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# Presidential politics pop up in Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

California Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), who is seeking the Republican nomination for president, used E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth to outline the Restore Manufacturing Act he'll introduce in the U.S. House of Representatives, one he says will eliminate all federal income taxes on domestic manufacturers and level the playing field against low-cost global competition.

"If you stay in the United States and you employ Americans and don't go off shore, my bill cuts your manufacturing taxes to zero," Hunter told several hundred workers, supplier representatives and others at E&E Monday afternoon. "That will keep our industry here, and stop the ones that are being tugged off shore from going off shore. And I think that will bring some jobs back."

Hunter was in town to participate in Tuesday's presidential debate in Dearborn, which gave E&E owner Wes Smith an opportunity to show his support for Hunter. Smith said while the federal government announced 110,000 jobs were created last month, the manufacturing sector. lost 18,000 jobs, a total of 148,000 for the year and 3.4 million since

"Some of our friends in Washington will tell you these losses are the result of a more efficient, productive workforce," Smith told the audience. "The real efficiencies are in the purchasing departments of our largest multi-national corporations. They are working harder than ever to bring all their products, except components, from every low-cost country they can find.

"The economic and military might our nation has been built on the foundation of our vast manufacturing strength," he added. "This foundation is crumbling by the constant chipping away of low-cost and communist countries employing illegal trade practices."

Hunter received applause when he told workers he'll restore the nation's industrial base.

"I will stop China from cheating on jobs, and I will make sure we maintain and bring back to our country highpaying manufacturing jobs," Hunter said. "That's my promise to you."

That was good news to E&E employee Shirletha Garby, 43, of Detroit.

"I'm concerned about illegal immigrants and China taking all our work," Garby said. "I just want to see our jobs come back and our people back to

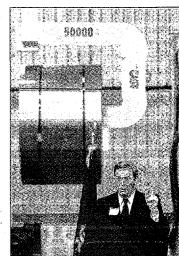
Smith, chairman of the national **Precision Metalformers Association** which is supporting Hunter's new bill, said there are better-known candidates, but he's supporting Hunter in his bid for the Republican nomination for president.

When you listen to the presidential debates, he's the only one who really talks about manufacturing, and he talks about it from the smalland medium-size point of view," Smith said. "Others will tell you things are great, wonderful, but it's not.

On other issues, Hunter said he's supportive of the current U.S. strategies in Iraq, and will work to stop illegal immigrants from crossing the U.S.

When people want to come into America, they'll have knock on the front door," Hunter said. "You have to enforce the law, and that means deporting people who are here illegally."

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Presidential hopeful Duncan Hunter talks about the loss of U.S. manufacturing at E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth Township.

# Politics 101

# State budget battle a 'hardball' lesson for freshman lawmaker

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau, D-Northville) became the surprise winner of the 20th House District seat last November, little did he realize opponents would be working almost immediately to bring the district - which had been in Republican hands for decades - back into the GOP

Reflecting on his first budget battle as a member of the state Legislature, Corriveau said much of the process had more to do with politics than budget balancing, with Republicans having targeted him since January, the beginning of his two-year term.

During the latest state budget process which resulted in an

Please see CORRIVEAU, A6



Looking somewhat worn out by the marathon budget battle, Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, waited for a press conference in Plymouth to begin.

# Police seek Chase bank robbery suspect

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township police are searching for the suspect in the robbery of the Chase bank at North Territorial and Sheldon in Plymouth Township Monday afternoon.

According to police, a man dressed in a black hooded sweatshirt, shorts and a ball cap, wearing what police called "an obvious black wig," entered the Chase branch around 2 p.m.

According to police, the suspect handed a teller a note demanding money, and an undisclosed amount of cash was turned over to him. The man left without ever displaying a weapon. No one was injured during the robbery, police said.

The suspect is described as a white male,



Plymouth Township police are looking for this suspect, described as a white male in his 30s wearing a wig, in connection with the robbery of the Chase bank at N. Territorial and Sheldon.

approximately in his 30s, with very long dark hair (possibly a wig), two days' facial growth, last seen wearing the black "hoodie" and shorts.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said employees told police the suspect had wrapped tape around his finger-

tips in an effort to avoid leaving fingerprints. According to police, the suspect was tracked by the department's K-9 unit to a parking lot near the bank. It appears the suspect entered a vehicle, and left the scene,

police said. As a precaution, Bird Elementary School officials were asked to keep students indoors while police conducted a search of the area.

Police have not yet identified a suspect, though Tiderington said they were working on "several potential leads."

Anyone with information can call the township police at (734) 354-3232.

# Panel to study 1 election shift 07

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A week after former Plymouth-Canton school board president Mark Horvath began an online petition drive asking the current Board of Education to move the school board elections from May to November to save as much as \$100,000 annually, current board President Judy Mardigian announced an ad-hoc committee has been set up to look at the pros and cons of moving the

"I've asked (Supt.) Dr. (Jim) Ryan to compile data ... to look at the cost for a May, August and November elections every year, and the similar election dates every other year," Mardigian said Tuesday night, "as well as consult with the MASB (Michigan Association

of School Boards) on the feasibility of different alternatives of holding

elections. "We want the committee to help us understand the pros and cons of different election dates, and come back to the full board with the information," she

Should Plymouth-Canton move its elections to November to save money?

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Mardigian appointed trustees Barry Simescu, Steven Sneideman and Nancy Eggenberger to the sub-committee. However, Simescu stepped down, citing an alreadycrowded schedule.

Three board members — Mardigian, Simescu and John Jackson — could potentially be affected by the timing of the final decision as all are up for re-election in May. Mardigian said she's "not sure" if the committee will be able to make its decision before Dec. 31, which is when the state needs to be notified of an election date change for 2008.

"I'd like to review how much it would cost the district to have the election in August versus November," Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said. "I think it's a good idea to have a committee to look at it closer, and we should make a decision before December so we can affect next year's budget."

Horvath, who has received hundreds of signatures on his online petition, said he doesn't see what's left to

"Judy thinks it will be too expensive for her to run next time (if the election is moved to November)," Horvath said. "I think it comes down to controlling elections versus putting money in the classroom. Call for a vote and let the public see where you stand."

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# **Coming Sunday** in Health

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Oct. 22 through Nov. 16. An artist's reception will be held 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, as an opportunity for friends, family and fellow artists to celebrate the life and talent of this popular area artist and writer who passed away suddenly June 29.

The show may be enjoyed during regular business hours at D & M Art Studios, 8691 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate **Shopping Center in Canton** (across from Mettetal Airport). For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

# Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his upcoming office hour in Plymouth on Monday, Oct. 15.

Corriveau will hold his office hour 10-11 a.m. in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Corriveau also holds office hours on the first Monday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, and on the first Friday of every month at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

In addition, Corriveau holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible. Businesses or organizations who would like to schedule an event with Corriveau can contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737) or send e-mail to

# MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov Baby Song

The Salvation Army is starting a new program called "Baby Song" for moms and their babies, with each session including time for moms to talk and babies to play, song time and snacks.

The cost is \$25 for a nineweek program beginning Oct. 16 and running through Dec. 11, from 6-7 p.m.

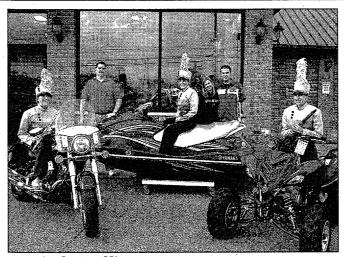
Call Cassie, (734) 453-5464, for more information.

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table is pleased to host Dr. Bill Anderson, former President of the Historical Society of Michigan and the author of 7 books. After a 33 year career as an educator, Dr. Anderson is now director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. His topic will concern the 19th Michigan Infantry, the subject of one of his books. The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd. east of Haggerty at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. October 18. The public is welcome, admission is free. For more information, please call 734-451-7998.

# Lincoln round-table

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# **Ready for raffle**

Time is winding down to purchase raffle tickets for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's 'Music and Motion' fund-raiser. The drawing is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Great Lakes Invitational band competition on the P-CEP varsity football field. The winner gets a recreational vehicle of his or her choice from Plymouth Motorsports in Plymouth, co-sponsors of the raffle. Choices include a 2007 Yamaha V Star Silverado, 2007 Yamaha VX Sport WaveRunner, 2007 Yamaha Raptor 700R and a 2008 Yamaha Phazer snowmobile with trailer. Tickets will be available for sale at Plymouth Motorsports, Lowes in Canton and at the Salem football game on Friday; At Greko Printing on Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth on Thursday; and at GLI on Saturday all day up to 6 p.m.

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# Cox meeting

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will hold office hours 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main, in Plymouth. "I will provide an overview on the county's current budget year, which began Oct. 1, and also pro-

**CORRECTIONS** 

■ Plymouth's lone goal in its

1-1 tie with Livonia Churchill

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Sunday's Observer mistakenly

■ The editorial in Sunday's

Observer should have pointed

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vide updates on other county initiatives," Commissioner Cox said. Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township. For more information, contact Carrie Ryckman in Commissioner Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

# DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth chapter meet 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady.

Guest speaker Beth Stewart, former director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, will talk about historical pres-

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

# School of music

The Salvation Army School of Music is starting up, with the fall/winter class running through Feb. 5. This year's school features two-part sessions: Part 1 is Youth Chorus 6-6:30 p.m. and part 2 is Group Music Lessons 6:30-7:30 p.m. The youth chorus is free and the music lessons are \$75.00 for a 15 week ses-

For more information call Captain Pat Irvine. (734) 453-

# Texas Hold 'Em

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) hosts a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Saturday, Oct. 20, to help support its local aviation education and scholarship programs.

Entry fee is \$60, with a top prize between \$500-\$1,000. Scaled payout to the top 20 percent of players.

Registration is at 2 p.m., with the tournament starting at 3 p.m. For more information visit www.113poker.org

# St. John's concert

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts "Cosmopolitan Connections," an early music concert featuring cantatas of the 17th-century German master Dieterich Buxtehude and solo harpsichord works by Johann Froberger.

The concert takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township. Admission is free.

Performers include renowned singer/organist Deborah Friauff, Eastern Michigan University Organ Professor Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, early music orchestra on period instruments, small professional choir.

For more information, call (734) 453.0190, Ext. 16.

# Delta Kappa Gamma show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 21stannual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2.

Call (734) 254-0849 or e-mail sweisz59@comcast. net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

# PCAC exhibit

The Plymouth Arts Council presents an exhibit, "New Detroit Landscape," by artist Darcel Deneau, running through Oct. 31.

Ten years ago, Deneau decided to make a lifestyle change after a tragic and life altering experience. Loss and grief brought into clear focus that art was an important part of her life. Returning to CCS, she completed her degree in 2002 and has continued to paint ever since.

Reflected by her aggressively painted landscapes bearing familiar buildings and Detroit's signature grey skies, is great optimism and passion for the resurgence of a city which holds many treasured childhood memories.

Deneau has steadily exhibited her work throughout the metropolitan Detroit area and was commissioned to do the 2007 poster artwork for the 28th Detroit International Jazz Festival.

The exhibit is open the general public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (except Thursday mornings). For more information call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or visit Deneua's Web site at www. Darcel-Deneau.com

# Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only; limited

space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

# Smith School spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its fifth-annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

The event features more than 25 home-based businesses that will have their product line available for purchase. Come check out the raffle, too! Proceeds from the \$1 admission and the raffle go directly to the Smith Elementary PFO.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 454-4389.

# House calls

The Plymouth Council on Aging will host a brief presentation by DRS, Inc., "Our Doctors Make Housecalls," 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The presentation will include an Introduction of DRS Inc., Services & Programs Available, Individualized Attention and Eligibility & Insurance Information. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be a free light lunch and snacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to

■ Hip & Knee Replacement Presentation and Lunch - Do you know someone facing the possibility of having hip or knee replacement surgery?

If you do, don't miss this presentation by Dr. Angelo J. Sorce of Michigan Orthopedic Specialists in Canton and Christina Kirsch and Krysti Zizzo from Physiotherapy Associates in Canton. They will walk you through the procedure and explain what is involved in the surgery and what to expect in therapy after the surgery.

This is hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and takes place 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Waldorf Room at the Plymouth Library. Call (734)

453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

# Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Childrens Christian Alliance.

The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 10.

Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 812-4502.

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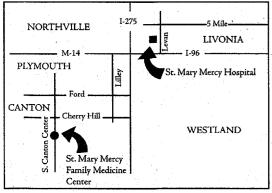
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# Not just an ordinary walk in the park

hey lined the streets of Plymouth, applauding, cajoling, encouraging some 2,300 people taking part in the Breast Cancer 3-Day, which wound its way through this community last week as part of its annual 60-mile trek.

They clapped and cheered and played music. They dotted their trees with big pink ribbons, the movement's signature color flowing endlessly through the neighborhoods, through people's hearts.

And, according to many of the walkers, Plymouth's supporters did it better than anyone, providing a lift in the middle of the grueling hike designed to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, which strikes 1in-9 women in this country.

Plymouth residents Cheryl Hodges-Selden and Phyllis Holmes were among the walkers. They watched as others took note of the ribbons on trees, of the signs in business windows, of the Girl Scout troop that greeted them outside Central Middle School, and the cheering section that wound down Hines Drive.

"It was overwhelming." they wrote in an e-mail to the Observer. "Sixty miles in three days is a challenge, but the journey was made easier by having cheering crowds offering encouragement along the way. We have never been more proud to say we live in Plymouth."

There were bound to be challenges along a 60-mile walk, especially for those making the journey for the first

Sherrie Pryor, a Wayne resident who is director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, figured she'd thought of everything while she was training, going so far as to try out eight different pairs of shoes before settling on the ones in which she'd do the walk.

So it took her a little time to realize, when her feet really started hurting, particularly on the second day of the walk, it was because her feet had swollen, and the shoes were



**Brad Kadrich** 

now too small. So she limped, and she moaned, and she groaned.

And then she looked

around, and it didn't take long for her complaining to stop.

"You see someone who's 80, or someone who has an actual injury, or women who are significantly pregnant, or someone who is actually being treated for breast cancer," said Pryor. "You pretty much had to stop whining."

While jotting down the quote, I thought to myself, Whining? I'd have skipped over whining and gone straight to tears."

Then again, I wasn't among the 2,300 people who dedicated themselves to the threeday walk. The vast majority of them were women, though breast cancer also strikes men; statistics suggest some 1,500 cases will be diagnosed this

Most of the walkers made the trek in honor of someone, a friend or loved one or family member diagnosed with the

At first, Pryor said, you tend to think the disease hasn't affected you. Then she remembered a friend of her mother's who died from complications from surgery. Then, while Pryor and her teammates were training, another of Pryor's mom's friends was diagnosed and lost a breast.

"That's such a part of you as a woman, it really hits home," said Pryor, a mother of two. "You think, 'It hasn't affected our family.' Then you think about all the friends who've been affected, and you realize you're wrong."

Annette Kingsbury is my mentor, the woman who taught me about the kind of journalist I want to be, and the only person in my circle of friends and family who has been diagnosed with breast

She beat it back in 1997 and to this day marvels at



Walkers making the Breast Cancer 3-Day trek through Plymouth were touched by the support they got here, including the high-fives from these two young girls.

the support she got then, and continues to get. Kingsbury, who does the shorter walk in Detroit but hasn't attempted the 3-Day, had a friend who walked it this year.

"The emotion comes from how many people are affected by this disease," she told me. "Everybody knows somebody. My friend, who hasn't experienced it herself, was motivated because she knew me. She was like me, middle-aged and out of shape, but she decided to walk 60 miles to raise money and awareness. That just blows me away."

Pryor not only expended a tremendous amount of physical effort - "Next to giving birth, it was the hardest thing I've ever done physically" - but also an incalculable amount of emotion in completing

the walk. She was touched by nearly everything to do with her first 3-Day walk: The little girl who played her saxophone to "pep us up," the little boy who carried a large picture of his mother with the dates "1970-2007" on it, the dedication of those determined to not only finish the walk, but to make a difference.

"If this energy and focus eventually leads to a cure for breast cancer, I'm sure it would extend to other forms of cancer," Pryor said. "There was so much passion among those women."

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Proud teammates Sue Brewington of Romulus, Wendy Boye of Westland, Rhonda Silcox of Garden City and Sherrie Pryor of Wayne were among those who finished the walk.



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# Open house flames fire safety awareness

Plymouth Community
Fire Department firefighters
are hoping to close national
Fire Prevention Week with a
band - and some smoke, some
flames and a helicopter - with
Saturday's annual Fire Safety
Open House.

The event, set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fire Station 1 at township hall on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road, will feature Fire Safety workshops for kids, fire station tours, and a variety of demonstrations such as fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication, and kitchen fire.

"Sparky's Hazard House," a three-dimensional tabletop model of a home used to help adults and children identify fire hazards and learn how to transform the house from a hazardous house to a firesafe house, will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

Plymouth firefighters joined forces with the non-



A Plymouth firefighter puts out a stove fire during a demonstration about kitchen fires during last year's open house.

profit National Fire Protection Association to remind local residents to "Practice Your Escape Plan." During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advo-

cates spread the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest NFPA research, more than 3,000 people died in 2005 in home fires – roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet the NFPA says only 23 percent of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Many times when we speak to residents who have experienced a fire in their home, they recall becoming confused and disoriented by the conditions and severity of the situation – but they realized they needed to get out fast," said Fire Chief

Randy Maycock. "Sometimes

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PHOTOS BY ANN DECHETTO

Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighter Cristine Perez helps a child through the window of Sparky's Hazard House, used by the department to teach fire safety. The house will be one of the attractions at Saturday's open house.

and outside of each sleeping area.

that identifies two ways out of

■ Develop a fire escape plan

there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."

Firefighters offer the following tips for fire prevention:

Install working smoke

alarms on every level; and inside

each room and a family meeting place outside.

Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your boyes.

any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

Practice using the plan, at least twice a year.

■ Some studies have shown that some children and adults

may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.

If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if you run into smoke, turn and use another way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.



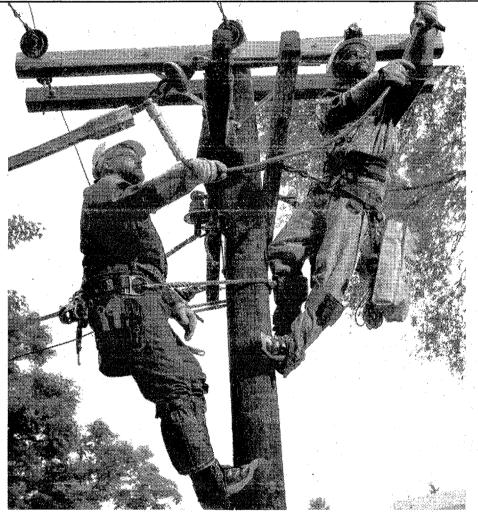
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# Renovation prompts library celebration

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

It didn't take long to find avid Plymouth District Library fans Sunday.

"We come here a couple times a week anyway," said Barbara Rais of Plymouth Township, in the fireplace area with husband Ted at Sunday afternoon's "Renovation Celebration." He reads newspapers while she likes best sellers.

"Any time I need information I come up here to get it," she said, such as for a new appliance purchase. "Fabulous," she added of the staff. "They're very friendly,

always helpful." Ted Rais, like his wife a retiree, added: "It's cozy," noting he likes to read by the fireplace. He could do without the cell phones (signs urging courtesy are posed).

"Plymouth is a wonderful place to live," she said. "We

have a wonderful library." Sunday was the day to celebrate the renovation work, including the new third floor, being just about wrapped up. There was entertainment (a juggler, magician and storytelling), food from Trader Joe's (cheeese, pasta salad and strawberries with creme). Patrons flocked into the library on the warm, sunny fall day to see what was new.

'We come here because they're getting the books children love," said Susanne Isaacs of Northville, noting the library staff helped her 8-year-old daughter with reading.

"They made her be successful in reading," said Isaacs, who came from church for a book for her husband and didn't know about the "Renovation Celebration" in advance.

"It's just unbelievable," she said of the library and staff. Isaacs is originally from Germany, and appreciates having a German-speaking librarian on staff.

"The library's focused really on books," said Isaacs, who also has a son, 6.

The day included a performance by Cats and the Fiddler, three young cousins who perform American roots music including bluegrass, blues, country, Cajun and Southern gospel. The Milford trio was recommended after the original fiddler had to bow out.

Patricia Thomas, library director, was busy Sunday but found time to talk. "We're celebrating that the renovation is done," she said. "This is an opportunity for the whole community to come in and see it in its nearly done stage and enjoy it." There are still some computers and signage

The renovation started in June 2006. "The third floor was the first phase," Thomas said. That wrapped up in November 2006, and now houses the Internet computers and more.

The youth room downstairs was done February 2007. "The last six months, we worked on the main level," she said, citing new carpet and paint, and some additional shelves "and rearranging everything to make more space."

Thomas appreciates the staff "who was just moved mountains" to stay open throughout. The board's been supportive, along with contractor McCarthy & Smith, architect Merritt McPherson Cieslak "and last but not least our own Library Design Associates from right here in Plymouth."

The project cost about \$3.8 million, with quite a bit of construction on the upper level (the library was

designed originally to have a third floor added). There were furnishings, repairs and maintenance, noted Thomas, who also appreciates library patrons: "They have been so patient and so positive."

The building is pretty much built out now, she said, which is why planning took some time. "I am just so pleased to have the doors open and welcome the community in," said Thomas, who's been on the job nearly 28 years.

Michael Pappas of Plymouth, library board president, was also pleased. "I think it's great," Pappas said. "It's good for the city and the patrons, the township. We encourage everybody to come out and visit. It's a special place."



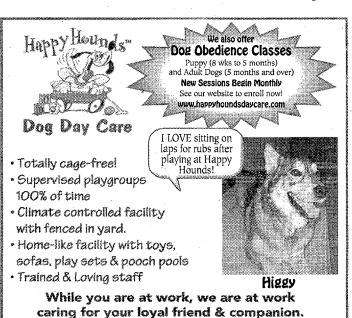
Curious George greets a young Plymouth District Library patron at Saturday's Renovation Celebration party.

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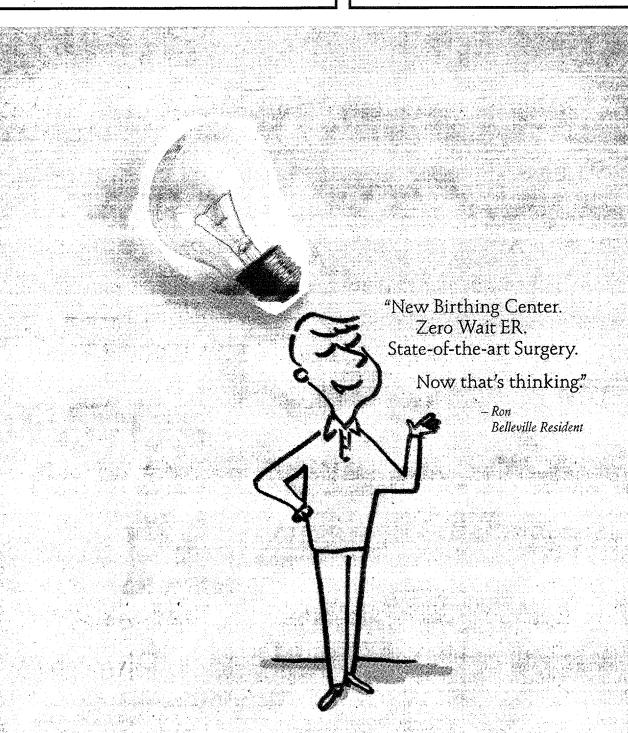
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income tax hike and 6-percent tax on many services, Corriveau said he was marked by Republicans who shunned bipartisan efforts in order to have his name associated with a tax increase, which could be used against him during reelection in 2008.

Corriveau voted in favor of raising the income tax rate, but voted against the sales tax on services.

"From a political standpoint, it became very clear to me early on that (Republican House Minority Leader) Craig DeRoche and his side of the (political) aisle was hell-bent on doing whatever they could to make things difficult," Corriveau said. "They never proposed anything. They sat with their arms crossed and said, 'You guys do the heavy lifting on this.'

"It wasn't enough they wanted us to do the job, they wanted to use it as a political weapon to destroy people, me specifically," he added.

Corriveau said from Day 1 in Lansing, Republicans put a

"tremendous amount of votes and amendments" on bills aimed directly at the freshman lawmaker, putting him in an unenviable position when he seeks re-election.

"I'm the No. 1 guy, Ground Zero," said Corriveau, who believes the 20th House seat is high on the list for Republicans in 2008. "They can't believe they lost this seat, and I'm convinced they will do what they believe is in the best interest of getting the seat back."

Not surprisingly, DeRoche thinks Corriveau is just showing his true colors.

"Marc Corriveau is a liberal Democrat, and he wanted to raise taxes," said DeRoche, a Republican from Novi. "He simply wanted the Republicans to do'it for him, but we are principally opposed. Democrats dragged us through 18 days and nights to save Marc Corriveau from himself.

"Lansing has enough money and should be more respectful of taxpayers," he added. "Representative Corriveau has to answer to his district."

Corriveau said he knows he'll be criticized for voting in favor of the income tax hike.

"But now I can stand by it because it was part of the solution," he said. "I don't get to craft the solution, that's left up to the leadership. I get to vote on the solution."

As for the 6-percent sales tax on services such as skiing, investment advice and palm reading, Corriveau said lobbyists took center stage in helping to craft the

"There were interest groups very, very involved in making that list." Corriveau said. "I didn't like it."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, is a former member of the House who believes Corriveau is "whining" about the political aspects both of the job and of being a

'What did he think, he was going to kindergarten?" Patterson said. "It's hardball politics. Marc Corriveau has been given all sorts of bills about which he knows nothing; he has gotten public acts because he's in a vulnerable position. Isn't that playing politics?'

Bill Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics, said it's no surprise Corriveau is being targeted because he won a seat the Republicans

were counting on last November.

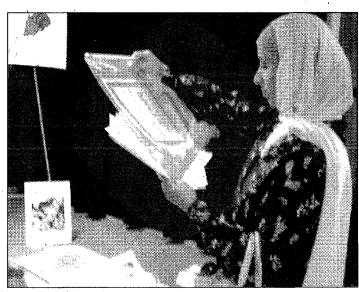
"For somebody to win in that district as a Democrat, they have to vote more like what they think the majority of people in their district is than their own conscience," Ballenger said. "He put himself in a bad light in that district by taking the vote he did, voting for one tax increase, but not the other. He was careful, but not entirely.

"All he had to do was vote the way the Republicans did, and then they couldn't blame him for marching lock-step to (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm," Ballenger added.

Corriveau said he wants to be the guy who goes to Lansing and doesn't get wrapped up in politics, instead voting "for what's best for my district."

"Some political people think it's foolish, and I will go down because I refuse to play the game people detest," he said. "If I continue to maintain my conscience in making decisions for this district, and I'm asked not to come back, I'm OK with that."

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A Workman Elementary parent goes through materials dealing with the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Arts Volunteer Program.

# Parents flock to take art in the classrooms

More than 130 parent volunteers attended the annual Arts Volunteer Program orientation and training hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and many more are streaming into the PCAC's Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts every day to get familiarized with the program.

