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E WORKING RETIRED AND A TWO-WAY STREE



The working retired are making inroads in the workplace. even though

they're still an emerging demographic.

Michael Jalbert, president of Management Recruiters International 🖓 Inc., in Philadelphia, a franchise with 🛹 1,100 offices in $\overline{40}$ countries, reports that because of the increasing labor shortage, MRI is promoting the working retired. "The average age of an eaerospace engineer globally is 57 years," he states. "That person's replacement hasn't graduated from school yet."

Phil Ardire, president and CEO of Western DataCom Co. Inc., a more than \$5 million high-tech electronic and software company in Westlake, Ohio, and Fayetteville, N.C., has 15 employees. His company is perhaps best known for its Persistent Threat Detection System housed in a balloon over Baghdad. At the moment, Ardire employs two kinds of working retired -contractors and full-time employees. He says, "It's hard to hire for a month at a time. We look for military and mechanical backgrounds."

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Huhndorff of HRH Design Associates in Bay Village, Ohio, is freelancing for three companies and tries to restrict his hours to 20 per week. "But I do what needs to be done to satisfy the customer to get it out," he states. He's 68.

"I do what I want to do when I want to do it," he remarks. "That's my work ethic. I tell my customers that upfront. If they don't like it, it's okay. I'm doing this for my mind more than anything else. The financial is okay, but I love to create things. I've always been in the creative mode. I spent 32 and one-half years with Eveready Battery in machinery and product design,"during which time he obtained 49 patents.

Jalbert maintains that the workplace is friendly to this worker demographic, because "people just have more work than they can handle. Also, their talent level, ability and maturity of approach are usually a welcome combination for a much more productive work environment." He cites "many hundreds" of his franchisees as working retired.

Ardire states that his workplace "respects our elders for their experience, knowledge and knowhow. We have to give them the opportunity to use it. Lots of engineering is done virtually."

A good reception requires decency on the retiree's side, too, as Huhndorff illustrates. "When you go into someone else's place," he says, "you have to respect 100 percent that that's their place. I always ask their opinions



Phil Ardire (I), CEO, contracts with and employs the working retired to meet productivity schedules at Western DataCom Co. Inc., headquartered in Westlake, Ohio. Harry Huhndorff, of HRH Design Associates in Bay Village, Ohio, is a freelancer there and elsewhere, working retired. Photo credit: Jeff Sweitzer, vice president, Western DataCom Co. Inc.

first, such as 'How do you think it ought to be done?' and 'What would you think if we tried this?' It's not a know-it-all attitude.'

What happens when the working retired start to slow down? Jalbert stresses the importance of professionalism and openness about what is or isn't being done. It should be a quiet conversation about the behavior and performance, delivered with kindness, great dignity and respect. I'll ask for a commitment to discuss it if I see more."

Ardire is matter-of-fact, stating that it's up to the individual to decide whether to stop working. However, if performance slides, he says, "We won't give them new contracts.'

Huhndorff, the freelancing working retired, concurs. "If they don't like the ideas I'm producing for them, they just do not call back," he explains. "It is Darwin's theory -- survival of the fittest. I don't have a problem with that, because that's the way life is. You have to make way for the new people who come along. If you're still creating innovative ideas, your customer will always call back if they have a need, and new customers will call by wordof-mouth. I have never advertised. I'm just asking for a chance at this."

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

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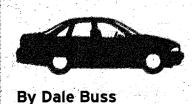
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Volkswagen Eos is What a Convertible Should Be!

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Because tooling around town in a convertible is a definite rite of the passage to summer, I was more than ready to oblige the manufacturer when I got to begin driving a 2007 Volkswagen Eos last week. And while arguably my wife had a better time trying out the female-friendly, brilliant-white convertible, there was plenty of entertainment - and fine driving - for me as well.

Sure, the Eos I drove, a 2.0-liter turbocharged model, demonstrated plenty of pickup and zip on the highway. The interior clad in beige leather was pleasantly inviting. The back seats actually have enough leg room for two adults, and the trunk even when making room for the roof top - can accommodate a number of small pieces of luggage. All of that makes this car more practical than you might have hoped for while having to meet the various engineering and capacity requirements of a foldaway hardtop.

But more about all of that later. Because everyone knows that, when it comes to a convertible, it's the well, convertibleness of the vehicle that defines whether it's enjoyable to drive and be in and, ultimately, whether it sells. And on that crucial score, Volkswagen has fielded a big winner in Eos. Of the convertible hardtops I've driven over the last several years, Eos's roof is the easiest to come off and, by far, the most remarkable to behold as it does.

Remarkably, VW was able to engineer the roof, first, to give you the option to use it as a wide sunroof, which may be unheard of in any comparable vehicle.

And then if you get to the point where the weather and your passengers are agreeing that the Classifieds on the web: whole top can go down, you're in for a remarkable show. All you need to do is hold onto a lever in the central console for about 25 seconds, and the car converts from coupe to convertible.



First, sensors integrated into the rear bumper ensure that there is at least 16 inches of clearance behind the car, and then the plastic deck lid tilts up and moves to the rear. All four windows roll down, the multipiece hardtop automatically unlatches from the windshield header, the rear window section glides over the roof, and the whole, 154-pound apparatus goes into the trunk like an automotive sandwich with layers of metal and glass elegantly lying on top of one another. A single electric motor and eight hydraulic rams accomplish all of that.

Moreover, Eos is about as safe as a convertible can be. For one thing, it's a-pillar is integrated stiffly right into the floorboards for extra sturdiness in case of a rollover. And while Eos doesn't have a permanently visible rollbar behind the front seats unlike its corporate cousin and my other favorite convertible, the Audi TT Roadster - the car does have a popup rollbar that deploys in just one-quarter of a second at any significant sign of trouble.

Other measures that VW took to ensure the pleasure of a top-down ride include a pop-up wind blocker that is integrated into the windshield header, and a detachable windscreen that you can quickly and easily deploy behind the front seats. There's also very little noticeable wobble or wiggle in the car's

handling that could be attributed to its convertibility despite the fact that this can often afflict convertibles.

Getting back to the other things to love about Eos. Its design isn't flashy but mildly curvaceous and, I think, clearly aimed at women drivers and buyers who just might miss the old VW Cabriolet convertible that the company discontinued many years ago.

Eos amenities include everything you might want to make the closed-top driving experience enjoyable as well, including power seats, heated washer nozzles and easy-entry rear seats. And even with the top down, there's enough luggage room in the ample trunk to make taking a weekend trip in Eos more than just a theoretical exercise.

The 200-horsepower, turbocharged two-liter engine in the version I drove provided plenty of pop for most lay people who want to drive a convertible. It also laps up 31mpg on the highway and 23 in the city, and the version I drove sells for under \$32,000. For now, anyway, I could only imagine how explosive Eos would be in the pricier version that is powered by a 3.2-liter, narrow-angle VR6 engine and puts out 250 horsepower.

I'd like to try that next.



Declutter, depersonalize a home you want to sell – Design Solutions, D2

HOMETOWN Phometownlife com Mary Klemic, editor . (248) 901.2569 . mklemic@hometownlife.com

We asked you for your memories to honor your mothers, and many of you responded.

Linda Montagano of Plymouth remembered a beef stroganoff recipe her mother prepared. The recipe, from the mother of a Detroit hockey team member, was found in a newspaper. Montagano still enjoys the recipe today.

Jeanine Bourcier of Canton wrote about growing up the youngest of nine children, watching, then helping her mom with a meal, eventually learning enough to make her own meal for that big troop and later going into the culinary field for 20 years.

Julia Hofley of Bloomfield Hills honored her mother at Easter, by placing her photo at the table, with all the children and grandchildren present for a pork loin.

Joyce Hovermale of Canton shared her memories of growing up on a cattle ranch in Minnesota and making recipes with her mother and siblings, using produce from the family's four gardens.

We probably don't thank Mom or Dad enough. We probably never can, but it's nice to pay tribute to them when we can, even when what's left is memories.

These readers were kind enough to share these recipes. Maybe you'd like to even fix one of these (or one of your own) for your ents this Sunday. Maybe you don't want to fuss in a kitchen at all, and want to take Mom out for brunch. She'd like that. So here's to you, moms everywhere. Enjoy your day. (We haven't forgotten about Dad, either. You can send us your tribute to him with recipes and memories, and he'll get his equal time for Father's Day. If Dad likes to grill or had his favorite dishes and recipes you'd like to share, please let us know. Send to kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or mail to Ken Abramczyk, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009.)

Mom, children shared cooking adventures recipe," wrote Hovermale, a Canton resident.

Her diverse cooking skills and willingness to experiment opened all of us to a wider world of food. To this day none of us siblings are picky eaters - thanks to Mom. She taught us to use what you have in your own back yard."

Joyce Hovermale's recipe for rhubarb cake comes from her years cooking with her mother, Carol Nelson, at right, with

Hovermale and her four siblings grew up on a large beef cattle ranch in Minnesota in the 1970s. The nearest town was 20 miles away and had only one traffic light. "We were all self-sufficient.

Mom's meatballs top the list of fave recipes

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

It started at an early age,

Observer & Eccentric

Newspapers. She was the

to a French mother, and a

wrote Bourcier in a letter to the

youngest of nine children born

The family grew produce in four separate gardens, and canned or froze it to eat year round.

"By fall our canning room in the basement was chock full, floor to ceiling," Hovermale wrote. "We could survive the worst Minnesota snowstorm and never miss a meal. thanks for Mom!" Joyce and her mother and sisters would cut rhubarb stalks and make rhubarb. pies, cakes, and sauce that they canned. Today, Hovermale raises rhubarb in her yard.

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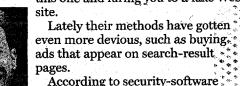
"never left hungry."

Anatomy of a phishing scam

he e-mail came from eBay, or so it seemed. It said my monthly invoice was now available for online viewing; click here to view it.

I almost did. After all, it looked more or less identi-cal to the usual monthly-invoice e-mail I get from eBay - the one that isn't a phishing scam.

Phishing, as regular readers of this column know, is when criminals try to trick you into divulging personal information, usually by sending a fake e-mail like this one and luring you to a fake Web



Tech

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According to security-software maker Exploit Prevention Labs, this happened recently with the Better Business Bureau's site (www.bbb.org).

Anyone performing a Google search for "betterbusinessbureau" would see a sponsored link to what appeared to be the site's legitimate address.

However, a phishing outfit was the sponsor, the buyer of that ad space and link. Clicking it would route you to a server in Russia, where your keystrokes would be logged in hopes of obtaining personal information.

Thankfully, Google has since yanked the offending ad (and, in fact, all ads that appear after BBB searches), but it highlights just how easily users can get tricked.

Most of the time, it starts with e-mail - like the eBay phony I received.

Naturally suspicious, I started by moving my mouse cursor over the "click here" text to reveal the actual link it contained. This information appears in the lower-left corner of my e-mail program (Outlook Express), as it does in most browsers. Always "mouse over" before you click.

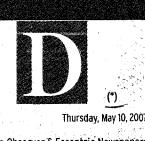
At first glance the link looked legit, if perhaps a bit long. I didn't see any of the telltale signs of a "phishy" address, such as numbers (http://216.228.225.203) where letters should have been (http://www.ebay.com).

What's more, the e-mail lacked the usual fear-mongering tactics, such as informing me that a buyer was awaiting payment (What? I didn't buy anything!) or someone had breached my account. These "urgent action required" messages are designed to scare you into forking over personal information without thinking - and all too often, they work.

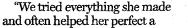
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BY MARY KLEMIC

STAFF WRITER

Joyce Hovermale wrote that her

mother, Carol Nelson, "was an

For example, she remembers

her mother experimenting with pie, juice and jelly from the abun-

dance of choke cherries the family

Joyce's father, Norman Nelson.

See recipe inside

adventurous cook."

had.

Hovermale said.

See recipe inside

PLEASE SEE RHUBARB, D3

Not only did her mother cook

dinner daily, she said, but visitors to the Sabatini house

"During the week you could

smell her baked chicken, pork

roast or cube steak," Bourcier

wrote. "Sometimes for dessert

ding or rice patties. But, every

spaghetti sauce cooking all day

PLEASE SEE MEATBALLS, D3

Friday you could smell her

she would make her bread pud-

("Hello,") and the e-mail itself lacked any personal information, like my eBay account ID or even my name. It was a generic message, one that could have

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This e-mail looks harmless enough, but clicking the provided link would take you to a fake eBay site designed to harvest your personal information.

been sent to anyone.

Clearly, it was a fake. Usually I'd just delete it, but then I got to wondering: Would my browser offer any protection from these scammers? If my parents received a similar e-mail and clicked the link in a panic, would Internet Explorer swoop in to save the day?

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2



Russian Beef Stroganoff helped celebrate Red Wings

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Diane Lakin, her sister Judi and her parents were diehard Red Wing fans, even before the girls attended Mackenzie High School.

Diane's father, George, often dropped off the girls at Olympia Stadium, then went home and listened to the game on the radio.

Marie Sabatini is known for making the

best meatballs around, according to

daughter Jeanine Bourcier, a Canton

resident who continues the tradition.

That was life in the 1950s in northwest Detroit.

'We'd just wait for him on Grand River, and he'd be there to pick us up," said Diane Montagano, who now lives in Plymouth.

Following a Wings Stanley Cup victory in the early 1950s (the Wings won four cups in six years between 1950 and 1955), one of the Detroit newspapers (Diane's sister believes it was the Detroit Free Press) published favorite recipes of Detroit's hockey players, which were, at the time, specialties of

wives and mothers. A Russian Beef Stroganoff recipe came from Wings defenseman Marty Pavelich's mother, which Linda's mother Mildred decided to make. "It truly became a specialty dish, served on everybody's

PLEASE SEE STROGANOFF, D3

STAFF WRITER Canton's Jeanine Bourcier credits her mother, Marie Sabatini, with her love of cook-

ing.

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recently talked to a lady who had the dryer vent line cleaned by a professional. The cost to do the iob was \$170. She told me the service technician informed her that it was the most plugged-up dryer vent line he had ever seen and she was very fortunate that the dryer hadn't caught fire.



I know that many of America's homeowners hardly ever show any concern for their washers and dryers. You have them installed, they do the job and until they break down, everything is OK.

How about we do a little maintenance on them and increase the efficiency, save energy costs and add years of extra life to the products?

Joe Gagnon

Let's start with the clothes dryer. Most of them come apart with the simple use of a screwdriver. Some have a panel on the rear or front bottom that may just snap off. Others have a top that lifts up

and a front panel that is removed by taking off a few screws. Whichever, all clothes dryers aren't hard to take apart. If you have questions on how to do it, call your local service technician and give him or her the model number, and I'll bet they will be more than happy to tell you over the phone.

Once inside the product you may see a lot of lint build-up in many areas. Use a flashlight and pay particular attention to each end of the motor.

When the motor is covered with lint it cannot breathe, and temperatures of a motor can get as high as 800 degrees. That's enough to cook eggs in 30 seconds and ignite any lint in the area.

Use your vacuum cleaner with a crevice tool and remove all lint that is visible. Make sure you don't strike any components with the crevice tool. Gas igniters are very, very fragile.

You will see round thermostats that have two or three wires coming to them and may have lint packed around them. These thermostats are responsible for controlling the heat inside the dryer drum and may also operate the cycle timer. They can't do the job correctly if they aren't free of lint.

As I've mentioned many times, clean the lint screen after every load and wash it with a little brush every week.

Next is the washer, which can be pretty tough to take apart, but you don't need to. All you really need to do for a washer is give it a vinegar bath.

Fill it with the hottest water possible. Some homeowners will turn up the thermostat on the water heater for a few hours before doing this simple chore. Some people will add a few pots of boiling water. Add 2 gallons of white vinegar, set the washer timer for agitate and let it run for only 10 minutes. Shut it off, let it sit for 24 hours, and then return and set the timer to run the rest of the cycle. You may question why you should give a washer a

bath. I can assure you that any service technician can show you what accumulates in between the tubs. It's not a pretty sight, but it can be removed with a vinegar bath. Stay tuned.

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Spring clean your washer, dryer Declutter, depersonalize a home you want to sell

Michelle of Novi writes: "My husband is being transferred out of state and now we are in a position to sell our home. I understand the real estate market isn't

> very good right now. Are there any interior design tips or home staging techniques we can do to move our home quickly? We are

thinking of trying to sell by Solutions owner first, to save some

money." Guastella Michigan is experiencing a

difficult time right now in the real estate market.

Design

Terri

With so many homes out there for sale, it is definitely a buyer's market; however, there are several things you can do to try to get your house sold as quickly as possible. Beginning with a qualified real estate agent, pricing your home correctly for this market, considering interior design advice, and implementing home staging techniques, you could be well on your way to a sale.

You mentioned trying to sell by owner. This isn't a market for the faint of heart. A qualified real estate agent works for you with only your best interest in mind. An aggressive agent will place

your listing on numerous Internet sites, and will have photos and even a virtual tour of your home available for prospective buyers to view before scheduling an appointment. This generates interest in your property and provides maximum exposure.

Elizabeth Bensch, real estate agent for Century 21 Today in Livonia, said, "Setting the correct price is more important than ever, especially in this market. Selling a home may be difficult right now, but it's still possible. "Marketing is key, though. The

savvy seller will stage his home, fix up little imperfections, and then get as much exposure as possible. This can be from Internet sites, local ads or open houses (or all of the above).

"If the price is right, the home looks its best, and the prospective buyers are reached, the home will sell."

Now that you are listed with a good agent, assess your home as objectively as possible. The techniques I use to home stage a property for resale are very different from techniques used for interior design clients who plan on staying in their homes for a while. Remember that with so many houses on the market, the buyers have many more houses from which to choose. Why will they remember yours? Home staging is the answer.

At the beginning of the home staging process, your initial objectives are to depersonalize, declutter and clean each room.

Once these steps are completed, you can move on to the actual staging and furniture placement.

DEPERSONALIZE

You may have spent years adding your personality to your home. Now is the time to take your personality out of it.

Remove all personal objects such as personal hygiene items in the bathroom, bills on the counter, all family photos, framed degrees, trophies, etc.

Neutralize your home by removing wallpaper. It is very rare that when selling your home you will find a buyer who likes your wallpaper as much as you do. Remove it and paint in neutral tones, but NOT white. White can be sterile and cold. Add warmth with neutral beige tones, soft greens or other non-offensive colors.

Your home needs to resemble a generic display. Don't take this personally; you have a commodity you intend to market and you

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are hoping to get the highest possible price. This has nothing to do with your personal taste.

DECLUTTER

We spend our lives accumulating things. This becomes a problem when it comes time to sell. We have become so used to seeing our possessions around us, that we don't really see them anymore.

It is imperative to remove the clutter. Clear off your kitchen counters. A coffeepot is fine, maybe a microwave (only if you have a lot of counter space), and nothing else. You need to show prospective buyers that you have miles of counter space.

Closets should be half empty. Organize drawers. Be brutal with getting rid of things collecting dust in the basement and garage.

If you don't have anywhere to store extra furniture or boxed up items, it is worth getting a storage unit to show your house in its best light.

CLEAN

Prospective buyers don't want to be in a dirty house, and they certainly don't want to buy it. Your home needs to be spotless.

If you don't have the time, hire a cleaning service. Dust the blinds and ceiling fans, clean the windows and carpets, scrub the bathrooms, etc.

After you have completed this initial process of preparing your home, you will need to address other items such as updating fixtures, replacing countertops, optimal furniture placement, setting vignettes, and art placement.

If this seems overwhelming, it may be time to bring in a professional who can work with your real estate agent in best preparing your home for showings. Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesian.com.

BROIDA

Turns-out, it would, at least in this case. One of Internet Explorer 7's touted features is its anti-phishing filter, which is

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fraudulent Web sites.

As you can see in the accompanying screenshot, the browser's address bar turned red and displayed a clear (though not terribly prominent) "Phishing Website[®] notice.

But notice how the fake eBay site looks identical to the real thing. It concerns me that a sufficiently frightened user might overlook the red warnings and proceed to provide his username and password. The simple act of doing so would enable the criminals to sign into his real eBay account and obtain a sizable chunk of personal information.

Meanwhile, Firefox, the browser I use daily, didn't catch the fraudulent site at all. nor did the Google Toolbar I'd installed. Both advertise antiphishing capabilities, but neither served up a single alert.

PROTECT YOURSELF

By now you're no doubt wondering how, short of yanking the cable modem from the wall, you can protect yourself from these insidious scams. Start with your own common

sense. If you get an "urgent" email from an institution you're not even affiliated with, ignore

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Internet Explorer 7 includes solid anti-phishing tools designed to alert you when you're viewing a fraudulent Web site.

it. No one can "compromise your Citibank account" if you don't have one.

Next, upgrade Internet Explorer to version 7 if you haven't already. As we've seen, it's pretty good at rooting out fraudulent sites. Firefox and Google Toolbar are reported to be as well, though I can't explain why they didn't catch the fake eBay.

(I've since installed the free McAfee SiteAdvisor for Firefox extension, which adds safety ratings to sites and search results.)

Finally, install security software that includes anti-phishing features. You can't go wrong with any of the Norton products, such as Norton 360, Norton Confidential and Norton Internet Security 2007.

Even more important, make

sure you've configured that software for automatic updates so it's always protecting you from the latest threats.

For more information on phishing, check out Microsoft's Security at Home site (http://tinyurl.com/7vqqq) and the Yahoo Security Center (http://tinyurl.com/28yxzv).

In the meantime, tread carefully. Criminals are phishing for you. By taking a few proactive steps, you can protect yourself from becoming their latest victim.

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Saké leaps in quality MEATBALLS

ith the proliferation of sushi, sashimi and other Japanese-inspired cuisine, why not wash it down with the authentic Japanese beverage saké?

Saké (with 15 to 16 percent alcohol) is a fermented beverage, as is wine. Unlike wine, produced from grapes, saké is made from rice grown especially for saké. Rice, unlike crushed grapes, has no juice and therefore water is very important in its production.

Ataro Kobayashi, president of Niigata Saké Selections, says that the most important ingredients for making excellent saké are rice, water, weather and people. Niigata is the northern-most Japanese prefecture (state). "This is where the highest quality rice is grown for saké," Kobayashi said.

"There are 97 saké producers in Niigata and I am importing 11 into the U.S. because saké is experiencing a 15 to 20 percent annual sales growth in the U.S.'

INGREDIENTS

In addition to growing the very best rice for saké, Niigata receives a hefty snowfall each winter, which melts to produce very soft water resulting in sakés with a soft, lush texture. Minerals in water can produce off flavors, especially if the water contains high concentrations of iron.

Niigata weather is very hot and rainy in the summer, which favors rice growing.

Lastly, the dedication of the people to produce a quality product is equally important. Passion for making the best product from the best materials is high on Kobaysashi's list of most important ingredients.

RICE

Starch in rice is located in the center of large kernels and is surrounded by materials that can give off-flavors. To remove these outer substances, the rice is polished until only the starch remains leaving as little as 50 percent of the grain.

Before fermentation, starch must be converted to sugar. In whisky making, for instance, barley is malted to convert starch to sugar. In saké making a mold, known as koji-kin, converts starch to sugar and then yeast is added for fermentation of the sugar to alcohol.