The Arts Volunteer Program, now in its 39th year, has been offering art appreciation opportunities to elementary school children in Plymouth-Canton area public, parochial and charter schools.

Each fall, parents get trained on using art portfolios, culture kits and sculpture units to make a 30-45 minute presentation in the classroom. Each school building also gets four additional portfolios to keep and use for the whole school year. Last year more than 300 'AVP parents made approximately 1000 presentations in the classrooms.

"That is an impressive data which shows that schools consider arts an integral part of education," said Paula Gangopadhyay, executive director of the PCAC. "We were so impressed with the utilization of our educational resources that we started a recognition process from this year by which the schools that make the maximum number of AVP presentations in the classrooms will be given a special certificate of recognition."

According to Gangopadhyay, Bird and Isbister elementaries and Our Lady of Good Counsel won special honors for having made 117, 100 and 92 AVP pre-

sentations, respectively. Participating schools are required to become a nonprofit level member of PCAC for the parent volunteers to

utilize the AVP materials. Gangopadhyay took special steps this summer to reorganize the program and make the resources user-friendly for the volunteers.

"It is a lot of work to inventory and augment more than 250 portfolios and kits each year," she said.

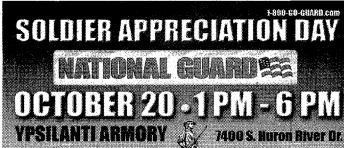
Community Financial Credit Union supports the program through an annual sponsorship. CFCU's CEO and PCAC Board member, William Lawton was also present at the training and thanked the volunteers for their work.

"We are looking for additional sponsors so that we can grow and augment this wonderfully enriching educational program," Gangopadhyay said. "It provides a hands-on learning opportunity to children, which is essential for all types of learners."

For the parents it is the joy of seeing the excitement in the kid's eyes when they go into the classroom to make the presentations. Krista Bekker has been an AVP parent volunteer at All Saints School for over six years. She also coordinates the development of new portfolios as a PCAC volunteer. Attendees at the orientation expressed deep satisfaction for the detailed training that was provided and felt empowered to now go into the classrooms.

PCAC's AVP program is now also becoming a state model. Gangopadhyay said the PCAC has been invited on contract by the Port Huron School District to train their volunteers on making similar art presentations in the classroom. There has also been interest from schools and councils in the west side of Michigan to learn from PCAC's model, she said.





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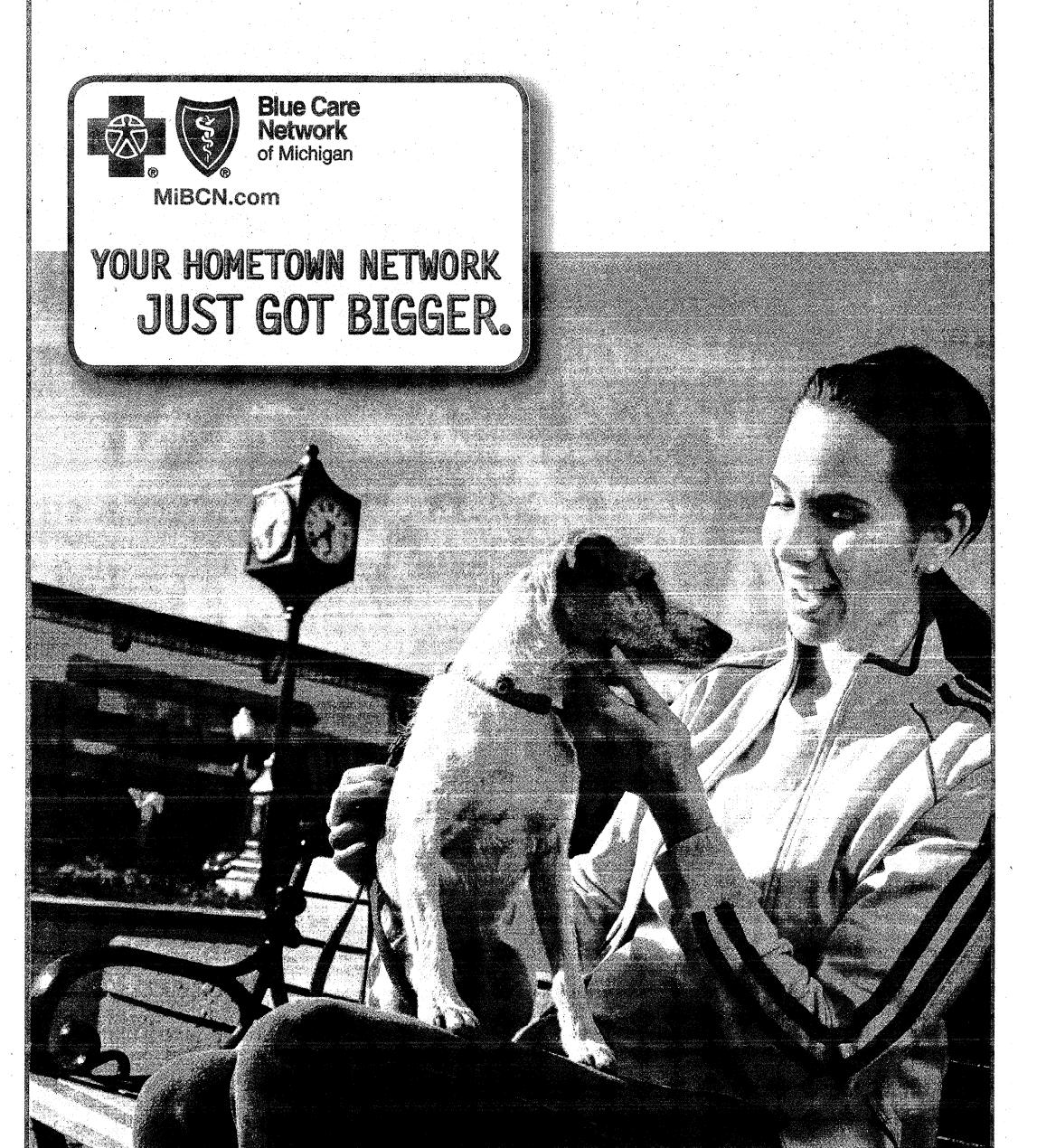
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and the board's refusal to appoint the

third-place finisher to this year's vacant

position (ignoring the will of both local

papers and nearly 2,500 voters) are all

The board's failure to move elections to

November may turn this disconnection into

a chasm. November elections would save

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school board race, and far greater partici-

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Message to the Establishment: This

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to suggest otherwise is laughable.

**OUR VIEWS** 

# District should move elections

In discussing the idea of moving the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education elections from May to November, to coincide with other elections in the municipalities that make up the school district, board members have used reasons ranging from (and we're paraphrasing here) "with the superintendent search and the budget redesign, we don't have time" to "the political parties would control the elections and we wouldn't get the right kind of people to run."

Those reasons range in degree of believability from naive to

The issue has come up again because former board president Mark Horvath of Canton is running an online petition seeking enough signatures to convince the current board to make the move. Shifting the school board election from its current May slot to November could save, by the district's own estimates, some \$100,000 every two years.

The board had previously considered, and discarded, the idea. When asked about it recently, board president Judy Mardigian said the board has other priorities, and the suggestion would almost certainly not come up for any sort of vote before the Dec. 31 deadline to move the 2008 election.

We think that's a mistake.

Moving the election to November was one of the options the Michigan Secretary of State urged districts to consider when they took control of the elections away from school districts and gave it to local municipal clerks.

The district has spent more than \$186,000 on its last three board elections (and that doesn't count the \$98,000 they spent on the special bond election in February). Local clerks have indicated they wouldn't charge the district if its elections fell in line with their own.

Even if the district's own estimates are inflated, there's still a significant cost savings to achieve here, and the district should take advantage of it. The argument board members have made that political parties would step in and control a November election, or that a November election would fail to draw "the kind of people who have come up through the system and have served on district committees," seems weak, particularly in a district where the unions have basically controlled the outcome for years.

The other problem — what to do with the terms of current board members — is an equally easy fix. All it would take, according to the Secretary of State, would be a motion to extend the terms of current board members.

To us, this is a no-brainer. Moving the election to November would save the district money and increase voter participation (school board elections generally draw single-digit participation, while general elections are more like 60-75

The board should move on this before Dec. 31, and let the savings begin.

# Budget wrangling not over

If you thought efforts to reach the state budget agreement were troublesome, hold on. Chaos is about to ensue.

While the governor and legislators touted the agreement, the fact is it's only a temporary, continuation budget. A permanent agreement must be reached by the end of the month. If reaction to the taxes agreed upon is any indication, things are about to get a whole lot more rancorous as legislators try to cut \$440 million from the budget.

An increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent and an extension of the state 6-percent sales tax to some services passed with the narrowest of

Many legislators made their votes with an eye on potential voter backlash, including aggressive threats of recalls by anti-tax groups.

We have been concerned about the whole budget process. The Legislature has known that passing a budget that addressed the state's revenue and spending problems was its No. 1 priority, and yet real forward motion came down to a hectic weekend that included a threatened shutdown of state services and careful deals to protect vulnerable legislators from voter wrath.

The results of all this drama are inconclusive. In a speech last week in Troy, Tom Clay of the respected nonpartisan Citizens Research Council pointed to two problems with the agreement, the phasing out of the income tax increase back to 3.9 percent by 2015 without reference to economic conditions and the uneven and arbitrary application of the new tax on services.

A movement within and outside the Legislature is already making headway on working toward repeal of the service tax that goes into effect Dec. 1. We question a tax that exempts golf fees but taxes skiing, among other arbitrary decisions. Critics also complain that the tax penalizes some services that are important to the state's economic recovery. Speaker of the House Andy Dillon has floated the idea of a ballot proposal to raise the sales tax to 7 percent across the board in return for reducing the tax on services and giving homeowners a bigger income tax credit.



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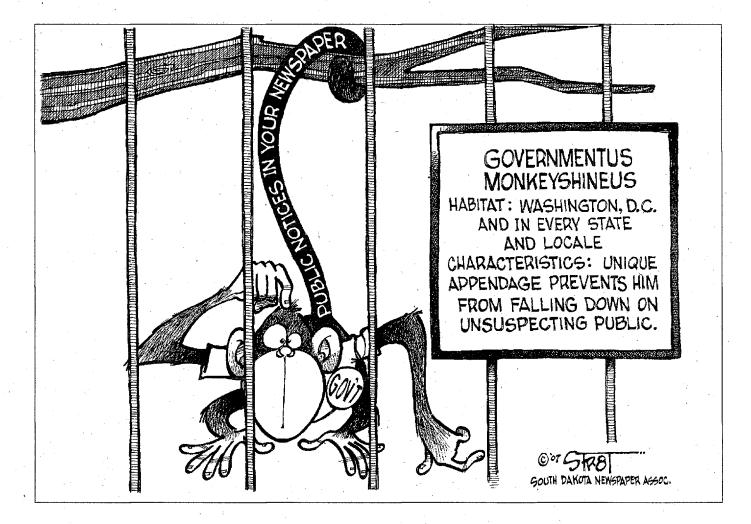
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# **LETTERS**

the "Thank You From The Bottom Of My Heart" Award. I was at the Wilcox Road/ Hines Drive cheering station and was over-It's amusing to see that I am still the focus of so much angst among the whelmed by the number of walkers as well Plymouth-Canton school establishment. as the people who showed up in support I'm not surprised, as I was the only school of this cause. You and people like you have board candidate earlier this year to pubtouched my heart forever. licly support November elections, and I'm In the very near future there will be a glad to see this common-sense idea is gain-

cure for his disease and people like you will have made the difference. Thank you. Terri Callahan

Plymouth

# Unions should reach out

Believe it or not this is not an anti-union letter. I hope this helps the unions wake up and realize they need to serve a new purpose. As the global economy brings more competition against the U.S. labor market, the unions need to reach out and level the playing fields. Instead of negotiating to keep jobs in an unequal labor market they should be fighting to balance the market globally!

For example, one of the top reasons U.S. companies are moving jobs out of the U.S. is because our laborers cost too much. Well, this is a fine example of the unions doing their jobs right! They fought hard for good wages for American workers. They fought hard for good benefits including health care and retirement packages, and the unions should be proud of all these achievements. But now they cannot sit back and try to save what they have achieved. There are some very simple laws of economics at work here, the goal of corporations is to maximize profits and equity for their shareholders! Plain and simple. And many of these shareholders are American investors or retirement funds entrusting their own savings to these corporations. In order to achieve this the corporate leaders must reduce expenses and improve their product lines. So when they see cheaper labor, they are going to use it. I don't blame them.

This being said, now the unions must change their tact and focus their energies on the new labor forces of the world, as well as changing the labor force here in the U.S. The unions must fight for higher wages, health care benefits, retirement and safe working and living conditions in other countries. Once the gains begin there, the cost of doing business will level out across the world. Additionally, American laborers have always been lauded as innovative and determined. Unions must help the existing labor force transform themselves into a labor force for new products and services. Provide skills enhancement training to all laborers, make research and development the No. 1 target for U.S. jobs in all sectors. With this the U.S. will remain strong and vital in the global economy, bringing new products and services, which are more profitable to the world, while maintaining wages, benefits and retirements.

This is a win-win for everyone. The corporations get vibrant innovative workforces, and the laborers of the world come up to higher standard of living. So unions please stop fighting a losing battle here in America, and fight for the workers of the

Rich Ham-Kucharski

# Canton

# Let McCotter hear us

As the Congress is asked again for billions of dollars (\$190 billion this time) to fund the four-plus-year-old Iraq war, it is

important that citizens in Michigan's' 11th Congressional district let Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R) hear our voice.

Since the first vote to authorize military action. McCotter has consistently supported this ill-advised and poorly planned invasion of a sovereign nation. He has voted to give this administration a blank check, with no accountability. Now it is time for Mr. McCotter to hear how we feel about:

- The nearly 4,000 U.S. service members who have lost their lives.
- The hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens killed.
- The nearly \$500 billion already spent on this war.
- The tremendous increase in the federal deficit from borrowing that \$500 billion. Before the next vote in Congress, I urge all constituents to contact Mr. McCotter.

Let him know how you feel about the Iraq

While you are at it, ask Mr. McCotter why he voted against the renewal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on Sept. 25, 2007. This is a program that allows states to provide health insurance for poor children across the country. I would find it hard to believe that it is the cost, \$35 billion over five years, since he consistently votes to spend about \$10 billion a MONTH on the Iraq war.

Perhaps he is against providing health insurance to 10 million poor children; I would hate to think he is that callous. Interestingly, I've not received any mailings from Mr. McCotter explaining his position on the CHIP bill, or his position on the increased funding of the Iraq war. I checked his Web site — mccotter.house. gov/HoR/MI11/Home/ - and found no information there. You would think that on these critical issues that face the U.S., and where he has a direct voice, he would be eager to state and defend his positions on these and other important issues, I guess

Mr. McCotter likes to say he "works for us." We need to let him prove it!

Unfortunately, Mr. McCotter does not list an e-mail address, but you can contact Mr. McCotter in the following ways:

- Washington, D.C. 1632 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; telephone (202) 225-8171 and fax (202) 225-2667.
- Livonia District Office 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 216, Livonia, MI 48152; telephone (734) 632-0314 and fax (734) 632-0373.

John Zajechowski Garden City

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# QUOTABLE

"It's an area we definitely have to look at, but with everything we have going on with the superintendent's search and budget redesign, it's not at the forefront right now ... There are other ways to garner savings in the election area, and the board will have to look at the options."

- Judy Mardigian, school board president, on the possibility the board will take up a motion to move elections to November

# Newspapers play a vital role in keeping government open

Editor's note: The following column is being printed in recognition of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 7-13, and the importance of ensuring open govern-

My mom used to have a small,

three-legged wooden stool. I don't remember the stool being used for any reason, just something to set a newspaper or magazine on for a minute.



**David Thompson** 

It was small and thus not sturdy enough to hold anything of weight.

But no matter if it was strong and sturdy, the three-legged stool was no good if something happened to one of the legs. It couldn't stand on just two.

You're probably already wondering what a three-legged stool has to do with the newspaper business.

Open government is a threelegged stool.

It takes open meetings. It takes open records.

It takes public notices. Any of the three being absent you don't really have open gov-

I would wager that the news side of newspapers thinks all of government can be "open" if just its meetings and records are kept public. And I would wager an equal amount that the advertising/business side would argue without public notices, government really can't be open.

In reality, they are both right. It takes all three. Together. If one of the three is missing, any one of the three, open government is off-balance.

# **OPEN MEETINGS**

ernment.

Much can go on behind closed doors and much does. The law gives public agencies the right to enter into closed meetings under certain conditions. The law limits the presence of people at those meetings and nothing can

be finalized. Any final action must be done in public.

Open meetings also give the citizens the right to speak on a particular subject. Much like lobbying in some respect but the comments play an important part of a public agency's decisions on most items.

# **OPEN RECORDS**

Much like open meetings, most records are open. Those records can be closed to the public under certain conditions but the records are important for a variety of reasons.

Often, government records will reveal what has happened behind the scenes, with agencies trying to restrict knowledge of what has happened in certain situations. Maybe it's a financial settlement with a fired public agency employee. Maybe it's what happened in a court proceeding. Maybe it's just simple communications between agencies.

Open records are much more than that, I know, but open records are an important part of that three-legged stool.

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

These probably get overlooked when compared to open meetings and open records. Newspaper editorial departments won't understand the reason for them, why government agencies should pay to have information published. Newspaper ad departments will favor this one over open meetings and open records. Those are good but with public notices certain information has to be published and that information could be very revealing.

On their own, each is important and each plays a role in open government — government of the people, for the people and by the people. True open government can only be open with the three-legged stool in perfect bal-

David T. Thompson is executive director of the Kentucky Press Association.

# Providing dignity to people with disabilities

oday, beautiful upscale condos and a new shopping plaza are going up to grace the west and east corners of Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville Township.

Yet memories of isolation, human warehousing, neglect and abuse come to mind when I pass this intersection. This isn't a case of an overindulgent imagination, but rather documented cases of abuse that took place on this site to some of our community's most vulner-

able people — people with developmental disabilities.

Ironically and pathetically, the name of this institution of abuse was the Plymouth Center For **Human Development** (PCHD). It was part of "care" provided by the Michigan

Department of Mental Health that I would later lead under Gov. James Blanchard.

Tom Watkins

The PCHD was out of sight and out of mind for many in the metro area. Today, with I-275 and M-14 humming just a stone's throw away, it is difficult to imagine that this corner was once part of the Michigan countryside when this state-of-theart institution opened in 1960 and had as many as 1,200 people housed there at its peak in 1970. The conventional wisdom at the

time from the "professional help" community" was if your child was "disabled," give them up to the state. Why anyone would think the state was a better caregiver seems bizarre now, but that was the common wisdom not that many years ago. "Give up your disabled child and get on with your life" was the refrain.

As a nation and a state, our history of care for people with disabilities was vile and ugly. While we have come so very far, there are places in our state today that you would not want your loved one to be "placed" by the state.

Why bring up this unseemly history, you ask? Because "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" wrote poet and philosopher George Santayana in

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

Last month, I witnessed just how far we have come from this corner of abuse while attending the annual Friends of Community Living Services, Evening with Friends Awards Ceremony. The evening was a celebration of the freedom that persons with disabilities have gained over the years. It was a major dose of adrenaline that made the nearly 1,000 attendees trumpet the value of their friends and family members who happen to have a disability and are there to help provide support.

First there were the "old warriors," Alice Saules and Mary Davis, founders of the parents and advocates group who have been fighting for freedom and dignity for their children and countless others for many decades. Today, people with disabilities are living in their own apartments and own homes with friends they chose to live with, are working at jobs they choose and have created their own businesses.

Saules and Davis and many other parents fought the system so that people with disabilities could live with dignity and respect in their community, not isolated from it. They laid the foundation and others built the homes and hope.

If there ever was a cure for depression or being a sourpuss, it was attending this event. The triumph over adversity, love, friendship and pure, raw human decency wrapped itself around you every second during this celebration of life, dignity

My personal evening highlight came in meeting Oak Park resident David Taylor. Taylor, the energetic and outgoing advocate, told me a year ago he would not be recognizable from the man he is today because he was so withdrawn and depressed.

Today, he is a confident young man who invests his time as a motivational speaker and advocate for

vation he is! His mentor, Dr. Alex Baily, the recently retired Oak Park Schools superintendent, has helped give David the support, encouragement, love and friendship to help polish David into a "true diamond in the rough" who shines bright and stands tall today. Amazing what we are capable of doing with a little help from our friends!

The man who captured the essence of human decency and brought tears to my eyes for his humility and sense of human decency was Lake Orion resident Joe Johnson, the outreach coordinator and lead trainer at Community Media Network, located in Troy.

Johnson has trained hundreds of community members in video production. When people with disabilities signed up for his class, he did not create a "special" segregated class for these men, but enthusiastically included them in his "regular" class. The fact that Johnson has the active support of H. Jay Wiencko Jr., executive director, just adds icing to the cake of human decency.

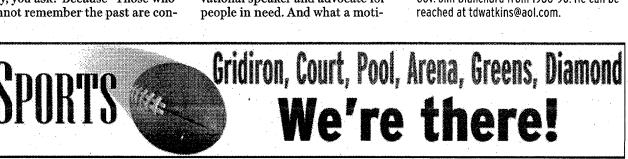
In accepting his award, Joe said he was honored and, like all before him that had given so much of themselves to be a friend, he felt he received much more than he gave.

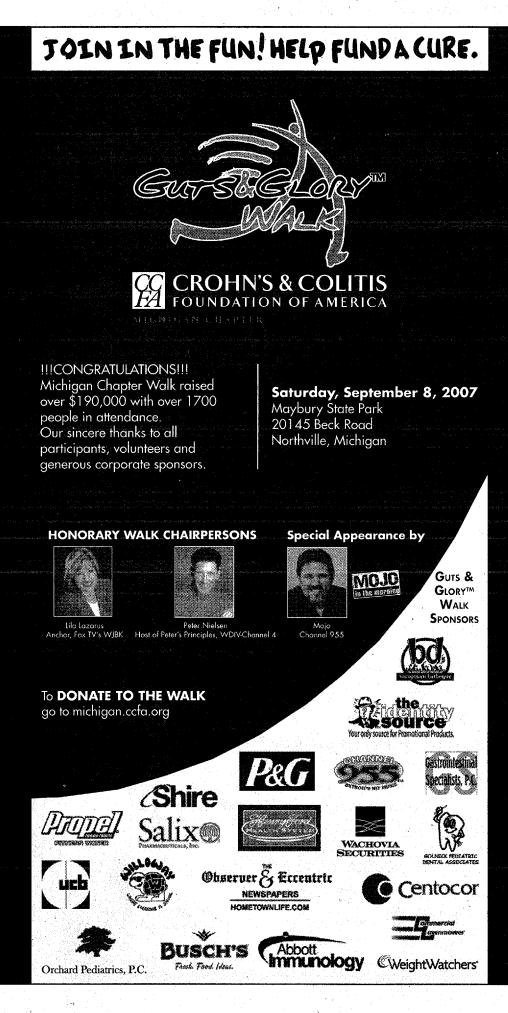
Yet it was the simple truth that had the greatest wallop to me and the hundreds in the audience when he graciously accepted his award and said, "I long for the day that common human decency to our fellow man, being kind, thoughtful and giving to ALL people is the norm and not something to be singled out for recognition."

Yes, Joe, it will be a great day of celebration when that day comes but, until then, thank you and Community Media Network for helping to set the stage and lead the way for us all!

Remember, dignity is nothing more than the freedom of allowing people to be themselves.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and was Michigan's mental health director under Gov. Jim Blanchard from 1986-90. He can be







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# County holding tree, plant sale

The Wayne County Conservation District is hosting its 39th Annual Fall Tree and Native Plant Sale. The order deadline is extended to Oct. 12 and the pickup date is Oct. 19 at the barn at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne, Michigan.

If you cannot make this date, alternative pickup dates can be arranged. The order form is available by either calling (313) 418-0700 or (734) 727-7248 or by downloading it from our Web site, www.waynecd.org.

In addition to conifers such as balsam fir, jack pine, red pine, white pine, blue spruce, white spruce, black spruce, and red cedar, the fall sale hosts a large variety of wild flowers for dry soils (such as yellow and purple coneflower, sand coreopsis, spidewort, butterfly weed, lupine, blue aster, compass plant) and wet soils (bellflower, cardinal flower, blue flag iris, marsh marigold, monkey flower, swamp rose mallow, blue verbain, spotted Joe-Pye weed), native prairie grasses (bluestem and Indian grass), and bulrushes and cattails.

Trees and native plants add natural diversity to the landscape, provide habitat for birds and wildlife, assist in carbon sequestration to mitigate climate change, conserve natural resources, increase property values, and save time, energy, and water in plant maintenance. Exotic plants such as the tall phragmites are eliminating our beneficial native plants such as cattails and bulrushes. Eliminating native plants and native habitats is partially responsible for many of our threatened and endangered bird and wildlife populations.

The Conservation District's fall and spring tree sales helps to support natural conservation efforts in Wayne County.

# County wins grant

Wayne County's Department of Health and Human Services has been awarded a federal grant of \$3 million over three years to help eliminate the lead poisoning of children in Highland Park and

Hamtramck.
Highland Park has the highest rate of elevated blood lead levels in Michigan among children under the age of six, based on state testing. More than 46 percent of the children

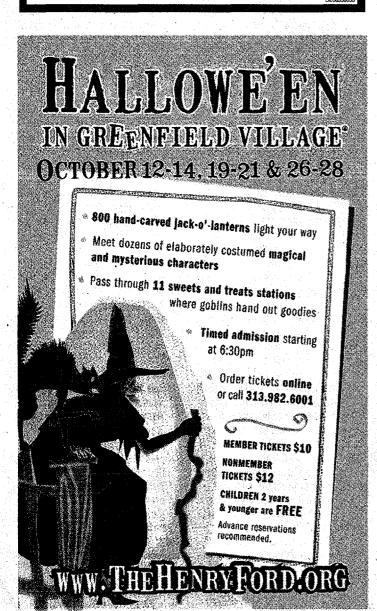
Wayne County's Department tested with levels higher than Health and Human Services normal.

In Hamtramck, 29 percent of children had elevated lead levels, among the highest percentages in the state.

The grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be used to inspect about 500 houses built before 1940 for lead hazards, including paint chips, paint dust and soil.

# Please come to our next SINGLAND A BEAD SHOW & SALE Sunday, Oct. 14th • 10 am to 5 pm at the Southfield Municipal Complex 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield \$3 admission • no strollers, please • free parking over 70 merchants with beads from across the globe! Presented by the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild P.O. Box 1639 • Royal Oak, MI 48068 • 586 997-7043

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# Fieger the latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country.

According to his Web site, Fieger has won more multimillion-dollar awards than any other attorney in the country. A few of his most well-known trials include the defense of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the *Jenny Jones Show* trial, and the defense of Nathanial Abraham, the youngest person ever tried for murder as an adult in the state of Michigan.

Fieger has won record awards in Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and many of his trials have generated national attention and set legal precedents.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you'd



like to have lunch or dinner with Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@ gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Fieger address.