Saké quality is related to the grain percent remaining after polishing and is stated on the label. The highest quality is "Dai-gingo" which leaves less than 50 percent, "Ginjo and Tokubetsu" leave 60 percent, "Junmai" leaves 70 percent and regular saké, labeled "Futsushu," may leave more than 70 percent of the grain. Any saké labeled "Junmai" has no added alcohol. "Honjozo" means alcohol has been added.



SAKE PICKS

In the following list of our favorite sakés, the name is followed by (quality grade) and producer.

Matsunoi Saké (Tokubetsu Honjozo) Matsunoi \$19. Fresh citrus and melon characteristics with a long finish.

Outstanding value. Yukiage Saké "Snow Shadow" (Tokubetsu Junmai), Kinshihai \$21. Delicate with light body and apple aromas. Nice aperitif style.

Nyukon Saké (Tokubetsu Honjozo) Musashino \$25. **Delicate and floral. Good**

intro-saké. Kiminoi Saké "Emperor's Well" (Junmai Ginjo) Kiminoi \$29. Tropical fruit, full body, pairs well with American food. Kakurei Saké (Daiginjo), Aoki \$46. Robust flavors highlight citrus, pear and apple. Pairs well with white fish and cooked oysters. Hakuryu Saké (Daiginjo) Hakuryu \$56. Licorice aromas and flavors, powerful and rich. Kirin-Zan Saké (Junmai

Daiginjo) Kirinzan \$65. Tropical, apple, generous and

lengthy. Koshino Omachi Saké (Daiginjo) Minogawa \$91. Tropical, apple, with finesse and elegance. Outstanding.

was bottled in August 2006. Kobayashi assured us that all Niigata saké selections are shipped to the United States in refrigerated containers. At A.H.D. Vintners Distributors in Warren, the warehouse and all delivery trucks are refrigerated too.

A standard bottle of saké contains 720mL and will cost from \$20 to over \$100 for the

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on the stove.

"When I was 4 or 5 years old, I can remember sitting at the kitchen table watching her cook. As I got a little older she would let me help her and would sometimes let me cook the entire dinner. My fondest memories were when she made cakes because she would let me lick the beaters.'

Bourcier said she baked her first dessert - peanut butter cookies - in third grade, and her first dinner - chili - two years later. She enjoyed cooking so much she chose to work in the food industry.

Bourcier started out working for Little Caesar's Pizza while in high school, stayed with the company and worked in the Marketing Department, and later served as a pastry chef's assistant at The Whitney in Detroit.

Now a mother of three, she has 20 years of experience in the restaurant business, and her mother to thank for the inspiration.

'These days, my mother doesn't cook like she once did, but she has passed along the love of food and some great recipes.

"If you ask any of her grandchildren what their favorite 'Grandma recipe' is, it would be her meatballs. My mother used to make her meatballs almost every holiday."

birthday," Montagano said. "My

Mom always served the dish,

which became a family special-

ty, a birthday dinner and a trib-

ute dinner to celebrate the Red

Gordie Howe, Sid Abel and

Terry Sawchuk were some of

Linda's favorite Wings in the

1950s. In those days, the play-

ers walked from the dressing

room through the concourse

at the dressing room door,

after they showered and you

were dyed-in-the-wool Red

waited for them, and sign auto-

graphs," Montagano said. "We

Wing fans. We always listened

Olympia Stadium.

area to get to the ice at the old

They sometimes would stop

Wings, Montagano said.

sister still makes it for me on

STROGANOFF

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my birthday.'

The meatballs are made with a blend of chuck, veal and pork, seasoned with the usual suspects - parsley, garlic and pepper.

But Sabatini also incorporates a can of mushroom soup in her recipe - that seems to make all the difference.

Gerry Sabatini, Jeanine's brother and a Plymouth resident, recalled that his mother's meatball sandwiches were a hot commodity during his grade school years.

"Whenever my classmates learned that my lunch included Fahrenheit. a meatball sandwich, I was offered as trade a variety of peanut butter or baloney sandwiches.

"Out of sympathy for my classmates, I always traded with someone. I would never deprive a friend from savoring one of Marie's delicious meatball sandwiches. Besides, there were plenty more at home."

Bourcier said she'll sometimes substitute cream of chicken soup and a handful of parmesan cheese in the recipe, giving it her own spin.

Either way, she makes the meatballs a few times a year and they are a staple during the holidays.

"Now I've started a tradition making the meatballs with my nieces and daughter at Christmas so it can be passed down to another generation," she said.

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taught, and relocated with her

Chicago, due to her husband's

job transfers. Judi now lives in

staunch Red Wing fan. Though

"And Dominik Hasek, at his

Steve Yzerman is retired, she

age, can still cover that goal

She doesn't like what she

mouth," Montagano said.

calls the "goon fighting" in

some of the games, but was

Hockey League penalized the

Calgary Flames by suspending

She is optimistic about the

Wings' future, whether or not

the team advances in the play-

"I like to watch the young

the team's backup goalie for

his crosscheck during the

Flames-Wings series.

offs.

pleased that the National

the community of Whitmore

Montagano remains a

calls him "an icon."

Lake.

husband to California and

you weren't, the porch lights came on."

RUSSIAN BEEF STROGANOFF

1/r2 pounds sirloin steak, cut in strips 1 large sweet white onion, diced 1 pint sour cream. 1 can tomato bisque (such as Campbell's) 1 can tomato sauce 1 can tomato paste

- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar 1 large can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup beef broth

Sauté steak in 2 tablespoons olive oil under medium heat until lightly browned. Add onion and sauté until softened and transparent. Add mushrooms and reduce heat. Add beef broth

Combine remaining ingredients and whisk together thoroughly.

RHUBARB

"She was just trying things all the time, and she was real helpful to me," Hovermale said.

Joyce, who did canning for her 4-H Club, assisted Mrs. Nelson in making a dozen loaves of bread every two weeks.

Her mother helped Joyce with a science fair project in junior high school about fruit pectin.

"She gave me guidance on different recipes to try," said Hovermale, who made 20 different kinds of jams and jellies as a result.

Today, Hovermale is an adventurous cook too, she said. She sold Pampered Chef items for four years so she could find the utensils needed for her recipes.

Her family is "kind of picky" disliking anything with broccoli or cauliflower, for instance, she said.

"I try to have at least one thing on the menu that everybody likes," Hovermale said.

Hovermale's parents still live in Minnesota.

"I call my mom often and from time to time ask about one recipe or another," she wrote. "It is usually an odd one that wouldn't appear in any modern cookbook.

"Now I try to involve my own son and daughter in the kitchen, and when they complain, trust that one day they too will have fond memories.

Hovermale shared Mrs. Nelson's recipe for rhubarb cake, since rhubarb is now in season. "It was such a staple ... It's so easy," she said.

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RHUBARB CAKE

"This was a staple for our family, guests and church potlucks, and all of us girls knew exactly where to find it in the long, narrow shoe box (turned recipe file)!" Canton resident Joyce Hovermale wrote.

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup margarine, softened 1 egg, beaten 1 teaspoon vanilla 2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

11/2 cups rhubarb, cut up

Mix sugars and softened margarine, add egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt. Add that to the egg and sugar mixture, alternating with the milk. Add cut rhubarb last to the mixture, then pour into greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Make topping below:

GRANDMA SABATINI'S MEATBALLS 3 pounds ground chuck FROM PAGE DI ½ pound ground veal 1/2 pound ground pork

3 garlic cloves

1 medium onion

1 teaspoon paprika

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon pepper

1 cup bread crumbs

ed; set aside.

well.

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other side.

brown

1 small piece of celery

2 tablespoons fresh parsley

1 can cream of mushroom soup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Mix ground chuck, veal and

pork in a large bowl until blend-

In a blender, mix garlic, eggs,

Mix together meat mixture and

Roll meatballs into the size you

Bake in covered roasting pan, 1

to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Take out of oven;

Using a turkey baster, take

roasting pan before returning the

some of the grease out of the

meatballs back to the oven.

hour or until meatballs are

Return meatballs to oven,

uncovered. Bake an additional¹/₂

Recipe courtesy

of Jeanine Bourcier, Canton

turn meatballs to brown the

parsley, onion, cream of mush-

and celery until well blended.

room soup, paprika, salt, pepper

blender ingredients until blend-

ed. Then add bread crumbs. Mix

3 eggs

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FURTHER EVALUATION

Saké is a fairly delicate beverage and although some is aged, most should be consumed within one year of bottling to retain freshness. Quality saké producers print the bottling date on the label. A label with the numbers 06 08 means the saké

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top quality. However, 500mL, 300mL and 180mL bottles are available. Before investing in a whole bottle of something you haven't tasted, do a little research at a restaurant or sushi bar. Asian restaurants will often have a greater selection than most retail stores.

Recommended serving temperature is frequently noted on the back label. The preferred way to drink saké is well chilled, not warm.

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to them on the radio. Linda and her sister both

graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. (Gordie Howe's wife, Colleen, also attended Mackenzie High School during that time, but Linda didn't know her.)

Montagano taught for 37 years, most of which was in Plymouth schools. Judi also

players they have, and I m hop ing they can do it (win the Stanley Cup) again."

The stroganoff remains a fond memory for Linda and Judi, though their parents, who were married for more than 50 years, are no longer with them.

"We had absolutely wonderful parents," Linda said. "We had to be home when the street lights came on, and if

Temper sauce with ¹/₂ cup of hot liquid from steak mixture. Slowly add sauce to steak mixture, blend all ingredients together and bring to a low boil, stirring to prevent sticking until heated through. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 35 minutes.

Serve over wide egg noodles and "enjoy a Red Wing victory from your own kitchen!" Montagano said.

1 tablespoon flour

½ teaspoon cinnamon

½ cup sugar

1 tablespoon margarine

Mix together and sprinkle on top of cake. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Joyce Hovermale



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Maternity has never been so marvelous

By Wendie DeLano PINK Correspondent

Jull ...

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'Tug ...

Śqueeze ... Admit it moms-to-be, you all remember the moment you realized you would not be fitting into your Rock & Republic jeans for a good long while. Even though you tried to buy one size larger and looked for the pair that said 'stretch' on the label, it was time to surrender to the belly and put on your sweat pants, right?

Well, Stephanie Mullen and Christa Davis say you don't have to hang up those cute jeans afterall. The Mercy High alumni opened Belli Couture in Northville this past November in hopes of reaching pregnant woman who love high fashion.

Women who wear designer brands are not willing to give them up for nine months of pregnancy and designers have responded to that need," Davis said.

Here's a sneak peak at the top trends for spring in the ever-expanding (pun intended) world of maternity fashion.

The Denim Story

The right fit is everything when it comes to finding jeans that will help a woman remain stylish and comfortable during her pregnancy. Depending on the woman's stage in pregnancy, she can choose from a no panel jean, a front panel style or a full panel. Davis recommends the following:

No Panel: Habitual's popular "Rock's on" wash (\$185) have no panel and are cut low in the front to provide room for the belly. This style is great for the first trimester and after the baby is born when you still need a little extra belly room.

Front Panel: "Bump watch deerlake" is the clever name given to Chip & Pepper's front panel only jean (\$198). This style has a stretchy fabric panel in the front only, allowing for bump growth and can be worn through the second and third trimesters.

Full Panel: The cropped Kelly pant from Citizens of Humanity (\$167) is a great choice for spring and also comes in a full-length sion. The full panel provides the most support with the fabric panel wrapping completely around the top - ideal for the final stage of pregnancy.



Casual is cute with this patterned tunic tank top over jeans from Belli Couture in Northville.



Chic Shopping for Moms-to-Be Visit these indie boutiques for more spring maternity fashions:

Bella Belli

790 N. Old Woodward Ave, Birmingham **Owner: Emily Rosenberg** Great Source for: Cute tees and tanks, career wear and dresses Most Popular Brands: Meet me in Miami, Olian, Japanese Weekend

Buddha Belly

6718-B Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield **Owner: Pam Valdez** Great source for: Cruise wear, bathing suits (even bikinis) Most popular brands: Maternal America swimwear, Olian, Habitual, Paige denim HullaBaloo

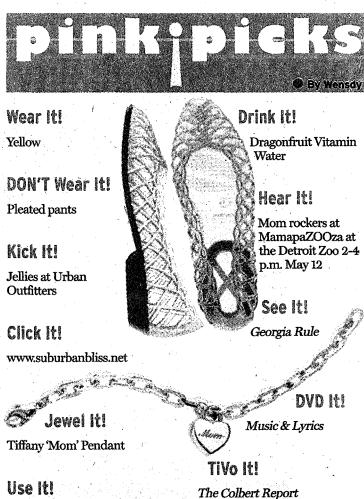
210 W. 6th Street, Royal Oak **Owners: Michelle Bishop & Stacey Spurgeon** Great source for: Petites, tall and plus sizes. Most Popular brands: Juliet Dream, Ripe, Rebel and Tala jeans.

Compiled by Wendie DeLano

use every day, one fun dress-up bag and one suitable for travel.

Everyday workhorse: The bag you carry every day should be neutral enough to match everything in your wardrobe and durable enough to withstand getting dirty. The Emily bag by Storksak (\$168) has a simple design with lots of pockets and a shoulder strap long enough to be worn messenger style. It comes in chocolate or black (Angelina Jolie carries it in black) making it great for use every day.

Fashion Bag: The Reese bag by Mia Bossi (\$379-\$430) comes in a variety of colors, but the metallics are really hot for spring. The best feature on this bag is the messengerlength strap that can be shortened to make a shoulder bag for an easy transition from diaper to hand Travel Bag: A roomy carry-on bag is a must if you plan to travel with a child anytime soon. The Maria bag (\$340) by Mia Bossi is a great bag for traveling. The roomy interior has a zip-out lining for when extra room is needed and comes with a private zippered pocket for personal belongings.



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PINK Mommy Boot Camp contest

Attention new mommies! If you've been thinking about entering to win a spot on PINK Mommy Boot Camp, there's one more reason.

Macy's has offered a \$1,000 shopping spree as part of the grand prize!

If you've had a baby in the last two years and are ready to lose that baby bump, we want to hear from you. Five new moms will be chosen to win a spot on PINK Mommy Boot Camp, valued at \$850 per person! Winners will join 'PINK Mommy' Columnist Wendie DeLano and PINK Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk in a hometown version of Celebrity Fit Club.

During the six-week challenge, local fitness expert Jennifer Gray will get the group started on a "no excuses" routine that will have us on our way to looking like our old



entation Saturday, June 9 at Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield. Entrants must be willing to have their goals

and progress featured in PINK. You also must own or be willing to purchase kickboxing workout gloves (about \$30), and an optional heart rate moniter (about \$50), at a store of your choice.

Boot Camp requires attendance at specific fitness classes in West Bloomfield, Rochester, Royal Oak, Southfield or South Lyon at least twice a week, plus up to three additional workouts on your own.

Visit Jennifer Gray's Web site, ww.bodybyienn.com for more

The Dress

Every pregnant woman should have a few dresses in her closet this spring. Not only do they provide supreme comfort for a mom-tobe, but nothing makes you feel more girlie than putting on a pretty dress. Two key pieces, according to Davis, include one suitable for work and one for play. The shirt dress is great for work but look for a flattering hal-

Diaper bags are frumpy no more at Belli Couture.

ter style when headed out for the night. Bonus: For a more casual look, wear your shirt dress with leggings or a great pair of ieans.

The Perfect Diaper Bag

It's hard to find one bag that will handle all your needs, and that is especially true with diaper bags. It's a good idea to have three that cover different occasions - one that you can

Bonus: Choose one with bright colors or a bold print and you won't miss this one in the carry-on bin!

Belli Couture is located at 133 West Main Street, suite 200, Northville. Visit their website at www.bellicouture.net or call (248) 344-2840 for more information about spring merchandise.

Along with exercise, Boot Camp contest winners will work with a registered dietician and chef to learn meals that are healthy and easy to make.

The Boot Camp member who meets or exceeds her goal by the greatest amount will win a PINK Mommy Makeover, including a \$1,000 gift card to Macy's and the guidance of a select Macy's By Appointment personal shopper!

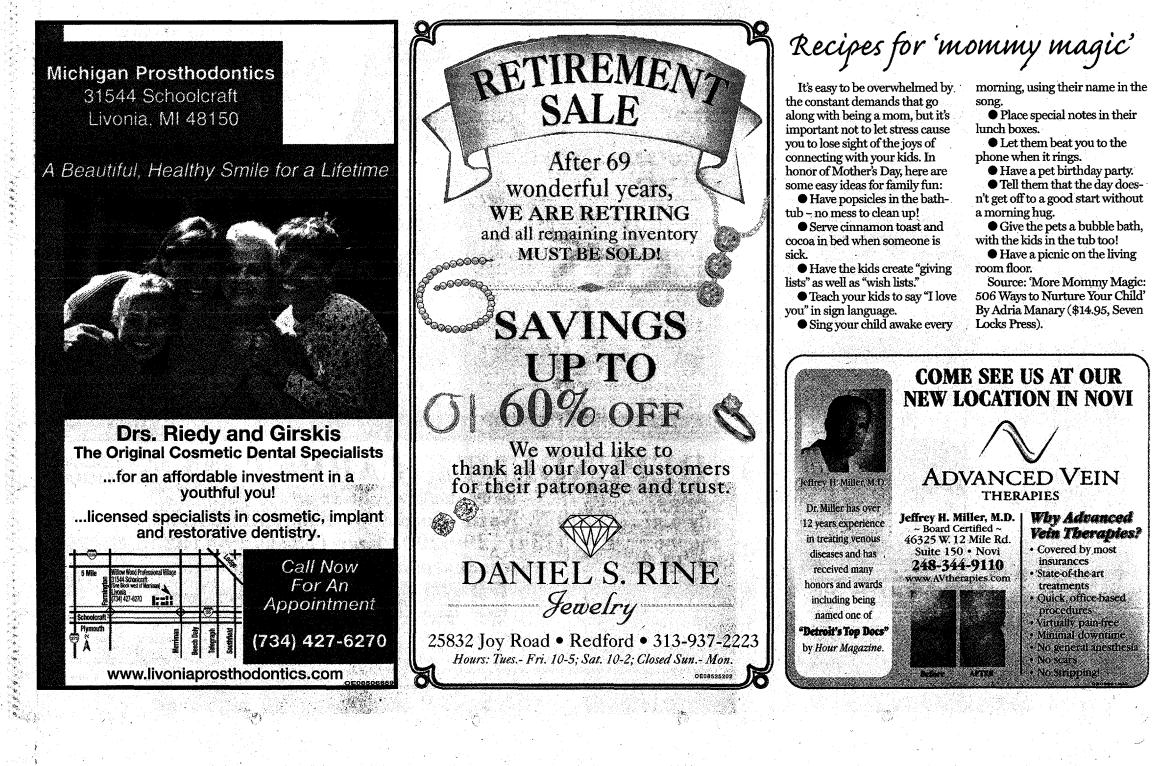
Readers chosen to participate will be required to make a commitment to the six-week fitness routine and menu plan, which

details on her Body Beautiful Boot Camps, along with attendance requirements.

How to Enter

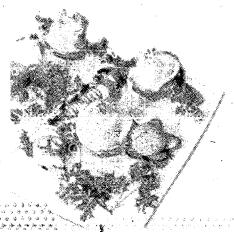
To enter to win a spot in the PINK Mommy Boot Camp, visit www.hometownlife.com by midnight on Monday, May 14, click on PINK, and fill out the PINK Mommy Boot Camp application. You will also be required to email a recent, full-length photo of yourself to

pink@hometownlife.com. Good luck ladies - we'll see you at the gym!





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come true. Hmm.

GREAT ART

for a play. You don't want to say,""I hope I don't fail." Instead what you want to say is, "I will perform wonderfully."

verse hears f-a-i-l and so does your subconscious. If it hears "perform wonderfully," so does your subconscious and success is more likely. *The Secret* says we're all made up of energy (true) and our bodies, like a giant magnet, attract the energy that we first manifest into the universe.

Sound like common sense? Sure. But Americans seem to be surrounded by negativity. Listen to people around you.

Are they more likely to say, "I could never lose 10 pounds"? or do they say, "I am going to get a great body"?

video, as something about it said "con" to me. But when I ignored the production quality and instead listened to the actual

Seeking readers' thoughts on 'The Secret'

"Whether you think you can or you can't, you're riaht." - Henry Ford

I heard that quote from my high school radio broadcasting teacher years ago. It struck me even at the age of 17. I was reminded of it

recently when a friend rec-

ommended the book and

DVD The Secret (DVD by

Prime Productions, the

book by Rhonda Bryne).

it. It's all the rage because

King and television shows

of Oprah, Ellen, Larry

like Boston Legal.

You've probably heard of



Mini

The book is about the law of attraction and getting what you want, or need, in life. According to The Secret, whatever you think

is what you manifest and thus that is what the results will be. That idea isn't new, but it's something we

need to hear again. The Secret is exactly what Ford discussed.

If you think you're going to be broke your whole life, you will. If you tell yourself no one will ever truly love you, they won't.

But, reads The Secret, if you change the way you think, all your wildest dreams can

Simply put, changing the way we think, to get what we want, goes like this:

Let's say, you're a stage actor preparing

If you say, "I hope I don't fail," the uni-

I wasn't fond of the production of the

'THE SECRET'

Lana Mini will attend The Secret seminar today and will share the learnings in an upcoming issue. Or you can attend. It's open to the public.

What: The principles of The Secret and The Law of Attraction: The Science of Attracting More of What You Want and Less of What You-*Don't* will be explored and put into practical use during three seminars.

Where: Michigan State University

Management Education facility, 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy

Who: The Secret Is Out! Learn How to Apply the Law of Attraction by corporate trainer Nancy M. Wegierski, who hosts the three seminars, each are three hours long. Cost: \$99

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message, it made sense.

When I was 18, I wanted a paid internship writing position at a weekly newspaper. Everyone in my life, including my college professor, said that with just one semester of college and a minuscule portfolio, it was too early to enter the real world of journalism.

I ignored them, decided I wanted the job, told myself I could get the job, applied for it, showed determination and was hired.

Had I told myself no one would hire me, well, no one would've hired me. I would've manifested that negative energy, according to The Secret.

How does negative energy work for people in Third World countries who have nothing? Maybe it starts with our world leaders. They need to stop accepting terms such as "the world will always have its rich and poor." To induce change, they need to first reshape their way of thinking into "we are going to feed the world."

In the meantime, in our own world, I want to hear your thoughts on The Secret. If it's helped, if it hasn't and everything in between. We'll talk more about it in an upcoming issue.

E-mail me at lmini@hometownlife.com or write: Lana Mini, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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Richard Roundtree (from left), Elimu Nelson, Denee Nelson, Vivica Fox and Boris Kodjoe are featured in a new play, coming to Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

'Whatever She Wants' Richard Roundtree stars in romantic comedy

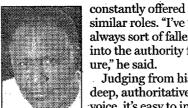
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

The name is enough to pique any woman's interest - Whatever She Wants. When you add an all-star cast including Vivica A. Fox, Boris Kodjoe and Richard Roundtree, an audience could form instantly for the romantic-comedy stage play opening today in Detroit. As a special guest

star, the show marks Roundtree's second experience in a production written by Je'Ĉaryous Johnson. His first was Men Cry in the

Dark in 2003. Roundtree burst onto the scene as private detective John Shaft in Gordon Parks' smash hit Shaft in 1971. Roundtree said he recalled being "so green" during that experience. "That was my first film," he said. "I was so happy to be in a film. I had no idea what to expect. Then it just blew up."