Deadline to enter the

contest is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.

A photograph of you and Fieger will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at www. hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class

Transportation & Limousine Services; a makeover from Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and OSE columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

# Government notices protect the public

Protecting the public's right to know through publication of government public notices is the theme of National Newspaper Week now through Oct. 13.

Since 1940, the Newspaper Association Managers, an organization of state, regional and national newspaper association executives, has sponsored and supported National Newspaper Week, a weeklong celebration of newspapers in America.

Few things are as vital to a thriving democracy as the free flow of information between government and the governed.

Public notices published in newspapers provide citizens a window into government. Most of the information for the following questions and answers comes from the booklet "Public Notice: An American Tradition, An Examination of the Role of Newspapers in Public Notice," published by the Public Notice Resource Center and American Court & Commercial Newspapers.

1) What is a public notice? A public notice is information informing citizens of government or government-related activities that affect citizens' everyday lives.

2) Why do we need public notices?

An important premise found in both federal and local governments is that information about government activities must be accessible in order for the electorate to make well-informed decisions. Public notices in newspapers provide this sort of accessibility to citizens who want to know more about government activities.

3) What is the history of public notices?

The history of public notice begins long before the emergence of newspapers. The concept has existed since early civilizations posted notices in public squares. This crude method was eventually refined with the publication of the first publication of the first publication of the first English language newspaper in 1665 — a court newspaper called *The Oxford Gazette*.

In America, the Acts of the First Session of the First Congress in 1789 required that all bills, orders, resolutions and congressional votes be published in at least three publicly available newspapers.

Upholding the public's right to know has been essential to our country's way of life since day one. Our government governs with the consent of people, and this consent must be informed.

4) What are some exam-

ples of a public notices?

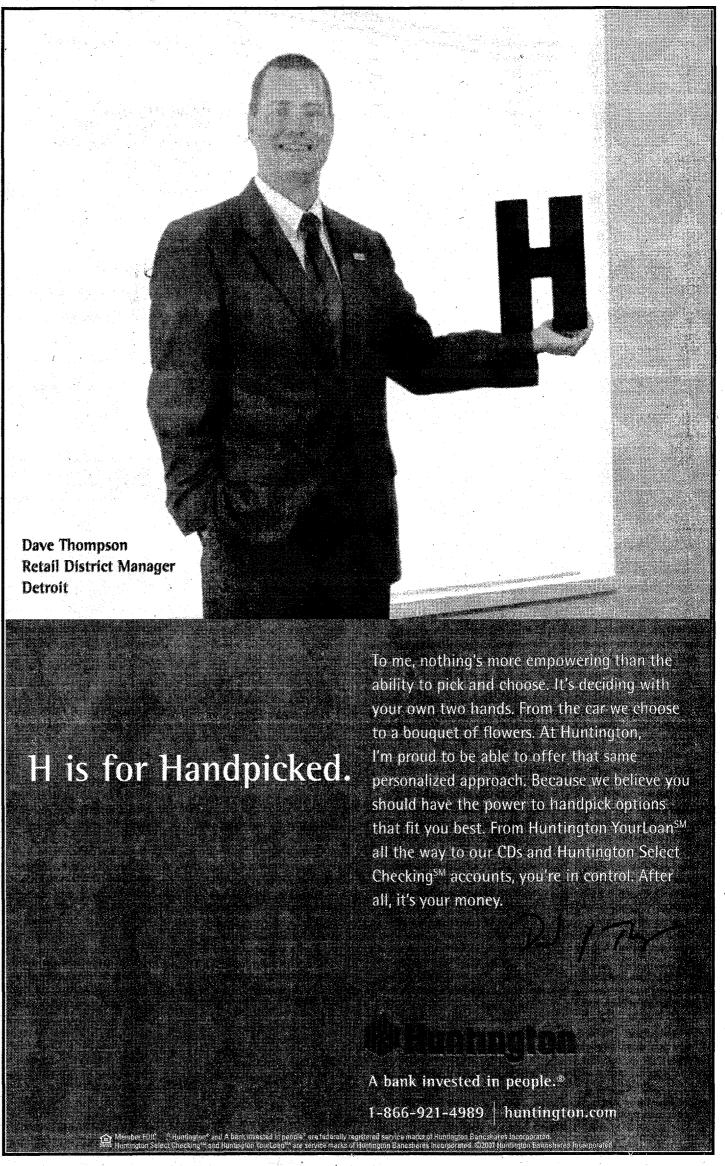
There are many kinds of public notices. Publication of proposed budgets for local governments, notices of local government hearings, bid notices, board and agency meeting minutes and preelection notices are just a few examples.

5) Are newspapers the most effective vehicle for public notices?

Public notices?

Public notices published in newspapers ensures readership by those most likely to be interested in or affected by the notices. Plus, the notices arrive at readers' homes or places of work in a newspaper filled with local news and information that compels readership.

Newspapers are paid to publish public notices, which guarantees that valuable newspaper space will be devoted to notifying the public.



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. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

# OCTOBER

# Celebration

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Minister Mary Edwards is celebrating 65 years of life, 33 years of ministry, 25 years full-time ministry 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3837 W. Seven Mile,

Detroit. Please RSVP by Oct. 4, by calling (313) 347-0726.

p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard

Pumpkin patch Oct. 12-31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico, Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for Storytime In The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

# Celebration of the arts

The annual juried art show, Sharing the Gift Within, continues through Oct. 12, at the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which is for sale. For more information, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911, Ext. 206, or visit www.firstpresnville.

# org. Conference

Sunday School & Church Ministries Conference Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Non-denominational, 30 workshops to update your skills, scores of publisher exhibits to show you the latest materials. General sessions. Free to the public. All-day free Kids Korner, Lunch included in registration fee. For more information, call the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

Singers wanted Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Upcoming practices 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

# **Dinner & Silent Auction**

Saturday Oct 13 at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren, Westland. There will be more than 100 items to auction off all of which have been donated by congregation members or organizations in the Westland community. Tickets \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under age 10. You do not need to come to dinner to attend the auction. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the Silent Auction to begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets, call pastor Rick Jewett at

# (734) 458-7301. Pumpkin patch

The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church opens Saturday, Oct. 13, and continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Music workshop The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts a workshop on the Divine Liturgy and liturgical music Oct. 13 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Altar Road, Dearborn, Morning session begins at 9 a.m., with The Divine Liturgy: an Icon of Spiritual Growth, presented by the Very Rev. Paul Jannakos, rector of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. Afternoon sessions, begin at 1 p.m., with Liturgical Music for Small Choirs, presented by Matushka Victoria Kopistiansky, chair of the COCC Music Ministry and choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit. It will feature music reading of hymns from the Divine Liturgy suitable for small choirs. Lunch will be served between sessions. The workshop is open to the public. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and music. There will be on-site registration at 8:30 a.m., but advance registration is encouraged. Make checks payable to Janet Damian, and sent to her at 3036 Syracuse St., Dearborn, MI, 48124-4527. For information, contact her at (313) 706-0666 or idamianlapko@

# yahoo.com. Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

# Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

# Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web Site at www. orthodoxlivonia.org.

Concert Dave Wagner is the featured organ soloist with the Birmingham Concert Band 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads. Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

Pumpkin fund-raiser, Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weeks of Oct. 15 through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

# Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual selfstudy book 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send email to love.comm@hotmail.com.

# Breast cancer awareness event

Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Westland, Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343, All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

# Fall craft show

Get a start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

# Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications being accepted at (734)

# 464-0990. **Entertainment tonight**

Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Deluxe catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artistry), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freeze (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

# Craft show

And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

# Sisterhood tea party

It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the lively entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

# Contemporary Christian music The free concert takes place 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads,

Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

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# Many voices/one song

The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Britten's music magically illustrates the adventures of Saint Nicolas from birth to death, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information, call (248)

# 540-9124. Concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miguel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Childcare provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids ... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call

# (734) 729-0306. Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

# Rummage/Bake sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734)

# Women's health fair

**Orchard United Methodist Church** (30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/ Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early. RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@ vahoo.com.

# Catholic women's conference Women Encountering Christ in

Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry. org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

# Tatry dancers

The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call For information, call (313) 274-0183.

# **Cantata Academy Chorale** This & That Amen concert 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale. bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

# **Pontifical visit**

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholicos of All. Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001

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ALFRED A. AGLI Fred was born in N.Y.C., October 28, 1914 and passed away September 06, 2007 at 12:05 a.m. He moved to Malibu, CA. after his beloved wife, Etta preceded him in death June 23, 2007 in La Jolla, CA. where they had resided after 60 years in Bloomfield Hills. Father Bill Kerse celebrated Fred's memorial mass at Our Lady of Malibu Church and poignantly expressed, "Fred died from a broken heart". Fred chose to celebrate Etta's birthday August 29, as he had done for all the years he had been devoted to her prior to her passing. He mentioned at the birthday dinner he had never missed her birthday or their September 7th anniversary...and so the tradition continued...Fred was reunited with Etta to celebrate 67 years of marriage. Alfred was the youngest son of eight children born to Antonio and Nunziata Agli, Italian immigrants who left Capo D'Orlando, Sicily and arrived at Ellis Island in 1901. Their youngest son Alfred was a scholar. He received degrees from City College of New York, Brown University and Rutgers University. He was a voracious reader right up to his final hours. He was sitting on the couch reading the LA Times when the intracranial bleed occurred that ended his life six days later. A civil engineer, his notable accomplishments are extensive. Cobo Hall Convention Center, Disney World (FL), Providence Hospital, University of Michigan, Ford assembly plants, Northville State Mental Hospital, Synagogue, Washington Post (D.C.), Kirk in the Hills, etc. He retired from Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. Architects and Engineers. The firm and clients benefited from Fred's dedication to his job and his extensive knowledge of the design and construction industry. His wisdom and integrity were well respected by contractors throughout the country. He was proactive in his St. Hugo of the Hills parish, a devout Catholic, A longtime usher and among those responsible for the construction fund drive for parochial high schools, Marian and Brother Rice. Fred was a modest man with an endearing love for family and animals. His granddogs, St. Bernard, Luca and Bernese Mountain Dog, Maya gave him enumerable days of pleasure and joy. He also possessed an unparalleled gift, a great wit. Of the many who remember him fondly, all make reference to this loyal friend's wit, warmth, sincerity and passion for great food. Alfred Agli is survived by his children

# ARTHUR N. STUMP

Nancy Agli, Carole Agli, Christine

Agli, Robert Agli, granddaughter,

Elizabeth and great granddaughter,

Laura. In lieu of flowers please con-

sider a contribution to World Wildlife

Fund. www.worldwildlife.org,

Memory of Alfred A. Agli

Age 45, October 6, 2007. Dear father of Michael Stump, Allen Perria and Dillon Stump. Son of Carole & Lloyd Stump, Brother of Rhonda Rumsey, Uncle of Robbie Plummer, Ryan Rumsey and Joey Rumsey. Memorial Service Saturday, 11:00am at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill (east of Middlebelt) Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

# CAMILLE IVICE WIMSATT

Ann Arbor, passed away suddenly Sunday morning, October 7, 2007. Beloved wife of John Simms Wimsatt for 22 years, she is survived by three sons: John Simms Wimsatt II, Ann Arbor; Thomas C. Wimsatt and wife Leslie, Frankenmuth; and Robert M. Wimsatt, Ann Arbor; grandchildren Maureen and Gregory Wimsatt; dear niece and nephew, Pamela and Jeffrey Conn; and grandniece Mackenzie Conn. Her sister, Perine Conn Snell predeceased her. Camille was born in Detroit on August 3, 1917. She helped her husband run Wimsatt Appliance in Plymouth and was a long time member of the Plymouth Women's Club. After her husband's death in 1963, Camille attended Eastern Michigan University where she graduated with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in speech/language pathology. Following graduation, she served the Plymouth Community School District until she retired in 1986. Visitation will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 at Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor from 2-8 pm, funeral service at 6 pm. Private interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the National Wildlife Federation or www.savethe-

manatee.org.

CLARENCE ALAN MALESKY Age 61, Farmington Hills, MI. 10-6-2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home



# KATHERINE KOCH BLUNT

Age 96, of Tryon, NC, died Friday, September 21, 2007 at Ridge Rest, an Assisted Living Facility in Columbus, NC. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio June 25, 1911, she was the daughter of Rupert W. and Octavia Podesta Koch; they lived in Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan. Katherine graduated from the University of Michigan in 1932 Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in English. In 1934 she received her MA English from the Univ. of Michigan. In 1957 she earned a teacher's credit from Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI. Before moving to Tryon, NC in 1984, Katherine lived in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, MI, where she was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. She was a social worker at the Children's Aid Society, Detroit, and editor of The Detroit News, Women's Page. From 1957 to 1972, she was a teacher, department head and director of the Flex Program at Seaholm High School, Birmingham, MI. She was active in the PTA, League of Women Voters,

AAUW, the Birmingham Village Players, and in local politics. While living in Tryon, NC Katherine was a Board member of the Lanier Library, the League of Women Voters, and the AAUW; she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Thermal Belt Friendship Council, and Great Books. She was consultant to and an organizer on the Polk County Community Relations Council; a volunteer at Polk County Outreach Ministry Board, and a member of the Polk County Partnership for Children, and the Gov. Hunt's "Smart Start" program. Mrs. Blunt was a scholar of Virginia Woolf until her death and an accomplished amateur Chinese watercolor brush painter. When awarding her their Distinguished Service to the Community Award, the AAUW said she was "the conscience of the community," working quietly and effi-ciently behind the scenes. Katherine married Charles Nash Blunt at Woodfield Inn, Flat Rock, NC in 1937. Mr. Blunt died in 1988 in Tryon, NC. Surviving are her daughter, Sarah Blunt Barnett of Washington, DC, three grandchildren: Charles Blunt Barnett, married to Maureen Pao, of Washington, DC; John Henry Barnett of Brooklyn, NY; and, Dorsey Woodward Barnett Horowitz, married to Stephen Horowitz, of Pelham, NY; great-grandchild, Olivia Horowitz; one nephew and two nieces. Her daughter, Penelope Anne Blunt, predeceased her in October 1997 in Los Angeles, CA. A Memorial service will be held October 20, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Tryon, NC with the Reverend Dr. Michael Doty officiating. Burial will be held in Oakdale Cemetery, Hendersonville, NC following the Memorial service. The family suggests that memorial tributes may be made to the Katherine Blunt Memorial Fund, Thermal Belt Friendship Council c/o Virginia Perrenod, Treasurer, 251 Carolina Dr., 7C, Tryon NC 28782. Katherine sup-

# ported the TBFC which has promoted racial diversity and cooperation through social activity and community

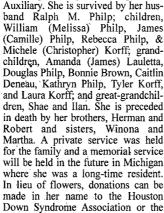
**NORMAN DIXON HASTINGS** Age 84, October 6, 2007, of Boyne City, formerly of Rochester Beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Norman and the late Suzanne, grand-father of Holli and Kyle, brother of Marvel Rock, father-in-law of Patsy and Lynn. Served with U.S. Army during WWII. Former owner of Culligan Soft Water of Rochester. Visitation Tuesday 5pm-7pm at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City, Wednesday 9am-11am. Funeral 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Church. Arrangements by Hastings Funeral Home, Ellsworth, MI.

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# THEODOSIA J. GRINNELL

Theodosia J. October 2, 2007 Age 87 of Birmingham. Wife of the late Donald E. Mother of the late Marcia. Sister of Elizabeth Halleck, Bruce Blancher and Hollis Blancher. A memorial service will be held at a A.J. Desmond & Sons later date. (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at:

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



LINDA "Sue" PHILP

Age 66, resident of Mission, passed

away on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital. She was born February 8, 1941 to Weber

and Della Levi in Knightstown,

Indiana. Mrs. Philp was a homemaker

and firefighter's wife volunteering

countless hours for community organ-

izations such as The American Legion

Auxiliary and the Farmington

Township, Michigan Fire Department

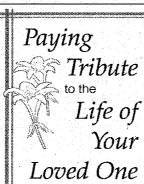


American Diabetes Association.

# **VIRGINIA LEE**

**DICKERMAN** Age 87, October 6, 2007. Former owner and operator of the Dickerman Dance Studio in Farmington for 48 years. Beloved wife of the late Clarence. Loving mother of Marcia (Rainer) Schwager. Cherished grand mother of Heidi and Erik; great-grandmother of Shiloh, Creek and Julian. Dear sister of Marguerite Honerkamp Memorial Visitation Friday 6-8 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W. of Farmington Road). No flowers please, just have

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Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrashapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

# **UPCOMING**

# Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any

kind. For more information, call (734)

# Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family, Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

**Alternative Christmas Fair** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more

# information. Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to

bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.

# ONGOING

# Pancake breakfasts

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The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-youcan-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of

Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffetstyle at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone

# is welcome. Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

# **MOPS** meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue

the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

# Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members For information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.

# **Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an indepth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presen-

tation of the disciple's thoughts on salvation. Informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

# **MOPS** groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, MOPS recognizes the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and filled with unique need. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@ hotmail.com.

**LOGOS Youth Club** Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www. fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

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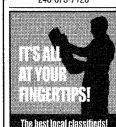
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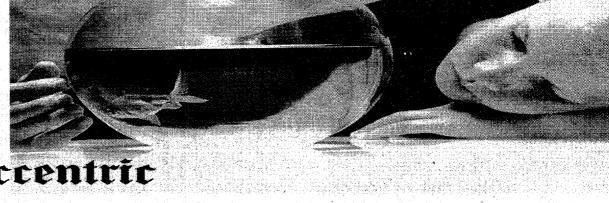
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# Location has a minimal impact on fund's performance

was having a discussion with a group of investors and one of the topics that came up was whether there was any correlation between where a mutual fund portfolio manager was located and returns.

The thought was that managers located in financial hubs such as New York and Chicago may have an advantage over managers located in other areas.

I don't believe there's an advantage and, in fact, sometimes there's a disadvantage. Portfolio managers who are located outside the traditional financial hubs gain a different perspective of the economy. Therefore, where a fund management company is located is only a minor issue.

With the Internet and instant communications, a portfolio manager in Michigan has as much access to information as one located in New York. In fact, many people are



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in Michigan. Two examples are the Utopia **Money Matters** funds, www. utopiafunds. com, and the Ave Maria

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Funds, www.avemariafunds.

# **LOCATION A BONUS**

The fact these funds are located in Michigan should not be the only reason to consider investing in them. Judge the funds based on performance — the fact that they are in Michigan is a bonus.

The funds are totally different. The Utopia Funds are a relatively new group managed by FIM Group in Traverse City. Although the FIM Group has been managing money for

20 years, Utopia Funds are relatively new.

They are somewhat hard to categorize because they are known as go-anywhere funds. That means the portfolio management team believes the goal is to make money whether that means investing in large companies, small companies or international. The mission is to look for values and opportunities for investors no matter where.

# **UTOPIA FUNDS**

Unlike many mutual fund companies, Utopia Funds are a small family and there is a distinct difference between funds. Utopia includes two growth funds — Utopia Growth and Utopia Core Growth. Utopia Growth is an aggressive fund geared for investors with at least a 10year horizon, while the core fund is more moderate and geared for an investor with at least a five-year time horizon.

Ave Maria Funds is a unique group of in that it is a morally responsible family of funds. In selecting investments for the portfolio, the manager, by prospectus, must not invest in companies that violate Catholic values. Determining whether a company is in line with Catholic values is not as simple as you might think. For this reason, the fund family has a board of directors that makes the determinations and the board members include individuals such as Larry Kudlow from CNBC and Lou Holtz, the former head football coach of Notre Dame. Some of the companies that would not be eligible for inclusion in the fund are those that publish or promote pornography, offer same sex benefits to their employees or those that support or promote abortion.

Ave Maria Funds should not be confused with socially

responsible funds. Although they both screen out companies based upon set criteria, the criteria they screen for is different. Socially responsible funds, in general, tend to have a more environmentally focused mandate. Many will not invest in defense or cigarette manufacturers and some funds specifically look to invest in companies that offer same sex benefits to employees and their partners. So whether you want a morally responsible or socially responsible fund, it is important to read the prospectus and understand the specific objectives of the fund.

One note regarding the Ave Maria Fund. The portfolio manager, whom I've had on my radio show a number of times, does not feel handcuffed by the criteria set by the board of directors. In addition, just because a fund family like the Ave Maria Funds screens out certain

companies does not mean that performance is not a

major factor. It is. Both the Utopia Group of Funds and the Ave Maria Funds are no-load and can be purchased directly from the companies or from one of the mutual fund supermarkets, such as Charles Schwab, if you prefer a consolidated statement.

Location has little impact on the performance of funds. Whether someone is located in New York, Michigan or Alaska, in today's world they all share the same information. The key to success is what's done with the informa-

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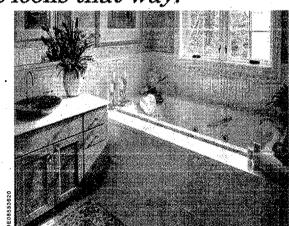
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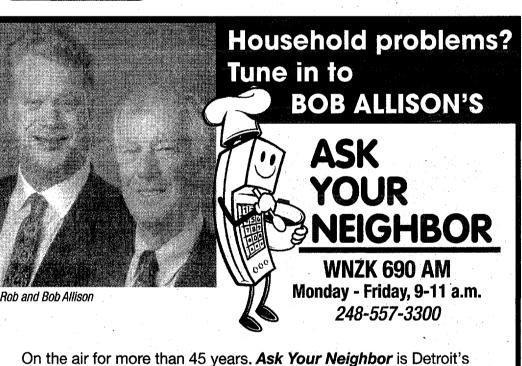
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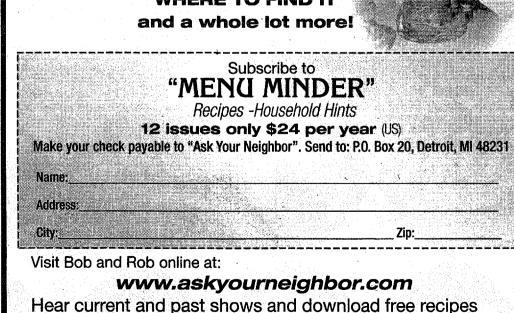


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# Fire officials have urgent message — get out!

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is issuing a special call to action this Fire Prevention Week 2007 (Oct. 7-13) — Practice Your Escape Plan! Local fire departments, including Farmington Hills, are joining in to remind people of the importance of an escape plan.

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest NFPA research, 3,030 people died in 2005 in home fires — that's roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet only 23 percent of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

'Many times when we speak to residents who have experienced a fire in their home, they recall becoming confused and disoriented by the conditions and severity of the situation — but they realized they needed to get out fast," said Farmington Hills Fire Inspector Denny Hughes. "Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."

Are you prepared for a fire?
Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the infor-

mation below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended ... and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week.

■ Install working smoke alarms on every level, and inside and outside each sleeping area.

Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room

and a family meeting place outside.

Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household (i.e.: handicap, elderly etc.). If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

■ Practice using the plan, at least twice a year.

Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.

If the smoke alarm sounds: go to your closest exit, and if you run into smoke, turn and use another way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to the nearest exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings, just get out and help others out. Move fast but stay clam. Once safely outside, do not go back inside for any reason.

"It is not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; it is vital that everyone living in the home practice the plan," said Judy Comoletti, AVP of public education for NFPA. "You can have as little as two minutes to get out when fire strikes."

Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's official mascot, is asking the public to practice their escape plan by participating in The Great American Fire



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NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org.

The NFPA Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities was developed with input from the disability community to provide general information on this important topic.

It provides information on the five general categories of disabilities: mobility impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments, and cognitive impairments. It also outlines the four elements of evacuation information that occupants need: notification, way finding, use of the way, and assistance.

The Guide features a checklist

The Guide features a checklist that building services managers and people with disabilities can use to design a personalized evacuation plan. The annexes give government resources and text based on the relevant code requirements and Americans with Disabilities Act criteria.

# Nuisance claim may have merit

Q. A subdivision abuts a facility which is about to be constructed which will contain electricity generating outlets and other utility facilities. We are concerned about the adverse impact and wonder whether, as homeowners, we have any basis to pursue them, particularly since the state has apparently approved the location of the facility. Do you have any comments?

A. While each case is fact intensive, I am aware of a recent



Robert Meisner

case where a group
of homeowners
sued to enjoin the
construction of a
wind farm a short
distance from
their residences.
The West Virginia
Supreme Court
ruled that their
private nuisance
claim was not barred

by the fact that the facility had been approved by the state utility regulators. The court reasoned that the common law of private nuisance was not expressly abrogated by state law granting a public utility commission exclusive jurisdiction over the licensing and site of electric generating facilities. Moreover, the court concluded that the injuries of the plaintiffs were not too speculative to support the granting of a prospective injunction against the construction of the wind farm. You may have a basis, therefore, to pursue your claim and you should consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer in that regard.

Q. We have a tenant in our building who has a history of intimidating behavior and who indeed had previously brandished a firearm at visitors and other tenants. We have told the property manager, but are fearful for our safety. So far, no one has been hurt, but I am wondering if someone

does get hurt, do we have a claim?

A. A landlord can be sued for failing to take at least minimal steps to alleviate the risk posed by a violent tenant based on a recent case from the California Court of Appeals. The plaintiff in that case was a former tenant of the landlord's apartment complex who occasionally returned to visit family still living there. A tenant with a history of intimidating behavior had previously threatened visitors and other tenants with a gun. The court concluded that it was reasonably foreseeable, based on prior similar criminal incidents, that liability would accrue to the landlord and that it did not require a showing of prior nearly identical criminal incidents. In effect, the court concluded that the brandishing of weapons rendered the danger posed foreseeable enough that undertaking one or more minimally burdensome measures was not, as a matter of law, beyond the scope of the landlord's duty of maintenance. You are best advised to tell your landlord about its potential liability or move to

another location.

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.

# Rands tapped as Michigan Realtor of the Year

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Association of Realtors has named Nanci J. Rands as its 2007 Realtor of the Year. The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry.

Rands, a Bloomfield Hills resident, was chosen by a selection committee comprised of her peers and was recognized at the annual Michigan Association of Realtors' Convention & Expo held in Mount Pleasant Sept. 26-28. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, education and business accomplishments and service to the Realtor organization at the local, state and national levels.

"It's thrilling. It's not just an individual recognition," said Rands,



Rands

a University of Michigan graduate and an associate broker at SKBK Sotheby's International in Birmingham. She's proud to be part of an organization that does so much for the

public, clients "and really for private property owners. We're in a challenging environment now." Rands is impressed by the great job the 32,000 MAR Realtors have done day in and day out "in a very professional way is just terrific. For me, it was a wonderful recognition by my peers. I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that does so much for so many people."

She found out at the state convention in Mount Pleasant, where

Rands, Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year, was honored along with others from across the state. "It was a very humbling experience standing among all those people. Each one was very deserving and has really achieved lots of good things in their own Boards of Realtors.

"There is no doubt in my mind that I really stand with a number of extraordinary individuals who have been recognized before me." There is no national Realtor of the Year, she noted.

"I am so pleased to be the one people point to and say 'She's a Realtor." In the state award, Rands likes to represent all members of Michigan Association of Realtors and "the work they do every single day."

Realtors are licensed by state and uphold Code of Ethics, she noted. Rands, who works with SKBK Sotheby's International as an associate broker where she mentors other agents, is actively involved at the state, local and national Realtor level as well as in her community. She has been dedicated to RPAC and protecting the real estate industry in Michigan and will serve as the 2008 MAR RPAC chair.

MCAR Chief Executive Officer Walt Baczkowski Jr. was pleased when Rands received the state recognition. "The association is delighted that Nanci Rands was selected as Realtor of the Year," he said. "She still devotes countless hours to the association." Rands is active in supporting local Realtors, he noted, citing a Fair Housing poster contest and lobbying efforts.

"Nanci has been a very dedicated volunteer and active in the sales field," Baczkowski said.

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# HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 11-15, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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41810 Coventry Way	\$205,000
50525 Federal Blvd	\$167,000
50230 Harding St	\$284,000
2287 Lexington Cir N	\$262,000
2041 N Arbor Way Dr	\$112,000
2188 Paddock Ln	\$237,000
2214 Paddock Ln	\$239,000
43470 Proctor Rd	\$200,000
3439 Shepherd Ln	\$235,000
8273 Trafford Ct	\$512,000
2128 Trinity Rd	\$469,000
44887 Weymouth Dr	\$279,000
Farmington	
32020 Marblehead St	\$171,000
22784 Orchard Lake Rd	\$120,000
35520 Tall Pine Rd	\$283,000

Farmington Hills	
29941 Fox Club Dr	\$360,000
35472 Fredericksburg Rd	\$228,000
28954 Glenbrook Dr	\$365,000
28200 Green Meadow Lane	\$225,000
21652 Hamilton Ave	\$126,000
38996 Holsworth Ct	\$290,000
29514 Juneau Ln	\$192,000
21615 Oxford Ave	\$160,000
31139 Perrys Xing	\$275,000
31887 Snowden St	\$225,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd	\$95,000
37760 W Greenwood Dr	\$250,000
26172 Westmeath St	\$227,000
Garden City	*
30540 Barton St	\$135.000
5669 Cardwell St .	\$95,000
29824 Chester St	\$40,000
7044 Helen St	\$110,000
28840 Hennepin St	\$272,000
Livonia	V
34214 Bretton Dr	\$280,000
33033 Brookside Ct	\$290,000
9980 Garvett St	\$148,000
13995 Golfview St	\$183,000
29632 Grandon St	\$159,000
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29735 Mark Ln	\$185,000
20003 Mayfield St	\$150,000
15935 Norwich St	\$213,000
32800 Vermont St	\$161,000
Milford	
860 Barberry Dr	\$215,000
2725 Charms Rd	\$190,000
Northville	
16710 Abby Cir	\$352,000
18503 Clairmont Cir E	\$790,000
16539 Cottonwood Ct	\$360,000
49189 Rainbow Ln N	\$373,000
725 Randolph St	\$122,000
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22174 Chase Dr	\$405.000
27785 Hopkins	\$166,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000
27891 Hopkins Dr	\$167,000
27897 Hookins Dr	\$169,000
41638 Kenilworth Ln	\$210.000
25821 Lochmoor Ln	\$385.000
22599 Sheridan Rd	\$195,000
47290 Stratford Ln	\$343,000
24379 Surfside Rd	\$225.000
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	Redford	
25301 Five Mile Rd	**************************************	\$42,000
9945 Centralia		\$155.000
13488 Farley		\$130,000
18267 Indian		\$95,000
14239 Lenore		\$157.000
19983 Lexington		\$98,000
11329 Lucerne		\$131,000
11388 Riverdale		\$108,000
13521 Royal Grand		\$101,000
26306 Student		\$119,000
18811 Wakenden		\$78,000
	South Lyon	
26583 Blackwood Ct		\$407.000
1024 Equestrian Dr		\$248,000
209 Maplewood Ct		\$74,000
220 Oakbrooke Dr		\$129,000
1089 Polo Dr	Art Maria Car	\$350,000
26240 Shumans Way		\$326,000
,	Westland	
37017 Amhurst Dr		\$150,000
8277 Bristol St		\$72,000
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7863 Hugh St		\$180,000

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porch, landscaping, & front entry. Freshly painted, loads of storage, bsmt rec room w/wetbar & \_ bath.

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Priced under duplication cost, this

cherry & all appl's. Formal Liv & Din

Rms, Library, Fam Rm, & Master w/

(P-572MC)

(C-315HO)

(P-339AN)

(C-740GL) Master & laund, 3 car Garage, &

Livonia Schools.

\$315,000

\$134,900

spa bath. \$429,900

(P-203FR)

(P-269AL)



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CANTON COLONIAL

Nice 3 bd home featuring an open

\$190,000

(P-542FL)

(P-821FA)

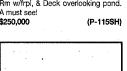


PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS Fab building sites in Washtenaw County & Salem Twp. Wooded walkouts w/ & features newer windows, roof, ravines & stream, gated communities, carpet, paint, entry doors, furnace, private roads, underground utilities, & hwh, remodeled Kit & Bath, & set off a private rd. Plenty of options.

Salem Twp. Wooded walkouts w/ & features newer windows, roof, ravines & stream, gated communities, carpet, paint, entry doors, furnace, lots nestled among mature trees & bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted Kitchen w/hwd floors & eating area, w/frpl, large Master w/WIC, prof garage, & all appliances stay. Very ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/ doorwall to Patio, newer furnace, finished bsmt, fenced yard, updated well kept. more. Builders plans avail or bring



GORGEOUS PRINCETON MODEL bd, 2.5 ba colonial featuring vaulted ceilings, Kitchen w/all appl's, formal Liv & Din Rms, 2 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, & Deck overlooking pond. \$250,000



PERFECTLY MAINTAINED





3 bd Livonia ranch that looks like Curb appeal abounds w/this picture Well maintained w/great furnace, vinyl windows, sprinklers, C/ A, fireplace, Livonia Schools, & great \$149,000 (C-057BA)



Beautifully situated on a corner lot 1 bath home w/Livonia Schools, great curb appeal, clean & backing to golf course. Open floor well maintained, new bathroom, 2 car plan, dream Kitchen, Master w/spa Garage, great landscaping, & more. (P-350HE) Deck, 3 car Garage, & too much

CHARMING CAPE COD

Updated Kitchen, formal Liv Rm w/

updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet,

flooring, & more

laundry, & more \$289,900

Master w/WIC & bath,



IMMACULATE JEWEL

maintenance free yard.

DESIRABLE RANCH Open & spacious ranch featuring w/french doors, floors in Foyer & fireplace, hwd floors in Kitchen, granite in Kit & bath, prof

perfect Garden City gem. location, spacious double lot.

updates inc siding, oak Kit, carpet,

glass block, neutral décor, 2.5 car

bath, intercom, maintenance free

JUST REDUCED!!!

Recent price drop on this Westland condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2

w/bath. All appliances included, plus

(C-706PR)

more to lis \$435,000

new carpet, 1st fl laun, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master

(C-266PO)

(C-904ST)

low assoc dues.

\$125,900

(P-543BI)

(P-333IV) \$127,900



**BUILDABLE LOTS** 

Lot sizes are 2.25 acres & 2.49 acres.

GREAT BUY

(P-411BE)

This luxury home offers more than Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth you could imagine! Dramatic 2 story foyer, circular staircase, Master Suite w/private sitting area. Liv Rm w/frpl. granite Kitchen, Library, finished bsmt, & Patio. \$799,000



UNBEATABLE PRICE Come see this beautifully decorated Beautiful (P-754BU)

MAINTENANCE FREE BUNGALOW

featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished hamt w/fireplace & har 2 car Garage, private backyard, updated

**FABULOUS LOCATION** 

gazebo, Kit w/granite & corian, Fam

Rm w/cath ceil, finished bsmt w/bath

& sauna, 3 car Garage, & lush

STOP, LOOK, BUY!

This turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo

has an excellent location, huge

neutral décor, hwd floors, updated

landscaping.

\$525,000

(P-665NO)

(C-811RA)

(C-599AR)

\$275,000



Trailwood offers this home w/a breathtaking view of the colonial w/desired updates such as a this spacious quad is perfect for pond. Beautifully updated t/o, granite Kitchen, prof finished bsmt w/ Farmington Hills schools, & so much bath, neutral décor, & pool table, hot Liv & Din Rm, updated maple Kit, tub, & large screen TV all stay!! (P-740CA)

**IMMACULATE CONDO** 

Priced below market value! Nestled in

WALK TO DOWNTOWN

Completely remodeled ranch w/2 Garages, enormous Kitchen w/

fireplace, 3 full baths, new furnace &

C/A, new flooring, updated elec, &

minutes from downtown Plymouth

LOCATION LOCATION!

shopping & events.

(P-233CE)

(P-698EV)

(P-969TH)

\$223,000

GREAT LOCATION

3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in

**GORGEOUS CUSTOM HOME** 

Large Kitchen/Sunroom w/silestone counters, finished bsmt w/2nd Kit &

hot tub w/built-in ceramic Deck. A

CHARMING BUNGALOW

**DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION** 

BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT

(C-281PA)

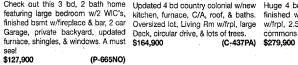
commons & great location.

bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/ WIC & bath, 1st fl laund, & Deck. Kitchen w/hwd floors & eating area, wftpl, large Master w/ doorwall to Patio, newer furnace, finished bsmt, fenced yarr roof, A/C, 2.5 car Garage, & an above roof & windows, & a Deck.

ground pool. \$150,000









BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Parklike .68 acre lot in farm Hills. 4 bd, 2.5 bath full brick home 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 bas, Deck w/ featuring ceramic flooring, large island Kitchen, 1st fl laundry, central

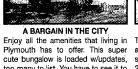


isiand Kitchen, 1st ii launury, central light inches, kp of the vacuum, Fam Rm w/frpl, paver Patio, island Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, & sprinklers.

Master w/vaulted ceiling, & area pool. (C-740RA) \$199,000 \$220,000







too many to list. You have to see it to (C-799AR) \$179,900



WHY RENT?

PERFECTLY APPOINTED sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, loft,



\$199,900 (C-654CH)





Nice & open 3 bd 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished \$154,900





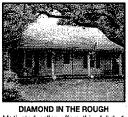
**GREAT LOCATION** 

Beautiful 4 bd. 2.5 bath home in

popular Canton sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd. all appl. formal LR & DR.

luxury Master w/ietted tub, 2nd floor

Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st fl w/workshop, oversized lot, & 1st floor pool w/Deck, & more



FORGET ABOUT BUILDING! Cane God w/premium lot backing to

protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/

areas, great potential for in-laws

1st floor laun, & so much more

\$374,900

Motivated seller offers this 4 bd, 1 bath home featuring a new oak Kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car Garage laun. Needs some more work but has \$99,900



rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage Master w/WIC, open floor plan,

quarters, 2 story GR w/frpl, gour kit, carpet, full bsmt, private Patio, &

(C-143SU)

much more.

\$124,900

Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in Lovely updated home on almost popular South Lyon neighborhood. acre of land backing to woods. 1139 sq ft, neutral décor, Master w/ Newer paint, refinished hardwood WIC, 3 season Florida Room, vaulted floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & Kitchen w/granite & cherry, Master w/ ceilings, & area pool & tennis. (C-133GR) \$120,000 (C-173GA)



**GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION** 

Pretty tree lined street, just a short

hwd floors, coved ceilings, updated

Kit & baths, large Fam Rm, screened

rear porch, Library/Den, & brick paver

to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths

(C-478AR)



Open floor plan w/extensive bath, finished walkout, paver Patio, & \$212,500

\$419,999

(C-909LA)



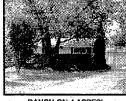
upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Great Room w/soaring ceiling, Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, gournet island skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see! (C-260LA)



This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd If you love extras this house is for floors, updated Bath, newer furnace you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, lagre yard w/fruit trees, & a home



DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY new trees & an abundance of flowers in apraeous fenced vard.



**RANCH ON 4 ACRES!** Located in Canton, offering a large split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room \$364,900 (C-331SA)



spacious Great Rm w/doorwall leading to Deck, maple Kitchen, direct access Garage, & so much \$129,900 (P-703CA)



NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN!

This beautifully updated ranch is sure

to delight w/all rooms freshly painted,

**CHARMING & IMMACULATE** Completely updated ranch w/crown molding, hwd floors, new brick paver home has an abundance of enviable bath & fireplace, & great Sunroom for relaxing



MOVE IN READY

Cute ranch within walking distance to

schools. Updates include newer roof,

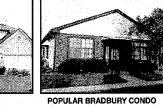
windows, & Kitchen cab's, 2.5 car

Garage w/workbench, neutral décor,

Fantastic golf course community frpl, dream kit, mstr w/frpl & his/he wic's. Home theater, & brick paver



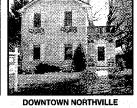
Great 4 bd home on an oversized lot. You'll fall for this park-like setting! Super clean, basement, 2.5 car Garage, appliances stay, & close to schools & shopping. Immediate Occupancy, Sellers transferred, must large Master w/spa bath & WIC, part (C-541GL)



Unique open floor plan w/2 bd, 1.5 Formal Liv & Din Rims, private Den, baths, large Master w/WIC, 1st fl a remod Kit w/Pergo, remod baths, eat-in Kitchen w/hwd & all appl's, laundry hookup, part finished bsmt new carpet, updated elec, plumbing, w/1/2 bath, new Deck, Adult ~ (P-877NE) \$128,500

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This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features

furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful (C-326PE)



indows & all appl's stay.



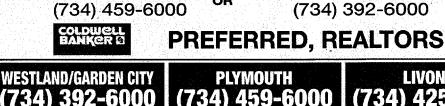
to date improvements. Spacious newer baths, Sunroom, & private yard \$299,900



(P-922TW)



verlooking the golf course. (P-671MO)

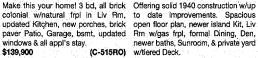


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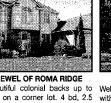
Great interior location for this end Check out this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home finished bsmt, Garage w/workbench, panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full bsmt, & Garage



THE JEWEL OF ROMA RIDGE

\$319,900

COZY & AFFORDABLE



baths, oversized Master Suite, Updates include roof, updated & freshly painted t/o. Priced furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, paint, carpet, new (P-889CR) \$285,000



AFFORDABLE

MOVE IN CONDITION!!

Charming 3 br brick ranch with a full

w/frpl, large Master w/WIC, prof garage, & all appliances stay. Very finished bsmt, fenced yard, updated well kept.

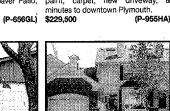
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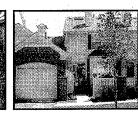
\$124,900

& partially finished bsmt



gutters, 2006 including furnace, minutes to downtown Plymouth





RAISED RANCH CONDO Move in & relax in this ranch offering Fantastic 3 bd. 3.5 bath condo w/an Not many like this available. Very wel kitchen, furnace, C/A, roof, & baths. finished walkout bsmt, Great Room Oversized lot, Living Rm w/frpl, large w/frpl, 2.5 car att Garage, backs to Rm w/nwd flooring, new roof in 2006, attached Garage, lots of updates taken care of 2 bd, 2 bath Plymouth. Rm w/nwd flooring, new roof in 2006, attached Garage, lots of updates condo offering finished bsmt, open floor plan, newer fixtures, beautiful Garage, part finished bsmt, & party done in the last 2 years, too many to Kitchen, & good location. (C-405PI) \$159,900 (C-471PO)







. PLYMOUTH CONDO



















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com) Come to a sixhour presentation to Learn How To Do a Mortgage Short Sale (discounted mortgage sale).. Curtis Brooks, C.L.C. (certified life coach), will be the speaker. Presented by the Real Estate Investors Assoc. of Oakland 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at MSU Management Education Center. 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, Michigan. Cost \$49/person. Call (800) 747-6742.

# Career Seminar

For anyone intersted in a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar on Friday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. and again on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Each seminar will take place at the Plymouth Market Center, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 (48170), a half city block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

# Seminar

A "Foreclosure Homebuyers Seminar" will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Learn about: How, Why and Where to Buy Foreclosures. Title? Mortgage? Inspections? Presented by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate. Call to reserve a seat: (248) 293-0000.

# BIA

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: **Innovative Ways** To Succeed In Today's Economy' on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott **Detroit Pontiac** at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic

conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-andanswer session between audience members and

experts. **BIA First** Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., Barbara Gates of MJC Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home

Resource. Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are \$50 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real **Estate Continuing Education** course on Monday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real **Estate Continuing** Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for **Building Industry** Association members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

862-1033. Building Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy,

C & D. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management will be joined by a local economist and a mortgage expert

**Conference Rooms** 

from LaSalle Bank to discuss how onsite sales professionals can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees

are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council present an Off-Site Project Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate

Associate (CGA)

and Certified

Graduate Builder (CGB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will review the role of the off-site project manager on a construction project. The seminar also will cover project planning, scheduling, reporting and documenting for record keeping and control purposes. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan residential builder's license examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Presented by

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information. call (248) 862-1033.

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction.

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "How To Conduct Outreach" course on Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. The course will focus on answers to these questions: What are we selling? Where can we market it? What is outreach and where do I begin? What is partnership marketing? How can I fit this into my existing

schedule? Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or **Building Industry** Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call

(248) 862-1004. ■ Apartment Association

of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "HVAC **Heater Trouble** Shooting" course on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975

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Association

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"Are You Giving

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Leasing 101" semi-

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Council members,

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■ Apartment

learning how to set

of Builder

Associate (CGA),

Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course will be a hands-on **HVAC** training program for your professional maintenance staff and will cover all of the gas and electric heater components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative

Registration fees are \$40 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

**■** Building

Association of

Industry

maintenance.

Southeastern Michigan will present a "How to Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the La Salle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representa-

call (248) 862-1033. ■ The Sales and **Marketing Council** (SMC) of the **Building Industry** Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified **New Home Sales** Professional course (MCSP) "Essential Closing Strategies' on Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS),

tives. For registra-

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Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The course provides participants with an opportunity to practice and rehearse the key words and phrases appropriate in a range of sales situations. Through realistic simulations, future sales leaders learn how to minimize common objections and win the confidence

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(248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council will present a scheduling seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills on Tuesday,

to subcontract the construction of their own homes. real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

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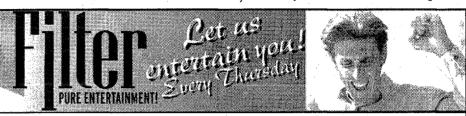
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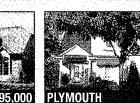
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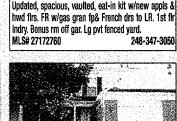
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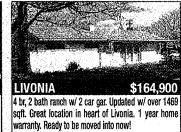
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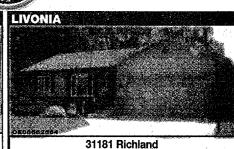
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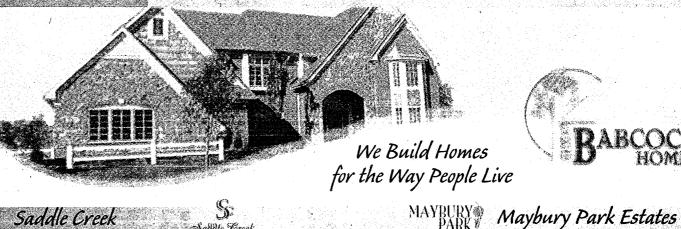
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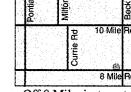
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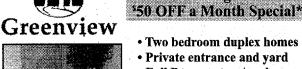
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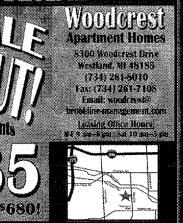


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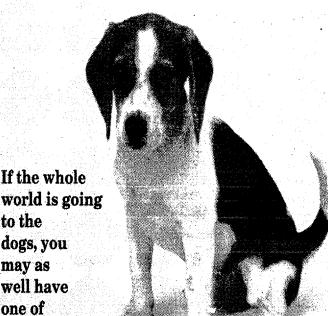
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completely upon the Internet, to the near-exclusion of other methods by

seekers rely almost

which people find jobs. The Internet seems easy to people who don't have connections and, further, don't know how to build them. Ripe for harvest are external customers, job fairs, former employers and networking.

**EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS** Geologist Jon Trujillo is special projects manager at the Tucson office of War Eagle Mining Co., which specializes in recovering germanium, an advanced electronics material used, among others, by the military, and General Motors' products for night vision. He developed his own connection while working at a company that consulted to War Eagle. His current position, drawing on his strong computer modeling background, involves liaison with marketing,

sales and the geology team. "It fits my skill set a lot better," he says. "There's a large commitment to travel (domestically and internationally), and the rhythm isn't predictable. Some months I'm out of the office 20 out of 30 days; others, I'm in the office 25 out of 30 days. I'm able to travel and be comfortable in different settings." He believes that if he hadn't been willing to travel, he never would have been hired.

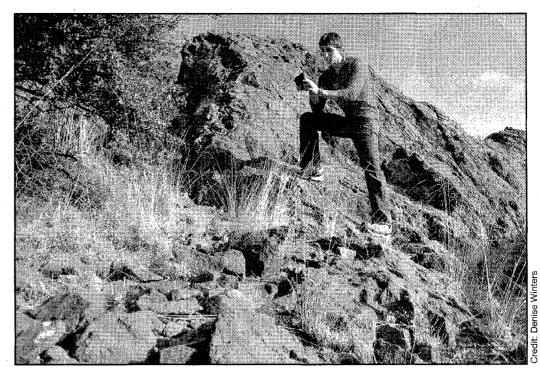
**JOB FAIRS** If current or former customers are dead ends, consider the story of the over-40 Anthony Ingram, who was out of work in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of February. The

Knoxville News Sentinel was sponsoring a job fair in mid-May, but none of the jobs listed appealed to him. He wasn't going to go, until he realized that he could obtain free copies of his resume. He had another motivation -- the knowledge that job seekers can't predict where the best opportunity will crop up.

Dressed in a suit, unlike the misguidedlypopular dirty t-shirt, "I made a sweep of the entire room and returned to those who might be a good fit," Ingram says. "On my second walk-around, I approached two men, who turned out to be Boy Scouts." He's an Eagle Scout with Palms. The fact that he communicates well was a plus, especially when he said, "If you get me, you get my family. If I'm going to work 45 to 50 hours, I want to bring my wife in so she's fully on board." Asking that his wife be included made the connection. He holds the job of district executive in The Empowerment Zone in diverse inner-city Knoxville, which has a high poverty level.

FORMER EMPLOYERS Reviving ties with a previous boss may open still another avenue. Based in St. Louis, Bill Keaggy is knowledge and content manager at XPLANE Corp., headquartered in Portland, Ore. He's on his second round with the company, which converts business information into compelling visual stories. Keaggy is creating a library that is both visual and written, and helping to develop a training system. He left the company for personal reasons in 2004 after a five-year stint. "I reconnected at the beginning of this year," he says. "I had never lost touch."

Keaggy credits the ease of the Internet to keeping current with a former company, then "reconnecting when it's appropriate on their Weblog or you see their company is hiring or



Jon Trujillo, geologist for War Eagle Mining, in the field inspecting geological samples.

changing in some way. I approached (the process) from the standpoint of wanting to learn more." His low-keyed method put him to work.

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created a connection by making contact and was subsequently hired. "Since then," she comments, "most of the jobs and clients I've had have come through networking." One notable exception was the blind ad she responded to, which led to five happy years at a Fortune 500 company, building relationships and moving up, cut short only when she moved to Phoenix.

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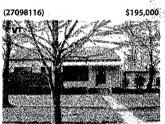
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(27168093) \$229,900

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Linden

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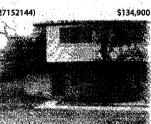


Milford 248-684-1065 Location and acreage! Open floor plan. Huge living room w/ stone fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Pull down attic storage, large laundry/

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248-348-6430 OUTSTANDING VALUE ON THIS END UNIT CONDO Wonderful condo w/new flr in entry, kit & breakfast nook w/sliding door leading to priv fenced patio. 2 lg br w/priv ba & new crpt.



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**Plymouth** 248-851-1900 QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st fl laundry. 2 HUAC systems, wood floors, stainless appliances, deck, fenced.



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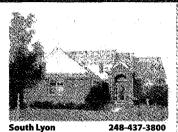
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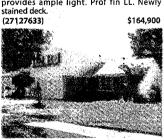
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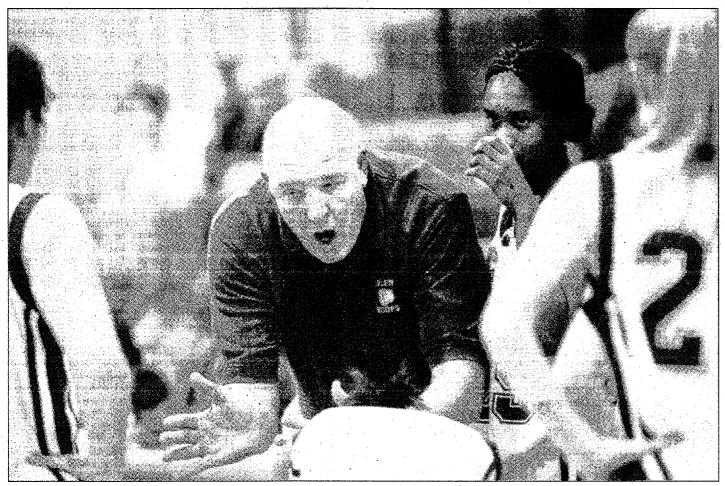


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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Fame Friday during a ceremony in Lansing. The former Michigan State University standout has chalked up 673 victories in 40 years of coaching.

# Salem's Thomann inducted into BCAM Hall of Fame

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

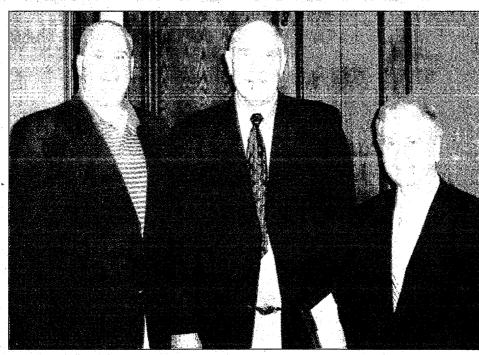
Fred Thomann remembers his first official day of coaching high school basketball almost like it was yesterday even though the 40th anniversary of that day is right around the corner.

"I walked into the gym at Willow Run High School in 1967 and there were about 100 young players there for tryouts," Thomann reflected. "I thought to myself, 'What in the heck am I going to do with these guys?"

What he did was lead the Flyers to a

Please see THOMANN, C2

Salem's Jamie Bricker blasts out of



Fred Thomann (center) is pictured at the BCAM Hall of Fame induction ceremony with his current assistant coaches Rick Berberet (left) and Bill Mair.

# MHSAA seeks your opinions

An unprecedented online survey to measure attitudes toward educational athletics was launched Monday by the Michigan High School Athletic Association — a poll that will be used to help plot future extra-curricular programming for

"Have Your Say: The High School Sports Opinion Poll" is a 54-question survey that the MHSAA wants everyone affiliated with high school sports, sports fans in general, and the general public to take part in. Questions will be asked about media sources people use to follow high school sports, their attendance at high school sporting events, corporate sponsorship of high school sports, sportsmanship and the role that high school sports serve.