He stuck with the franchise, starring in Shaft's Big Score, Shaft in Africa and a television series. But the character proved restrictive as he continued through his career. Roundtree was



similar roles. "I've always sort of fallen into the authority figure," he said. Judging from his deep, authoritative voice, it's easy to imagine why, though

Roundtree

Roundtree laughs easily at that mere suggestion.

He began acting lessons after graduating from Southern Illinois University. The football player-turnedmodel found that he craved the spotlight. "I guess it was that need to hear that hand clapping," he said.

Roundtree became a member of the esteemed Negro Ensemble Co. in New York City, eventually earning the coveted role of Jack Johnson in a production of The Great White Hope. "I always loved live performing," he said.

That's one reason the chance to portray Theodore Wolf in Whatever She Wants appealed to Roundtree. I'm Ready Productions was also a draw, he said, because "they deal with real situations, relationships - or the lack there of."

In Whatever She Wants, he is a powerful man concerned about his daughters. "He's the typical dad," Roundtree said. "He's looking out for

WHATEVER SHE WANTS

What: A new romantic-comedy stage play starring Vivica Fox, Richard Roundtree and Boris Kodioe. When: May 10-13. Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. Tickets: \$35, at the Music Hall Box Office, all ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.

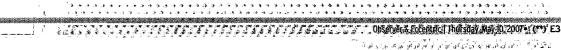
(their) best interest."

One daughter, Tracey, is married. She and her husband have fallen on hard times and are testing the boundaries of being faithful. The other daughter, Vivian, "won't make a commitment," said Roundtree. "She's fearful she'll get hurt.

"You can't run your life that way. You can't manufacture love."

After one heartbreak too many, Vivian (Fox) has opened a private club called Whatever She Wants - where men have to qualify just to enter. When Vivian finally allows herself to fall for a new man, Julian Heaven (Kodjoe), she learns a harsh lesson.

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'Sweet Charity' has plenty of heart

> **BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA** STAFF WRITER

Effervescent and enchanting -- those two words may be the best way to describe Molly Ringwald's memorable performance in the current tour of Sweet *Charity*. The musical is now showing at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

The star of stage and screen portrays

the ever-optimistic dance hall hostess Charity Hope Valentine, just a girl in New York City who's looking for love. And she attacks the part with zeal.

From her roaring '20s flapperinspired accent to that sense of heart-on-your-sleeve purity, Ringwald makes it easy to cheer on Charity, no matter how many times she's been abandoned or disappointed by the

men in her life. Sweet Charity is a Tony-nominated musical drawn from the 1957 Federico Fellini film Nights of Cambiria. In its many incarnations, the story has been adapted by Neil Simon and reworked for the stage and screen by the legendary Bob Fosse.

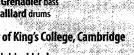
Director Walter Bobbie brought it

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Brad Mehldau Trio Brad Mehidau piano Larry Grenadier bass Jeff Baillard drums



ON STAGE

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back to Broadway in 2005, but it still has all those Fosse trademarks — big dance numbers like *Big Spender* and *I'm a Brass Band* (complete with red bowler hats) to send chills down your spine; a top hat and cane routine set to *If My Friends Could See Me Now*; and heartfelt messages like *Baby, Dream Your Dream*.

Surely these songs have seeped into the very fabric of pop culture. They remain relevant and unforgettable when paired with the quick-witted comedy of *Sweet Charity*. It's the sort of show that keeps you humming for days on end.

The production relies on everything from props to near-acrobatics to earn laughter. In one scene, Charity walks into the apartment owned by international film star Vittorio Vidal to find the longest couch imaginable. In another, she's trapped in an elevator with a curious fellow named Oscar, portrayed by Guy Adkins. Even his breathing evokes laughter. He's a bit claustrophophic, to say the least.

The elevator scene, which comes at the end of Act I, marks a shining moment for Ringwald and Adkins as they sing the touching duet *I'm the Bravest Individual*.

The production earns plenty of "oohs and ahhs" thanks to elaborate sets includ**SWEET CHARITY**

What: Tony-nominated musical starring Molly Ringwald as Charity Hope Valentine, a dance half hostess who gives her heart to the wrong man. The show was inspired by the film *Nights of Cambiria* (1957) by Federico Fellini and, later, a book by Neil Simon

Performances: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, through May 20.

Where: Fisher Theatre, at 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

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ing a moveable elevator, a ferris wheel and a few lavish nightclubs. But the most telling moments — the beginning and end

 happen amid the simplest props, a park bench and a lamppost.
 In addition to the principal actors, note-

worthy performances were given by Bridget Berger as Nickie, Francesca Harper as Helene, Richard Ruiz as Herman, and Aaron Ramey as Vittorio Vidal.

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Molly Ringwald stars as Charity Hope Valentine in the hit musical *Sweet Charity*, showing through May 20 at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

Detroit goes Broadway

Detroit theater-goers who enjoyed Sweet Charity, listen up. The Fisher Theater is offering a Four-for-4 Playgoer Package featuring these upcoming Broadway shows:

■ The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, running Oct. 2-21.

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Oct. 30-Nov. 18. ■ Disney's The Lion King, running Nov.

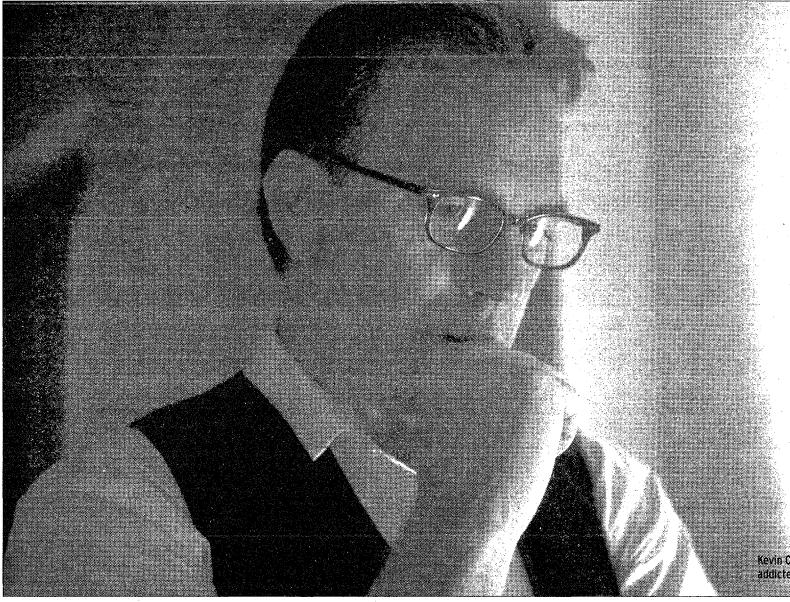
29 to Jan. 6, 2008. ■ Whistle Down the Wind running Jan. 8-27, 2008.

Subscription tickets, starting at \$170, are now on sale. Call (313) 872-1000 or visit www.BroadwayinDetroit.com.





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Kevin Costner struggles as a serial killer addicted to the thrill of killing in Mr. Brooks.

COSTNER ON...

Shrek 3, Pirates 3, Spider-Man 3 - this summer's expected blockbusters are aimed at families, but Mr. Brooks, starring Kevin Costner is about a serial killer.

"This is a movie for adults. It's a completely different genre than many of the summer films. It's a very American movie. It's a topic that we do think about, because it does exist."

On the state of films today:

"Films have a chance to take you on a journey, that's the reason why we go back to the theaters over and over. If we, as filmmakers, get away from that and try to preach, people will stop going."

On former Birmingham resident Mike Binder - writer/director whose films include The Upside of Anger starring Costner and Reign Over Me starring Adam Sandler:

"He's one of the most talented writers in the industry today." On portraying a serial killer and also think-

ing about the Virginia Tech incident: "I think one has to be incredibly clever to

have empathy for a killer. We can't see the Virginia Tech killer as anything but a monster.

"It's too soon ... I mean, could there be areas of empathy with everyone ... that's the guestion.'

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'Mr. Brooks' Costner finally plays the bad guy in thriller

BY LÁNA MIN STAFF WRITER

Kevin Costner planned to spend time last week at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham to promote his upcoming film Mr. Brooks that BOUBE opens on Friday, June 1.

But his wife, Christine, didn't want him to leave. She was due with their first child at any moment.

So, the Oscar-winning actor spent his days last week at home, speaking with the media about his unpredictable role in Brooks.

Life is good right now for Costner. On Sunday, his wife gave birth to a baby boy. And movie critics are praising Costner for his latest role, a serial killer who struggles not to kill, as some of his most interesting work in years.

But ... all-American nice guy Kevin

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Costner as a murderer?

"At first blush, playing the role of a serial killer may seem unlikely for me," Costner said. "But while it is out of my fold, it's actually very much in line with my career as a whole, because it's the antithesis of Field

of Dreams." Mr. Brooks is very different from the other big summer movies opening soon such as Shrek 3 and Spider-Man 3. This one is geared purely toward adults. Written by writing team Bruce A. Evans and Raynold

Gideon (Stand By Me) and directed by Evans, Mr. Brooks stars Costner, Demi Moore, William Hurt and Dane Cook.

It's a psychological thriller about a man (Costner) who is addicted to murder and controlled by his alter ego, played by Hurt.

"I was taken with the script immediately," Costner said. "I try to read things from an audience perspective and very few scripts pass that test. I wasn't trying to look for a

A PEEK AT SUMMER MOVIES: MR. BROOKS Release date: Friday, June 1

Rated: R Running time: Two hours Starring: Kevin Costner, Demi Moore, William Hurt and Dane Cook Directed by: Bruce A. Evans Genre: Thriller Review: Read the review in Filter on Thursday, May 31

dark role. I don't have to prove myself as an actor. I just saw it as a very original American movie."

In Brooks, Costner was forced to try to have empathy for a serial killer and his struggle to stop murdering in order to save his family. "It's a perfect storm of pressure," Costner said. "It was easy to slide into the character. Plus I have the benefit of having a

PLEASE SEE COSTNER. E23

Linkin Park performs on big screen, online

On the eve before mega nu-metal band Linkin Park releases its first full-length CD in four years, fans can watch a concert online or on the big



Linkin Park will perform at the famed Webster Hall in New York City on Friday, May 11. Then at 9 p.m. Monday, May 14, just

hours before *Minutes to Midnight* hits stores, diehard fans can watch the concert at Livonia 20 in Livonia and Commerce Township Stadium 14 in Walled Lake — as both theaters will show the concert in High Definition and Cinema Surround Sound.

Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased at the Livonia Theater, 19500 Haggerty Road; the Commerce theater, at 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake; or online at www.fathomevents.com

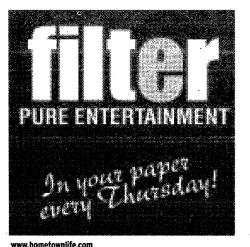
The first 30 minutes will feature special Linkin Park information. The concert itself begins at 9:30 p.m. and that portion will be available simultaneously for streaming online at www.music.aol.com/videos/live-con-

certs/linkin-park. If you don't want to watch the concert live online, it will be catalogued for later viewing on AOL.

Minutes to Midnight features the single What I've Done, which already debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Modern Bock charts.

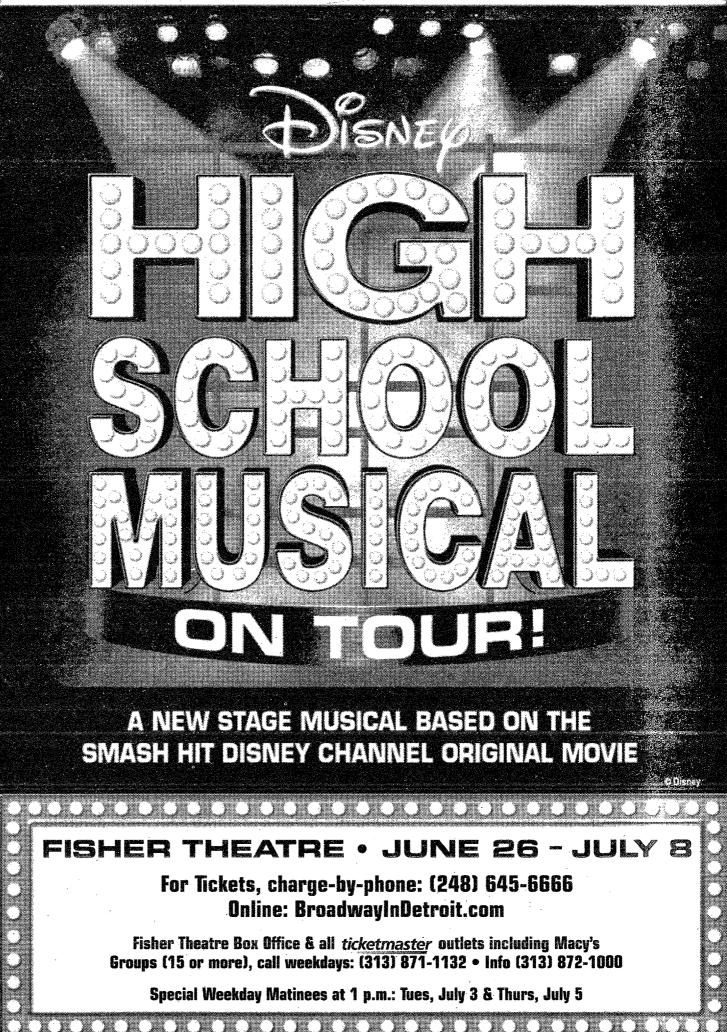
The band will also perform other hits like Somewhere I Belong, Numb and Lying from You.

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Sakana Sushi

Creative fare fills menu at lounge in Ferndale

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Looking for a swanky lounge that serves fresh, inventive sushi until late into the night? Look no further than Sakana Sushi Lounge in Ferndale. Owners and Boston natives Kon and Greg Kim opened the smoke-free stylish hot spot in 2006 and have been serving up inspired dishes ever since.

Manager Dustin Leslie said the relaxing, laid-back atmosphere sets the restaurant apart in the Metro area. Sakana which translates to fish in Japanese appeals to customers who "aren't in a hurry, appreciate the art (of sushi), and care about their health," he said.

The most popular hand rolls on the menu include Daddy's Girl, made with shrimp tempura, avocado, cucumber and a spicy sauce; and Cool Breeze, a roll with tuna, avocado, cucumber and thinly sliced kiwi.

The unexpected addition of fruit is a Sakana signature. Leslie said he'd never seen a sushi menu that included fruit.



before joining the staff, about six months ago. "And I've eaten sushi for a long, long time," he added.

Fruit gives hand rolls a burst of sweetness. Some customers have ordered these popular choices as dessert: Frosty, made with cucumber, avocado, cream cheese, eel, mango and coconut flakes; and Berry Good, a tuna, avocado and cucumber roll topped with strawberries.

The menu is vegetarian friendly, offering at least 10 maki rolls, as well as a wide variety of appetizers and salads. The Miso soup is not vegetarian, as it includes

fish flakes.

To accommodate carb-conscious customers, the menu features an array of riceless sashimi, wrapped in daikon or cucumber skin. "It's the first time we tried it," Kim said. "It's been very successful."

When it comes to drinks, Leslie said, "we're known for our high-end sake and high-end wine list." Starting this month, the drink menu will include special summer options, like red or white sakana-gria drinks. Saketinis are also a popular option.

For those seeking entertainment, Sakana hosts DJs every Tuesday and Thursday, as well as the first and third Friday of each month, and the first and final Saturday of each month. Diners come for the designer maki rolls and extensive sake menu, then stay for the jazz and house music. Thursday nights tend to bring in a good crowd, Leslie said, and the DJs have proved to be a boost for business.

The open, airy locale seats 85 indoors and will add outdoor seating this month.

SAKANA SUSHI LOUNGE

Location: 22914 Woodward Ave.; Ferndale. Hours: Open for sushi from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 5-11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 5 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday; 3-10 p.m. Sunday. The bar is open until 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday and until midnight Sunday.

Prices: Hand rolls range from \$3.50 (vegetable) to \$8.50 (riceless) to \$15 (specialty). Lunch entrees cost \$9 to \$25, while dinner specials cost \$18.50 to \$55. Both include Miso soup.

On the go: Sakana offers carry-out, catering, boxed lunches and hosts special events. Vegetarian-friendly: Yes.

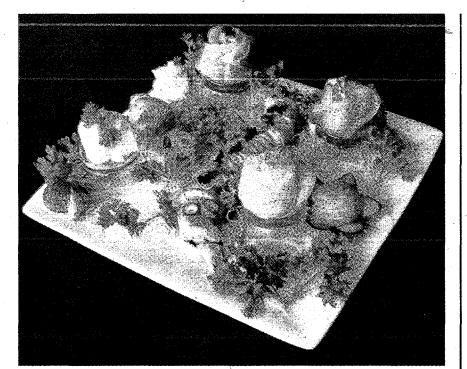
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The decor includes a mix of brick and brick-red painted walls, a stained concrete floor, high tables, couches or cozy booths. Greg Kim, a 26-year-old





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Sakana Sushi Lounge in Ferndale serves an assortment of riceless hand rolls, including the (clockwise from left) White Tuna, Salmon, Yellowtail and Flying Fish. The Eel roll (center) is made with rice.

Michigan State University graduate, designed the space. He and his father traveled the world seeking inspiration for Sakana's interior. Kim, a Berkley resident, said he and Greg chose to open in Ferndale because it's a "trendy, up-and-coming area."

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When **Texas Roadhouse** opens in Westland next week, the restaurant will help raise funds for local organizations.

The restaurant officially opens its doors at 36750 Ford Road on Monday, May 14, from 4–10 p.m. featuring the chain's hand-cut steaks and ribs and other favorites.

The restaurant will donate food to the Westland Salvation Army, and on Friday and Saturday night (May 11-12), the restaurant will host preopening events and raise money for the Westland Community Foundation and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For more information, visit www.texasroadhouse.com.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday is Mother's Day. If you are looking for a few ideas to treat your mother, check on these restaurants:

The **Gem Theatre** in Detroit and adjoining **Century Grille Restaurant** are offering a special Mother's Day brunch and show package with *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women*. For more information, call (313) 963-9800, visit www.gemtheatre.com, or in person at 333 Madison Ave. in Detroit.

Mother's Day brunches and/or specials will be offered at the following restaurants or locations: **Big Fish**, 1111 W. 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights (248) 585-9533; **Charley's Crab**, 5498 Crooks, Troy (248) 879-2060; **Epoch Events Catering** inside the Rock



Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia (734) 462-0770; Majestic Café, 4140 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700 Ext. 207; Meriwether's, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 358-1310; Tribute, 31425 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (248) 848-9393; and The Henry Ford, Dearborn (located west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue), (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org. Also hosting brunches are the following Matt Prentice Restaurant Group eateries: Northern Lakes Seafood Company, inside the Radisson Kingsley Hotel, 39495 Woodward, Bloomfield (248) 646-7900; Coach Insignia, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit (313) 567-2622, and No. VI Chop House, 27790 Novi Road, Novi (248) 305-5210. Milk & Honey, inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield (248) 661-2327, offers a prix fixe brunch with three seatings at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. All the Matt Prentice Restaurants will be open for dinner from 5-9 p.m. on Mother's Day.

Ken Abramczyk





The Hold Steady

Catch these indie rock shows this weekend

ndie rock fans will have some decisions to make this weekend, with several must-see shows spanning the miles from Detroit to Ann Arbor. Here's a rundown of the best small ven-



Noise Patrol

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

recent release of Mando Diao's third album, Ode to Ochrasy, these road-weary warriors are most at home when on a world tour. The band has shared

Pretty Things and Razorlight. According to singer and guitarist Bjorn Dixgard: "Ochrasy is

the last song on the album. It's a fantasy name for that hallucinatory world you enter around four or five in the morning ... a sort of utopian world where anything can happen and everything is allowed."

a stage with the likes of Dirty

Sounds like sheer decadence. Expect as much from the live performance when Mando Diao headline with openers Pop Levi and The Films at 9:30 p.m. May 11, The Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$12-\$15, call (734) 996-8555. This show is 18 and over.

!!! (PRONOUNCED CHK-CHK-CHK)

For a band whose name is best expressed with three exclamation points, !!! aren't deliberately trying to confuse you. Judging by

the bands' latest release, Myth Takes, !!! wants you to dance. And how.

Myth Takes has all of the elements of a perfect early summer release. The hushed vocals, wandering guitars, front-and-center drum and bass lines and electronic elements put a fresh spin on music that's reminiscent of '80s dance pop and new wave. Just try to resist songs like Must Be the Moon, Bend Over Beethoven and Break in Case of Anything. Sounds like sunshine itself.

Get ready, this late show begins at 10:30 p.m. May 11, Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12, call (313) 833-9700.

THE HOLD STEADY

Craig Finn might've been right at home as a member of the Beat Generation. The distinctive voice behind The Hold Steady admits the band's new record, Boys and Girls in America, was inspired by Jack Kerouac: "In On the Road he says, 'Boys and girls in America have such a sad time together.' The record is kind of about love and guys and girls and relationships. Most of the songs go back to that. But that's an umbrella - you can do a lot of things with that."

While the record clearly follows that familiar theme, it also evokes a sense of immediacy. The Hold Steady recorded it live to best capture the experience.

Mando Diao

Listen for grand guitars and keys, paired with Finn's irresistible punk poet storytelling. The band is at its best on songs like Chip's Ahoy, Hot Soft Light, and You Can Make Him Like You

The Hold Steady performs with openers The Heartless Bastards and The Ratchets, 8 p.m. May 15, at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12, call (313) 833-9700.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola was obsessed over all things Kerouac in college. She writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.

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musically and otherwise -- to bring catchy melodies coated in brash rock 'n'

roll to the fore-

front. With the

This Swedish

LCD Soundsystem throws Detroit dance party

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

As it turns out, rock fans can dance. And they proved it Monday night by packing into Detroit's Majestic Theatre for the city's second-coming of LCD Soundsystem.

The dance-punk brainchild of musician and producer James Murphy, LCD Soundsystem is touring in support of the new release Sound of Silver. He took the stage for a relentless, stomp-inducing performance along with Nancy Whang on keyboards, Pat Mahoney on drums, and Hot Chip's Al Doyle on guitar. Detroit's own Philip Skarich joined the band on bass back in February.

The set opened strong with Us V. Them and the eternal favorite Daft Punk is Playing at My House. Murphy punctuated his vocals with dance moves expected from someone raised on punk rock. From his seemingly signature slow-jog to slicing the air with his hand, he was in constant motion.

Time to Get Away was performed in a haze of blue lights. *Yeah* stretched on into dance oblivion. And *Watch the Tapes* evoked a pure Pavlovian

response from the audience, as they shouted in response. The band barely paused between

songs as the party continued to build. At one point Doyle, Murphy and Mahoney were pounding on

drums simultaneously in fine primitive form. Murphy introduce his

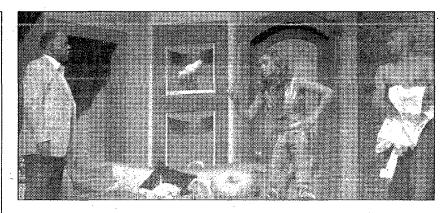
bandmates, and called attention to Skarich multiple times. Otherwise, he only paused to announce that his tour manager

"tried to give me a non-alcoholic beverage."

Visually, it was a show centered on and about the music. Aside from an impressive amount of pedals and effects fixed front and center along with Whang's keyboards and some frenetic lighting, LCD Soundsystem didn't waste time with elaborate sets or effects. The band didn't need to.

The audience responded with sweaty, head-bobbing glee from the current single North American Scum right through to the end of the night, which included an ode to Murphy's hometown in New York I Love You But You're Bringing Me Down.

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"Love is a risk," said Roundtree. "Sometimes you have to experience the bad in order to appreciate the good."

He said the production resonates with audiences because it mirrors real life, real relationships. "I've experienced it," said Roundtree. "You can't predict it. It's a crapshoot."

In addition to Whatever She Wants, Roundtree can also be seen on hit shows like Heroes, Grey's Anatomy and Desperate Housewives. But his favorite television role is as Coleman Bradshaw on Lincoln Heights, which just wrapped up its first season.

"I love the storyline," he said. "It's a black family trying to make it in America. What a novel idea."

Roundtree hopes to continue to be a part of

BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE

In Amadeus, Salieri lives for music but turns to vengeance when the talent is bestowed on Mozart instead. See the Tony Award winning play, written by Peter Shaffer and performed by the Performance Network Theater in its 25th season. Amadeus runs through June 10, at 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, tickets \$25-\$37, call (734) 663-0681 or visit www.performancenetwork.org. Also showing:

Planet Ant Theatre

Out of the Running, through May 12, at 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948, reservations@planetant.com. Meadow Brook Theatre

The Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters by Gilleland and Beverage, 8 p.m. through May 20, tickets \$22-\$38; followed by *Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue* by Dan Goggin, May 31-June 10, \$28-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

the show, one he calls "good, good television." For now, he remains focused on the tour. And he's happy to be in a situation where the cast shares such a cohesive, family bond. "That's what makes it special," he said.





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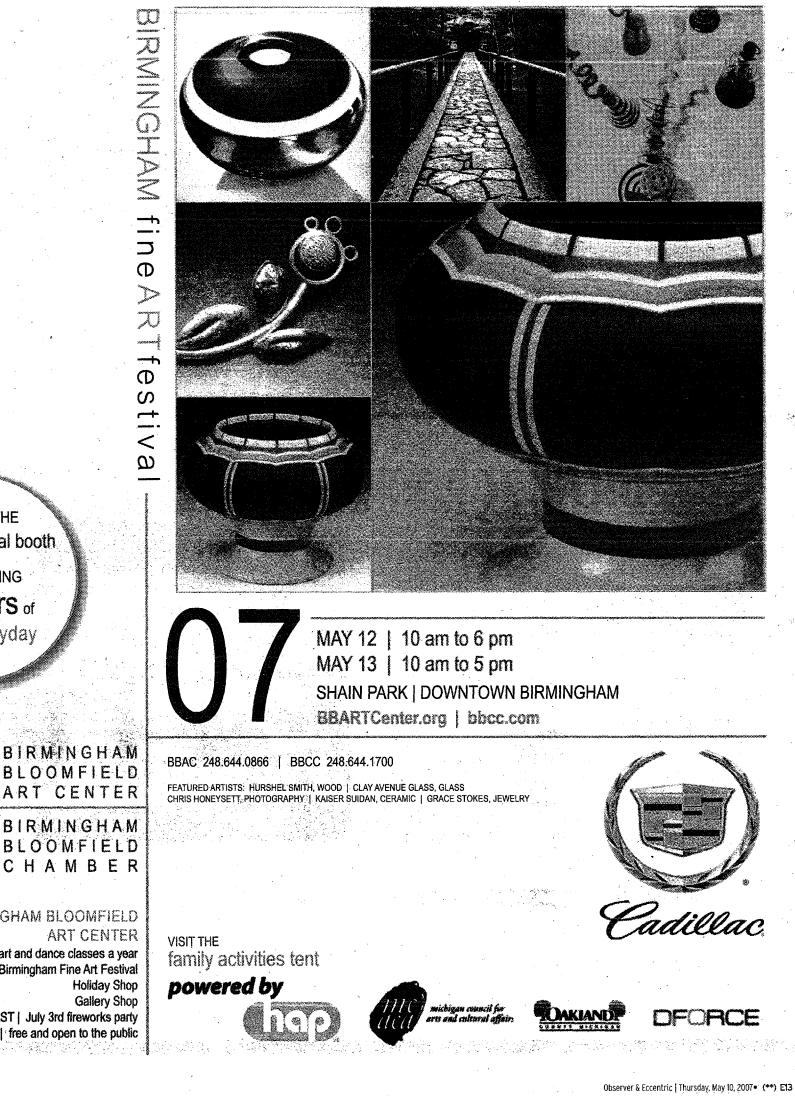
Roundtree (from left), Vivica Fox and Boris Kodjoe star in "Whatever She Wants."

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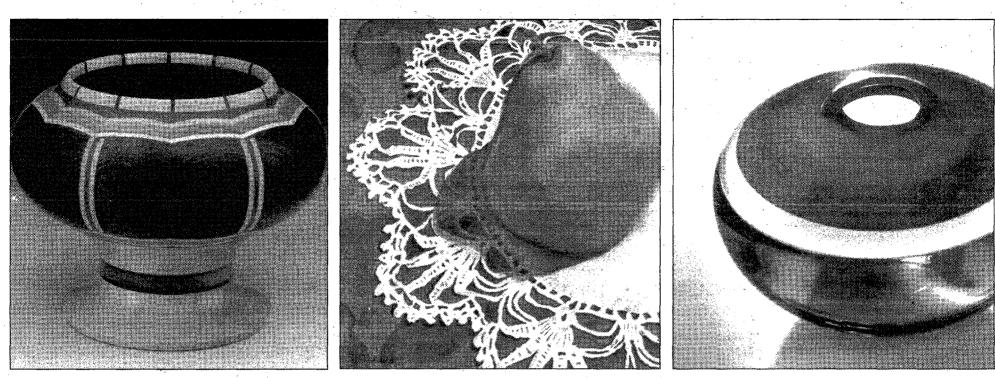
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Left, this wood urn was created by Hurshel Smith of Magnolia, Ohio. Center, Diane Sicheneder painted Pear on Lace. The Rochester artist will be one of 200 at the Birmingham Fine Arts Festival. Right, artists Leslie Patron and Bill Poceta and their company Clay Avenue Glass is located in the the Russell Industrial Center in Detroit, where Packard Motor car was once assembled. Their work can be found at the festival.

Birmingham Fine Arts Festival

200 artists exhibit, sell work this weekend

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Here's a Mother's Day idea: An elegant strolling brunch in the grand ballroom of the

Townsend Hotel followed by another stroll just a few feet away at the annual Birmingham Fine Arts Festival in Shain Park.



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There, mom can choose a piece of art from a wide range of prices and artists. The festival takes place on

both Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13. The ballroom brunch, with six gourmet food stations, is on Mother's Day only. (Or, if you prefer to skip brunch and opt for dinner instead, The Rugby Grille, also at the Townsend on Sunday, is offering a four-course meal with choices like Maryland Crab, King Salmon and French Crème Brulee.)

At the festival, the first major art event of the spring season, more than 80,000 people are expected to attend. Artists will show an array of media such as woodworking, ceramics, wearables, photography, painting and more.

Healthy foods will be offered there, too, with choices like

Phoenicia's falafel or kafta sandwich or Elie's hummus and tabouli and a Maui Wowi Hawaiian blend smoothie.

Despite a challenging economy, the Birmingham Fine Arts Festival has secured all of the 2006 major sponsors for this year's event. Sponsorship keeps festivals alive.

"What is unique about this (festival) as opposed to lots of community festivals or street fairs in the region, is that it is a virtual national art gallery," said Sarah Jacobs, development director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center which hosts the event. "Over the two days, we bring in over 200 artists

from all over the U.S. and Canada. These are artists you might not meet unless you traveled to Santa Fe or the coasts. And it is all in walkable downtown

24TH ANNUAL BIRMINGHAM FINE ARTS

FESTIVAL

What: More than 80,000 people are expected to attend, with more than 200 artists from throughout the United States and Canada. Admission: Free

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Where: Shain Park at Bates and Merrill Street, south of Maple Road and west of Woodward Avenue in downtown Birmingham. When: From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. Details: Call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248) 644-0866 or visit

www.BBArtCenter.org.

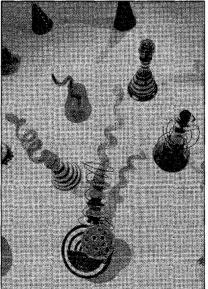
Birmingham."

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is a non-profit art center that offers more than 500 art classes annually for all ages and skill levels.

Also at the festival, artists will demonstrate their techniques and kids can take part. The Health Alliance Plan booth hosts the Family Art Activities Area where children can work with artists to create "take home" pieces of their own art. That will be located on the terrace of The Community House, which is located across Shain Park, at Bates and Merrill streets.

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Metal Mania

Shows feature Black Sabbath, Otep, Velvet Revolver

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Rockers have solid options for concerts this weekend, so pick 'our poison.

If you want hard, wild energy — the new, fresh sound in heavy netal — plus a young audience creating chaos in the pit, hit Harpo's in Detroit on Friday, May 11.

There, Static X - a band that's rising fast in the metal world - performs with Otep.

If you want to hear the collaboration between some of the most influential metal musicians of the 1990s, try the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, May 12, for the Velvet Revolver show (featuring members of Stone Temple Pilots and Guns 'N Roses).

Or if you want to pay respect to the band hat (arguably) pioneered black metal, Cobo Hall on Saturday, May 12, is the destination. Headlining there is Black Sabbath, eaturing Ronnie James Dio. Also performing that night are two bands whose reputation in the metal world is enormous: Megadeth and Machine Head.

No rock band "breaks up," Black Sabbath included, as the curent tour marks the first one for Sabbath in 15 years, appropriately named Heaven and Hell.

Last year, the quartet including Dio, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Vinny Appice hooked up to record three songs for Rhino Records for an era-spanning CD titled *Black Sabbath: The Dio Years* that was released last month. The first single, *The Devil Cried*, was well-received by fans, so the foursome did what what rockers do: they reunited.

Tour tickets are selling well nationwide. Sabbath performs



Black Sabbath with Ronnie James Dio, the originators of black metal, come to Cobo Hall with respected bands Megadeth and Machine Head.

songs recorded during Dio's tenure from the albums *Heaven And Hell* (1980), *Mob Rules* (1981) and *Dehumanizer* (1992), plus new songs.

Multi-platinum recording artist Megadeth will perform new material from its new CD *United Abominations*, released this week on Roadrunner Records.

Opening the night is Machine Head, a still relative new face in rock despite its diehard cult following. Machine Head is vocalist and guitarist Robb Flynn, bass and

Machine Head is vocalist and guitarist Robb Flynn, bass and vocalist Adam Duce, drummer Dave McClain and lead guitarist Phil Demmel.

Fans deep into metal know Machine Head as a tough band

PLEASE SEE METAL, E17

Harpo's show is for the heavy rockers

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Headlining a show at Harpo's on Saturday, May 12, is rhythmic trancecore band Static X, a band that's a blend of thrash, futuristic disco and industrial sounds.

Performing with them is nu metal band Otep with a female vocalist who isn't afraid to show a blend of confrontation and vulnerability on stage.

Expect a young, energetic audience for both bands, who are creating the new sounds of metal.

Static X's lead singer is Wayne Static, formerly of Shelby Township, who worked as an asparagus picker before becoming the frontman of one of industrial music's hardest bands today.

The band's music can be heard on the Saw III film soundtrack. They are influenced by heavy-hitters Ministry and Pantera and aren't afraid to show aggression through their lyrics.

Vocalist Static is known as a hardcore vegan who opposes all types of animal captivity, and doesn't hesitate to discuss

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Velvet Revolver plays at small venues, for now

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Freedom is the theme for Velvet Revolver's upcoming CD Libertad set for release July 3. Fans can get a taste of the music before then, as the band performs Saturday, May 12, at the Roval Oak Music Theatre, an intimate location for a band comprised of big names in rock n' roll: Scott Weiland (lead vocals) formerly of Stone Temple Pilots, Slash (guitars) of Guns N Roses, Dave Kushner (guitars) of Wasted Youth, Duff McKagan (bass) and Matt Sorum (drums) also of Guns N' Roses.

Libertad, which is Spanish for "freedom," is Revolver's follow-up to its 2004 CD *Contraband* that sold more than 3 million units worldwide and earned a

Grammy for the song *Slither*. "The songs (on *Libertad*) took on a life of their own in pursuit of groove," Weiland said. "When it was nearly done, we realized the idea of freedom kept coming up. Serendipity hit when Duff came to a session wearing a Tshirt emblazoned with 'Libertad' and Slash found a coin struck with 'Libertad'. It all added up to naming (the CD)."

The new music, he said, has soul.



Velvet Revolver, with former members of Guns N' Roses and Stone Temple Pilots, chose a small venue to perform at – The Royal Oak Music Theatre.

"The feel, the energy ... is about the eternal struggle for freedom — personal and social freedoms. What we're trying to say on a musical and lyrical level is clearer this time. The songs may have started out being very personal but they took on a more universal truth as they were nurtured by the fiveheaded beast that is Velvet Revolver." The band is currently on a 12city tour and then will head to Europe to play at a string of summer festivals. After that, they'll perform at larger venues nationwide.

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A WEEKEND OF METAL

6 p.m. Friday, May 11 – The Cannibal Killers Tour with **Static X, Otep** and **Full Blown Chaos** at Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. All ages welcome. Tickets \$20. Visit myspace.com/otep or www.harposconcerttheater.com

7 p.m. Saturday, May 12—The Heaven and Hell Tour with Black Sabbath featuring Ronnie James Dio, Tony lommi, Geezer Butler and Vinny Appice plus Megadeth and Machine Head, tickets \$37-\$57, Cobo Arena, 300 Civic Center Dr., Detroit, (313) 983-6616. Visit www.black-sabbath.com/tour

8 p.m. Saturday, May 12 – **Velvet Revolver**, tickets \$50-\$75, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, visit www.tickets.com or www.velvetrevolver.com

Tip when driving to downtown Detroit, especially to Cobo: Plan the evening accordingly due to the construction on the Lodge Freeway.

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that's already released six CDs, including its latest *The Blackening* (Roadrunner Records).

The California-based band strives to create structurally complex and technical material that includes three-part guitar and bass harmonies, dueling solos and thrash intricacy that mingles with soaring three-part part vocal harmonies. (Some compare the band to Alice in Chains.)

This is a band that made its mark with guerrilla marketing reminiscent of early punk days — members put out fliers, one-by-one, car-by-car, school-by-school, until its name began to spread and the band became known for its heavy guitar tones.

Machine Head has toured with Slayer and on Ozzfest.

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what's on his mind through his music. The band's lineup, which has changed over the years, consists of

Static, former Seether drummer Nick Oshiro, bassist Tony Campos and Koichi Fukuda, lead guitar, programming and keyboard.

Static X is touring to promote its fifth and newest CD *Cannibal* (Warner Bros. Reprise Records).

Otep will share the Harpo's stage to promote its third CD *The Ascension*.

"We said, 'Genre limits and music fads be damned, let's write music that is important to us and that motivates us," said Otep Shamaya, the band's namesake and lead singer. "I wanted to write songs we believe in and let nothing stop us from building the album we want to make."

Otep is both inciteful and insightful. "Bands have another level of intensity and risk-taking when writing their first record," Otep said. "I wanted to recapture the sound of that hunger and infuse it with as much raw passion and purpose as possible."

The Ascension was produced by Grammy winner Dave Fortman (Evanesence, Mudvayne).

Like many metal bands today, Otep has made its mark with the help of the Internet and hardcore fans. Last year, they allowed online fans to determine their tour route, choose venues and create a set list via cell phone voting. Otep's music is about rising above negativity.

"It's easier for people to curse the darkness than to light a candle," she said. "I prefer to do the opposite. *The Ascension* is a message to rise above whatever limitations, obstacles or social identities are placed upon us"



Otep brings its melodic sound to Harpo's with Static X.

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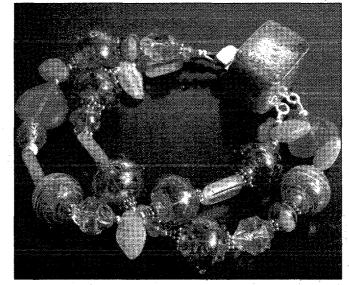
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Kids can make crafts with Mother's Days themes such as painted terra cotta pots filed with soil and seats; or painted silk scarves. They can also make butterfly mobiles, garden insect note folders and placemats. Music will create an ambiance at the Young Musicians Stage from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

There's also yoga demos, garden lectures, tile making and other exhibits.

Anyone wishing to take Mom Sunday to the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., in Birmingham, must make reservations for brunch or dinner. For brunch, call (248) 642-5110; for dinner, call (248) 642-5999. Seating times May 13 are brunch 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults \$55, kids 6-12, \$20 and free for kids age 5 and younger. Dinner seating times are noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Price is \$72.

For more Mother's Day listings, turn to page 9.



L. Page Brunner of Troy creates glass art jewelry, also on display at the festival.

SOME OF THE ARTISTS

Basketry: Samuel Yao, Ann Arbor Ceramics: Carole Berhorst, Bloomfield Hills; Priscilla Eggen, Ferndale; Alice Ham, Berkley; Marcia Hovland, Royal Oak; Gretchen Kramp, Royal Oak Fiber Wearable: Cynthia LaMaide, Rochester Hills Fibers: Julie Langensiepen, Beverly Hills Glass: George Bochnig, Pontiac; Andrew Madvin, Birmingham; Leslie Patron Bill Poceta, Detroit Jewelry: L. Page Brunner, Troy; Michael Feldman, Birmingham Mixed Media: Carlye Crisler, Ann Arbor; Stuart Gray, Beverly Hills; Ruth Heginbottom, Troy Painting: Michelle Hinz, Rochester; Debbie Johnson, Oxford; Lucia Luras, Bloomfield; Diane Sicheneder,

Rochester Photography: James Parker, Rochester Hills Sculpture: Sunil Sharma, Livonia Wood: Charles Hall, Beverly Hills Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. For an expanded calendar list, visit the Get Out! calendar online at the Filter Entertainment section at www.hometownlife.com.

ART EXHIBITS Cranbrook Art Museum

The 2007 Graduate Degree Exhibition runs through 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 p.m. and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Detroit Urban Craft Fair

Applications online for DUCF, Aug. 4, at Majestic Theater Complex, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com, deadline is May 25. Fair also seeking sponsorships from independent businesses, e-mail sgonsors@detroiturbancraftfair.com.

Ann Arbor Spring Art Fair

Juried artists display their work May 19-20, at Pioneer High School, Stadium and Main streets, Ann Arbor, call (734) 216-3958.

University of Michigan Museum of Art Imaging Eden: Connecting Landscapes, Lyle Gomes' landscape photographs, through June 3, guided tours offsite 7 p.m. May 17 and 2 p.m. May 20, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu.

YOUR GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT

ART GALLERIES Artcraft Gallery

Dani - Message from Life, art works of David Wickman and Francis LeVeque, through May 31, 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.avemariaart.com

Biddle Gallerv

Third Friday in Wyandotte (May 18), Gabriel Kane VS. Matt B Project, 6-9 p.m., New Clocks



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In Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles, famed photographer Ansel Adams captured these weaving roads. Visitors to the Detroit Institute of Arts can see this and many more of his works in the current Ansel Adams exhibit. Catch it now before it closes, on May 27. Visit www.dia.org for more information.

- by David Scherer, featured May artist; 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.
- **Cass Cafe**
- Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin, exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.
- ©POP Gallery Livonia artist Topher Crowder's Playing God, runs through May 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit,
- (313) 833-9901. **Habitat Gallery** 35th annual International Glass Invitational.
- through May 19, 4400 Ferniee, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590

Kresge Art Museum

Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious, through July 27, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 11, museum is located at Physics and Auditorium roads on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Native West

Unique American Southwest Art with painter Elaine Major, artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 18. part of third Annual ARTFeast Art Walk May 18-19 in Plymouth, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

Northville Art House

The Muses, 12 artists Interpret the Figure, through May 20, 215 W. Cady, Northville (one block south of Main, two blocks west of Center).

Oakland University Art Gallery

Oakland University 2007 Senior Thesis BA in Studio Art Exhibition, through May 20, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; also Rochester K-12 Art Show, through May 12, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

paulkotulaprojects

Cut, with Scott Klinker, Heather McGill, Kathleen McShane, Abigail Murray, Jill Slosburg-Ackerman, through May 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulkotula.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. **River's Edge Gallery**

Amy Chenier, Tim Burke and photography of Elaine Redmond, through May 12, 3024 Biddle,

Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com. **Sherrus Gallery**

The Heart of Nigeria, featuring Nigerian twin brothers, Kehinde and Tayewo Oyedeji of KennyTay, through May 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusdallery.com.

ART. ETC. artBLAST

- Tickets on sale for artBLAST, July 3. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Cepter, tickets specially priced \$100 for family, \$45 adult and \$30 for seniors and children under 16, ticket prices increase June 19, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, visit www.BBArtCenter.org or call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866
- **Birmingham Fine Arts Festival** Featuring over 200 artists, May 12-13, Shain Park in Birmingham, visit. www.BBArtCenter.org for information.
- Fine Art at the Village

101 juried artists, Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, northeast corner of Walton and Adams, May 19-20, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

- **Oakland Community College** 11th annual Student Art Exhibition, artists'
- reception, exhibition runs through May 23, free, OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 942-3355.

CHORUS

Farmington Community Chorus Come to Your Senses, 27th annual spring con cert, 8 p.m. May 11-12, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, \$12-\$15, for tickets, call (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

CLASSICAL

- **Chamber Music Society of Detroit** Opus 9 concert series concludes with viola da gamba expert Jordi Savall, 8 p.m. May 12, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser on campus of Detroit Country Day), Beverly Hills, \$41-\$75, Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070.
- Chamber Music at the Scarab Club, Two to Four! with The Dearing Concert Duo, harpist Lynne Aspnes, harpsichordist Bethany Cencer, Detroit Symphony Orchestra bassoon ist Marcus Schoon, 7 p.m. June 3, 217 Farnsworth (behind the Detroit Institute of Arts), Detroit, \$10-\$20, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.
- **Dearborn Symphony Orchestra** Musical Magic, May 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.,
- Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com. **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
- Mahler's Symphony No. 2, Resurrection, May 10-12; Branford Marsalis, May 17; Bronfman plays Rachmaninof's Piano Concerto No. 3. May 24-26, all at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, (313) 576-5111 www.detroitsym

Vivace

Woodland Trio, 7:30 p.m. May 20, \$18-\$21, The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 for tickets.

CLUBS

- **Bert's Warehouse Theatre**
- Sultry saxman Marion Meadows, 8 p.m. May 11, \$30, 2739 Russell, Detroit, tickets at ticket master.com or bertsentertainment.com. Emerald Theater
- Trick Trick and The Good Squad, with Sino, G. Gutta, Good Money, and Rob Beatz, 9 p.m. May 13, 31 North Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$10, www.emeraldtheatre.com or (586) 913-1920.