All questions will ask participants to respond on a scale of "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree," using a sliding button to submit their answers. An opportunity to provide additional comments, school affiliation and involvement in school and non-school sports are other pieces of information survey takers will be asked to provide.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

"We are exploring a number of issues affecting schools sports, and doing this first-of-a-kind survey to find out what people think about educational athletics will help us plan to keep these activities relevant to kids and schools through the next generation," said John E. "Jack' Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

The survey MHSAA Web site, will run through Nov. 5.

Roberts added that the survey has been structured so it can be repeated on a scheduled basis to measure how views and attitudes about different aspects of school sports may change over time.

The survey can be found at www. mhsaa.com/haveyoursay.

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# Compuware job

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# MISL on TV

Fox Soccer Channel and the Major Indoor Soccer League announced a twoyear broadcasting agreement to televise league matches beginning this November through the 2008-09 season. The partnership represents the MISL's most comprehensive national television coverage in its seven-year history.

The 20-match regular season telecast schedule for 2007-08 commences on Friday, Nov. 16, with the three-time MISL champion Baltimore Blast hosting the expansion La Raza de Monterrey. The complete schedule, which concludes March 28, 2008, will be announced at a later date.

# Mustangs run away with WLAA golf title

See golf tournament results, C3.

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill senior Shannon Warner hadn't won the Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf tournament since her freshman year when she shot a course-record 71.

After a two-year WLAA drought, the two-time defending Division 1 state medalist turned in a blistering 18-hole round of 67 Tuesday at Canton's Pheasant Run to regain medalist honors, nine shots ahead of runner-up Sarah Johnson of Walled Lake Central, who shot a 76. Defending champion Alicia Weber of Northville was third with a 78.

But despite Warner's 67 and junior Lexi McFarlane's 84, the Chargers were eight strokes off the pace in the team standings

and had to settle for second place behind Northville, which finished with 345.

Churchill, the dual meet champion with an 11-0 record, and Northville, which finished 10-1. share overall first-place WLAA team honors.

"We played well, but Northville shot a great score today," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "A 353 (team total) is a winning score almost at any tournament. We hope to shoot that number Thursday at the (Division 1) regional (at Giant Oak), and if we do that we'll be all set.

"We had a good year. We gave it a good run at the conference meet and have nothing to feel bad about.

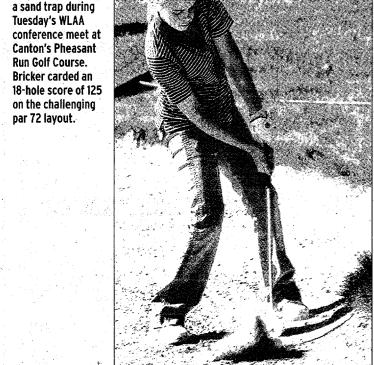
We still had a successful year." Warner had a total of seven birdies on hole numbers 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 18. On No. 12, the senior was slightly off the green and chipped in. She bogeyed numbers

"I tried to play well, not force anything, go with the flow and be patient," Warner said. "I wanted to keep it in the fairway and hit greens. That's the key to every course. I played well. My one bad drive I got lucky. It was a centimeter from being out of bounds (on the par-5, No. 4) and I ended up

with a birdie." Even more remarkable is the fact that Warner is juggling two sports during the fall season. She plays as a back-row defensive specialist for the defending state Class A champions. Warner had to miss volleyball practice Tuesday, which goes normally from 3-to-5 p.m., to play in the WLAA golf tournament.

There's only one drawback. "Sometimes I have to rush (to volleyball) when I have league matches," Warner said.

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# THOMANN

Class B state championship. Not bad for a 25-year-old elementary school physical education teacher with no prior head-coaching experience. The amazing feat proved to be just the tip of the coaching iceberg for Thomann, who has gone on to earn 673 victories.

On Friday night, the 65year-old Thomann was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

"You don't know what you don't know until you're the head coach," said Thomann, looking back at his early days of coaching. "I started attending basketball clinics every summer to learn as much as I could — and I still try to get to at least one clinic a year because there's always a new innovation or a new wrinkle you can pick up.'

# Longtime Rock

The bulk of Thomann's wins have come at Salem High School, where he's coached either the boys or girls teams since 1972.

"I have the utmost respect for Fred as a person and a coach," said Bob Blohm, a longtime girls basketball coach at Canton and Salem who retired in 2005. "It was an honor to have worked with and competed against Fred over the past 30 years.

"Fred's an outstanding coach because of his ability to teach the game and prepare his teams for competition. His hard work and dedication to basketball have not only benefitted his teams, but also many coaches like myself as well as the Plymouth-Canton area.'

# Health scare

Thomann's induction came just six weeks after he underwent a triple-bypass procedure that improved blood flow to and from his heart. An EKG a few days before the operation revealed that three of Thomann's arteries were blocked as much as 80 percent.

"I feel a lot better now than I did two or three weeks ago, but I'm still not close to where I was earlier this year," said Thomann. "I'm really looking forward to coaching the girls this year. I have a good group of players coming back and they had a nice summer. Four or five of them came up to see me in the hospital, which was nice."

which rent and fees are past due.

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# Illustrious playing career

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Although he had no headcoaching experience when he took over at Willow Run in '67, Thomann had some serious basketball credentials. Following a stellar high school career at Taylor Center High School during which he was named All-State his senior season, the 6-foot-9 Thomann excelled at Michigan State University.

Among the players he battled in the paint were future NBA stars Jerry Lucas and John Havlicek of Ohio State; the University of Michigan's Cazzie Russell and Bill Buntin; and Iowa's Don Nelson, who's currently coaching the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

We tied for third in the Big 10 my senior year," remembered Thomann. "But back then only 16 teams made it to the NCAA's, so we didn't get in.

"After I graduated from Michigan State, I had a tryout with the Knicks, then I played semi-pro ball for a couple of years before I got into teaching," Thomann's first coaching job came as a volunteer assistant for Bill McCartney at Detroit Holy Redeemer.

"I knew then that I'd eventually end up being a head coach somewhere," he said. "I loved the sport and I loved coaching it."

Thomann coached the boys basketball team at Salem from 1972 to 1984.

He coached both the boys and girls teams in 1984 before focusing on just the girls program the following season.

Thomann's teams have advanced to the state semifinal round four times.

He's also engineered six Regional titles, 20 district championships and 21 league

crowns.

"The best part about it for me has been having the opportunity to work with so many young players who have dedicated themselves to taking their game to the next level," said Thomann. "Every season is exciting because I get to work with a new group that has different dynamics than the year before. I enjoy having to figure out how to

get the most out of each team. "Some years you figure it out, some years you don't."

Most years Thomann's figured it out — and he has a Hall of Fame plaque to prove

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o you think you know your high school football rules? Before you yell at your local referee at the next game you attend, see you if can correctly answer these two sample questions (as provided recently by the Michigan High School Athletic

**Brad Emons** 

Association). Question 1: On a field goal attempt, the snap is muffed and the ball is rolling near the 10-yard line. The kicker, who

also plays soccer, kicks the rolling ball off the ground and through the uprights. The correct ruling on the play is ...

A. Successful field goal; score three points.

B. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the field goal is good, score three points.

C. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the result of the play is a touchback by virtue of the illegal kick. D. None of the above.

Question 2: MHSAA playoff game. The visiting team runs a play, which is followed immediately by the home team's band playing the school fight song. The band must stop playing ...

A. Whenever it feels like it; there is no regulation that deals with

B. When the visiting team breaks the huddle or when the ball

# **GRID PICKS**

Let's see if you really know football rules

is marked ready for play if the visitors are using a "no huddle" offense. C. The home team band may play as long as the visiting team band is playing at the same time.

As you mull over the correct answers, let's go upstairs and review the local playoff scenario with only two weeks left.

D. None of the above.

As we all should know, both Livonia Stevenson (7-0) and Livonia Churchill (6-1) are already ticketed for the postseason. Meanwhile, Redford Covenant (5-2) gets a bye this week by virtue of a forfeit win over Waterford Mount Zion and will join the playoff qualifiers.

Among the 4-3 teams knocking on the door are Canton (58.875 points), Westland John Glenn (54.871) and Plymouth (52.714).

Canton closes out its season against 6-1 Churchill and 1-6 Salem, while Plymouth gets an easier path against 1-6 Salem, a team it has already beaten, and 0-7 Romulus. Glenn probably has the toughest task beating 3-4 Livonia Franklin and 3-4 Wayne Memorial. Among 3-4 teams are currently on life support include: Redford Union (46.817), Franklin (44.714), Wayne (43.0) and Lutheran High Westland (28.714).

RU doesn't get much help from its last two opponents, 0-7 Lincoln Park and 1-6 Redford Thurston. Wayne has a rematch this week with 2-5 Walled Lake Central and finishes with Glenn, while Franklin takes on Glenn this week

Lutheran Westland takes on 3-4 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and 2-5 Rochester Hills Lutheran

in a rematch and finished with

Churchill.

Northwest to end the season. As far as the prediction race, I reestablished myself last week

going 11-1 to improve to 59-21 overall. Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright went 9-3 and now stands 55-25, while Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith also went 9-3 and is 53-27, six games off the lead.

Answer to Question 1 (C); and Question 2 (B).

Here is a look at this weekend's slate of games:

# FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M.)

W.L. WESTERN (6-1, 5-0) AT LIV. STEVENSON (7-0, 5-0): The state-ranked Spartans are gunning for their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship. Walled Lake Western hopes that a competitive weekin and week-out Western Division schedule will pay off with an upset win.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

CANTON (43, 3-2) AT LIV. CHURCHILL (6-1, 4-1): After divisional losses to Plymouth and Walled Lake Western, the Chiefs appeared to be dead in the water. Now given new life, a win over playoff bound Churchill will put the Chiefs in prime position for their eighth straight playoff berth.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Churchill).

LIV. FRANKLIN (3-4, 3-2) AT WESTLAND GLENN (4-3, 3-2): Franklin had high expectations during the preseason, only to be derailed by the Rockets in the season opener at EMU, 26-17, sending the Patriots in a threegame spiral to start the season. Glenn,

meanwhile, is fighting for its playoff life. PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Franklin).

WAYNE (3-4, 2-3) AT W.L. CENTRAL (2-5, 2-3): These two teams met in the second week of the season with Wayne rolling to a 33-14 win. If the Zebras could hold second half leads, they might be a perfect 7-0. Central, meanwhile, is coming off a 39-8 loss to Stevenson. PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Wright

(Central), Smith (Central). PLYMOUTH (4-3, 2-3) VS. SALEM (1-6, 1-4) AT P-CEP): These two teams also met during the second week with the Wildcats cruising 31-14. Salem lost last week to Glenn, 43-6, while Plymouth has to regroup after falling to Walled Lake Western, 40-27.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

REDFORD UNION (3-4, 2-3) AT LINCOLN PARK (0-7, 0-5): The Jekyll-and-Hyde Panthers whipped up on Taylor Kennedy last week in a Mega-White matchup, 44-26, while Lincoln Park, which has scored only 18 points all year, fell to Wyandotte, 41-0.

PICKS: Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

MELVINDALE (6-1, 4-1) AT GARDEN CITY (2-5, 1-4): The Cardinals are in the playoff after romping past Thurston last week, 41-2. The Cougars, meanwhile, hope to parlay their 24-14 win over Dearborn Heights

PICKS: Emons (Melvindale); Wright (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale).

ROMULUS (0-7, 0-5) AT RED. THURSTON (1-6, 1-4): Lateseason pride is on the line in this week in this Mega Blue encounter. Thurston lost to playoff-bound Melvindale, 41-2, while playoff bound Ypsilanti routed Romulus

PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

MONTROSE (6-1, 4-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (1-6, 1-5): This is a non-conference matchup with playoff-bound Montrose, coming off a 35-12 win over Durand, leading the Genesee Area Conference's Red Division and a playoff rating of 69.285. Clarenceville played virtually mistake-free football in last week's week 26-14 setback to 6-1 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

PICKS: Emons (Montrose); Wright (Montrose); Smith (Montrose).

# SATURDAY'S GAME LUTH. WESTLAND (3-4, 2-3) AT B.H. CRANBROOK (3-4, 32) 1P.M.: The Warriors led 6-1 Macomb

Lutheran North 15-14 at halftime last week before crashing and burning in a 49-15 loss. Cranbrook is coming off a 35-14 victory over winless Hamtramck. PICKS: Emons (Cranbrook); Wright

(Cranbrook); Smith (Cranbrook). **Brad Emons** is Sports Editor for Livonia-

Westland. He can be reached at bemons@ oe.homecomm.net; or (734) 953-2123.

# Chief kickers battle Pioneer to draw

Canton's soccer team prepared for Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game with Livonia Stevenson by playing state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer to a 1-1 draw Monday night at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The draw left the Chiefs with a 11-3-4 record.

Junior forward Sherif Hassanien spotted the Chiefs a 1-0 advantage just over two minutes into the second half when he scored off passes from Kyle Breitmyer and Tim Belcher.

The Pioneers countered with 25:12 left to knot the game at 1-all.

Nick Turnbull was spectacular between the pipes for Canton, stopping 10 Pioneer

Canton opens the Division 1 District tournament on

# PREP SOCCER

Monday when it hosts Livonia Stevenson in a game slated to kick off at 7 p.m. on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch.

NORTHVILLE 1, SALEM 0: On Monday, the Rocks closed out their regular-season slate with a hard-luck loss to the visiting Mustangs that dropped their record to 6-5-10.

The game's lone goal came on Mustang forward Masato Morioka's penalty kick midway through the first half. The PK came after a Rock player was whistled for a hand ball in the 18-yard box.

"We had plenty of time to get the equalizer, but we couldn't get it in," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Even though we lost, I thought we played very, very well against a very good Northville team.

for the District tournament. I know we're well prepared with the difficult schedule we've played this season."

pleased by the play of Salem goal-keeper Sasa Miskovic, who stopped 6-of-7 shots. "He played great," said

McCarthy was especially

McCarthy. AGAPE 7, FRANKLIN RD. 2: On

Monday at Franklin Road, the Wolverines clinched their first Michigan Independent Athletic Gladselter combined for the Conference Red Division title in school history.

The victory upped Agape's record to 15-1 overall and 10-0 in the division. Franklin Road slipped to 7-8-2 and 4-5-1. respectively.

Agape, which hosts Plymouth Christian Academy Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Independence Park in Canton, led 4-1 at the half and never looked back.

"It was nice to win our final conference game and finish the conference unbeaten," said

"I think we're well-positioned Agape coach Dan DeWitt. Several Wolverines stepped

up their game on the offensive end of the pitch, namely Brandon Pierson, who tallied a pair of goals. Also shining were Mark Mullett (goal, two assists), Ty Majeski (goal, two assists), Donald Mullett (goal, assist), Daniel Mullett (goal, assist) and Jared Miller (goal).

Jonathan Cregg scored both Franklin Road goals. Joel Ruffin and Matt

victory in goal for Agape. Ruffin stopped six shots in the first 65 minutes while Gladselter notch two saves over the final 15 minutes of action. Agape will open its Division

4 District tournament Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Southfield Christian High School. A victory would propel the Wolverines into a semi-final match Wednesday against West Bloomfield Jewish Academy. The District final is set for Friday, Oct. 19, at Southfield Christian.

# 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, October 25, 2007 for the following:

# **CARNIVAL ATTRACTION - 2008**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All 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

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# Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

October 2, 2007 A regular joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission held Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

Caccamo, Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Faas, Cathy Johnson, Ron Leiberman, Vic Gustufson, Greg Greene, Angela Wolosiewicz, Jeff Goulet, Katie

(7:15 p.m.), Damon Garrett (7:15 p.m.) Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda.

carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 2007 Land Use and Zoning Study These changes will respond to current trends in residential/commercial, balance tax base and adopt new market segments for new housing options. Topics discussed: Office/Residential Future Land Use Designation, Condominiums in the R-1 through R-5 Zoning Districts, Active Adult Residential Communities (AACs) - Zoning and Density, Future Land Use on the South Side of Michigan Avenue, Residential Densities on Ford Road West of Ridge, Lotz/Ford Road Corridor - South of Ford Road, Residential Development Completion Policy, Private Road Requirements for Commercial Developments, Commercial-National Tenant Logos/Signs/Design Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:54 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, Misc Items

4155 - Toni Venturella - 8 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items 4161 - Joel McDonald - Couch, Dresser, Bed Mattress

4226 - Toni Venturella - Washer, 12 Boxes, Mattress 5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity

5036 - Mark Williams - Big Screen TV, 3 Bikes, Dresser 5107 - Gloria & Lonnie Parham - Floor Buffer, Bike, 30 Boxes 5232 - Robert Jones - 4 Duffle bags, misc items

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**Board of Education** 

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

WAYNE COUNTRY
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Detroit Mumford, 102 points; 2. Salem, 105; 3. Northville, 118; 4. Dearborn Fordson, 127; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 134; 6. Livonia Churchill, 141; 7. Canton, 204; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 205; 9. Livonia Franklin, 225; 10. Plymouth, 246; 11. Wyandotte, 259; 12. Trenton, 273; 13. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 362; 14. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 370; 15. Westland John Glenn, 476; 16. Gibraltar Carlson, 505; 17. Lutheran High Westland, 516; 18. Detroit Cesar Chavez, 523; 19. Redford Union, 546; 20. Riverview, 581; 21. Southgate Anderson, 615; 22. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 626; 23. Allen Park Cabrini, 633; 24. Allen Park, 644; 25. Detroit Cass Tech, 656; 26. Belleville, 707; 27. Garden City,

Individual winner: Isaiah Ward (Mumford), 16 minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters). Minutes, 12 seconds (5,100 interes), Salem finishers: 5. Kevin deBear, 16:30; 7. Rob Curtis, 16:38; 19. Craig Cowing, 17:07; 27. Mike Charara, 17:15; 51. Jason Smith, 17:57; 58. Alex Volstromer, 18:03; 59. Eric Volstromer, 18:03; Churchill finishers: 8. Mark Waterbury, 16:42; 9. Joe Varilone, 16:43; 31. Nathan Wise, 17:20; 37. Brandon Grysko, 17:35; 62. Paul Folk, 18:05; 76. Michal Schmidt, 18:23; 90. Mark Freyberg, 18:40. 90. Mark Freyberg, 18:40.

10:23; 90. Mark Freyberg, 18:40.

Canton finishers: 13. Duncan Spitz, 16:53; 20. Kyle
Clinton, 17:08; 34. Derek Hoerman, 17:24; 57. David
Catalan, 18:02; 93. Gregory Reed, 18:43; 97. Michael
Eimers, 18:51; 120. Aaron McClellan, 19:26.

Franklin finishers: 17. Evan Sirena, 17:03; 30. Michael
Krcatovich, 17:19; 61. Dylan Taylor, 18:05; 63. Peter
Walblay, 18:06; 69. Douglas Cole, 18:12; 96. Jason

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Riffel, 18:47; 110. Robert Freed, 19:15. **Plymouth finishers**: 23. Justin Huey, 17:12; 36.

Derek Lax, 17:30; 56. Matthew Neumann, 18:01; 70.

Alexander Noble, 18:13; 78. Warren Buzzard, 18:27; 105. Lucas Seibel, 19:07: 108. James Eiben, 19:14:

105. Lucas Seibel, 19:07; 108. James Eiben, 19:14; John Glenn finishers: 83. Daniel McCahill, 18:29; 94. Tim Boes, 18:44; 101. Michael Gardner, 18:57; 112. Jeffrey Adkins, 19:16; 124. Eric Mlynar, 19:47; 175. Gary Lawrence, 22:18; 183. Ryan Vichinski, 23:22. Garden City finishers: 103. Michael Nordby, 19:01; 173. Matt Westra, 22:16; 176. Masson Mitchell, 22:31; 178. Mark Brissette, 22:53; 186. Josh Avery, 24:36. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 43 points; 2. Northville, 84; 3. Plymouth, 127; 4. Canton, 150; 5. Salem, 203; 6. Trenton, 216; 6. Grosse Pointe South, 231; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 252; 9. Wyandotte 150'; 5. Salem, 203'; 6. Irenton, 216; 6. Grosse Pointe South, 231; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 252; 9. Wyandotte, 255; 10. Allen Park, 264; 11. Southgate Anderson, 264; 12. Grosse Pointe North, 282; 13. Detroit Renaissance, 306; 14. Livonia Franklin, 313; 15. Belleville, 348; 16. Westland John Glenn, 384; 17. Garden City, 387; 18. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 524; 19. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 534; 20. Allen Park Cabrini, 547; 21. Gibraltar Carlson, 631; 22. Lutheran Westland, 646. Individual winner: Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 19

minutes (5.000 meters). Churchill finishers: 1. McFarlane, 19:00; 4. Alyssa Mira, 19:41; 5. Sara Kroll, 19:46; 12. Amanda Southwell, 20:16; 5. Hannah Otto, 20:40; 33. Michelle Verellen, 21:09: 35. Kim Verellen, 21:14.

Plymouth finishers: 3. Kelly Hahn, 19:34; 13. Molly Slavens, 20:17; 20. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:35; 40. Paula Green, 21:28; 51. Brianna Hessler, 21:54; 56. Sarah Brown, 22:05; 82. Elise Chaggas, 22:54.

Canton finishers: 6. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:54; 11. Sarah Thomas, 20;15; 27. Bianca Kubicki, 20:56;

39. Katherine Rymond, 21:24; 72. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:31; 94. Paula Schubatis, 23:16; 113. Katherine Galm,

Salem finishers: 26. Jordyn Moore, 20:55; 30. Kelley Determan, 21:02; 42. Linda Ling, 21:35; 44. Shannon Griffiths, 21:38; 65. Sabrina 22:22; 79. Lauren Olson, 22:40; 102. Kortney Marsh, 23:30. Ladywood finishers: 24. Megan Yanik, 20:49; 34.

Amanda Field, 21:11; 62. Becky Babon, 22:19; 69. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:26; 77. Julia Kenney, 22:38; 100. Emily Bambach, 23:27; 118. Mallory Tomaszewski,

Franklin finishers: 46 Megan Wickens, 21:43: 54 Franklin finishers: 46. Megan Wickens, 21:43; 54. Brittany Dilley, 21:58; 59. Mallory Church, 22:14; 81. Kelly Walblay, 22:53; 87. Victoria Church, 23:01; 105. Breanna Minnick, 23:41; 116. Shannon Niznik, 24:02. John Glenn finishers: 32. Stacey Richardson, 21:03; 37. Ashley Bailey, 21:17: 68. Megan Nikula, 22:25; 130. Evi Cenolli, 25:08; 136. Michelle Levy, 25:28. Garden City finishers: 8. Courtney Plummer, 20:06; 75. Bobbi Boyarida, 22:35:90. Christina Milna. 75. Bobbi Beveridge, 22:35; 90. Christina Milne, 23:07; 103. Rachel Szczembara, 23:30; 133. Olivia Longuski, 25:19; 141. Whitney Spencer, 25:42; 163. Jennifer Nichols, 29:27.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 110. Hannah Mielke. 23:53; 134. Miriam Pranscke, 25:20; 146. Danielle Voetberg, 26:11; 148. Megan Kohtz, 26:20; 150. Amber Pniewski, 26:27; 157. Ashley Pniewski, 27:02; 160. Megan Fisher, 28:27.

Wayne finishers: 117. Claire Moro, 24:03; 144. Esmeralda Rivera, 25:55; 147. Melissa Smith, 26:13; 158. Chelsea Gilbert, 27:21. RU finishers: 52. Sara Miller, 21:56; 55. Amanda Milley, 22:03; 107. Virginia Sentman, 23:43; 140. Amanda Fross, 25:39.

# Rock netters 2nd in tourney

affect Salem's boys tennis team.

Led by No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, the Rocks wrapped up a second consecutive successful season Saturday by placing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's conference tournament, which was held on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's courts.

The Rocks racked up 19 points to place second behind front-runner Northville's 27. Livonia Churchill (16) and Livonia Stevenson (13) placed third and fourth respectively.

Canton garnered nine points to earn a fifth-place tie with Walled Lake Northern while Plymouth netted eight, which was good enough for seventh.

Washington was one of two Salem singles players to win his flight, downing Northville's Melvin Joseph, 6-0, 6-1, in the final. The victory proved to be redemption for Washington, who lost to Joseph during the teams' dual meet earlier in the year.

Salem junior Dave Benson took gold at No. 4 singles when he ousted Northville's Mike Hagan in a thrilling three-setter.

Two Salem doubles duos advanced to the championship match before falling: The No. 1 team of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz was edged in three sets by Northville's Andy Mills and Graham McHenry; and the No. 2 tandem of Jake

The change of seasons apparently didn't Burnstein and Tyler Jeleniewski lost in straight sets to Northville's Lee Schecter and Phil Irvine.

Canton's lone player to reach the finals was No. 2 singles player Mike Darouie, who dropped a hard-fought match to Livonia Churchill's Nick Payne.

# WLAA CONFERENCE **BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY AT P-CEP TENNIS COURTS OVERALL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 27; 2. Salem, 19; 3. Livonia Churchill, 16; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 5. (tie) Canton and Walled Lake Northern, 9; 7. Plymouth, 8; 8. Walled Lake Western, 6; 9. Walled Lake Central, 4; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2; 11. Wayne Memorial, 1; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0.

# CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Melvin

Joseph (N), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2: Nick Payne (LC) def. Mike Darouie (C), 7-6(3), 6-2.

No. 3: Askshay Moorthy (LC) def. Tim Wasielewski (N),

No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Mike Hagan (N), 6-0, 6-7, 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Andy Mills-Graham McHenry (N) def. Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. No. 2: Lee Schechter-Phil Irvine (N) def. Jake Burnstein-

Tyler Jeleniewski (S), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Dan Mills-Brian Lovett (N) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton

Northey (LS), 6-2, 6-0.

No. 4: Nick Kalweit-Evan Gatz (N) def. Evan McWilliams Grant Campbell (LS), 6-1, 6-0.

# FINAL REGULAR-SEASON STANDINGS

1. Northville, 11-0; 2. Salem, 9-1-1; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 8-2-1; 4. Canton, 7-3-1; 5. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Plymouth, 6-4-1; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 5-5-1; 8. Walled Lake Western, 5-6; 9. Walled Lake Central, 3-8; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2-9; 11. Wayne Memorial, 1-10: 12, Westland John Glenn, 0-11,

# (DUAL MATCHES COUNT FOR TWO-THIRDS; TOURNAMENT RESULTS ONE-

THIRD)
1. Northville; 2. Salem; 3. Livonia Stevenson; 4. (tie) Canton and Livonia Churchill; 6. Plymouth; 7. Walled Lake Northern; 8. Walled Lake Western; 9. Walled Lake Central; 10. Livonia Franklin; 11. Wayne Memorial; 12. Westland John Glenn

# PREP SWIMMING

# **LIVONIA LADYWOOD 85** TUESDAY AT CANTON

200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:07.99; 2. Canton,

**200 freestyle:** 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:07.43; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:16.42; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:16.78.