Cliff Bells

- Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit, (313) 961-2543.
- Ginopolis on the Grill
 - Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. no cover. (248) 851-8222.

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.

COMEDY

- Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase Karen Rontowski, May 10-12; Jim McCue, May 17-19; Elliot Branch, May 24-26; Dustin Diamond, May 31, June 1-2; all at 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 ama teur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
- Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club Jeff Havens with Dave Bell May 11-12; Norm Stulz with Phenecia Banks, May 18-19; Bill Bushart with Keith Lenart, May 25-26, all shows 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly, (248) 634-5208.
- The Comedy Room at Portofino Patrick Deguire and Korry Hall, May 11-12; Connie Ettinger and Kate Brindle, May 18-19; Jeff Havens and Duane Gill, May 25-26, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, call (734) 624-5561 or visit www.portofinoontheriver.com.

The Second City Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Ave. in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com; Register now for adult classes, \$200 for an 8-week course, call (248) 348-4448. Class sizes are limited, and registration is processed on a first-come. first-serve basis.

FAMILY

Detroit Zoo HimalAmazon: The Extreme Log Ride, photorealistic animation with digital surround sound, (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Maybury Farm

Trot for Animals, fund-raiser for animal feed, 9 a.m. May 12, \$15, (248) 374-0200 for registration form

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.

FILM

Livonia 20

Naruto the Movie: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow, 7 p.m. June 6, \$10, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, www.FathomEvents.com, www.naruto.com.

Redford Theatre

Charade, May 11-12; Stagecoach, May 25-26; Back to the Future, June 8-9; Till the Clouds Roll By, June 22-23; The Best of Years of Our Lives, July 6-7; King Kong, July 20-21; Shall We Dance? Aug. 3-5; On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.

FOLK The Ark

Los Straightjackets, May 10; Robbie Fulks, May 11; Iris Dement, May 12; Luke Sayers & Mark lannace CD release concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13; Frigg, May 15; Wishing Chair, May 16: Duke Tumatoe & The Power Trio,

phony.com.

May 17, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Trinity House Theatre

Bill Bynum and Company, May 18; Dolly Varden with The Milroys, May 19; Floyd King and the Bushwackers, 8 p.m. June 8, at 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia, \$12, \$9 for members, call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org.

Woodbridge Bible Church

David Phelps with co-headliner Mark Lowry. 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at 6600 Rochester Road, Troy, \$20-\$30, call (248) 879-8533.

FUND-RAISERS

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 e-mail auction@friendsofthepenn.org, for information on PENNdemonium, www.PennTheatre.com

Special Days Camp

Benefit for children with cancer and families, bowling, karaoke, silent auction, food, door prizes, 6 p.m. May 11, \$20, Ford Lanes Bowling Center, 23100 Van Born, Dearborn Heights, www.specialdays.org, donate or ticket sales information from Ryan Tucholski at (313) 278-2220.

Victorian Tea

The seventh annual Victorian Tea will be held at the newly reopened Whitney restaurant 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Proceeds support the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association. The Whitney is located at 4421 Woodward at Canfield, in Detroit. Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$30 for youth (ages 5 through 17), call (586) 776-3900 for tickets and information.

MommyHood

Stage play brings to life emotions of mothers through monologues, noon to 5 p.m. May 13. Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www.macombcenter.com

DSO Luncheon

The Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a Celebrity Luncheon featuring David DiChiera on Thursday, May 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Ticket prices are \$70-\$150. For reservations, call (313) 576-5154.

GOSPEL

Oakland Community College Detroit Women, 7:30 p.m. May 18, Student Center Arena at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

JAZZ

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.

pi Restaurant

Jessie Palter, May 11-12; Ed Stone, May 18-19, all at 12 Mile Rd. and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, call (248) 208-7500 or visit www.piofsouthfield.com

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

www.hometownlife.com

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, 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.



MUSIC

Fans of rock icon Leon Russell have a chance to see him perform some of his classics, including "Delta Lady," "Tightrope" and "Youngblood," Friday, May 11 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$25. Call (248) 544-1991 or visit www.magicbag.com for information or the event hotline at (248) 544-3030.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu. **Detroit Institute of Arts**

- Ansel Adams exhibit runs through May 27, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.
- Exhibit Museum of Natural History Wild Weather, Changing Climate, through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

Henry Ford Museum

- 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.
- Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit STUFF: International Contemporary Art from the Collection of Burt Aaron features works by more than 75 artists, opening reception 6-8 p.m. May 11 features music by the Northwoods Improvisers, exhibit runs through July 29, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Display on Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, through June 16, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admis-

sion, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817. **Detroit Historical Society**

Offers tours of historic spots, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

Detroit Derby Girls

Pistolwhippers vs. Devil's Night Dames, Mav 12; Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, June 2; Pistolwhippers vs. D-Funk All-Stars, June 23; Detroit Derby Girls Championship Bout, July 21, all at Masonic Temple Drill Hall, 550 Temple, Detroit, \$15, www.detroitderbygirls.com.

Drummer's clinic

Dave Weckl, 8 p.m. May 15, Motor City Guitar, 1565 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 673-1900.

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month, May to October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-2377. Michigan Beer and Brat Festival 4-8 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Crystal

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- Honoring Elvis Presley, July 13-14, Riverside Park, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, www.mielvisfest.com.
- The Secret

The Secret is Out! Learn How to Apply the Law of Attraction, a three-hour seminar by Nancy M. Wegierski, 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Cost is \$99, visit www.becomemore net

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Breathe Art Theatre Project Wonder of the World, by David Lindsay-Abaire, through May 12, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, At The Furniture Factory, 4126 3rd St., Detroit, \$20 (\$12 Sundays and students), (313) 831-1939, www.BreatheArtTheatreProject.com Broadway Onstage

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Signature Broadway, through May 13, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, call (248) 541-6430. St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of

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Amadeus, June 1-9, in the outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 737-3587 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

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The Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters by Gilleland and Beverage, 8 p.m. through May 20, tickets \$22-\$38; Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue by Dan Goggin, May 31-June 10, \$28-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

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The Palace of Auburn Hills

Lynyrd Sknyrd, May 12; Champion Cage Fighters, May 26; Gwen Stefani, June I; John Mayer, July 5: The Police, July 17: Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Fox Theatre

The Price of Fame Tour, starring Bow Wow, May 11: Heaven and Hell: Black Sabbath's Dio Years, May 12; Majida El Roumi, May 19; All Stars of Comedy, May 25; Godsmack, June 1; Alison Krauss & Union Station, July 31; tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com or (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611. **Fisher Theatre**

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> ottom Feeder is a refreshingly rotten throwback to the days when you could make a horror movie without torturing someone.

Indeed, the only folks tortured in Bottom Feeder are the viewers. But so what. At least this is still

idiotic fun.



Beyond Bad

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a mad scientist to devise a formula to restore his damaged skin. He does, but it has one drawback: It turns the user into a hokey monster with an

In the story, a hideously

burned gazillionaire hires

insatiable appetite for flesh because unfortunately the eater turns into what he has eaten, sort of.

The characters in the film liken it to a giant rat, but I think it looks more like Porky Pig.

Anyway, the gazillionaire decides that before taking the formula (not knowing, of course, of its peculiar side effects) he will test it on the scientist who created it. So he has his henchmen and particularly nasty henchwoman beat the tar out of the scientist then give him a dose of his own medicine to see if it restores his fractured features.

It does, and then some, as he turns into the aforementioned monster. This all takes place in an abandoned hospital (there seems to be a lot of those in the world of horror films) next to a university, which sets the stage for Act Two. A group of cleanup people converge on the hospital to do whatever it is that they are supposed to do and promptly collide with the scientist-turned-monster.

Tom Sizemore stars as the leader of the cleanup group, which shows just how far the much-troubled-for-real Sizemore's career has deteriorated.

The rest of the cast is inconsequential and annoying, particularly the dreadful Rastafarian.

Heads roll. Literally. The evil gazillionaire and his bodyguard both lose their heads, which are ripped from their rotten bodies.

Sizemore and company do get the best of the beast, but that is not the end of the story. What follows is actually more ridiculous thân the preceding part as they somehow manage to survive an atomic bomb-size blast with barely a singed eyebrow. But Sizemore learns he is in line for a more hideous fate.

Bottom Feeder doesn't take itself too seriously, and if you don't you will get a mild kick out of the man-in-a-rubber suit flick.

Greg Kowalski much prefers monster movies over horror movies. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@hometownlife.com.

'Away From Her' shows agony of Alzheimer's

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In theaters now:

Away From Her

It's an intriguing paradox: In quiet, understated ways, this film marks the debut of a powerfully talented new director. Sarah Polley, the 28-year-old Canadian actress best known for roles in *Go* and *The Sweet Hereafter*, steps behind the camera for her first feature with the confidence and precision of a seasoned veteran.

Polley also wrote the script, based on an Alice Munro short story, about a woman's slow descent into the hazy abyss of Alzheimer's disease, and the surprising way her husband of 44 years responds.

Julie Christie stars as Fiona, and after all this time still possesses a beauty that's startling in its clarity. Gordon Pinsent plays her husband, Grant, with subtle sweetness, and their scenes together are increasingly fieartbreaking. It's not all agony, though.

Thankfully, there are some moments of dark humor, courtesy of Olympia Dukakis as the no-nonsense wife of a patient at the nursing home where Fiona is being treated – a man with whom Fiona becomes inordinately fixated. PG-13 for some strong language. 100 min. Three and a half stars out of four. – Christy Lemire. AP Movie Critic

Lucky You

Eric Bana has a decent poker face, and he uses it to excess in this romantic drama in which he blandly rambles through the world of competitive card-playing while trying to convince object of desire Drew Barrymore he's more than just a compulsive gambler. The film from director Curtis Hanson crack les with life here and there from the occasional pleasant interchange between Bana and Barrymore and a few energetic moments from Robert Duvall. But it's a curiously ordinary and uninvolving tale from the filmmaker behind such insightful character pieces as Wonder Boys and L.A. Confidential. Bana's a Vegas poker master incessantly undone by rash emotion, who's angling to compete in the World Series of Poker, whose players include his estranged dad (Duvall), a two-time champ quick to point out his progeny's shortcomings. Barrymore's an angelic innocent new to Vegas whose unlikely opposites attract romance with Bana never rings true. PG-13 for some language and sexual humor. 123 min. Two stars out of four

– David Germain, AP Movie Writer

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conscience so I could find empathy. I prepared heavily for it, but rather than spending much of my time researching serial killers, I let the script serve as guidance."

Costner called the film "American" because of the mere fact that serial killers exist in American society. The question of how a "nice" neighbor, business associate and family member can also kill has long been an issue and it's what inspired the writers to plunge into a topic they've never dealt with.

Mr. Brooks, Evans said, is so compelling and terrifying because he is both family man and evil.

'The thing about Mr. Brooks is that he could very well be someone you know," Evans said. "We all have our dark side, but Mr. Brooks acts on his to an extreme. He's

the guy you think wouldn't harm a fly, who truly loves his family and has a wonderful life by all standard measures, but also he has a very grave compulsion he cannot fix."

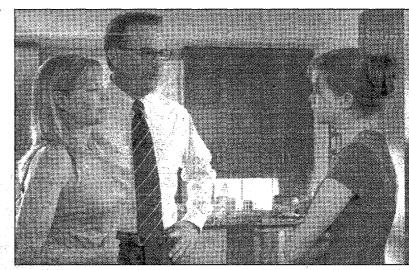
The writers came up with the idea after deciding they wanted to tackle a dark issue. "We both thought addiction was an inter-

esting area, which led us to the question of what would be the worst addiction possible - and to the idea of a man who is literally addicted to killing people, who can't stop the cycle, even though he would like to stop putting his family in jeopardy," Gideon said.

Costner received the script while he was working with former Birmingham resident Mike Binder on the film The Upside of Anger. "I received the script, then I lost it, then I was given another copy, then I didn't have time to read it, and when I did ... I wanted in immediately.

"Hopefully it's some of my best work, I think it is."

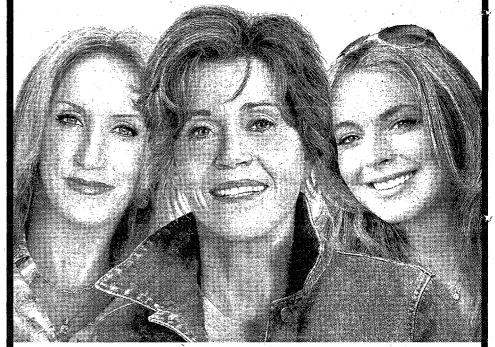
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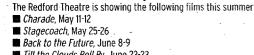
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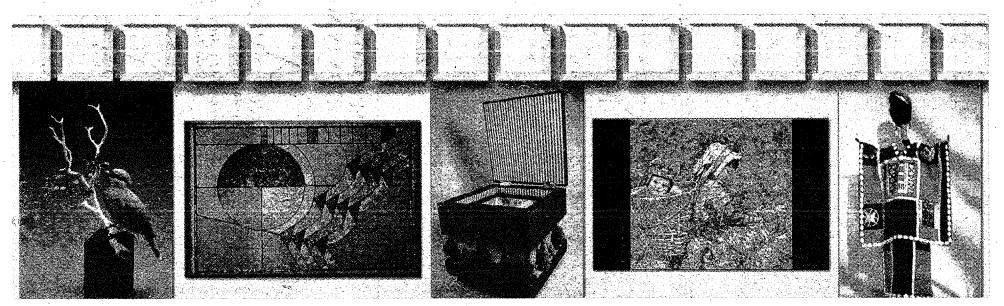
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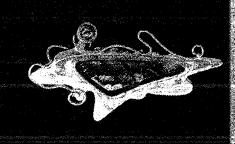
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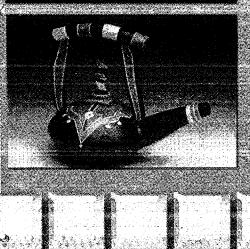


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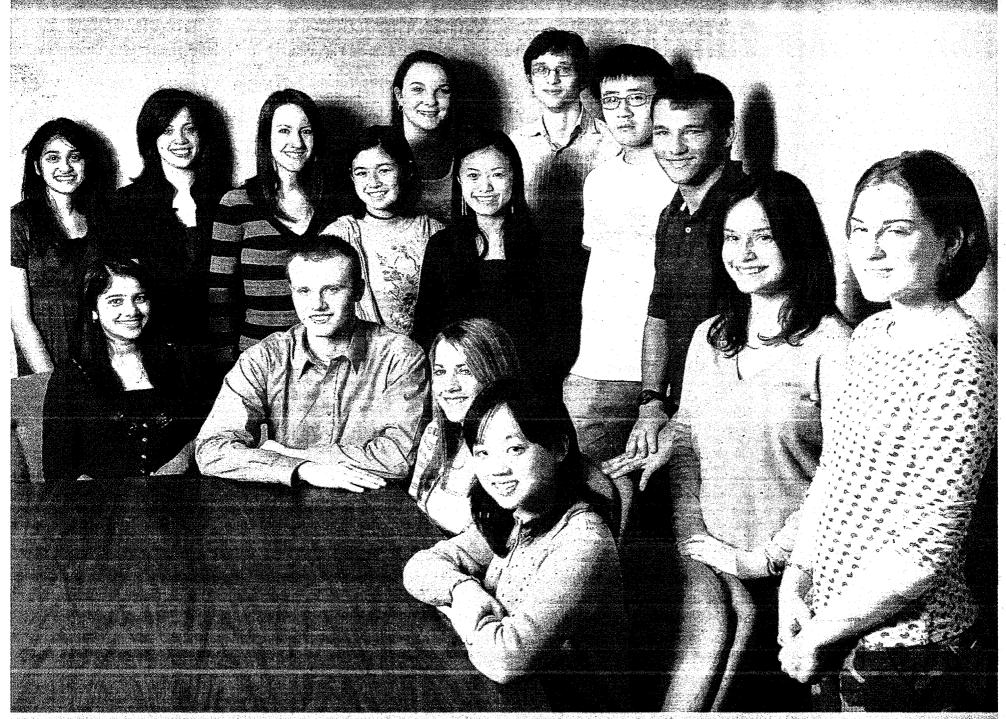
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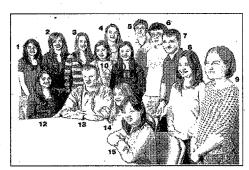
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The Observer Academic All-Stars on the cover are (1-15): 1. Shobha Narasimhan, 2. Lauren Jones, 3. Chelsea LeBlanc, 4. Dorothy J. Heebner, 5. Jakub Poznanski, 6. Zhe Guan, 7. Joshua Mann, 8. Breanna Miller, 9. Anna Sheppard, 10. Katherine Lebioda, 11. Zhe (Julie) Xiang, 12. Sruthi Renati, 13. Alexander Sapick, 14. Kimberly Martinez, 15. Shulamite Chiu.

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Each student will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, courtesy of Huntington Bank, along with other gifts, and a copy of this special section outlining their high school achievements.

Read on as we present the 2007 Observer Academic All-Star Team in order of ranking.



The 2007 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star section was written

by Special Editor/Features Mary Klemic. Klemic has been largely responsible for coordinating photos and writing and editing the section for the last seven years. She has met with the all-stars, read their applications and written stories outlining their success in high school.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Klemic holds degrees in mass communications and English. She has worked at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* for 24 years as a city and county government reporter, school reporter, copy editor and features writer. Her primary assignment is the Thursday *O&E* HometownL1FE.com section which

focuses on homestyle, food, wine and technology.

Klemic lives in Birmingham.

"It is always amazing to read about the Academic All-Stars," she said. "The students and their families and teachers should be proud of their accomplishments."

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Members of this year's Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars panel were (from left) Terry Piper, principal of Seaholm High School; Dan Willenborg, principal of Franklin High School; Joan Sedik, principal of John Glenn High School; Jan Meagher, principal of Clarkston High School; Jim Myers, principal of Harrison High School and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Lahser High School.

Principals select Academic All-Stars

Naming the *Observer* and the *Eccentric* Academic All-Star teams is a big job, and it leaves a big impression on the selection committee.

The committee, consisting of school administrators from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties, verifies the information on the applications.

"They are a very impressive group of young people," said Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School, who coordinated this year's panel.

"They are the leaders, thinkers and doers of tomorrow; not only brilliant kids but very active in their (areas). Congratulations to their parents, to their schools and to their teachers.

"The state of Michigan should be very proud," added Willenborg.

Joining Willenborg on this year's committee were Terry Piper, principal of Seaholm High School in Birmingham; Jan Meagher, principal of Clarkston High School; Charlie Hollerith, principal of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills; Joan Sedik, principal of John Glenn High School in Westland; and Jim Myers, principal of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The committee examines grade point average (academic subjects only) and the ACT or SAT scores. Only those applications accompanied by transcripts, verification of ACT or SAT scores and the signatures of the school principal are considered.

Selection is based solely on academic credentials.

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Panel members commented on how well-rounded the All-Stars are.

"These students have taken advantage of the opportunities that their schools

offer to the fullest degree," Hollerith said. "It's nice to go back and really connect

with these kinds of kids," Sedik said. "So many of them come from the public school system," said Meagher, who is retiring this year after more than 25 years in public education.

"They're bright, talented kids," Piper said.

"The Observer & Eccentric is pleased to have the support of area principals to honor these young scholars," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the $O \mathfrak{SE}$.

"We appreciate the time they spend on this project. We also appreciate the time and effort that all principals and counselors take to nominate these outstanding students."

Academic All-Stars earn honors



Zhe (Julie) Xiang Canton High School

Julie Xiang of Canton plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study biomedical or chemical engineering.

"After studying engineering, I want to go to medical school and become a doctor," she said. "After practicing medicine in the U.S., I'd like to practice in poorer countries and improve their medical care."

Xiang was a National Merit Finalist and a Presidential Scholar Candidate, and won two Science Olympiad State Medals and 10 Science Olympiad Regional Medals.

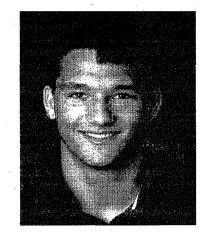
. She was Science Olympiad captain, Key Club vice president and on the National Honor Society executive board.

Xiang did volunteer work for Special Olympics, Kids Against Hunger, Medilodge Nursing Home, tutoring and Relay for Life. She has played piano for 10 years.

Susan Welker (Shakespeare and writing center) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Xiang.

"She got me interested in the arts and literature and inspired me to dream big and have an impact on the world," Xiang said.

Xiang is the daughter of Joseph Xiang and Ami Li, and the sister of Rachel, 11.



Joshua Mann Churchill High School

Joshua Mann of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study biomedical engineering. He wants to pursue a master's degree in nano-engineering.

"I hope to develop cholesterol-ingesting nanoparticles and a delivery system to add tail codons to mRNA as a nano-engineer," Mann said.

Mann was awarded excellence in Math Science Computers computer math, algebra II, chemistry, analysis, physics, AP biology, AP calculus and AP computer science.

He was an AP Scholar with Distinction, a Renselaer Medal winner, a National Merit Finalist, a Michigan Math League School winner and on the Honor Roll seven semesters. Mann was awarded Michigan Math Prize Competition Honorable Mention.

Mann was a vacation bible school instructor at Ward Church, Computer Club co-founder, and in cross country, track and field and tennis.

Mary Buda (algebra II, AP calculus, discreet math and AP statistics) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Mann.

"She is a phenomenal teacher who has guided me since freshman year," he said.

"(Freshman year) she established her intelligence against a group of smart kids and challenged us to perform beyond the minimum required to get an A. Junior year she pushed us to our limits in preparation for the difficult AP calculus BC exam, which everyone passed and a large portion received 5s. Finally, senior year she has treated us like adults and conducted her class like a professor in order to prepare us for college."

Mann is the son of Karen Ogden-Mann and David Mann, and the brother of Matthew Mann, 13.



Sruthi Renati Farmington High School

Sruthi Renati of Farmington plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or Michigan State University, to study pre-medical.

"I want to be a physician — possibly a primary care physician," she said.

Renati was a National Merit Finalist, Student of the Month (science department) and in the Top 200 in the Michigan Math Prize Competition. She won an Academic Letter Award.

Renati was vice president of the Model United Nations Club, vice president of the debate team, in the National Honor Society, teacher at Balavihar-Hindu religion class and volunteer at Botsford General Hospital.

Jeffrey Dwyer (AP biology) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Renati.

"He helped me fall in love with the subject and increase my passion to become a physician," she said.

Renati is the daughter of Ramesh and Bharathi Renati, and the sister of Swetha, 19.



Lauren Jones Harrison High School

Lauren Jones of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan, Columbia, Princeton or Northwestern, to study pediatric medicine, perhaps with a minor in art or architecture. Her possible profession is pediatric cardiovascular surgeon or another field of pediatric study.

"I hope to be able to balance career and family life by entering a career in which I am challenged both intellectually and artistically, while balancing it with a focus on future children and family," Jones said.

"In whatever I end up doing, I hope to have a positive impact on the world; whether it is through medicine, politics or the arts."

Jones was on the honor roll (all semesters, all four years), the student chosen from her grade level to attend the Superintendent's Award of Excellence Breakfast, eligible for Academic All-American, a Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee, and in TEAMS (Tests in Engineering, Aptitude, Mathematics and Science). She won an Academic Letter (all semesters, all four years).

Jones was varsity swimming captain, varsity soccer captain, on the Unified Ski Team, in two spring musicals, president and treasurer of the Class of 2007 Board, and homecoming queen.

She won two Scholastics Silver Keys and one certificate for ceramics, and third place in ceramics in the Annual Festival of the Arts at the Costick Center.

Among her volunteer work, Jones was a blood drive worker and main organizer/coordinator through the Student Council; donated and delivered gifts directly to families of children of prisoners for the Angel Tree Ministry, went on a Missions trip to Detroit and worked in the church nursery through church; participated in an MS Walk, tutored, and put together and delivered Easter baskets for children at the Sarah Fisher Home through the National Honor Society and Interact Club.

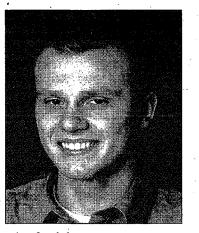
Michael Teachman (math) and Bobbi Blazo (third grade) are the teachers who had the greatest influence on Jones.

"Mr. Teachman's unconventional methods and demanding course work required that I put my all into his class, and as a result I began to fully understand each concept ... I am very thankful to Mr. Teachman for the skills to truly understand, study and learn a concept," she said.

"Mrs. Blazo influenced me at a young age by being continually creative in the classroom and challenging all of us, even though we were young, to reach for the stars."

Jones is the daughter of Ken and Jane Jones, and the sister of Zachary, 18, and Olivia, 14.

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Alexander Sapick North Farmington High School

Alexander Sapick of Farmington Hills plans to attend Northwestern University or the University of Michigan to major in biology or pre-medicine in order to pursue a career in professional medicine.

"I would like to graduate from a prestigious medical school and go on to become a surgeon at a large hospital," he said. Sapick was a National Merit Scholarship

Sapick was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and an AP Scholar with Honors. He won three Spanish department awards, two math department awards and an AP U.S. history award.

Sapick was men's varsity swim team captain, and in men's track and field. He won the Best Male Marcher Award while in the marching band, and played trumpet in the concert band. He was in the Math League, Sophomore Board vice president and Boys State delegate.

Through the National Honor Society and independently, Sapick tutored students in a wide variety of subjects, including foreign language, science, social studies and mathematics.

Through the Humanitarian Club, he participated in multiple fund-raising activities to benefit muscular dystrophy research.

Sapick volunteered at an assisted living home, and participated in several community cleanup projects. He has given volunteer swim lessons to an autistic man through the YMCA, along with weekly computer lessons.

Peggy Najarian (AP biology and anatomy) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Sapick.

"She kindled my interest in the field of biology, and inspires me with her dedication and her diligent pursuit of bettering herself as an instructor," he said.

Sapick is the son of Paul and Nina Sapick, and the brother of Jessica, 20, and Michael, 16.

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Breanna Miller Canton High School

Breanna Miller of Canton plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She is undecided about her major.

Miller was in Who's Who Among American High School Students and a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

She was Canton Congress secretary, National Honor Society secretary, cross country captain and South Redford Christian Church youth program volunteer. Miller was in vocal music and track and field.

Sue Welker (humanities) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Miller. "She encourages me to think about sub-

jects and situations I have never considered before," she said.

Miller is the daughter of Constantine Dziubek and Tom Miller, the stepdaughter of Neal Jackson and Christine O'Dell, and the sister of Lauren, 26, Stephanie, 24, Katie, 16, Tim, 16, Amanda, 13, and Jonathan, 11.



Jakub Poznanski Plymouth High School

Jakub Poznanski of Canton plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University, to study at the School of Computer Science there.

"My plan right now is to obtain a degree in computer science, which may put me into a profession as a software developer or engineer," he said.

Poznanski won the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional Award for helping people with their Microsoft products through online discussion boards and Web sites.

He was on the FIRST Robotics Team and was vice president.

Poznanski maintained a 4.0 grade-point average throughout high school, was named Student of the Month for helping his AP probability and statistics teacher, and received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

He and a friend won first place in a high school level programming competition of the University of Michigan, and Poznanski won third place in Texas Instruments Programming Contest.

As part of a three-student team who created a new electronic control system for their robotics team, he won the Delphi Driving Tomorrow's Technology Award at a regional competition.

Through the National Honor Society, Poznanski assisted with a variety of activities, such as recreation at a local retirement home, events put on by elementary schools in the district and setting up gymnastics competitions at his school.

Through the robotics team, Poznanski walked in the Relay for Life to raise money for cancer treatment. The team took its robots to local festivals to help get children interested in engineering and science, and raised money for various charities throughout the year.

Ron Carlson (computer programming) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Poznanski.

"He inspired me to work on various programming projects on my own, and also let me explore other uses for my skills," he said. Poznanski is the son of Kris Poznanski and

Dorota Poznanska-Frederick, and the brother of Joanna Frederick, 1.



Shobha Narasimhan Salem High School

Shobha Narasimhan of Canton plans to attend the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts or Northwestern University, to study human biology and biochemistry. "I plan on going from undergraduate school to medical school and want to become a doctor," she said. "I plan on doing undergraduate research on brain fatty acids and want to do medical research in the future."

Narasimhan was a 20-time medalist in regional competitions at the Wayne County Science Olympiad.

She was Science Olympiad captain and an official member of regional and state teams. Narasimhan won awards in the West Bloomfield High School Science Olympiad Invitational and in the state tournament at Michigan State University.

Narasimhan was secretary of the National Honor Society. Through the NHS, she performed community service for such organizations and events as Operation Good Cheer, Cherry Hill Village Theater, Christmas in the Village, Salvation Army (bell ringing), Relay for Life and Special-Olympics.

In volunteer work, she assisted physical therapists and orthopedic specialists at the University of Michigan Hospital MedSport facility, tutored a student in political and economic systems and English, and, with the students in her Sunday School youth group, collected and put together kits of food for people at group homes and shelters and delivered them for Feeding Ann Arbor for the holiday season.

Narasimhan was on the varsity tennis team and the USTA tennis team, taught math and English at the Kumon Math and Reading Center, taught sixth- and seventh-graders about Hindu religion and culture at Indian Sunday School, and set up and took down equipment for the Canton Gymnastics Tournament.

She attended the Ford Advanced Engineering Conference and the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine.

Narasimhan sings karanatik music, a type of Indian vocal music, and was a seven-time consecutive winner of one of the top three places in the National Gita Music Competition in Chicago.

Joan Pence (AP biology) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Narasimhan.

"She, in her amazingly taught classes, made me understand both what great learning is and how what we learn in biology applies to all kinds of everyday situations," she said. "She is the reason for my choice of biology as my major."

Narasimhan is the daughter of Geetha and Lakshmi Narasimhan, and the sister of Rekha, 12.

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Laura Oliver Thurston High School

Laura Oliver of Redford plans to attend New York University, Brown University, Carnegie Mellon or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I wish to pursue technical theater, particularly costume design," she said.

Oliver won a MEAP scholarship and was in the top 5 percent of her class.

She was in the Link Crew, Drama Club and National Honor Society.

The teachers who had the greatest influence on Oliver are "Kelly Mandeville (English) for her commitment to high stan-

dards and Jeanette James (math) for her generosity and kindness," she said. Oliver is the daughter of Cindy and Tom Oliver, and the sister of Joseph, 15, and Harry, 11.



D.J. Heebner North Farmington High School

D.J. Heebner of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State University, to study political science and international relations. She wants to have a diplomatic profession.

Her career goal is "to have a positive impact," she said.

Heebner received departmental awards in chemistry, American history, honors English 10, advanced placement biology, advanced placement comparative government and Spanish 3. She won second and fourth place at Michigan State Model United Nations conferences, and first place at the Canadian-American Windsor Model United Nations conference.

Heebner was Model United Nations president, Class Board historian, National Honor Society member, Humanitarian Club member and Summer in the City/Rebuilding Detroit Effort participant.

She was in regional honors choir, and received the highest rating in both the regional and state level solo and ensemble for solo performances.

Heebner was in the St. Fabian Church Youth Group leadership team and youth band, and participated in two REACH work camps to help rebuild houses in Appalachia. She had roles in three plays and one musical, and chorus parts in three musicals.

Elias Khalil (Model United Nations advisor and social studies), Kathleen Stasys (English), Mary VanZandt (fifth grade) and Abby Jo Rehling (librarian) are the teachers who had the greatest influence on Heebner.

"I chose those teachers because they are the ones who inspired me to pursue my goals," she said. "It's great when you have teachers who truly believe in you and encourage you."

Heebner is the daughter of John Heebner and Lynne Thompson-Heebner, and the sister of Hannah, 15, and Brook, 13.



Salem High School

Chelsea LeBlanc of Plymouth plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study natural sciences, linguistics or computer sciences. Her probable profession is a research scientist, linguistics professor or Web/program designer.

LeBlanc's career goal is "finding a career that I'm truly passionate about where I have the opportunity to make a difference in my

field of study," she said. LeBlanc won the All-American Scholar Award and the United States Achievement Academy National Merit Science Award, and

was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She was in varsity soccer, the National Honor Society, Student Council and Plymouth Lighting/Michigan Santos Club soccer, and did photography and Web design. Susan Welker (humanities and writing center) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on LeBlanc.

"She is the most dynamic and engaging teacher I've ever had," she said. "She shows up to class every day, broadening our horizons with energy and knowledge."

LeBlanc is the daughter of Sandy McClure and Mark LeBlanc.



Shulamite Chiu Harrison High School

Shulamite Chiu of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Yale University, Harvard College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Wellesley College, to study applied mathematics and actuary.

"I plan to find a career path best suited for my various skills in which I can dedicate myself wholeheartedly and happily," she said.

Chiu was on the National Honor Roll, a 50th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist, a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, a MEAP scholarship recipient and a Toyota Community Scholar Semifinalist.

She was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who in High School Students and National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Chiu won a Certificate of Excellence for the National Competition Finalist Team, a Certificate of Commendation for a senior essay from the *Detroit Free Press* and a Superintendent Award of Excellence from Farmington Public Schools.

She was named Student of the Week by Detroit Public Television and the *Detroit News*, and Student of the Month by Oakland County.

Chiu was a member of the school chapter of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, TEAMS (Tests in Engineering, Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) and Book Club.

She was a staff member of *The Looking Glass* school literary magazine.

Chiu was a founding member and co-president of the Japanese Club, a Jiminy Tutoring Project tutor, a Church in Troy Youth Group leader and in church childcare service. As a peer mediator, she won the Leadership Award from the Farmington Optimist Club and Certificates of Appreciation.

Chiu was principal flautist in the school's concert and symphony bands, school musical pit band flautist and fourth chair flautist in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

She received ratings of I for piano and flute in district and state solo/ensemble competitions, and was a church piano accompanist at the Church in Troy and an accompanist at Oakland Community College.

The teachers who had the greatest influence on Chiu are "Michael Teachman (honors analysis), for teaching me how to learn, and Laura Sparrow (AP English 12), for encouraging me in every aspect," she said. Chiu is the daughter of Christopher Y. and

Cathy Y. Chiu.



Anna Sheppard Farmington High School

Anna Sheppard of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan, to study aerospace engineering, math, physics and chemistry.

"I want to be an aerospace engineer," she said. "It'd be really *spectacular* to work for NASA or the European Space Agency."

Sheppard received an Academic Letter all four years. She received the Girl Scout Gold Award,

was on the swim team and was on the Venture Crew in Scouting. She was on set construction, set paint and costume crews (costume crew head) for eight shows.

Paula Rohn (BC calculus) and Debbie Galloway (Spanish) are the teachers who had the greatest influence on Sheppard. "Paula Rohn really instilled (pounded,

"Paula Rohn really instilled (pounded, shoved, crammed) math (and love of it) into my brain; Debbie Galloway: uno se podía tocar su amor por el español," she said.

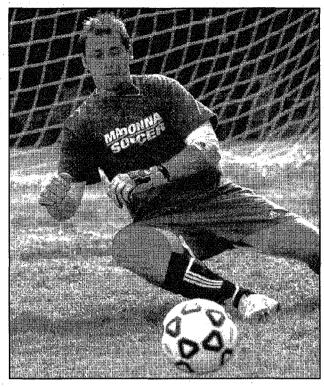
Sheppard is the daughter of Leah and John Sheppard, and the sister of Brian, 28, Jim, 20, and John III, 13.

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Goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, a junior at Madonna University, prevents the other team from scoring.

Web Site Keeps Crusaders Fans Cheering

Madonna University athletics is at the top of its technology game. On Madonna's interactive Web site, Crusaders fans can hear home and away games broadcast live, get up-to-the-minute e-scores and team news, and watch video clips.

When Matt Fancett, assistant athletics director, noticed larger universities using the online technology his interest was piqued. "We always strive to be at the highest level with our media, well above NAIA standards," he said. "We've had feedback from family and friends about how cool this is. It's been an outstanding success."

The online interactive services are gaining popularity. They debuted in late November, and, as each sport starts its season, more people are signing up. Stephanie Parslow, a Madonna University student, plans to register for e-scores after seeing how much her friends love the service. "It's fun to know how our teams are doing," said another student Caryn Inman:

While many games have been broadcast, Fancett has overcome a few start-up challenges. Limited phone lines at other universities forced Fancett and others to use their cell phones to transmit away games. A new phone system at Madonna will make broadcasting home games more efficient.

Some sports are likely to receive more media coverage than others, although the athletics department will try to cover as many games as it can. "One way or the other, each sport will be represented," Fancett said, while acknowledging that covering sports such as golf and cross country present their own challenges due to the large distances players must cover.

Fans can view videos and listen to live and archived games by visiting http://ww3.madonna. edu/crusaders/. To receive scores by cell phone or email, register at http://escores.stretchinternet. com/login.php?sch=madonna.

Master's Degrees Spell Success for Students at Madonna

This year marks the 25th anniversary of graduate studies at Madonna University and the addition of two new master's programs in e-commerce and teaching autism spectrum disorders. In 1982, the growing demand for graduate degrees inspired the creation of Madonna's first master's programs, in business administration and in nursing administration. A quarter of a century later, the flourishing Office of Graduate Studies has been renamed the Graduate School which now offers 25 programs in business, healthcare, education, religious studies and psychology.

"The dedication and expertise of our faculty and staff have made our programs exceptional, attracting students from all over the world," said Edie Raleigh, dean of the Graduate School. "We are fortunate to have them on our team. Our alumni and students are bright and talented and reflect the best of what our graduate programs represent."

Former nursing grad student Phyllis Jenkins-Reynolds represents the University's high standards everyday at work. Her colleagues witnessed the time, effort, and patience Jen-

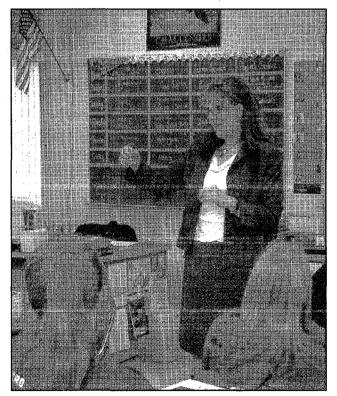
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kins-Reynolds put into the care of others and, in 1995, nominated her for a prestigious Nightingale Award.

Now chief nursing officer and vice president of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Patient Care Department, Jenkins-Reynolds looks back fondly at the time she spent at Madonna University. "I applaud the administrators and faculty who had the foresight to design an advanced degree program that supports working individuals' desires to advance their education," she said. "The evening classes were a great help!"

Employers recognize that Madonna University students are talented and intelligent. According to Raleigh, almost 100 percent of Madonna's grad students are employed within one year of graduating.

"Less than a year after earning my Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, I got a full-time teaching position at the University of Detroit Mercy," said 2003 graduate Marian Gonsoir. "Now, I work with students from around the world and I love what I'm doing!"



Livonia resident Denise Henderson-Bills, a Madonna University graduate student majoring in education, gains experience lecturing the class.

A Madonna University Education Includes Community Service

Linda and her three children live in a home in Appalachia. The floor has holes, the windows need repairing, and no insulation means there is not enough heat in the winter. This is what life was like before Madonna University students gave up their spring break to help Linda and other impoverished families repair their homes.

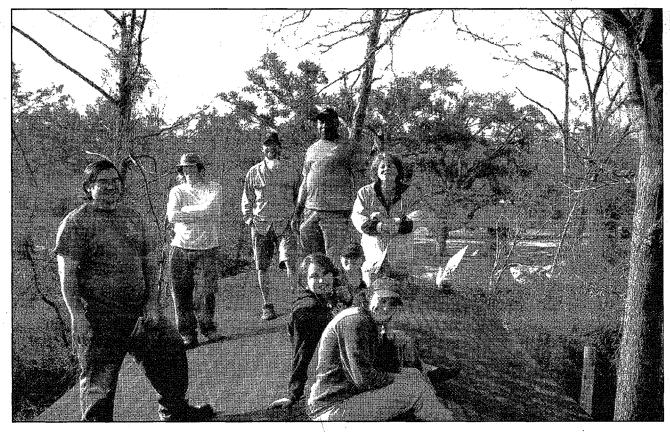
The students were joined by Madonna University faculty, staff, and community members in their efforts to improve lives in Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina. Madonna University's Campus Ministry and the Service Learning Center organized the trips to give volunteers the chance to experience personal and spiritual growth while helping others.

Student volunteer Mary Therese La Palm knew she was going to see the daily struggles of life in Appalachia when she volunteered. Many families are destitute and cannot afford basic needs like indoor plumbing. Windows are repaired with cardboard and homes are often heated using unsafe methods. La Palm experienced firsthand the hardships endured by the families when she stayed in a small, chilly cabin heated only by a kerosene stove.

Despite having participated in previous alternative spring break projects, she still was not prepared for what she saw. "I was surprised," she admitted when describing her first encounter with Appalachian living conditions. "The cabins weren't what I expected at all. They were basically wood and the ply-board beds were built into the wall." However, she noted that the scenery was beautiful and the people were friendly.

Hundreds of miles away, in Biloxi, Miss., another group from Madonna University cleaned up the catastrophe left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. When the 30-foot surge hit, over 8,000 people evacuated the city. Many have not returned due to the housing shortage. Volunteers tore out the roof of a mobile home that had been flipped on its side during the storm. Some group members then journeyed to St. Bernard's Parish in Louisiana where they installed doors, new walls, and wiring. Others worked at an elementary school helping children with reading and special activities.

Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, members of the Madonna University community sponsored the Henry family, who had been displaced by the storm. Volunteers collected



Madonna University volunteers repair the roof of a Mississippi home damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

money, food, and household appliances to replace what they had lost. The Henrys, Louis, 69, Mary, 70, Denise, 46, Troy, 30, and Justin, 11 months, temporarily lived in Michigan.

Denise recently returned to Louisiana and the volunteers aided her in reconstructing her home. She surprised the group with a shellfish dinner made in traditional New Orleans style. Her neighbors joined in the festivities by providing music and the entire party had fun dancing and getting to know one another.

Meanwhile, over on the east coast, the Felician Sisters in Kingstree, South Carolina welcomed volunteers. The delicious homemade southern fare they prepared fueled volunteers as they helped the sisters with an after-school tutoring program and home repairs. Crystal Howard, who is working towards her pastoral ministry degree, found her time in South Carolina to be an eye-opening experience.

"Students need a sense of the world around them... so much focus in college is on the individual and everything for them, grades, socialization, what their future holds," said Howard. "We need to be made aware of others and what the real world is like."

Howard hopes to help organize the alternative spring break next year. She encourages family and friends to participate in this amazing opportunity.

"This is the trip that people should be apprehensive about, but go into headfirst anyways," said Howard. "You never know what God can do through an experience like this, and it is wonderful to see the story unfold!"

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Katherine Lebioda **Plymouth High School**

Katherine Lebioda of Canton Township plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn or the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study anthropology, biology or Asian studies.

"I am thinking about becoming a genetic researcher or a cultural anthropologist, specializing in Asian cultures," she said.

Lebioda was in Who's Who Among American High School Students, an AP Scholar and a Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist. She received an Academic Letter, and attended the National Student Leadership Conference.

Lebioda was secretary and president of the Asian Pacific American Club. Through the club, she participated in Relay for Life, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and Mam Non Lunar New Year.

As a Girl Scout, Lebioda attended Maybury Day Camp, crafted items for Mott Children's Hospital, served at a University of Michigan Natural History Museum station, helped younger Scouts, served at a Girl Scout Music Booster booth, did gift wrapping for the Humane Society, and participated in a square dance for younger girls, a flag ceremony, a Tonda encampment and ice cream social, and a mystery weekend for younger Scouts.

Through the National Honor Society, Lebioda was a Plymouth Orchestra usher, knit a hat for a chemo patient, and took part in a Tonda Santa breakfast, Christmas in the Village and Special Olympics.

She was on the golf team and was a Student Congress representative.

Richard Mui (political and economic systems and AP United States history) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Lebioda.

"While I never had the opportunity to have him as a teacher, as the previous advisor of the Asian Pacific American Club, we frequently had discussions about a variety of issues, ranging from whether an Asian American culture exists to how we know what is real," she said.

"He taught me about how to lead and how to use what I know about my culture to help shape my identity and find my place in the world."

Lebioda is the daughter of Daniel and Lesley Lebioda, and the sister of Kimberly, 16, Steven, 14, and Chris, 12.

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Kimberly L. Martinez Stevenson High School

Kimberly L. Martinez of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study kinesiology and movement science.

"I want to become a physical therapist specializing in orthopedics and hopefully work for MedSport or a private clinic," she said.

Martinez received the Summa Cum Laude award three times, the Western-Lakes Athletic Association Scholar Athlete award six times and an Academic Letter. She was inducted as a member of the National Honor Society.

Martinez was Class Council secretary and treasurer.

She was in the Spirit Club, the Community Service Club and varsity pompon; participated in the Early Literacy Volunteer Program and Stevenson's tutoring program; and volunteered for various events, such as the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis, the Walk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and the collection of money for a local hospice.

Kathy Ladd (accelerated English 11) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Martinez.

"She was the only teacher who really oushed me to write well," she said. "Her class forced me to work hard and really analyze the books I was reading in order to write quality essays on them. She also was the best grammar teacher I've ever had.

"If it wasn't for her, my ACT score wouldn't have been so high. It's because of her that I did so well on the English and reading portion. She is an amazing person and I owe her much gratitude."

Martinez is the daughter of Gary and Vicki Martinez, and the sister of Melissa, 13.



Zhe Guan Churchill High School

Zhe Guan of Westland plans to attend Harvard College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Michigan, to study undergraduate biomedical engineering

He then plans to attend medical school or pursue a research career in a biomedical subfield.

"I would like to become a medical researcher to find cures to diseases such as AIDS, cardiovascular disease and the avian flu," Guan said.

Guan received Summa Cum Laude, won the Michigan Math Prize Competition Bronze Award and won fourth prize in the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit. He was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and an AP Scholar with Honors.