200 IM: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 2:07.77; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:23.65; 3. Keri Santeiu (LL), 2:35.54. 50 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 26.81; 2. Shannon Kelly (LL), 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 27.82.

1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 188.85 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 184.20; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 162.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:10.42; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 1:11.97; 3.

Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:14.42. 100 freestyle: 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 1:01.81; 2. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:02.19; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:02.61. 500 freestyle: 1. Keri Santeiu (LL),

5:58.33; 2. Sara Schmitt (C), 5:58.63; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 6:05.99. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Meghan Sears, Maggie Carlson), 1:51.13; 2. Canton, 1:52.94; 3. Ladywood,

100 backstroke: 1. Brianna Wilson (LL), 1:10.12; 2. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:11.81; 3. Lindsey Kubacki (C), 1:18.01. 100 breaststroke: 1. Allison

Schmitt (C), 1:11.73; 2. Mandy Nameth (LL), 1:17.39; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:23.47.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Shannon Kelly, Keri Santeiu, Brianna Wilson, Kelley Hodges), 4:14.31; 2.

**DUEL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 4-2; Ladywood, 4-4.

# **GOLF RESULTS**

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT Oct. 9 at Canton's Pheasant Run TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 345 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill, 353; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 395; 4. Walled Lake Western, 402;

5. Walled Lake Central, 411; 6. Canton, 433; 7. Livonia Franklin, 436; 8. Westland John Glenn, 460; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 462; 10. Plymouth, 492; 11. Salem, 521; 12. Wayne Memorial, no Individual medalist: Shannon Warner

Individual medalist: Shannon Warner (Churchill), 67.
ALL-CONFERENCE: 1. Warner (LC), 67; 2. Sarah Johnson (N), 76; 3. Alicia Weber (N), 78; 4. Lexi McFarlane (LC), 84; 5. Brianna Roberts (N), 86; 6. Kirsten Freisen (N), 88.
ALL-DIVISION: 7. Chelsea Osburn (Canton), 91; 8. Kelley Hill (N), 93; 9. (tie) Kara Gregory (Canton) and Michelle Cha (WLW), 94 each; 11. (tie) Dana Thomas (WLN) and Kelsey Williams (WLN), 95 each; 13. (tie) Gabrielle Sabatini (LS), Paige Scarpace (LF) and Marni Weinstein (WLW), 96 each; 16. Allie Buttery (WLN), 98; 17.

(tie) Amanda Dobos (LC), Melanie Wilkerson (WLW) and Amy Berstein (N), 99 each. OTHER INDIVIDUAL SCORERS Northville: Joanne Weber, 100. **Churchill:** Jessica Burdette, 103; Danielle Lesniak, 108; Samantha Proben, 121. W.L. Northern: Stephanie Boggs, 107; Vikki Zolkewsky, 111; Rachel Blanzy, 117.

W.L. Western: Amanda Schwandt, 113; Radhey Raval, 114; Leah Garlson, 119. W.L. Central: Kelly Miller, 109; Jenni Abraham, 111; Riley Collins, 115; Lauren Mozak, 117: Rehecca Rosevear 151 Canton: Johanna Alexander, 123; Alexandra

Wie, 125; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 129; Erin Franklin: Heather Bacon and Samantha McAtee, 113 each; Natalie Polakowski, 114; Lauren Beahon, 117; Georgia Patrick, 119: John Glenn: Heidi Irvine, 103; Jamie Young, 111; Dakota Howell, 114; Courtney McKinney, 132; Samantha Baker, 136; Justine Woodard,

Stevenson: Natalie Cicchelli, 116; Shelby Plichota and Claire Massman, 125 each; Elizabeth Grace, 132; Andrea Burford, 141. Plymouth: Patricia Burns and Missy Gosbee, 108 each; Liz Cizek, 131; Megan Haggerty, 145; Haggis Valle, 149.

Maggie Kelly, 148. Salem: Jamie Bricker, 125; Natalie Barnett, 131; Janiczek, 133 each; Ewa Zajac, 139.

Wayne: Berlynn Beaver, 106; Taylor Tuttle, 126.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Dual meet: 1. Churchili, 11-0; 2. Northville, 10-1; 3.-W.L. Northern, 9-2; 4. W.L. Western, 8-3; 5. Franklin, 6-5; 6. (tie) W.L. Central and Stevenson, 5-6 each; 8. (tie) Canton and John Stevenson, 5-6 each; 8. (tie) Canton and John Glenn, 4-7 each; 10. Plymouth, 2-9; 11. (tie) Salem and Wayne, 1-10 each.

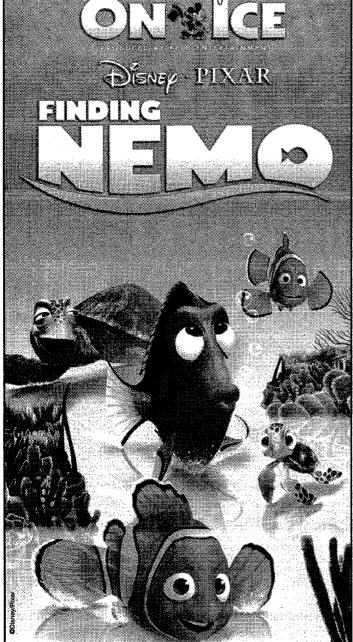
Lakes Division: 1. Churchill, 5-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-1; 3. (tie) Stevenson, W.L. Central and John Glenn, 2-3 each; 6. Salem, 0-5.

Western Division: 1. Northville, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3. Franklin, 3-2; 4. Canton, 2-3; 5. Plymouth, 1-4; 6. Wayne, 0-5.

Overalt: (tie) Churchill and Northville

Overall: 1. (tie) Churchill and Northville, 22 points each; 3. W.L. Northern, 19; 4. W.L. Western, 17; 5. W.L. Central, 13; 6. Franklin, 12; 7. Canton, 10; 8. (tie) Stevenson and John Glenn, 9 each; 10. Plymouth, 5; 11. Salem, 3; 12.





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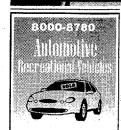
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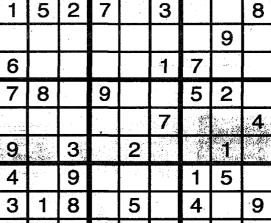
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# Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

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Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2007 vehicles for about one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2007 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2007 model? In the instance of the Bulck LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax.vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 5.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2007, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

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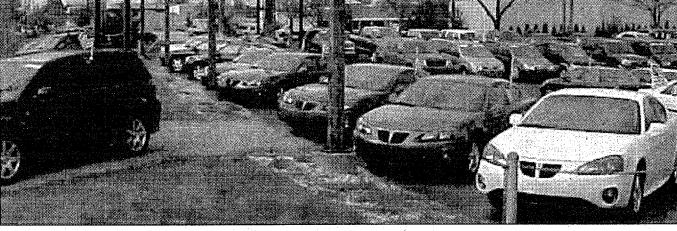
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's hunting" "bargain dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2007 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any

other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2006 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the preowned 2007 vehicles. The low financing on new 2007's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2007 program vehicles all with 100,000 mile warranty.

across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest

inventory of 2007 program cars in Michigan with a 100,000 mile warranty.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2007's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2007 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

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The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

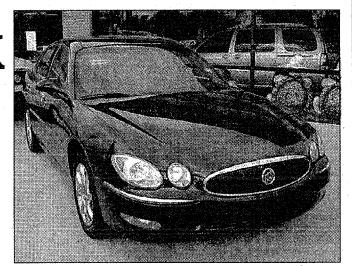
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

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See the 2007 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

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# Bring samples, fabric along when buying area rug

Mary Klemic, editor . (248) 901-2569 . mklemic@hometownlife.com

aren of South Lyon asks: "I'm in the market to purchase some area rugs for my home to use over hardwood flooring. There is such a range in prices for an 8-by 10-foot rug. What should I consider before making a purchase?"

Your question is a very common one when considering area rugs. Why should you spend \$2,000 when you can find one for \$250? Rest assured, not all area rugs are created equal.

Before going rug shopping, you need to decide if you are buying for long term aesthetics or buying with the idea that you may be redecorating again in a couple of years. Try and educate yourself first, then establish a realistic budget based on your needs and desires.

The main factors that affect

the price of a rug are the fiber content, pattern detail, and whether or not the rug is Solutions machine produced, hand-knotted, or hand-tufted. To help Terri Guastella answer Karen's question, I spoke with Carlos Tovar, an 18year veteran sales consultant at Hagopian World of Rugs, located at 43223 W. 12

Mile Rd. in Novi (248) 449-7847. "When purchasing an area rug, arm yourself with anything you may deem helpful (paint samples, fabric swatches, wallpaper cuttings) before heading into the showroom and educate yourself about the products available," Tovar said. "We will help guide you through the process from beginning to end."

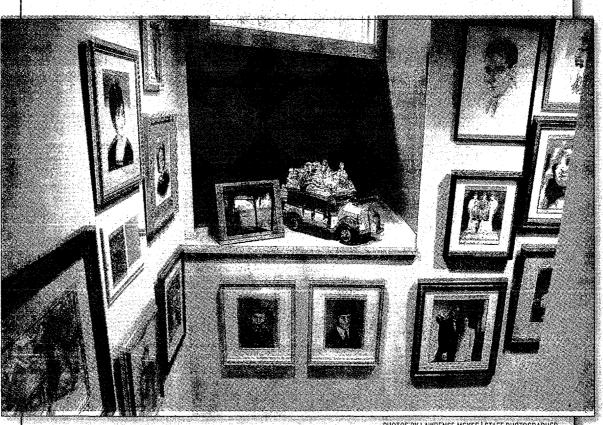
"As we work with you to achieve your specific needs, keep in mind some of the basics. Wool will generally cost more than synthetic fiber rugs. They will also last much longer and clean up better. Also, if you buy wool it should be soft and supple to the touch not brittle and dry. Another basic fact is the more colors the rug has in it and the finer the details, the more it will cost."

One of the biggest considerations that will affect your purchase is whether or not you are starting with the rug or trying to find a rug that will work into an existing design scheme.

If you begin with the rug you will have an enormous selection of rugs to choose from based solely on what you find pleasing. If you have an existing design scheme, it will narrow down your selections based on what is available in the current market that works with what you already have.

Always keep in mind that there are good, better, and best qualities of rugs in all categories from machine made to hand knotted. Take some time to visit a qualified rug dealer and let an expert guide you through this purchase.

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



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Accenting walls or spaces with an emerald shade like this inset window in Jeannette Saquet's Bloomfield Hills home can add depth and interest to the space.



# Coat your walls in rich jewel tones this fall

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

meowners might not think to check the fall fashion runways or Hollywood Red Carpet entrances for inspiration when choosing colors to coat their walls. But that's just where the trends come from, according to John Wohl of TVI Interiors in Royal Oak.

If you can turn down the volume on Joan Rivers, that really is a signal to the beautiful, deep tones, the very very rich colors," he said.

This fall paint shades go bold. From emerald greens to aubergine, rich plum to warm goldenrod, colors are nothing less than sophisticated. Wohl's personal favorite shade-of-the-moment is a deep rusty red he calls Algerian Red, which has pinkish undertones. "It can work great in a larger room, where you want to create a sense of warmth, where you have four

Please see BOLD, D2



Jeannette Saguet says she trusts interior designer John Wohl, owner of TVI Interiors, to always get it right when it comes to decor and color.



Interior designer John Wohl said vibrant paint colors like this deep emerald green are in style for anyone remodeling or redesigning their space.

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One in every nine women has a chance of being diagnosed with breast her lifetime.

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Art Van Furniture is offering a selection cancer within of pillows. (\$24.99-\$29.99), to benefit This October, the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. **Furniture** John Hospital. has joined

the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign by introducing a pillow program where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The program will run throughout the year, as supplies last.

"It's hard to imagine a family today that has not been touched by cancer - and breast cancer is among the most common cancer diagnosed in women," said Ken Van Elslander, president of Art Van Furniture. "Our hope is that our efforts here will not only assist current research programs, but will also serve as a reminder throughout the year that ongoing support is needed for cancer initia-

The collection of 27 throw pillows (18' x 18'), in several colors and designs, retail for \$24.99-\$29.99, and will be available in all 29 Art Van locations.

For more information, visit artvan.com or www.stjohn.org.



Wild Flowers, designed by Brittany Hammel of Denton, Texas, won Carpet One Floor & Home's "Design for Pink" contest. It's among seven floor mats benefitting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

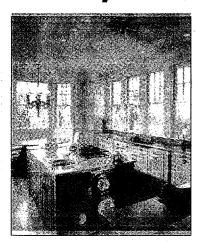
# **PINK RIBBON FLOORING**

Carpet One Floor & Home will continue its support for breast cancer research and awareness with "Shop for Pink" and "Carpet One Floor & Home Welcomes Your Support" events at stores across the country. Starting this month, the retailer will donate a portion of sales from select pink ribbon flooring and specially designed welcome mats to The Breast Cancer

Research Foundation. The durable indoor/outdoor floor mats include seven designs ranging from Tickled Pink, which features a retro pink and brown pattern, to Pumpkin Patch and Autumn Branches, perfect for fall.

Twenty-five percent of the \$21.99 purchase price will benefit the cause. To find the Carpet One Floor & Home nearest you, visit www.CarpetOne.com.

# Today's windows offer more options than ever



This kitchen's beautiful double-hung windows and bay window have rich white interiors to complement the surrounding cabinetry and woodwork, and enhance the room's overall interior design.

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(MS) — Many people choose to build a new home or remodel an existing home to create a dwelling tailor-made for them. Homes today are customized to their owners — from the entry door to the patio door; from the peak of the great room to the choice in flooring. Windows are no exception.

Window and door manufacturers continually refine their products to increase their energy efficiency ratings, and aesthetically, windows have become an integral part of homes' exterior — and interior - design.

"Windows have become a much more integral piece of a home's architecture and interior design in the past several years," said Dave Koester, brand manager for Weather Shield Windows & Doors. "As a manufacturer, we try to stay ahead of the trends and offer homeowners the choices they want when designing their homes. We continually expand our options in exterior colors, interior wood trim species, grilles and hardware in order to create windows and patio doors that appeal to homeowners' varied

According to Koester, home designs no longer have a single obligatory window in each room but rather feature multiple windows that add dimension and character to a room, bring in sunlight and views, and artfully follow the pitches of the vaulted ceilings inside and the rooflines on the outside.

Monumental patio doors, transoms and custom-shaped fixed windows, along with double hung, casement or awning operating windows create huge glass expanses, particularly for the back of a home. More homeowners and builders are using telescoping patio doors and bi-fold patio doors up to 23- or 24feet wide to add dramatic effects to a room's aesthetics, opening up a room to more light, outside air and bigger views. These doors are tailor-made for blending indoor and outdoor living areas.

Window exteriors are available in several materials; one of the most popular is aluminum clad wood. Through advanced painting systems, select manufacturers can paint cladding in virtually any color imaginable. Whatever your pleasure — Indigo blue, dark night blue, Aegean blue, they're all available on the market

today. Homeowners looking to further the historic look of their New England Saltbox or the rustic nature of their ranch home often use grilles, either in between the two sheets of glass or on

top of the glass, in a variety of standard Please see WINDOWS, D3

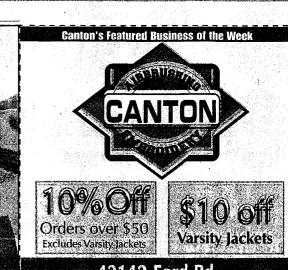


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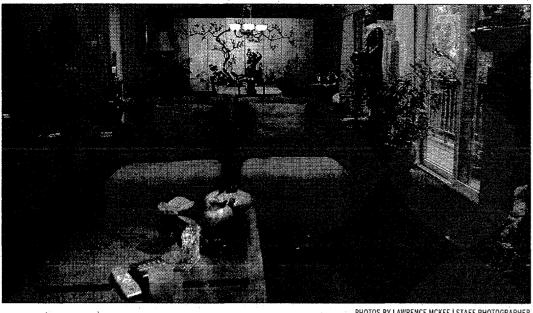
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Designer John Wohl of TVI Interiors said when it comes to painting, don't fear bold colors. They make a confident statement and can be used to highlight artwork from across the globe - as they do in Jeannette Saquet's home.

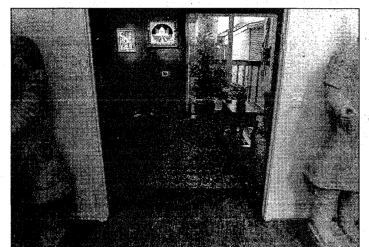
walls with no great architectural interest," he said.

Gone are the medium tones that have basically "become the new beige," Wohl said. In their place are tones like intense turquoise or flirty fuchsias. Colors can reflect places you've been and express influences from around the

The interior of Jeannette Saquet's Bloomfield Hills home, designed by Wohl, certainly expresses her extensive travels. The intense blues, greens and reds and golden tones highlight artwork and artifacts she's collected and reflect her interests.

The lower level of her home doubles as her office. The bright walls are sunshine gold and complemented by print draperies and a pale bluegreen carpet that she said reminds her of the environs when she's scuba diving. The lush greenery outside becomes part of the whole palette. When she began working on the home seven years ago, she had no particular colors in mind. Saquet said she knew she wanted to avoid autumn colors but she didn't hesitate to go bold.

Whatever you choose, Wohl warns "don't be afraid of color." This season paint shades take their cue from nature, rich greens and golden tones found just outside the window. Follow their lead and you can't go wrong, Wohl said. "Too often people fall into the mode of doing something neutral," he added. And



This true blue shade in Jeannette Saguet's Bloomfield Hills home is the perfect accent for a meditation room.

at all costs, he tells his clients to avoid what he calls "tenement beige."

Bold colors can be a statement of confidence, according to Wohl. "It's a great train to be on," he said.

Before committing to a color, Wohl suggests painting a piece of foam core or cardboard with the shade you're contemplating. That way you can see what the paint color looks like in various parts of the room - next to the fireplace, the baseboards, the carpet, the moldings, behind art work, lamps and furniture.

Wohl said it's a myth that deep tones will make a room look smaller. When painting a smaller room he might suggest keeping the trim light "to create a polished effect." The trim around a window and door might remain white or off-white to contrast an intense shade. Because darker colors are prone to showing smudges, Wohl said they should have a pearl or eggshell finish.

"Earth tones are still really

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popular," Wohl added. So the color-phobic can still be in high style with earthy neutrals. Living in such a seasonal climate, Michigan homeowners can choose warm or cool colors of paint, or even use both in a living space successfully. Wohl said one feature wall might be a dark, warm tone, and surrounding it might be more neutral shades.

When choosing an accent or feature wall, he suggested a wall without an outside corner to avoid giving a two-tone effect. Walls surrounding a fireplace or an entrance way can make good accent walls and can add depth to a room.

Preparation is key, Wohl said. If it's confidence you lack, find a professional to handle the painting itself. "Good paint is expensive and it takes a lot of work and a lot of time," Wohl said. But for homeowners like Saquet, it's

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# New wireless modems offer liberation from Wi-Fi hotspots

arlier this year I wrote about tethering, which turns your cell phone into a highspeed wireless modem for your notebook

I still think it's a great solution for folks who need fast Internet access everywhere they go, not just in proximity to Wi-Fi hotspots. Just one problem: If your phone is plugged into your PC, you can't make or take calls.

Tethering drains your phone's battery pretty quickly, too. All the more reason to consider a dedicated wireless modem, one that plugs directly into your PC and leaves your phone out of it.

I tested the latest offerings from Sprint and Verizon Wireless, both of which have recently upgrad-Rick Broida ed their wireless broadband networks to "Rev. A." That's geek-speak for "faster."

Let's start with Sprint. The company sent me a Sierra Wireless AirCard 595U, a USB modem that's about the size of a small cell phone.

After installing Sprint's Mobile Broadband software (available for Windows and Mac), you simply plug in the modem, then click the software's Go button. Wait a few seconds and presto, you're connected.

I don't rely on "burst rates" and other nebulous performance numbers to test modem speed. Instead, I open up some satellite maps in my Web browser. I also fire up LogMeIn to connect remotely to my home PC. These two activities require serious bandwidth; if the connection is slow, I'll know it immediately.

Nothing slow here: The AirCard ran like a champ. In fact, my Internet access seemed faster over Sprint's network than it did over a typical office Wi-Fi network.

I particularly liked Sprint's Location Search feature, which automatically determines your whereabouts and helps you find the nearest restaurant, bank, hotel, gas station, or anything else you type into the search field. The results appear on a Windows Live Search map in your Web browser.

Verizon's connection software (also Windowsand Mac-compatible) offers no such capability, but the mobile-broadband experience is virtually identical in other respects.

The company started me with a Novatel Wireless USB720 modem, but a few connectionrelated glitches suggested it was a faulty unit. So they replaced it with an AirCard 595U-the



same one provided by Sprint.

My informal testing showed similar results: easy, speedy Internet access.

So, how can you decide between the two? Start with price: Sprint's version of the AirCard sells for \$80 (after a \$50 mail-in rebate), provided you sign a two-year contract. The actual broadband service runs \$60 per month.

Verizon also charges \$60 per month for service (and for the record, so does AT&T), but the AirCard will cost you \$130. Plus, you need to be a Verizon voice subscriber as well. Sprint doesn't impose this requirement.

You can lower your hardware costs a bit by. opting for a card-style modem, one that slips into your notebook's PC Card slot (freeing a precious USB port in the process). Both Sprint and Verizon sell them for around \$50. And a current AT&T promotion will get you one for free (after mail-in rebate), but again that's with a two-year contract.

Much as I'm a fan of free Wi-Fi hotspots like the one at Coffee 'N' More in Wixom, there's something to be said for a hotspot that goes where you go. If you travel a lot or find there's never a wireless network around when you need one, one of these broadband-anywhere services might be just the ticket.

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

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

# **Edible Plants Feast**

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will host a Wild Edible Plants Hike and Feast 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Join a naturalist for a hike in Holliday Nature Preserve to learn about common local plants used for food, medicine and other daily needs. Afterwards, taste dishes prepared using wild native plants at Café Nankin. Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$4 per person. Pre-registration required. Nankin Mills is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Call

(734) 261-1990. **Detroit Zoo Events** 

The Detroit Zoo offers one of the best fall color displays in southeast Michigan.

Learn to build your own garden masterpiece during seminars 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 3. Take an in-depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design – site analysis, making a base plan, texture, color, shape, line, focal point, harmony, contrast and repetition, \$140. Visit www.detroitzoo.org.

# The Community House

Staging Your Garden for All Seasons, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23; \$24, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-5832, www. communityhouse.com.

**Good Earth Landscaping** 

Mimicking Mother Nature, 7 p.m. Oct. 11, \$34, continuing education class at Waterford Kettering High School, (248) 682-1088; also Beautiful Bulbs.

12:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Oxford Garden Club, at Oxford Library, www.goodearthlandscapellc.com.

# Michigan Orchid Society Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn. in

Bloomington, III., on the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., free (248) 528-1453.

# Lily Bulb Sale

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd. (at Woodward), 9-4 p.m. Oct. 26-27. Find hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs (Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Martagons and more) for reasonable prices. Visit www.mrls.org.

# **HOME CALENDAR**

# **Get Treasures Appraised**

Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will help residents discover how much family heirlooms, treasured antiques and collectibles are worth with a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Second Annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Bring jewelry (old & new), furniture, china, glassware, pottery, silver, dolls, toys, collectibles and memorabilia to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon. Entry fee, \$2 at the door; appraisal fee, \$6 per item/two items for \$10. Call (248) 437-8810.

**Decor Seminar** 

Local author and realtor Kathi Jones-Cutler will host a Cashing in on Design seminar 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at

Century 21 Town'& Country, 294 E. Brown St. in Birmingham, Jones-Cutler will offer tips on real estate and decorating. The seminar is free with purchase of her book, "Cashing in on Design" (\$19.95), which will be used as a guide. For information, call (313) 218-3956 or visit www. cashinginondesign.com.

# **Update on Design**

Steve Piersall, CEO of Huntington House, and Michael Kirby, director of merchandising for Huntington House, will visit Art Van Furniture locations to give an overview of how to update a single room or entire house. The seminars will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Novi store, and Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Shelby Township store. Refreshments will be served at this complimentary event, and the Art Van's Kids Castle at

each location will be open, offering a free supervised play area for children. Reservations are requested. Call (888) 619-2199.

# Colossal Garage Sale

Find treasures of every description as the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club hosts its annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale. Antiques, china, art, rugs, household goods, small appliances, sporting goods, toys, books, baked goods, raffle tickets and more will be on sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-19. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, admission, \$1. A Preview Night & Silent Auction will be held 7-9 p.m. Oct. 17, admission, \$10. There will also be a Brown Bag Sale 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20, admission, \$3. Proceeds benefit Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. Call: (248) 608-0485.

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# What can you do? These tips will help stop our lakes from turning green and keep some green in your pocket.

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- · Use fertilizer with no or low phosphorus. Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

Keep the green where it belongs



# Masi evolves with modern wine tastes

your favorite wine?" That question is impossible to answer. If it is narrowed to, "what is your favorite Italian wine?" we'd definitely include, Masi Agricola in Verona, amarone's internationallyrenowned homeland.



Ray & Eleanor Heald

ite, people don't end it there. They then ask, "why?" For Masi, that's easy. Its modern-style amarone is a true celebration of the senses - depthful

Once, we've

ruby-red color, heady red fruit scents and captivating tastes, spiked with not only red fruits but almonds and anise. Flavors are velvety rich, concentrated and full.

For many years, amarone was almost forgotten because it's a classic wine and some consumers considered it out of fashion. Today, though, it has come back on the world stage. Along with barolo and brunello, it's among the three top Italian wines sold in the U.S. Americans are curious about amarone and the way it's made and that it originates only from one region of Italy, Valpolicella Classico. Also important is that it's about the only Italian wine region of renown where wine pricing has not escalated absurdly.

# **HOW AMARONE IS MADE**

Amarone production is limited due to the area, which has

e're often asked, "What is a climate as mild as Tuscany, with similar vegetation, such as generating large amounts of olive and lemon trees. Climatic conditions are created by the pre-Alps and Dolomites that block frigid air from the north. Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake and located west of Valpolicella, creates warm air flow. Grapes from the region, therefore, have the finesse associated with cooler regions, along with structure stemming from a warmer area.

> Three indigenous grape varieties (corvina, rondinella and molinara) contribute to the unique character of amarone. Masi is the only Valpolicella Classico vintner to produce four amarone selections, three of which are single vineyard. This concept was not considered in the region until Masi conducted research to determine which vineyards had optimal exposure, soil and altitude to produce the best amarone expression.

Masi has produced wines in this Venetian region since 1772 and today, using modern technology, has managed to maintain fidelity to its origins while making modern, recognizable wines with personality, and in addition to amarone, has introduced new wine tastes from the region and beyond.

# **ALL MOLD IS NOT BAD**

With its compact bunches, corvina is the lone grape in the amarone blend that's susceptible to botrytis cinerea, which develops into Noble Rot during the unique temperature-controlled drying process known as appassimento. This beneficial mold reacts with the grape skins reducing both color and

tannin, while simultaneously glycerin, that creates a luxurious mouthfeel.