Guan was Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad captain, and principal tuba in the wind ensemble. He played piano in the jazz band, sousaphone in the marching band, and tuba and flute in various chamber ensembles

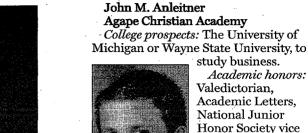
Guan was in Michigan Math League and other math prize competitions.

He was an active volunteer with the Westland Public Library and Livonia Public Library's Early Literacy Volunteer program.

Joel Meloche (biology) and Mary Buda (algebra and calculus) are the teachers who had the greatest influence on Guan

"Joel Meloche's infectious passion in life science has inspired me to pursue scientific research in this field," he said. "Mary Buda always made math as enjoyable and rewarding as it was challenging.'

Guan is the son of Tan Yang and Jianmin Guan, the stepson of Zhuoran Guan, and the stepbrother of Lingqian Yuan, 19.



study business. Academic honors: Valedictorian, Academic Letters. National Junior Honor Society vice president, freshman class treasurer, Superior Awards, Algebra II Award, Chemistry Award, History Award, Bible Award, Biology

Anleitner

Award, Speech/Drama Award, English Award, Advanced Math Award, Varsity soccer (Leader by Example), varsity basketball (Most Valuable Offense Award), varsity baseball (Co-Most Improved).

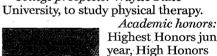
Extracurricular activities: Captain of basketball and soccer teams, leader in chapels, class officer, volunteer discipleship server at youth group and church.

Influential teacher: Allen Shuh (calculus, Bible II). "He has shown me the great importance of knowing Jesus and also guided me into a leadership role at the school. He's always there to talk about anything."

Anleitner, of Canton Township, is the son of Keith and Gerry Anleitner, and the brother of Paul, 23, Heather, 20, and Mary, 11.

T.J. Bartholomew

Huron Valley Lutheran High School College prospects: Wayne State





Highest Honors junior year, High Honors sophomore year. Extracurricular activities: Percussion in band, choir, Hawk Singers member. Influential teacher: Tracey Bunde (grade school). "She made learning fun. School became something I

looked forward to." Bartholomew, of Wayne, is the son of Tod and Lori Bartholomew, and the brother of Jacob, 22.



Courtney Canada Lutheran High Westland

College prospects: The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study cell and molecular biology. Academic honors: Awards for Excellence in English 9, Spanish I, advanced algebra,



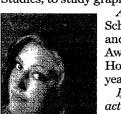
advanced biology and trigonometry/calculus. National Honor Society.

Extracurricular activities: Figure skating through the United States Figure Skating Association, Vacation Bible School volunteer, group skating lesson volunteer, dance committee, special functions committee.

Influential teacher: Mike Unger (AP calculus). "He has taught me how to think critically, how to think through complex concepts and how to test the limits of my mind.

Canada, of Redford Township, is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Jane Canada, and the sister of Keith, 30, Shantel, 24, Adam, 21, Josh, 19, Laith, 15, Julian, 14, Rhianna, 12, Zachary, 11, and Camryn, 7. Alyssa Chambo

Garden City High School College prospects: College for Creative Studies, to study graphic design or art.



Academic honors: Scholar Athlete, Art and Math Department Awards, Top 10 of class, Honor Roll all four years. Extracurricular

activities: Student Council president, National Honor Society, Key Club, KICK (an organization

of upperclassmen that helps incoming freshmen adjust to high school), varsity soccer, varsity cross country captain.

Influential teacher: Danielle Mitoraj (art). "She helped me with my art so much. She helped me loosen up and explore various techniques that have helped my art work.

Chambo, of Garden City, is the daughter of Al and Lisa Chambo, and the sister of Joshua, 14, Andrew, 14, and Brianna, 13.

Natalie Cochran

Thurston High School

College prospects: The University of Detroit Mercy, to participate in the Physician's Assistant Program.

Academic honors: MEAP Scholarship, top of class.

Extracurricular activities: Link Crew, varsity basketball, junior varsity soccer, SADD, National Honor Society parliament, Dauntless, lector at St. Robert Bellarmine.

Influential teachers: "Kelly Mandeville (AP English) taught me how to write to express my ideas. Jennifer Gerish (AP Spanish and 1, 2, 3) taught me never to give up.

Cochran, of Redford, is the daughter of Mark and Janell Cochran, and the sister of Emily, 19, Jonathan, 12, and Hannah, 5.

Matthew Fitzgibbon Garden City High School College prospects: Wayne State University, Lawrence Tech, University of

Detroit Mercy, the University of Michigan-Dearborn or Eastern Michigan University, to study pre-med.

Academic honors: National Honor Society secretary, Top 10 junior and sophomore, Scholar Athlete, Honor Roll four years, Principal's Service Award, LTU Excellence in Math and Science,

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Finalist.

Fitzgibbon

Extracurricular activities: Swim captain, football, baseball, set up and participated in Burger Haunted House for youngsters, Adopt A Needy Family, Burger Christmas Carnival, Ronald McDonald House, Empty Bowl Banquet, decorated for prom and for homecoming, March of Dimes, Light House Mission Center, worked sound board and lighting at Warren Road Church during services, set up stage for Power Team at church, volunteer coach for Little League football camp, tutored students, painted notices on drains to help preserve Rouge Wetlands.

Influential teacher: Mrs. Navoy (fourth grade). "She always pushed me harder than I pushed myself and helped me to succeed."

Fitzgibbon, of Garden City, is the son of Robert and Debra Fitzgibbon, and the brother of Devon Dean, 23.

Marissa K. Flores

John Glenn High School College prospects: The University of

Michigan, to study neurology and psychol-

Academic honors: Honor Roll, Academic Wall of Fame, Academic Letter. Extracurricular activities: Marching band, orchestra, G-Force, DARE, Student Government, golf, National Honor

Society, ran Bingo at Flores American House. Influential teacher: Sarah Boyce (English). "She talks to us like we're peo-

ple, not just kids. Flores, of Westland, is the daughter of

Larry and Margaret Flores, and the sister of Audra, 13.

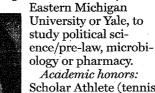


Julie Francisco

Francisco

RUNNERS-UP

Stevenson High School College prospects: The University of Michigan, Michigan State University,



Scholar Athlete (tennis and golf), Summa Cum Laude each year, Honor Roll each semester, WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 Brightest and Best, AP Scholar with Honor.

Extracurricular activities: Tennis team letter winner (four years), golf, court-aide and helped with tennis class at YMCA. For tennis, state qualifier sophomore through senior years, state quarterfinalist senior year, No. 1 doubles and conference runnerup junior and senior years.

Influential teachers: Sean Horgan (chemistry, AP chemistry), Ellen Hamilton (third grade). "Mr. Horgan's class made me more interested in science and possibly pursuing a science-related career. I had to work hard in his class to get the grade, so it helped my work ethic. Mrs. Hamilton sparked my initial interest in academics. She helped me realize how important education is and how important it is to get on the right track early.

Francisco, of Livonia, is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Francisco, and the sister of Tim, 19, and Kevin, 14.

Nicholas Garant

Clarenceville Senior High School College prospects: The University of Michigan, to study engineering or busi-

> ness. Academic honors: Math Departmental Award, Academic Letter, MEAP Merit Scholar, Honor Roll.

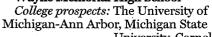
Extracurricular activities: Varsity soccer captain, varsity baseball and basketball, Student Congress senior class president,

National Honor Society, alto saxophone, blood drive volunteer.

Influential teacher: Joseph Waeschle (band). "Class was always interesting, playing music, enjoyed trips, and a golfer as well."

Garant, of Livonia, is the son of Cynthia Garant, and the brother of Matthew, 15.

Adam Gorring Wayne Memorial High School



University, Cornell University or Harvard University, to study business.

Academic honors: Science Olympiad multiple medal winner (13), Academic Letters, Certificate of Completion of Reality Store, Awards of **Excellence** in Science Olympiad, National

Gorring

Honor Society Pin, Board of Education Voice of Democracy Recognition Award, Honor Award St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Participation, Student Senate Leadership, Dedication and Responsibility, Student Senate Senators Award, Harris Kehrer VFW Writers Participation Award, Certificate of Achievement and Exceptional Performance at The Regional Center for Mathematics and Science. Scholarship awards: VFW Voice of Democracy Award, VFW Patriots Pen Award, Siena Heights Mentor Match Scholarship Recipient, Upward Bound Community Service Scholarship. Underclass Honors Award in National Honor Society, Accelerated Chemistry, Social Science, English/Language Arts, English/Language Arts and Social Science Voice of

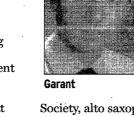
Democracy, President Class of 2007, Outstanding Student in Freshman Class. Scholar Athlete, varsity letters in football, junior varsity letter in baseball, varsity letter in track and field.

Extracurricular activities: Senior class president, junior class president, National Honor Society executive president, pep assembly chairperson, homecoming and coming home dance chairperson, Leadership Camp chairperson, church youth group, Mix It Up Day chairperson. Volunteer at canned food drive, senior center, Salvation Army, Wrestling Boosters, Walker Winter Elementary School Kids Carnival, Wayne Recreation Center Kids Carnival and Children's Marshmallow Drop, Wayne Public Library.

Influential teacher: Cindy Dietz (AP English). "The teacher that had the greatest input on me. Her teaching style has always interested me and she has always been a teacher that I could depend on."

Gorring, of Wayne, is the son of Tim and Jean Gorring, and the brother of Patrick, 20.

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Cameron Groenewoud Plymouth Christian Academy College prospects: Grand Valley State University, to study special education.



Academic honors: Valedictorian, various department awards including AP U.S. History, High Honor Roll, National Honors

Society. Extracurricular activities: Junior class president, sophomore and senior class Student Council representative, assistant cho-

Groenewoud

reographer for school revue, Woman of Valor for junior varsity cheer, St. Michael's Lutheran Church nursery worker.

Influential teachers: Karen Hott (chemistry, physics), Jeff Schmidt (American history, AP U.S. history). "She teaches in a way I understand well and she really cares about her students' lives. He is dedicated to his students' learning and sacrifices a lot for us."

Groenewoud, of Plymouth, is the daughter of Gary Groenewoud and Charlotte Kulman, and the sister of Riley, 15, and Kendall, 11.

Amanda Gruenewald

Huron Valley Lutheran High School College prospects: Central Michigan University, to study construction management.



Academic honors: Marie Curie Award, Spanish Achievement Award, Highest Honors.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball, volleyball and softball. Class president grades 9-12, choir.

Gruenewald

Gruenewald, of New Hudson, is the daughter of Rob and Cindy Gruenewald, and the

sister of Erik, 18, and Bryan, 14. Lauren Kasprowicz **Belleville High School**

College prospects: Michigan State University, to study nursing.



Academic honors: Honor Roll, graduating with Highest Honors. Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Spanish Club.

Influential teacher: Daryl Niner (English). "He challenges his students, while still being fun. I learned a lot in his class.

Kasprowicz, of Belleville, is the daughter of Donald Kasprowicz, and the sister of Joe, 22.

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MacLeish

Erin MacLeish

Belleville High School

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College prospects: Eastern Michigan University, to study "something related to art or psychology.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, valedictorian. Extracurricular activities: Art Club, varsity soccer, junior varsity tennis.

Influential teachers: Cori Kidder (American history), Daryl Niner (English), David Medley (art history,

painting). "These teachers influenced me the most because they really enjoyed and understood their subjects and kept me interested and challenged."

MacLeish, of Belleville, is the daughter of Tammara and James MacLeish IV, and the sister of Rachel, 16, James, 14, and Tyler, 11.

Laura Marshall

Franklin High School

College prospects: Grand Valley, Eastern Michigan University or the University of Detroit Mercy, to study mathematics education and French.



Academic honors: Academic Honor Roll (four years), Scholar Athlete (11 times), **Outstanding Student** of America, Prudential Spirit of Community Certificate of Merit. FHS Nominee for Michigan High School Athletics Association Scholar Athlete Award, FHS Nominee for

Toyota Community Scholars, FHS PTSA Founder's Day Honoree.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity cross country, volleyball and track. National Honor Society, junior varsity basketball. Girl Scouts of America; Girl Scout Cadette/Senior Planning Board president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary; Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard patrol leader and senior patrol leader; Girl Scout Gold Award (collected school supplies for first graders at Westside Multicultural Academy of Detroit and taught science to the two first grade classrooms). Helped at Detroit Free Press marathon, tutored freshmen, volunteered at Special Olympics, Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Relay for Life, planned and helped with training of gift wrap booth, volunteered at family Easter event at Manoogian Mansion, volunteered at school craft show. Collected, packaged and delivered Thanksgiving baskets for poor families from Thorne Elementary.

Influential teachers: Dave Bjorklund (AP calculus, track and cross country coach). "He is very supportive, enthusiastic and motivating, both in the classroom and on the track. He makes calculus easy to understand, and is willing to go to any length to help a student."

Julie Smith (French). "She is easy to listen to when she teaches, and knows each student personally. She is very understanding and her class makes me feel relaxed for tests and quizzes. I would not like French half as much if she was not my teacher."

Marshall, of Livonia, is the daughter of Derek and Therese Marshall, the sister of Kerstin, 23, Michael (deceased), and Bryan, 28, and the sister-in-law of Amanda, 29.

Margaret Mueller

Ladywood High School College prospects: The University of Michigan College of Engineering, Eastern

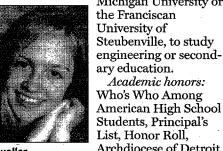
Michigan University or

Academic honors:

Archdiocese of Detroit

List, Honor Roll,

the Franciscan



Mueller

Academic All-Stars (three years), Eastern Michigan

University's Regents Scholarship for Academics.

Extracurricular activities: International Thespian Society treasurer, Tri-M Music Honor Society secretary, National Honor Society, summer volunteer at the Public Library of Westland, choir, piano, drama.

Influential teacher: Ellen Purrenhage-Taber (English). "She has inspired me to be dedicated in all things I love to do. Her example has helped inspire a deeper love of learning and respect for educators.

Mueller, of Westland, is the daughter of John and Claire Mueller, and the sister of Joe, 26, Elisabeth, 24, Matthew, 14, and Peter, 5.

Julie Mulloy

Mercy High School

College prospects: The University of Michigan or Notre Dame, to study liberal arts.



Academic honors: National Honor Society vice president, Camp Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Award of Excellence (best staff editorial), Forensics Team placed first in Catholic League Tournament in dra-

matic duo, National Science Exam Awards for physics (top score in school) and biology, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association

Honorable Mention (pro/con editorial),

National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude, Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic All-Catholic Team, Scholastic art competition Participation Award, Honor Roll.

Extracurricular activities: International Thespian Society vice president, managing editor, Mercy mentor, Students Against Destructive Decisions, class president, Junior Classical League, Sauk Valley Field Hockey Camp. Forensics Team varsity letter (dramatic duo), qualified and attended Grand National Tournament. Stage, night and makeup crews for plays and musicals. St. John Hospice administrative volunteer, Make-A-Wish volunteer, Mercy open house and auction, Our Lady of Sorrows food drive, incoming freshman orientation speaker, Irish dance.

Influential teacher: Judy Pauley (biology). "Mrs. Pauley has been both an excellent teacher and an encouraging adviser over the past four years."

Mulloy, of Northville, is the daughter of Janet and Marty Mulloy, and the sister of Eileen, 20.

Kyle Ramthun Lutheran High Westland

College prospects: Calvin College, to study journalism or pre-medicine.



National Honor Society, Academic All-Conference, Spanish Department Award, English Department Award. Extracurricular

Academic honors:

activities: All-State in soccer; All-Conference in basketball, soccer and track; earned 10 varsity letters. Soccer captain. Chamber

Singers, youth group vice president, usher at Guardian Lutheran.

Influential teacher: Kent Weier (AP U.S. history). "He taught me to be disciplined and how to write with structure."

Ramthun, of Dearborn, is the son of Dan and Linda Ramthun, and the brother of Kelsey, 19, and Katey, 16. Aaron Rickle

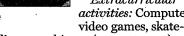
Agape Christian Academy

College prospects: Lawrence

Technological University, to study computer science.



Academic honors: National Junior Honor Society, Spanish II Award, Art Award, Academic Letter, President's Physical Fitness Award, Bible Award, Biology Award, World History Award. Extracurricular activities: Computers.



boarding, graphic art (computer art), piano, producing music on computer, audio/visual equipment operator at



church, nursing home ministry,

Influential teacher: Ann Johannes (algebra I). "I could not have had a better introduction to high school math, and was taught a strong foundation for subjects to come."

Rickle, of Westland, is the son of Mark and Dianne Rickle, and the brother of Matthew, 25.

Jessica L. Riggs

John Glenn High School College prospects: The University of Michigan-Dearborn, to study psychology. Academic honors:



Society, Honor Roll. Extracurricular activities: Golf Team co-captain, class president. Student Council. yearbook co-editor-inchief.

Influential teacher: Kristin Grande. "Herlove of psychology has inspired me to pursue

Riggs

the subject." Riggs, of Westland, is the daughter of Russell Riggs, and the sister of Charlie, 13. Kelly Roulier

Franklin High School College prospects: Michigan State

University, the University of Michigan, Purdue University or the



Dame, to study engineering. Academic honors: Michigan Mathematics

University of Notre

Prize Competition Finalist, Madame Curie Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics from the Society of Women

Engineers, FHS Scholar

Roulier

Athlete, Michigan High School Athletics Association Scholar Athlete Nominee, Honor Roll, Founder's Day Honoree, Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Competition Participant, Dean's Scholarship from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Academic Success Award from Purdue University.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity soccer and cross country, basketball, club soccer, volleyball, National Honor Society, church youth group, hand bell choir, band (clarinet), Tennessee Outreach Program, church youth volunteer.

Influential teachers: Lynn Massucci (Spanish), Terri Bennett (algebra 2). "Mrs. Massucci used her passion for Spanish to inspire her students. She taught us Spanish but also prepared us for success in other areas of life as well. Mrs. Bennett made math interesting through her real world examples of how algebra applied to our daily lives.

Roulier, of Livonia, is the daughter of Laura and Randy Roulier, and the sister of Erin, 15, and Brian, 12.

Cailey Ryckman Ladywood High School

College prospects: The University of Michigan, to study business and Spanish. Academic honors:

National Merit Commended Student, Principal's List/Honor Roll (all semesters), varsity Scholar Athlete. Extracurricular activities: Society of Mary Angela president, National Honor Society president/vice president. Garbonics Club founding member, pro-life

committee president/co-founder, Environmental Club, Spanish Club, varsity swim team, volunteer and lector at St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church.

Ryckman

Sloma

Influential teachers: Melody Lewis (Spanish), Elizabeth Miller (Spanish), Gale Schwalm (math). "They make sure that I truly understand the material presented and care about their students and their success.

Ryckman, of Livonia, is the daughter of Robert and Carrie Ryckman, and the sister of Lainey, 15, Maris, 12, and Jack, 9. Claire Sloma

Redford Union High School *College prospects:* The University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and

the Arts, to study com-



University (Faculty Achievement and Bowling Green Success).

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, SADD, Link Crew, theater, madrigal chorale, teen journalist/editor for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, dual enrollment at Schoolcraft College, basketball, volleyball, softball.

Influential teachers: Judy Korybalski (English), Sue Ureste (English, Spanish), Kevin Cushman (music). "They've counseled, supported and encouraged me to be the best person I can be."

Sloma, of Redford Township is the daughter of Brian and Peggy Sloma, and the sister of Samantha, 22.

Rachel Stuyvenberg Redford Union High School

College prospects: Wayne State

University, to study communications or journalism.

Academic honors: All-A Honor Roll (four years), National Council of English Teachers Writing Contest Nominee, Merit

Stuyvenberg

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Extracurricular activities: Student Advisory Council Executive Board president, Varsity Pom captain, Link Crew Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Board of Children Affairs, Students Against Destructive Decisions,

yearbook staff, Children's Hospital Snow Pileup donator, Walk for Diabetes, Walk for Cystic Fibrosis, Relay for Life, collected canned goods for poor on Halloween for Goodfellows, Red Cross blood donor, Purple Heart donor, Homework Hangout tutor. Chairman of organized car wash to raise money for Michigan Animal Adoption Network, organized school-wide Penny Wars to raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, raised money for AIDS foundation and AIDS school-wide awareness. Volunteer for Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family, Garden City wheelchair basketball, Ronald McDonald House, Day of Play, St. Valentine's Church Fun Run, decorating church at holidays, Clean-up Redford, Goodfellows canned goods pack-

Night at local elementary schools, Bunny Brunch at Community Center, local spaghetti dinner to raise money for medical care for Redford citizen.

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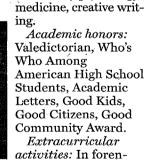
Influential teacher: Bonnie Crysler (first grade). "She taught me to believe in myself and help others.

Stuyvenberg, of Redford, is the daughter of Carmen and John Stuyvenberg, and the sister of John, 19.

Brett Tavana

Wayne Memorial High School College prospects: The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study psychology,

Tavana



sics, assistant captain, regional runner-up

(persuasive speech), district runner-up (interpretive poetry). Stage IV Youth Theatre, tutoring, National Honor Society board member, National Hispanic Honor Society, volunteer usher and organizer for Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, volunteer for City of Wayne.

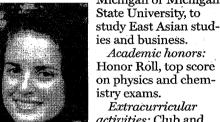
Influential teachers: Tracy Stahl (psychology) - "Her enthusiasm about the material was contagious. She made you want to learn." Gina Strand (English, public speaking) - "She genuinely cared about her students and wanted the best out of them, a natural motivator and coach." Denise Bateson (calculus) - "Math isn't an overwhelming terror in her class. She teaches as if a student were to teach; she keeps in mind what it's like to be learning something new." Cindy Dietz (AP English) - "Who knew somebody could make Shakespeare interesting? This is an amazing feat for a high school teacher."

Tavana, of Wayne, is the son of Diane Tavana, and the brother of Trisha Lloyd, 14.

Mara Weber

Mercy High School

College prospects: Kalamazoo College, DePauw University, the University of Michigan or Michigan



istry exams. Extracurricular activities: Club and varsity soccer, captain of varsity Quiz Bowl I,

Mercy Shakespeare Society, Science Club, volunteer at Novi Public Library.

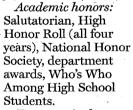
Influential teachers: "Debbie Hall (academic resource) and Jim Lee (social studies) first encouraged me to think as well as simply learn.

Weber, of Novi, is the daughter of Kari Lyn Wiljanen Weber and Michael Joseph Weber, and the sister of Kara, 15, Elaina, 13, and Ben, 11.

Katie Wendt

Plymouth Christian Academy College prospects: Grand Valley State

journalism.



Extracurricularactivities: Varsity volleyball, junior class vice

president, senior class president, youth

Influential teacher: Melissa Flores (English). "She has always been so encouraging toward me all through high school in everything I've done.'

Wendt, of Canton, is the daughter of Doug and Carol Wendt, and the sister of Jonathan, 20.