Rondinella makes up for any color loss suffered by corvina and adds floral aromas and cherry-like flavors. Molinara contributes both cherry and raspberry notes, but more importantly, a backbone of acidity, without which amarone would lack vitality and overall balance.

At Masi, grapes are dried on large bamboo racks from harvest until the middle or end of January. A rule of thumb is about 100 days of drying, during which grapes dehydrate and lose an average 35 percent of their weight.

Masi adapted an ancient Veronese vinification system of double fermentation, known as ripasso and has taken its unique drying process known as appassimento to other grape varieties and parts of the world, such as Argentina and 2005 Masi Tupungato Passo Doble \$17, a double fermentation of malbec blended with a percentage of lightly-dried corvina grapes. The method has produced a full-flavored, wellstructured wine with elegant tannins that you'll love with a grilled American Kobe rib-eye

Until April 2008, Masi Tupungato 2005 has exclusive availability by the bottle and glass at Bacco Ristorante, 29410 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-6600.

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# **WINE PICKS**

More wines to buy from Masi 2006 Masi Masianco \$13, if you like pinot grigio, you'll love it with 25 percent verduzzo, an indigenous Veronese grape that had appassimento for three weeks. Superb marriage. 2004 Masi Campofiorin \$15, produced by Masi's double fermentation, where fresh corvina, rondinella and molinara grapes are fermented with a percentage of lightly dried grapes of the same variety. Smooth and delicious. 2001 Masi Brolo di Campofiorin \$25, a Masi specialty, blending corvina and rondinella grapes only. Available at Papa Joe's, Red Wagon and Bacco Ristorante. 2001 Masi Costasera Amarone Classico \$55, complex, full and

2001 Masi OSAR \$90 made 100 percent from the indigenous Veronese variety oseleta, rediscovered in Valpolicella. No appassimento or ripasso but if you're seeking a uniquely delicious red wine with an elegant personality, this is it!

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

respected "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

# **FOOD CALENDAR**

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@ hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

# 2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, including Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

# **Pronto! Cooking Classes**

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17: Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30: Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals. Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40,

(248) 549-1519

**Wine Exploration Series** 

Sessions include Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24; South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31 (\$162 for seven sessions, \$26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, \$28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

# The Community House

More classes are offered at The Community House, including Soups to Warm Your Soul, 7 p.m. Oct. 16; Verdure Per Tutti I Gusti: Italian Passion for Vegetables! 7 p.m. Oct. 22; Hearty Squashes and Pumpkins, 7 p.m. Nov. 5; Italian Holiday Sweets, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5; to register, contact The Community House. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or at www.communityhouse.com.

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and custom shapes. If you prefer the sophisticated look of cut-glass or v-groove glass, manufacturers can deliver these rich options for relatively little expense. Weather Shield offers specialty glass designs in obscure, evergreen, rain, bronze, spandrel and wire.

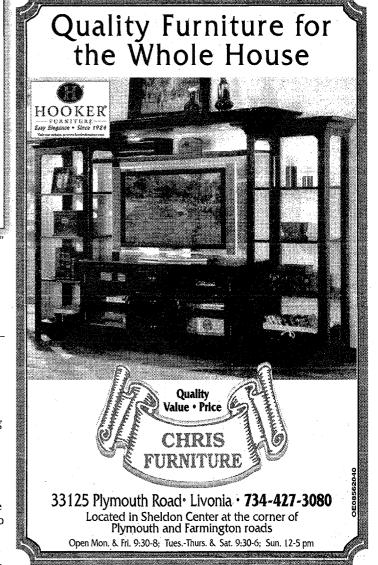
Window manufacturers offer extensive trim options inside that can match a home's base and crown moulding, built-in shelves or even hardwood floors. Homeowners can request windows in wood species such as character alder, oak, mahogany, cherry, ash, maple, and American fir. Interior trim styles with rosettes provide strong and attractive window framework, whether it be above the kitchen sink or head board in the master bedroom.

Exotic styles and unique

hardware finishes also contribute to the interior design of the home. A variety of contemporary or traditional hardware styles are available for window and door locks and handles, including hand-cast bronze hardware providing old-world charm. And finishes like oilrubbed bronze, brushed nickel and antique brass, offer subtle hues to complement any décor.

Many manufacturers highlight some of the more impressive interior and exterior design ideas on their Web

Clearly, windows have evolved both technologically and aesthetically, and creating a distinctive and inviting look for your home is made easy by taking advantage of the multitude of options available in windows and patio doors. The exterior design is only one consideration when it comes to choosing windows and doors. Having it all come together on the inside is important as well.



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# Clinton Kelly makes over metro Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

linton Kelly was only grabbing his morning coffee at Au Bon Pain in Detroit Thursday. He wasn't patrolling for fashion emergencies. But the co-host of TLC's makeover hit What Not To Wear admitted he "saw a couple of doozies."

Caffeine was hardly necessary after he encountered a man dressed "head-to-toe in mustard" and a woman wearing "pink jeans, red shoes and a purple jacket." Clearly his skills were needed here.

While on hiatus prior to the show's sixth season Kelly has been touring the country for Macy's spreading his fashion sense and style tips with the masses. On Oct. 4 he stopped at Troy's Somerset Collection to host a runway show and discuss how to look great at any size, any shape. "I love doing it," he said. "I do miss my own bed. Other than that I get to meet the people who watch What Not

To Wear. Though he'd always had an interest in fashion, Kelly began his career as a writer. He earned his master's degree at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and worked as a freelance writer in New York City. He has been on staff at fashion magazines like *Marie Claire* and DNR. That eventually led to his high-profile hosting gig on TLC.

It wasn't the first time he'd been in front of a camera though. Clinton shared a little-



**BRIAN WINCKLER** 

'What Not To Wear'' host Clinton Kelly made a stylish stop at Troy's Somerset Collection recently.

known fact. In the early '90s he worked as a Home Shopping host on Q2, a secondary channel run by QVC. "Every decision I've made was based on whether I thought the job would be fun," said Kelly.

His charm and comfortable style is evident on What Not To Wear, a reality show that aims to revamp the wardrobe of unsuspecting people. Those chosen to participate receive \$5,000 to shop for an entirely new wardrobe. Kelly and London team up to guide their guests toward clothes and styles most suitable for the life they lead. When they finally got tired of fielding fashion questions from fans, they wrote a book on the subject. Dress Your Best: The Complete Guide to Finding the Style That's Right for Your Body was published in 2005.

Around the same time Kelly

# THE NOT-HOT LIST

With more than 185 episodes of "What Not To Wear" under his belt. we asked Clinton Kelly to share some serious fashion faux pas. Here are a few gasp-worthy items he'd love to banish:

Overalls: "I've not seen overalls look good on anyone. If you do not own a pig, you cannot wear them." The Mommy Jean: "I think it should be illegal." Kelly said women wearing high-waisted, light-washed tapered-leg denim 'are "giving Mommies a bad name." Athletic sneakers: While they have their place in a workout, he said these white aerobic shoes have no place in fashion. "I know Seinfeld did it. No one should be taking fashion cues from a show that's been cancelled."

Baggy, oversized sweat shirts: "It's making you look like a big,

shapeless lump." And don't use the "comfort" excuse because Kelly believes clothes that fit can be comfortable too. "It's about choosing the right pieces."

A chunky-clunky heel: "It's that black squared-off toe with a thick heel." For reference watch an early episode of "Friends."

Dressing like a child: Cartoon character T-shirts are strictly for women ages 14 and under. "After a certain age," Kelly said he wonders "does she have brain damage." And he feels the same about an adult sporting a football jersey when there isn't a game in progress. He compared it to a child playing dress up.

Learn more: Watch "What Not To Wear" 9 p.m. Fridays on TLC.

> Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

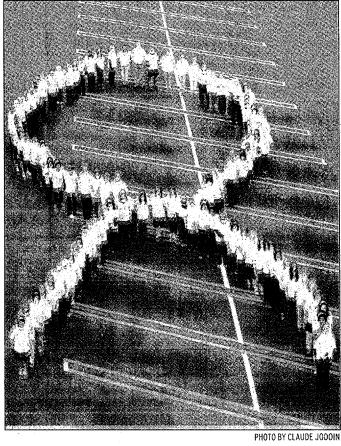
connected with Macy's and began a campaign to "help people form their own sense of personal style and learn how to dress their body." From petite to full-figured women, he said, fit makes all the difference. Kelly suggests spending less time shopping and more time having clothes tailored to suit your body. He believes that narrowing sleeves or hemming a pair of trousers can make a difference. "Sometimes they don't want to do the work," Kelly said. "It's a necessary step if you really want inspiration.' to look stylish."

He's a vocal proponent of

dressing appropriately, respectfully and confidently. "I feel like that's what this country needs - a dress code," said Kelly. "It doesn't have to be that casual." Just don't call him a fashion-

'What motivates me is not the clothing on the runways in Paris and Milan," he said, 'that's not why I get up in the morning. I think every woman has the potential to look and feel beautiful. They just need a little information and a little

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# **Laurel** Place

Parisian associates pledged their support for the Charge Against Breast Cancer program by creating a giant "human pink ribbon" outside of Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia on Oct. 1. Every time a customer uses their proprietary card in Detroit-area Parisian stores, a donation is made to support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Customers can support the cause by purchasing any "Pink Shop" item at Parisian through the end of the month. Companywide, Parisian and The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. have committed to donate up to \$500,000 breast cancer research facilities this October.



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LIFE AFTER BREAST CANCER

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland hospital will host "Candid Conversation About the Journey: Life After Breast Cancer" 5:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Cancer survivor Jill Eikenberry and husband Michael Tucker from NBC's hit series "L.A. Law" will serve as keynote speakers. Attendees will also hear from a

panel of physicians and other survivors. Register for the event or Webcast (\$25 per person) by Oct. 10. Call (800) 372-6094.

# PILATES FOR PINK

Ladies Workout Express of Canton will host "Pilates for Pink" 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The class is part of a nationwide event sponsored by Shape Magazine. Cost, \$10, benefits the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Call (734)254-0030.

# BREAST HEALTH FAIR

Beaumont Hospitals will host the "Second Annual Breast Health Fair," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Beaumont. Royal Oak; and 11:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Beaumont, Troy. The free fair features information on breast health screening; cancer genetics; lymphedema prevention; meditation; educational programs; treatment; cancer clinical trials; diet and survivorship programs. It also will feature "Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey," an art exhibit with works by people affected by cancer. Call (248) 551-1219 or visit www.beaumonthospitals.com.

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# Cyrano cast to be well-dressed for opening night

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

The Costume Shop tucked back into the far-reaches of the Detroit Opera House has been a hotbed of activity for months, as the crew constructs a wardrobe to suit the extensive cast and chorus of Cyrano, Director David DiChiera's first opera.

Work began in December, according to The Costume Shop's Suzanne Hanna, starting with petticoats and undergarments. "We called it petticoat junction," she said. From April to June the costume designers and seamstresses went on a hiatus to handle the opera season. Work on Cyrano costumes resumed by summer as they stitched, sewed and hemmed each of the 167 pieces that will see stage lights this weekend. Costumes, as well as sets, were designed by John Pascoe, who purchased materials locally from Royal Oak's Haberman Fabrics.

Earth tones will denote the middle class characters in

"Detroit's Top Docs"

by Hour Magazine.



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Suzanne Hanna shows some of the costumes her crew is making for "Cyrano."

be decked in an array of deep browns and blue hues, terra cotta and cream with silver and gold embellishments sure to shine on stage. Bakers will wear buttercream colored aprons, Hanna said.

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blue suits of the musketeers. Cyrano himself will don suits in blue and grey. The patterns and fabrics used in his clothing will be repeated in the clothing of his friends.

Hanna said "the clotheshorse of the play" is clearly our hero-scasola@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2567

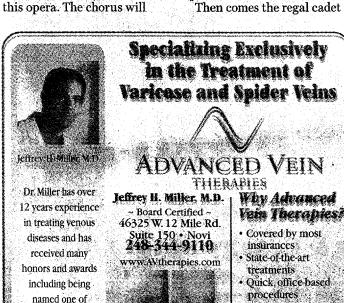


costume for one of the more than 167 members in the cast of "Cyrano."

ine, Roxane. Like all principal characters the costume-makers must duplicate each of her outfits. And her wardrobe is plenty. It's full of corsets, gold satin

fabrics, wool cloaks and elegant gowns lined in taffeta or detailed in brocade. "She will just glow," said Hanna. The Cyrano world premiere

is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Read more about the show in today's FILTER. For ticket information, visit www.motopera.org.



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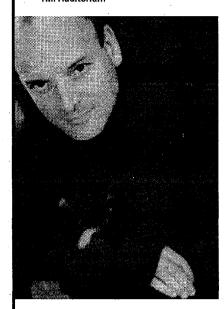
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Mendelssohn Variations sérieuses in d minor, Op. 54 Schumann Papillons, Op. 2

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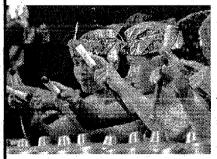
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"Her three-plus octaves, diva-like delivery, and intimate sense of song have long made [Dianne Reeves] one of the most compelling vocalists in jazz." (The Seattle Times) For this return appearance, Reeves and her trio are joined by the great Brazilian guitarist, Romero Lubambo.

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### Odalan Bali Cudamani



FRI, OCT 19 | 8 PM Hill Auditorium

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# Rocky Horror comes to Ferndale

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... the cult classic Rocky Horror Show is coming to Ferndale. The Actors' Company presents Richard O'Brien's cult classic throughout the month.

The campy stage production follows the virginal Brad and Janet on an adventure with the scandalous Frank 'N' Furter, rippling Rocky and vivacious Magenta.

Although this production offers plenty of nostalgia for fans of the Rocky Horror movie, the audience can expect an edgy twist.

The show includes pop culture and crazy sing-a-long tunes including Sweet Transvestite, Damn It Janet, Hot Patootie - Bless My Soul and of course, the pelvic thrusting Time Warp.

It features Michigan actors Kevin Edwards (Washington,) as Frank-N-Furter; Ann O'Brien (Troy) as Janet Weiss; Jason Dilly (Franklin) as Riff Raff; Emily April Hool (Dearborn) as Magenta; Jacqueline Melody Michnuk (Dearborn) as Columbia and Christopher Vanover (Grosse Pointe Woods) as Rocky.

There are midnight and Halloween evening performances. Fans are encouraged to dress up as characters for

> Although audience participation is encouraged, outside props are not allowed in the theatre.

That means leave the popcorn and squirt guns at home but you can purchase Rocky

Horror Show prop participation bags

Performances will be held at the Ringwald Theatre, located at 22742 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale.

Performance dates are Oct. 13, 14, 19, 26, 27, 30 at 8 p.m., Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. and midnight and Oct. 31 at 9 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults; and \$15 for students one hour prior to showtime. For tickets, call (248) 988-7032,

Lana Mini

# Foghat fans can create their own video

If you were to make a list of your top Ride, Fool for the City, Take Me To The 10 favorite "burnout" songs from the 1970s, it would probably include some Led Zeppelin and Foghat.

Is there any greater song to represent the 1970s than Foghat's Slow Ride?

Foghat has held onto die-hard fans for decades and now there's a contest for the old-timers (and the new hippies) to prove their

Foghat is still rocking and touring and now fans can enter the I'm AFool For Foghat Live II contest to win an all-expense paid trip to attend the show and meet the band. It's presented by Classic Rock Revisited.

Keeping in step with modern technology, the contest is interactive - be the star of your own video. Sing, play, dance or make an MTV video of a song from Foghat's Live II, such as Slow

River, I Just Want To Make Love To You, and My Babe.

Once you're finished, send the URL to Foghat at www.classicrockrevisited. com/giveaways/Foghat2.

Then wait and see if you make the top five and win one of the following prizes such as the trip to meet Foghat or receive either an autographed electric guitar,

poster or copy of Foghat Live II. Remember, only versions of songs from the new CD Live II will be accepted. And don't be X-Rated.

Foghat fans will vote for the winners online. Deadline is Jan. 3.

For more information, visit www. foghat.net or www.classicrockrevisited.

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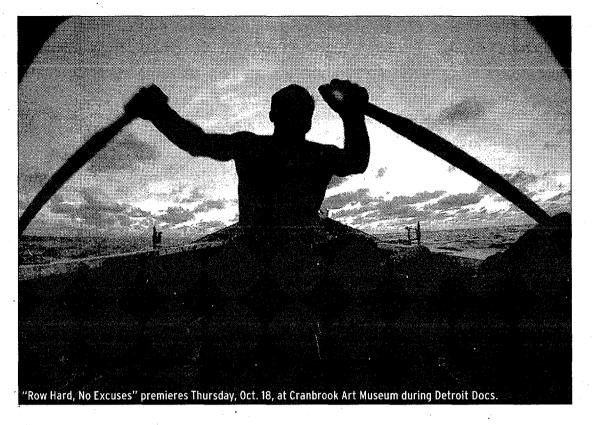
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David DiChiera unveils "Cyrano" Saturday at the Detroit Opera House.

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# Festival focuses on documentary films

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

The Detroit Docs international documentary film festival returns this month after a year on hiatus. What better way to draw crowds than bring in a renowned documentary filmmaker, Albert

Through a long partnership with his late brother,
David Maysles, the
two crafted honest,
moving films like
Gimme Shelter, which
detailed the 1969
Rolling Stones performance at Altamont
Speedway that culmi-

nated in the stabbing

death of a gun-totting audience member by a Hell's Angel. The Maysles fly-on-the-wall style was also celebrated in *Grey Gardens*, a peek into the bizarre lives of Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier Beale, aunt and first cousin to Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, as they co-dependently survive in a crumbling mansion.

The 1976 film recently inspired a Broadway hit of the same name. *Grey Gardens* will be shown along with several Maysles films during this year's festival - and followed by a question-and-answer session with Maysles himself.

In its infancy, this will be the fifth Detroit Docs festival. A group



"Buzzards Steal Your Picnic" premieres Oct. 17 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The documentary follows Detroit artist Frank Pahl who will perform live following the film.

of about eight people have taken the reigns, let by Jack Cronin, festival director, to bring back the multi-venue celebration of filmmaking. "It seems to be pretty important to people," said Cronin. "It's the only documentary film festival in the area."

Films will be shown simulaneously at the Detroit Film Center and the Detroit Film Theater inside the Detroit Institute of Arts in Midtown. On Thursday Cranbrook Art Museum joins the fray, showing a total of five documentaries. The addition of this Bloomfield Hills-based location crosses boundaries from the city into the suburbs. "This is the first time Cranbrook has been involved," said Cronin. "In the past the festival has used the Birmingham 8 (theater). We wanted to have one venue in Oakland County. Cranbrook was really receptive."

Coordinators sifted through about 90 submissions from Detroit and across the globe. Each film was viewed by at least three people before the submissions were voted on and essentially chosen for the festival. The movies were then

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# DSO names Slatkin as new music director

Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" last month by the Los Angeles Times, will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as the DSO's 12th music director, commencing with the 2008-09 season.

Slatkin will lead the DSO April 3-6, 2008 in his next scheduled appearance.

"Leonard has an international reputation as one of the extraordinary conductors of our time," said Anne Parsons, DSO president and executive director. "He



Slatkin

combines incredible musicianship with enormous passion for his role as a visionary orchestra leader."

Slatkin is one of America's great conductors,

with an equally brilliant international reputation, making him a household name among music lovers around the world.

In the United States, he

regularly conducts the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and The Philadelphia Orchestra. This season Slatkin completes his 12-year tenure as music director of the National Symphony in Washington D.C. He is principal guest conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London, and also recently accepted the position of music advisor to the Nashville Symphony through the 2008-

09 season. In the fall of 2008, he begins his appointment as principal guest conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Last month he concluded a successful three-year appointment as principal guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl. Slatkin is also beloved for his historic leadership of the St. Louis Symphony from 1979 until 1996, where he is now conductor laureate.

Slatkin has made more than 100 recordings with various ensembles around the world.
These have garnered over 50 Grammy nominations, of which Slatkin received the award five times.
The most recent of these was in 2006 for Michigan-based composer William Bolcom's Songs

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of Innocence and Experience.



# Spoon returns with 'Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Austin-originated Spoon has been writing and recording for more than a decade.

The band's bassist Rob Pope

just joined the party a
year ago - in time for the
recording of Ga Ga Ga
Ga Ga, Spoon's sixth
full-length release. The
Lawrence, Kan., native
took a time-out during
the band's recently restarted tour somewhere in

Columbia, Mo., to chat with Filter.

Admittedly, he wasn't very involved in the writing process for this record - the bulk of which is handled by singer Britt Daniel. But Pope said some of the songs featured on the leave-you-wanting-more 36-minute record came about as "happy accidents, strange sounds and little ideas that ended up being very cool."

What begins very much where Spoon left off with critically-hailed *Gimme* 

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Openers: The Ponys

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Where: Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward

Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$20, visit www.majesticdetroit.com

Fiction, the album opener Don't Make Me a Target gives little indication of the sharp turns ahead. Over the course of Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga, the band delves into the haunted echoes of The Ghost of You Lingers, the sing along-inducing You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb and the castanets charm of The Underdog. With the addition of horns, tambourine, a vibraphone, it sounds like almost nothing was off-limits in the studio - which happened to be drummer Jim Eno's own Public Hi-Fi in Austin, Tex. But when it came to translating this all on tour, Pope said "there's only four of us, we can only do so much.

"I think it's about letting the songs show through. Today, so much music is layered - and it's not helping."

Spoon has always been conscious of a minimal approach, of being true to the song - even when its coated in organ and castanets. The band stuck with tried and true producer Michael McCarthy, but jetted to L.A. to work with Jon Brion on *The Underdog*.

Released in July, Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga shimmers and redefines Spoon, with plenty of nods to the characteristics that set the

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AUTUMN DE WILDE

Austin-originated rock band Spoon returns to Detroit's Majestic Theater, ready to make crowds go "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga."





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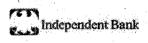
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# She Wants Revenge hits St. Andrew's Hall

BY LANA MINI

If you're a fan of Joy Division and Depeche Mode, you already know the band She Wants Revenge and probably

already purchased the duo's new CD *This is*Forever that came out this week.

If you want to modernize your musical world, first thing is to do is to visit the band's space at myspace.com/shewantsrevenge and click on the song *Tear You Apart*.

The song, influenced by the gothic horror film *The Hunger* with David Bowie, was a hit last year. The song helped push SWR to sell more than 300,000 copies of the band's first album in the United States.

The band's latest CD *This is Forever* (Geffen), is on stands now and a tour is underway with a stop at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit at 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

If you want to see the California-based band, don't wait until show day for tickets. She Wants Revenge has a huge fan base not only with first-generation New Wave and gothic fans, but also with the younger Hot Topic-type kids. Jaded lovers, club kids and bored spouses who thought marriage would be more magi-

cal; these are the She Wants Revenge fans.

The music is dark, romantic and admittedly influenced by their electronic fore-fathers Ian Curtis (Joy Division) and Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) and Rob Smith.

You'll hear Bauhaus influence (soaring guitars ala Daniel Ash in the song Written in Blood, for example) and lyrics of lies, deceit, betrayal, lust and broken promises.

Set to an infectious beat, bandmates Justin Warfield and Adam 12 write songs for those who want to explore the sides of male-female dynamics that we may not feel

comfortable thinking about, such as obsession.

She Wants Revenge toured with Depeche Mode, Block Party, The Kills and Placebo and have recently played on the big talk shows including David Letterman, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Kimmel.

Songs on *Forever* are similar to the band's debut self-titled album - a continuation of an LP that fans didn't want to end. So let the dancing continue.

For ticket information, visit www.ticketmaster.com. St. Andrew's is located at 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

The show is all ages: tickets \$16 in advance.

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band apart. To hear Pope tell it, "I think we strive to make really cool, interesting records that don't sound like everybody else, but are still catchy. I think that's it."

A few things to know about Spoon's Rob Pope:

#### ON HIS MUSICAL BEGINNINGS ...

"I've been playing in bands for years," said Pope. "As a kid I played piano as a youngster I got interested in playing guitar and bass. When I was in junior high I was into Public Enemy. Not like I wanted to rap but that was my whole world. I would doodle Public Enemy on my notebooks. From there I got into rock n' roll and the whole Nirvana thing."

#### ON BEING THE "NEW GUY" IN SPOON ...

"I'd known about them for years and had a couple of their records... I threw my name into the hat. Later when I had lunch with Britt - apparently they had been looking for someone for a long time - it clicked."

#### ON OPENERS, THE PONYS ...

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Pope. "One of my really good friends is the guitar player (Brian Case)."

#### FESTIVAL VS. TOUR SHOWS ...

He has a clear winner. Despite entertaining hoards of fans at Lollapalooza or Detroit's City Fest, he prefers the band performing on its own terms.

"(At festivals) we don't get to soundcheck. We play at five in the afternoon with the sun beating down. There's no wall. It ends up being a lot different. There are all these characters."

#### LISTEN FOR LIVE ..

"We recently started playing Japanese Cigarette Case. That's a lot of fun. And Ghost of You Lingers - that was tough to figure out how to do live. I end up playing keyboard and Britt plays bass."

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# 'Cyrano' debuts

## DiChiera's first opera takes stage

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

This month David DiChiera adds to his esteemed role as director of the Michigan Opera Theatre to present his first original opera, *Curano*.

opera, Cyrano.
Eight years
after he committed to the project,
DiChiera will unveil
this original work
to Detroit audiences on
Saturday. He wasn't immediately convinced he wanted
to hold the premiere here. "I
felt self-conscious about it," he
admitted. But he eventually
determined "we couldn't have it
any other way."

When it came to writing the opera, DiChiera sought out a romantic story, one that felt

familiar and close to his heart. He chose Cyrano DeBergerac, a character whose one flaw - an unusually long nose - kept him

from revealing his love for Roxanne. Rather than express his true feelings, he agrees to help his friend win her heart.

"I liked the character of Cyrano because he had always been a little it like Jekyl and Hyde,"

bit like Jekyl and Hyde,"
DiChiera said. "His outside
life was very much in-your-face.
He was a great swordsman. He
had strong political views. He
didn't kowtow to anyone... people knew him that way. But then
Cyrano's internal life wasn't
very happy. The one thing I was
very interested in was that two
sides of the same coin."

For DiChiera writing an

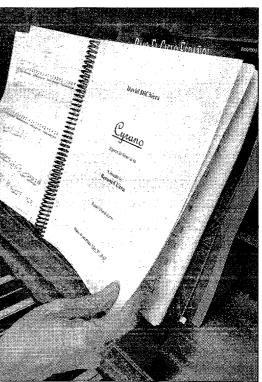
opera seemed like an obvious next-step in a long, influential career. "I had founded an opera company, established an opera house - what was left? Writing an opera," he said, speaking from his spacious office overlooking Comerica Park and Ford Field.

Writing an opera wasn't something he ever considered earlier in his career - or as he put it - competing with the likes of Puccini and Verdi, all the great composers. But it became a logical progression.

a logical progression.

Born in Pittsburgh and raised in Los Angeles, Calif., DiChiera always loved opera. As a child he'd tune in to radio broadcasts featuring The Metropolitan Opera every Saturday morning, and found himself drawn to the grand music and emotional

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David DiChiera's original opera "Cyrano" includes a libretto by Bernard Uzan. The show makes its world premiere this weekend.