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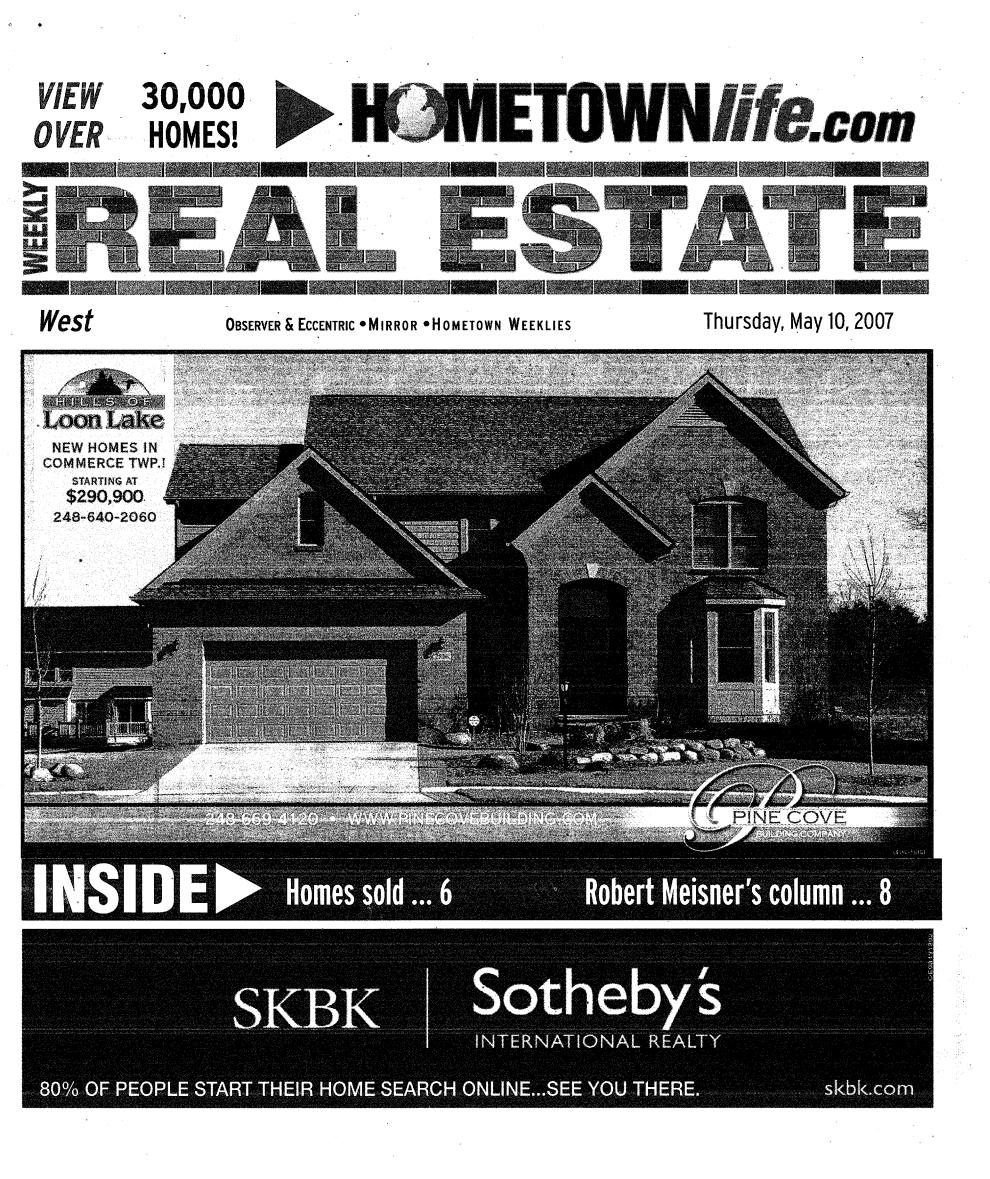
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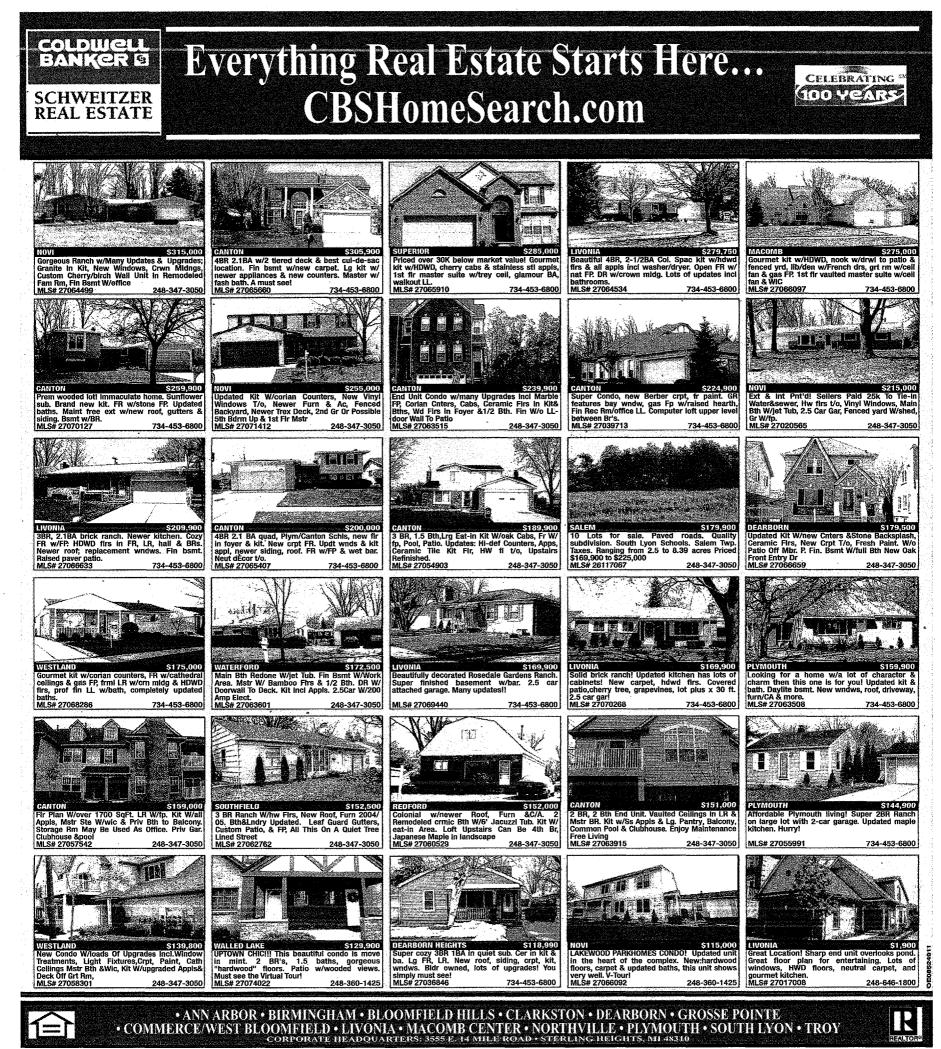
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Easy ways to customize your home's exterior

(NewsUSA) — In a country that abounds with suburban developments of similar-looking homes, adding a personal touch to your property might be high on your list of priorities.

In the past, the options for customizing the exterior features of a house may have been few and far between. But today, everything from siding to roofing is available in a wide range of styles, colors and designs.

If you're looking to customize your castle with ease, concentrate your efforts on a few of the following areas:

Trim. Exterior trim can give your home a graceful, almost Victorian appearance. One option is Restoration Millwork from CertainTeed, which comes in 15 shapes and has a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) composition that looks and feels

like wood, but performs even better. ■ Siding. If you want to give your home a fast and major makeover, con-

sider replacing its siding. Available in a vast array of colors and textures, siding can make your home stand out and increase its value. Vinyl and fiber cement are two materials that are easy to maintain and will last over time.

Decking. Outdoor living is a hot trend this year and adding a deck is one of the most dramatic ways to customize your home. Since many decks are made with easy-to-clean materials such as weather-resistant composite decking, they're easy to maintain as well.

Railing. To match a new deck or patio, consider adding a railing such as the Panorama Composite Railing. This product is a new industry favorite. Its core is made of a durable composite material that is capped with colonialwhite or desert-tan PVC for a lasting, freshly painted look.

Composite and steel balusters allow you to further customize the look of the railing and decking.

■ Roofing. A set of new shingles can add a touch of personality to your home or improve its curb appeal if you're planning on selling it. Since the roof covers the most area of a home's exterior, it makes a big difference in first impressions.

Fencing. The wood look is often a favorite for fencing. And, with the Bufftech Chesterfield privacy fence, a product that features CertaGrain authentic wood texture, homeowners can achieve the wood look with all the long-lasting, fade-resistant benefits of a vinyl fence.

For more information, visit www.certainteed.com or call (800) 782-8777.



Trim pieces can add a touch of style and personality to your home.



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Text your way to your next home

(NewsUSA) — It took a while, but Americans have tapped into the text messaging craze full force. According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, a trade association for the wireless communication industry, U.S. cell phone users sent more than 64.8 billion text messages in the first six months of 2006, up 98.8 percent from the first six months of the previous vear.

These days, there's a lot more to do with that tiny keypad than text messaging your friends and family. If you're house hunting, for example, and spot a home you like, you may even be able to receive the listing information on your phone with a simple text message.

If the home is listed through ERA Real Estate, all you have to do is send a text message with the property ID number, displayed on the for-sale sign, to "TXT ERA" or 898372. House hunters can also choose to be notified by text message when homes that meet their requirements become available.

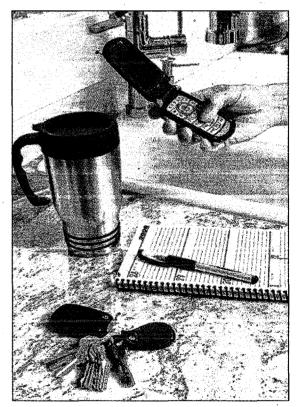
"We're always looking for ways to better service our customers, including communicating in ways that best fit their ever-changing lifestyle," said Bill Cogan, ERA vice president of interactive marketing. Noting that ERA was "founded

on technology," Cogan says his company was the first national real estate brand to tap into the mobile frontier with ERA.com Mobile, a service that allows customers to view ERA's listings and use its other Web tools from their cell phone's Internet browser.

Text messaging seemed like a logical next step for the tech-savvy company. In fact, it may be ahead of the curve.

According to the research firm In-Stat, wireless text messaging is expected to increase six-fold between now and 2009.

So far, ERA has found that its text messaging service is most popular with first-time homebuyers. That may come as no surprise to some industry experts, considering a study by comScore Networks that reports 46 percent of people between the ages of 25 and 34 consider text messaging to be of "high importance" when choosing a cell phone. Soon enough, it may be of high importance when choosing a home as well.



Some prospective homebuyers are now using text messaging to get listing information for homes they are interested in.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 8-12, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices. Canton

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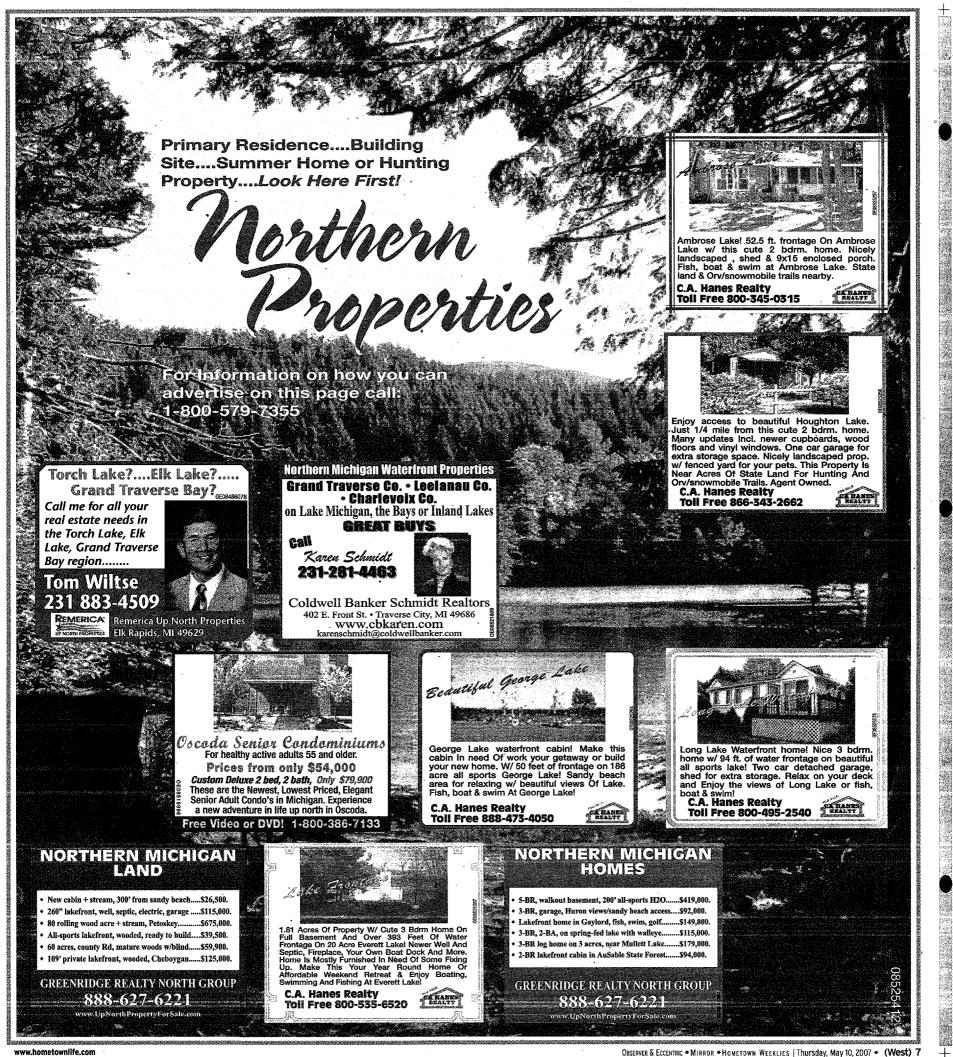
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Florida law differs a bit on-as is property

Q. I am in the process of selling my home in Florida and I understand that there are some peculiar provisions in the sales agreements that are different from what is typically found in Michigan, particularly with respect

to "as-is" sales. Do you have any comment? A. Based upon my discussions with a

prominent Florida Realtor and my review of Florida documents, it appears that even though used homes are sold on an as is basis, there is usually up to a 12 percent fee imposed on the seller's



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obligation to make repairs to the unit unless that is waived. These repairs would also include termite and wood damage and unless that clause is removed from the agreement, the seller would have an obliga-

would have an obliga tion under the standard form agreement to

Save Thousands When Moving to a Larger Home by Avoiding These 6 Costly Mistakes

FARMINGTON HILLS - A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that home buyers make when moving to a larger home.

Unlike the experience of buying a first home, when you're looking to move-up, and already own a home, there are certain factors that can complicate the situation. It's very important for you to understand these issues before you list your home for sale.

Not only is there the issue of financing to consider, but you also have to sell your present home at exactly the right time in order to avoid either the financial burden of owning two homes or, just as bad, the dilemma of having no place to

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live during the gap between closings. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Inside Strategies to Avoid Trade-Up Mistakes".

These six strategies will help you make informed choices before you put your home onthe market in anticipation of moving to a larger

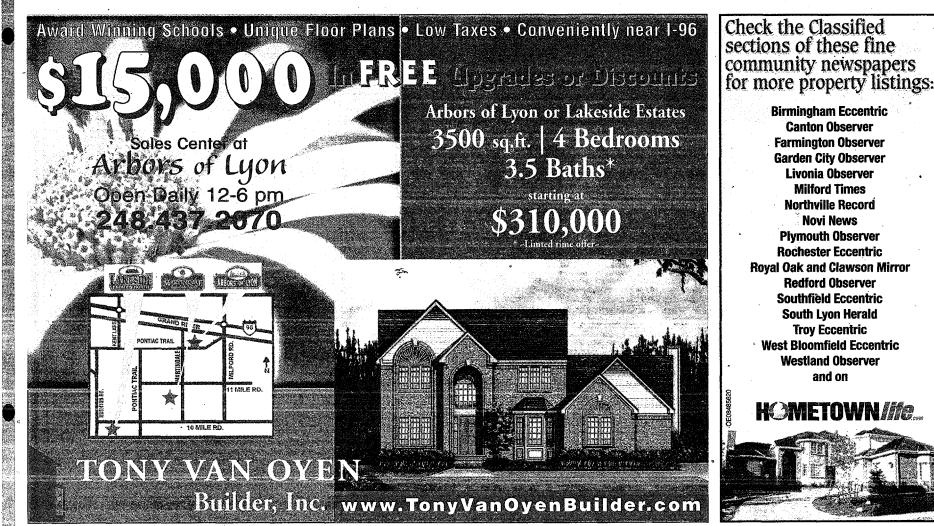
home. To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your free copy of this report, call 1-800-449-3218 and enter ID#2011. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out what you need to know to make your move up to a larger home worryfree and without complications. make those repairs and/or defray the cost of same. That also gives the buyer, of course, still the opportunity to inspect the premises. This is somewhat unusual as it relates to Michigan where you do not normally find that type of clause.

Q. Our condo association is built in the form a townhouse community and we have just passed a rule concerning smoking in the townhouse unit. Do you think it is reasonable to enforce it?

A. While there are diverse views on this, a Colorado judge has recently upheld a homeowner's association order barring a couple from smoking in their townhouse. The case was initiated as a result of the condo association amending its bylaws to prohibit smoking. The co-owners argued that it was unreasonable for the association to ban smoking in their home, on their patio, or anywhere on the condominium grounds. The condo association responded to complaints from other co-owners who said that cigarette smoking was seeping into their units creating a smoke smell that was quite strong at times. They argued that, as with loud music, the rights of the community trump the rights of an individual resident. A district judge in Colorado ruled that the association can ban the smoking in the co-owners' home unit because "smoke and/or smoke smell" is not contained to one area and the smell "constitutes a nuisance." This may be the first of many cases involving this issue.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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CREW seeks entries for real estate **Impact Awards**

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) now has 2007 entry packages available online for its sixth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW Detroit Impact Awards.

The awards recognize two recently completed southeast Michigan commercial properties that significantly improve their surrounding communities.

The 2007 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW Detroit member, said Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, award committee chair. A list of companies with a CREW Detroit member is available at crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

be downloaded now at crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Printed forms are available from Norma Beuter at (248) 646-0629 or beuter@comcast.net. Completed forms should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by June 1. Entrants will then receive an entry package outlining the submission requirements. Those completed entry packages are due on or before June 29.

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Real Estate One will be holding prelicensing classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Monday, June 4. Evening classes from 6-9 p.m. starting May 14 run Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for 3 weeks. Call (800) 889-9001 to register.

Start your own business

Real Estate One is always looking for. good people. Career seminar 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the corporate office. Register by calling (800) 889-9001. Space is limited. Discount prelicensing coupon for attending.

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course - Safety and Security - from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superin-

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tendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday. May 16. at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BLA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio

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tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses **Building it Right: Quality Construction** for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) - from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction

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Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For regis-tration information, call (248) 862-1033.

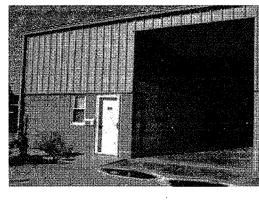
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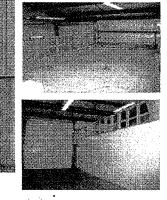
Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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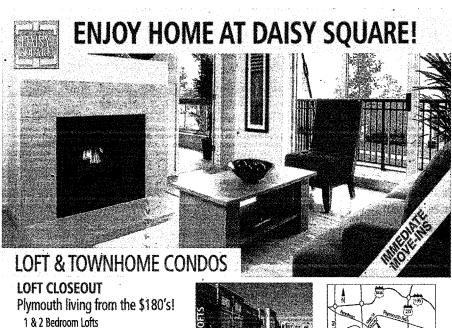
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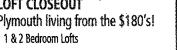
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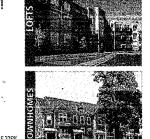
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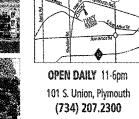
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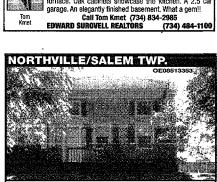
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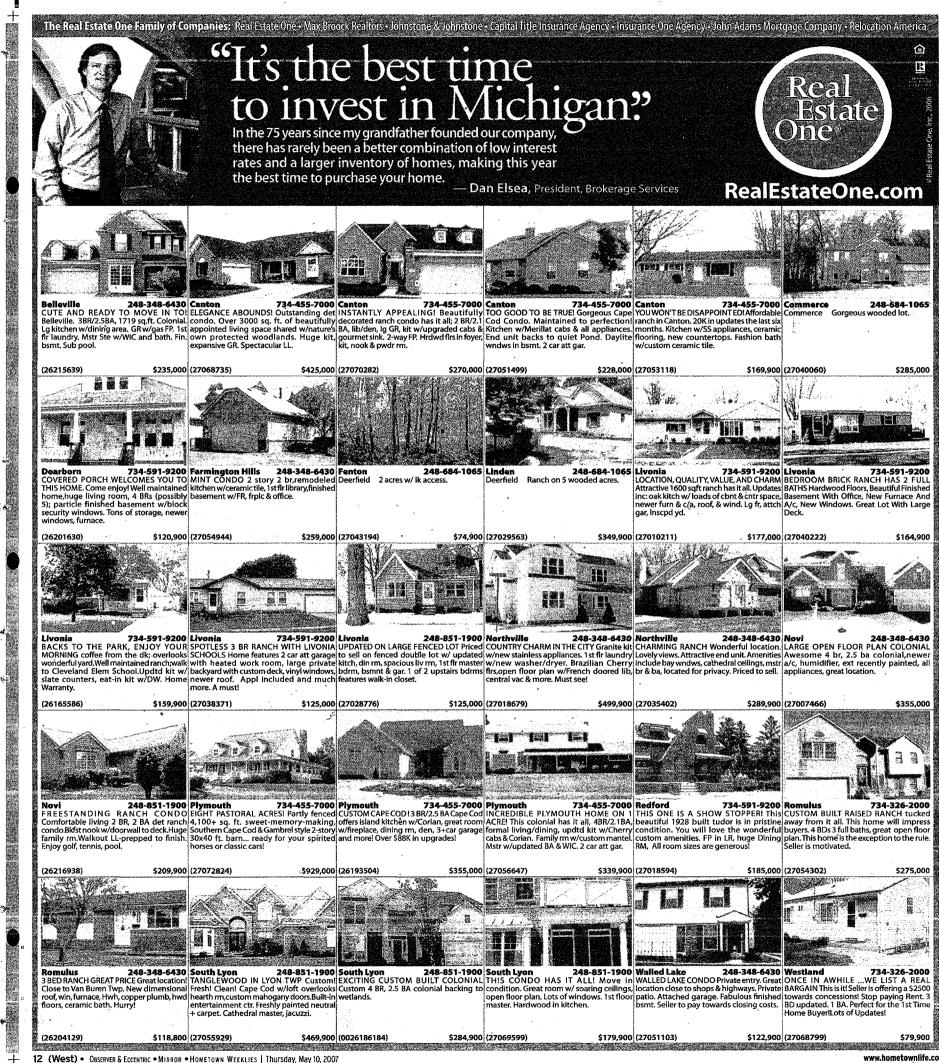
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