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stories.

DiChiera studied piano at the University of California, Los Angeles. Before long, he began accompanying productions in college. "I was the lone orchestra," he recalled. "That, for me, was so thrilling. Instead of being alone, I was with everyone."

From there he earned the Fulbright Scholarship and traveled to Europe where he studied 18th Century Italian Opera in Naples. "It was a fascinating time," he said, describing his year and a half of study. He delved deep into the world of influential Neopolitan composers who spread their music to Russia, Germany and beyond. He earned his doctorate in musicology and decided to become a professor. Already well-published, offers came in to teach.

"I got a call from the chancellor at Oakland University," said DiChiera. He was offered the chance to craft his own program. So in 1962, he relocated to Bloomfield Hills and began teaching in Rochester Hills. In his 10 years with the school, he founded the Meadow Brook Festival, brought in notable composers and established the Meadow Brook Theatre. But he decided he couldn't live in a city that had no opera company. So he established one.

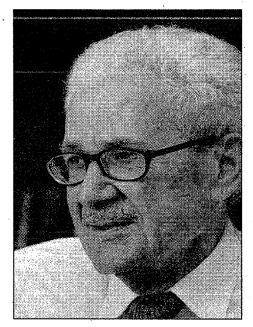
DiChiera founded the Michigan Opera Theater and made Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts its first home in 1971. The performances eventually outgrew the building, forcing the Michigan Opera Theatre to host events at the Fisher and Masonic - neither of which were suitable for Opera. By 1990 the MOT purchased what was to become the new Detroit Opera House. An extensive restoration took six years to complete.

From the time it opened, the Detroit Opera Theater has hosted great talents including the late Luciano Pavarotti and Andrea Bocelli in his North American theater debut.

In the early 1980s DiChiera served as president of the national service organization OPERA America and was instrumental in finding new ways to bring in new audiences. He was involved in the creation of a grant that encouraged composers to write and reflect their own cultures in new operas, which made the art form more relevant to a population that had grown less and less connected to it.

In the 1980s works like John Adams' Nixon in China were the result of this project, titled Opera For A New America. It aimed to build bridges within the community, and encouraged those who had previously shied away from opera to embrace it. "Composers started drawing right from their own cultures," he said.

DiChiera has always preferred lush, romantic music and cheerful melodies to the atonal or 12-tone operas considered relevant when he began studying the form. But in the mid '90s the romantic opera made its triumphant return and he was inspired by librettist Bernard Uzan



David DiChiera

to begin working on his own opera in 1999. Composing *Cyrano* gave DiChiera a chance to "get in touch with the creative side of my life," he said.

Using moving music and lyrical language, it came together over the course of years. The production includes a 48-person choir, 12 actors and a 75-piece orchestra. Aside from a few details here and there, DiChiera completed *Cyrano* in 2005. After two workshops early on, performers noted that they were moved by the music and story.

## CYRANO WORLD PREMIERE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

**21st Annual Opera Ball**: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. **Cyrano World Premiere and Gala Supper**: 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

**Brunch with Cyrano Artists**: Noon Sunday, Oct. 14

Festival Weekend Packages: Call Heather Hamilton at (313) 237-3425 or e-mail hhamilton@motopera.org

#### The Cast:

Cyrano: Marian Pop
Roxanne: Leah Partridge
Christian: Jose Luis Sola
De Guiche: Peter Volpe
Ligniere: Alain Coulombe
Le Bret: Gaetan Laperriere
Carbon/Inconnu: Daniel Okulitch
La Duegne: Gloria Parker
Ragueneau: Eric Johnston
Capucin: Torrance Blaisdell
Marquis de Cuigy: Torrance Blaisdell
Marquis de Brisaille: Matthew Hayward
Un Inconnu: Daniel Okulitch

"Opera has that ability," DiChiera said.
"It is the power of music to go beyond the

Following Cyrano's Detroit run, it will be performed in Philadelphia and then in Miami. For tickets and information, visit www.motopera.org.

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# Sangria: try a little tapas in the afternoon

BY LANA MINI

On Thursday evenings in Royal Oak, you can escape the roar of the motorcycles on Main Street for some saucy Spanish culture on Lafayette.

At Sangria Tapas Cafe, flamenco dancers and guitarists - world renowned - perform the expressive dance while guests dine on tapas (little dishes) of Spanish foods like hot Patatas Bravas, which are diced fried potatoes in a spicy tomato

Or, cold tapas like
Aceitunas — black and green
olives marinated in olive oil and
herbs.

The most recent Sangria news is that on the weekdays, the restaurant now offers a lunch menu.

Lunch is served Tuesdays through Fridays, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Paella is available such as the Paella Setas Exóticos with rice, portabella, shiitake, cremini mushrooms and fresh vegetables simmered in a vegetable saffron broth. A half-pan serves three people for \$28.

#### **SANGRIA TAPAS CAFE**

**Where**: 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 543-1964

Web site: www.sangriaroyaloak.com Hours: Mondays - closed; Tuesdays through Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday-11:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturdays 4 p.m. to midnight

There's also Sangria's famous black bean soup with sour cream for under \$4 and sandwiches for under \$7.

Owners and brothers Nino

and Luigi Cutraro opened the restaurant in the late 1990s with a focus on the high quality Sangria drink, along with interesting Spanish dishes served for the first time in Royal Oak, with friendly service. Sangria has a

good reputation for good service.

The restaurant rapidly became known for its social scene. Yet the atmosphere, even though loud, has a romantic feel to it and is a popular date spot.

There are many facets to Sangria. There's the dancers on Thursdays; a bustling bar in the dining room; a heated patio with window seating in the dining

Sangria now serves lunch including paella with shrimp and rice.

area and finally a popular, see-and-beseen nightclub upstairs.

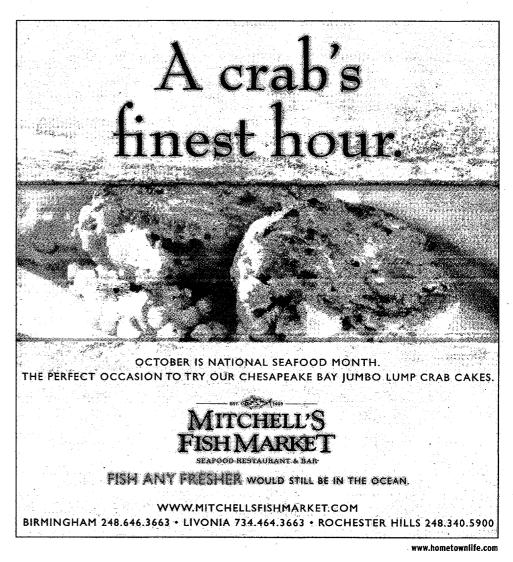
On Wednesdays and Thursdays after dinner, most people mingle up to the Sky Club - above Sangria - for the free salsa dance lessons at 9 p.m. and then dance the rest of the evening.

Earlier in the evenings in weekdays it's also a family restaurant as kids like the small plate dishes and breads.

You can browse the full menu online.



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# Oyster Festival helps raise money to fight leukemia

Oyster lovers can enjoy some tasty mollusks and raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Michigan Chapter at the first annual Southeast Michigan Oyster Festival noon - 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Gus O'Connors in Novi.

Festival goers can enjoy
Celtic music, Irish bands
and dancers, a kids zone,
an oyster eating contest
.... and oysters aplenty.
Revelers will also indulge in
smoked salmon on homemade
brown bread, steaming seafood
chowder, decadent desserts, creamy
Guinness, Bushmills and Bailey's combinations and more.

Entertainment includes musical performances by Laith Al Saadi, Finvarra's Wren, Lady Sunshine and the X Band, and blues legend James Montgomery.

Advance purchase is recommended. Tickets to the event are \$10 per adult, \$5 for ages 5-12; under 5 free. For more information on the event, or to purchase tickets, contact Greg Miller, (734) 368-3405, www.guinnessoysterfest.moon-fruit.com.

Gus O'Connors is located at 42875 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 465-9670.

#### **CAMELIA'S ADDS FIESTA ROOM**

Camelia's Authentic Mexican Cuisine, 30701 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, now sports a new bar area, new big screen televisions and fiesta room.

Camelia Flores moved her restaurant into a separate building last year and spruced up the place.

Today a new bar area (it seats four) adds to the ambience and the new fiesta room can be rented for banquets and private parties with seating up to 30 people. The restaurant now holds seating for about 120 diners, Flores said.

Flores added a vegetarian dish (Mexican Vegetable Stew), a Tex-Mex pulled pork sandwich and T-bone steak to the menu.

The restaurant also features entertainment. Flores expects to have bands perform music on the second Saturday of the month, performing mariachi, Tex-Mex, country-western and oldies.

Hours of operation are now expanded, as the restaurant is now open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and 10 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. Lunches cost \$6.99-\$12, and dinners run \$8.50-\$13.

For more information on Camelia's, call (248) 474-0902.

#### FLEMING'S FEATURES TOP WINES

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar features "Red Rapture: The All-Red 90+ Wine Dinner."

Scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Fleming's in Birmingham and Livonia, the dinner pairs five red wines that have been ranked 90 or above by Wine Spectator (August 2007) with a select menu of all red foods created by executive chef Russell Skall, in conjunction with director of wine Marian Jansen op de Haar.

To complete the All-Red experience, guests are invited to dress in their best red attire and be prepared to show off their skills in an All-Red Trivia game.

Each dinner guest will receive the current issue of Wine Spectator magazine and a complimentary three-month subscription. The cost of the dinner is \$95 per person.

Wine Spectator's ratings of 95-100 are reserved for "classics" or truly great wines. A 90-94 rating means the wine is outstanding, with superior character and style.

The editors of the magazine taste and review more than 12,000 wines per year before making their final selections. To make your reservation for "Red Rapture: The All-Red 90+ Wine Dinner," visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

#### **BLUE MONDAYS EXTENDED**

Seldom Blues, a jazz restaurant and supper club in Detroit, has extended "Blue Mondays" through the month of November. Every Monday from 5 to 8 p.m., the restaurant will continue to offer \$3-martinis, entertainment from a blues band and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

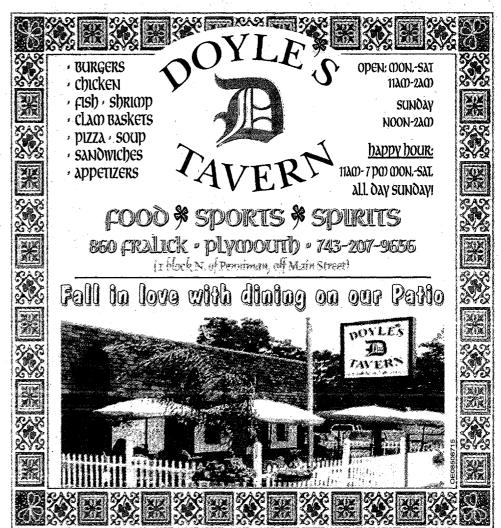
"Blue Mondays" was originally introduced during the beginning of summer to allow guests to enjoy the nice weather on the patio with drinks, food and entertainment. Now that fall has arrived, the Monday night event will be moved indoors.

Seldom Blues is located in Tower 400 of the Renaissance Center, home of General Motors World headquarters. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, and for Sunday brunch.

Seldom Blues is located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott. For information, call (313) 567-7301.

Ken Abramczyk





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. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more infor-

#### **ART EXHIBITS**

Canton at the Village Theater: The Canton Fine Arts 15th Annual Juried Exhibition, through Oct. 28, juried by Richard Rubenfeld, artist and professor of art at Eastern Michigan University, 56 works were chosen from over 200 entered, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

City Gallery: Native Americans and the Southwest, Patricia Bombach, through Oct. 18, City Gallery, in lobby of Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (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.

Cranbrook Art Museum: seeking motivated

people with good public speaking skills to volunteer as tour guides during the international exhibition "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" in November 2007 March 2008, training starts in October, for information, call (248) 645-3314, or e-mail eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

Madonna University: Uncommon Sculptures with Sculptors Guild of Michigan, reception 5-9 p.m. Oct. 11, Exhibition Gallery through Nov. 10, northwest corner of Levan and Schoolcraft roads in Livonia (313)

Oakland Community College: From Our Perspective, OCC Womencenter's 18th annual national women's art exhibition, exhibit runs until Oct. 12, Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre Gallery on Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, for information, (248) 522-3642, or go online to oaklandcc.edu/

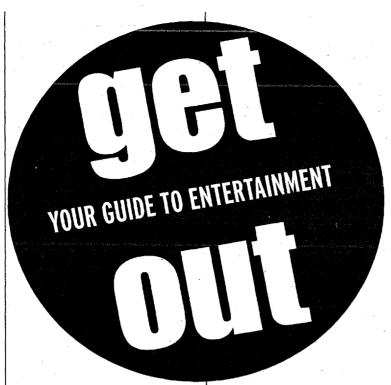
womencenter/artshow.htm. Oakland University: James Stephens. a mid-career retrospective, Oct. 13-Nov. 11, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13, artist talk 2 p.m. Oct. 14; next to Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester www.oakland.edu/ ouag, (248) 370-3005.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Fall Art Exhibit, through Oct. 26, Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia (734) 432-5976.

#### **ART GALLERIES**

©POP Gallery: "It's Humble To Be Good" opening reception 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, six juried winners from @POPportunity, through Nov. 14, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901,www.cpop.com Biddle Gallery: Baby Meatloaf's Super Surprise Party! with Joey Merchant, photographer-mosaics artist/instructorturned-crafter who sews handmade plush monsters, bags and accessories, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com Lawrence Street Gallery: The Third Dimension, all-media juried sculpture competition, Oct. 26, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.

Lemberg Gallery: Posedown, Orly Genger through Nov. 10: 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Works on Paper, featuring seven Michigan artists



through Nov. 10: Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.

naulkotulanrojects: Eve Sites Jim Melchert through Oct. 27, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.

Picasso Cafe: Pearls of Wisdom, drawings of Barbara Eko Murphy, through Oct. 31, 39915 Grand River, Novi (248) 427-0600, www. barbaraekomurphy.com.

The Print Gallery: Paintings by Matteo, Oct. 15-Nov. 17, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.

EverythingArt.com.
Sherry Washington Gallery: David Fludd, New Paintings and Drawings, through Dec. 31,www.sherrywashingtongallery.com, (313) 961-4500.

Susenne Hilberry Gallery: Ellen Berkenblit, through Nov. 3, 700 Livernois, Ferndale www.hilberrygallery.com (248) 541-4700.

#### ART, ETC.

The Crofoot: Art of Amy Chenier's sports images at Have You Been Exposed?, meet the artist 7 p.m. Oct. 13, also rock of Pinback, and the nerdcore rap of MC Chris, 1S. Saginaw, in downtown Pontiac Michigan, details at www.thecrofoot.com, (734) 306-1788.

Oakland University Art Gallery: James Stephens: A Mid-Career Retrospective, Oct. 13-Nov. 11, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 www.oakland.edu/ouag. Sharing the Gift Within You: Art show and sale,

through Oct. 12, free, lecture with Nancy Wolfe, artist and educator, 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11, pianist Paul Sullivan, 7 p.m. Oct. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E.

University of Michigan: Orson Welles and the Art of Adaptation in Radio, Theatre and Film, exhibit examines Welles' approach to making and releasing of his unforgettable radio and film projects, Special Collections Library, seventh floor of Hatcher Graduate Library, (734) 615-0442.

Eastern Michigan University: Art Department presents Michael Jakab, creative director at Agency: Collective, a multidisciplinary design studio in San Francisco, 6 p.m. Oct. 16, Halle Library auditorium, on Oakwood Street on EMU campus, (734) 487-1268.

#### RALLET

Detroit Opera House: Miami City Ballet, Nov. 2-4, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$25-\$75, (313) Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:

National Ballet of China, Oct. 26-27, \$27-\$47; Auditions for National City Stars of Ballet and Broadway (April 2008), Nov. 11, www.musichall.org, (313) 887-8500.

#### **BOOKS**

Detroit Historical Museum: Greg Kowalski and Rebecca Binno Savage, authors of Art Deco in Detroit, kick off New Author Series, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17, \$10 Detroit Historical Society members, \$15 quests, 5401 Woodward Ave (northwest corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, (313) 833-7935 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo

Barnes & Noble: Joe Borri, Author of Eight Dogs Named Jack, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 20, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

#### CHORAL

University Musical Society: Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchiate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734)-764-2538 or visit www.ums.org

#### CLASSICAL

Birmingham Temple: Yizhak Schotten, violist, with pianist Katherine Collier, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348 for tickets. Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Verdi's Requiem, Oct. 11-14; Vaugan-Williams Ninth, Oct. 18-20; Davies Returns Oct. 26-28; The Three B's, Nov. 23-25: The Norrington Experience Nov. 30-Dec. 1; The Four Seasons, Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Ehnes Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroitsymphony.com EMU Department of Music and Dance: Choral music concert, EMU Choirs, Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society, and the debut of The Len Riccinto Singers, benefit for Leonard Riccinto scholarship fund, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, Pease Auditorium, on campus of Eastern Michigan University. Livonia Symphony Orchestra: Salute to

American Composers, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20, Volodymyr Shesiuk conducting, Louis



media works made by seven Michigan artists, an exhibit displayed through Nov. 10 at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, in Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt,\$17 adult tickets are available at Livonia Libraries or at the door, (734) 421-1111, www.livoniasymphony.

Royal Oak Symphony: Fall concert led by John Robertson, 8 p.m. Oct. 19, Royal Oak High School auditorium, 1500 Lexington Blvd., \$10, (248) 988-6991, www.royaloakorchestra.org

#### **CLUBS**

The Ark: The Kinsey Report, Oct. 12; Eddie from Ohio, Oct. 13; Battlefield Band, Oct. 14; James Cotton, Oct. 15; Anais Mitchell, Oct. 16; Kelly Joe Phelps, Oct. 18; Ellis Paul, Oct. 19; Chris Smither, Oct. 20; Sonia & disappear fear, Oct. 21; Mary Black, Oct. 22; Arlo Guthrie, Oct. 23 and 24, Corinne West, Nov. 12; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 761-1800. The Ark: Nickel Creek, farewell (for now) tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16; Marc Cohn with Amy Correia, Nov. 5; shows at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www theark.org.

Clutch Cargo: Therapy with John Acquaviva, Oct. 12, 65 East Huron, Pontiac, www. clutchcargos.com or (248) 333-2362. Crofoot Ballroom: Pinback, Oct. 13; The Polyphonic Spree, Oct. 14: Blanche CD release Oct. 19; Lotus, Oct. 27; The Hold Steady and Art Brut, Oct. 29, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac www.thecrofoot.com

The Eagle Theatre: The Thermals, Oct. 25; Girl Talk, Nov. 10; Psychic TV, Nov. 13, 15 S. Saginaw Pontiac www.thecrofoot.com Gala Bistro: Meri Slaven with Scott Gwinnel on piano and Dennis Horvath on bass, 7-11 n.m. Oct. 13, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

Magic Bag: Ty Stone & Friends with Five Horse Johnson & Dirt Road Logic, Oct. 13: Project Object performing the music of Frank Zappa, Oct. 18; Breathing Underwater with Exit the Ordinary & Manna and Quail, Oct. 19; The Mega '80s, Oct. 20; Blue Rodeo & Friends, Oct. 21; Coco Montoya, Oct. 23; Savoy Brown with Kim Simmonds, Nov. 2; Leon Russell, Nov. 9, The Section Quartet Nov. 11; Blue Cheer, Nov. 13; Gary Hoey, Dec. 7; 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Majestic Theatre: Spoon, Oct. 13; Jam for Sudan, Oct. 20; Gregorian Masters of Chant, Oct. 24; MIA, Nov. 24; Peter, Bjorn & John, Dec. 1, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313)

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul,

old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Pi Restaurant: Jim Paravantes, Wednesdays; Blackman & Arnold, Thursdays; Duane Parham, Oct. 12-13; Gary Schunk, Oct. 19; Jesse Palter, Oct. 20; Fat Cats, Oct. 26-27; 28875 Franklin Southfield (248) 208-7500. The Pike Room: David Bazan of Pedro The Lion, Oct. 23: Film School, Oct. 30: The Legendary Shack Shakers, Nov. 2; David Kilgour and Euros Child, Nov. 7, 1 S Saginaw, Pontiac, www.thecrofoot.com **US-12:** Bizarre of D-12 celebrates release of solo record Blue Cheese n' Coney Island, Oct. 25, 34824 Michigan Ave., in Wayne,

#### COMEDY

The Comedy Room @ Portofino: Rodney Hood with Kory Hall, Oct. 12-13; Rob Haney with Nate Fridson, Oct. 19-20; Mike Dambra with Connie Ettinger, Oct. 26-27, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

The Fox Theatre: Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; (248) 433-1515, Ticketmastercom

The Palace: Dane Cook's Rough Around the Edges tour, Nov. 24, \$32.50-\$102.50, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

#### CONCERTS

The Fillmore-Detroit: Myspace Tour with Hellogoodbye, Oct. 15, \$18.25; Kelly Clarkson, Oct. 28; Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-

The Fox Theatre: Loreena McKennitt, Oct. 16; Wilco, Oct. 17; Tori Amos, Oct. 27; Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2; Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9; Neil Young, Nov. 10; Daryl Hall & John Oats Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; B.B. King, Feb. 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Van Halen, Oct. 22; Keith Urban, Nov. 3; Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Nov. 5; Fall Out Boy Nov. 20; Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus, 7 p.m. Dec. 5, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Van Halen, Oct. 20; Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com

Masonic Temple Theatre: Modest Mouse, Dec. 1, \$35, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit (248) 645-6666

#### DANCE

Masonic Temple: The Big Dance, Oct. 20, four ballrooms at the temple, workshops in West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Salsa and Argentine Tango during the day, at night free lessons in each ballroom at 7 p.m. four dance 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$65 for three hour workshop and dance, \$40 for the extravaganza, or \$10 per hour for mix and match lessons, Michigan Swing Dance Association, msda.örg, (248) 390-0515. Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance, top 10 finalists from hit show,

Nov. 3, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666. Music Hall of Performing Arts: Mazowsze, Nov. 15-16; Sultana – Bellydance

Superstars, Nov. 17; 350 Madison, Detroit www.musichall.org, (313) 887-

#### **FAMILY**

**Penn Theatre:** Films for the family featuring *The Ghost and Mr*. Chicken, 7 p.m. Oct. 11; The General, 1 and 1 p.m. Oct. 18; all seats \$3, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com. Kensington Metropark: Carp Festival, Oct. 13-14, Nature Center, nature-

related crafts, activities, games for kids, Rosco the Clown magic show \$1 per craft 1-800-477-3178, www.metronarks.com.

Detroit Music Hall for the Performing Arts: Darwin, electroluminescent crayon-like creatures tell the story of the true meaning of love through a dinosaur, 4 p.m. Oct. 14, \$17 adults, \$7 children 12 and under, www.musichall.org, (313) 887-8500.

Wayne County Parks: Fall family fun, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 20, \$4, fall activities, which include making leaf print T-shirts, fresh apple cider and a hike to enjoy the fall colors, bring a light-colored T-shirt for each family member to make leaf prints, and five apples per person to make your own cider, fresh off the old-fashioned cider press. recommended for ages 4 - Adult, pre-registration and payment are required at the Nankin Mills Park Office, cash or check made out to Wayne County Parks, Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland (734) 261-1990.

Fisher Theatre: World's Greatest Magic Show, Oct. 25-28, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. (248) 645-6666, www.broadwayindetroit.com. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Finding Nemo, Oct. 17-21; Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers,

Plymouth Ride the Rails: Explore the history of trains, Exhibit open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs Nov. 14-18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Detroit Historical Museum: Fall film series, Detroit: Ruin of a City, Michael Chanan and George Steinmetz, a University of Michigan professor, tell the story of Detroit after World War II, documentary explores the causes and effects of Detroit's fall, including the labor crises, segregation, and the riots of 1943 and 1967, 1 and 2 p.m. Oct. 13-14, 5401 Woodward Ave. (northwest corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

#### **FUND-RAISERS**

Royal Oak Music Festival: Musical jam with many genres, bring a brand new coat of mitten set for kids 3-18 to participating venues, and enjoy a night of free entertainment, benefits kids of Judson Center, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 11, www. rorainfo.com for more information.

San Marino Club: John Heffron, winner in second season of Last Comic Standing, 12th annual Celebrity Night Dinner, fund-raiser for Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 11, silent auction, raffle, \$125, www.troycoalition.com, (248)

Townsend Hotel: Celebrate the Child, benefits Childhelp Michigan, Oct. 12, guests at "Wish Upon a Star: A Night of Hope and Hollywood Glamour" featuring cabaret-style entertainment by the stars, as well as dance music by "Intrigue" and a live auction by Miedema Auctioneering, attend ing are Childhelp co-founders Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson and Childhelp Celebrity Ambassadors including: Norm Crosby, Ron Masak, Gary Collins, Ann Jeffreys, Mary Ann Mobley and Joyce Bulifant, \$225 per person, 100 Townsend, Birmingham (586) 268-6159, or phaigh@ cbschweitzer.com.

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Wednesday, Oct. 17: 7 p.m. "Orson Welles in Spain;" "Boogie Woogie Express:" "Buzzards Steal Your Picnic" followed by a live performance by Frank Pahl; 9:30 p.m. "Cut Piece;" "Detroit Block;" "Cycles of the Mental Machine." Thursday, Oct. 18: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Short Films by The Maysles Brothers including With Love From Truman, Meet



"The Cycles of the Mental Machine" details Detroit's musical history and social struggles through the eyes of French filmmaker Jacqueline Caux. Hear the long lost voice of The Electrifying Mojo and take a People Mover ride through the past Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

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Friday, Oct. 19: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "Lalee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton." Saturday, Oct. 20: 1-3:30 p.m. Primary and a panel discussion with Albert Maysles; 4-6 p.m. "The Sister of Significant Suffering;" "Bushman's Secret;" 7 p.m. "Grey Gardens" followed by Albert Maysles Q&A session. Sunday, Oct. 21: 1:30 p.m. Christo and

The Maysles featuring "Christo in Paris" and "Running Fence;" 4-6 p.m. Detroit Docs Awards program; 7 p.m. "The Beales of Grey Gardens."

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Festival must-sees: "Buzzards Steal Your Picnic" paints a portrait of Detroit artist Frank Pahl: "Cycles of the Mental Machine" seeks out the wisdom of Detroit radio personality The Electrifying Mojo and details the city's musical contributions from Motown to techno and beyond; "To Say Goodbye" follows the cycle of family relationships; "Boogie Woogie Express" follows the magical fingers of Detroit's own Boogie Woogie pianist Bob Seeley; "The Sister of Significant Suffering" discusses a sense of belonging and family.

Cost: Festival passes are \$45 at the DFC and online, while individual tickets cost \$7.50 for adults or \$5 for students, seniors and can be purchased at the noted venue prior to the show.

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grouped into various programs that will run throughout the five-day affair.

While Cronin said the grassrootsdriven festival has no over-arching theme, the films in each program share some sort of connection. "We've got a wide range of films," said Cronin. From traditional documentaries exploring social issues to personal stories, the movies demonstrate an array of subjects and styles.

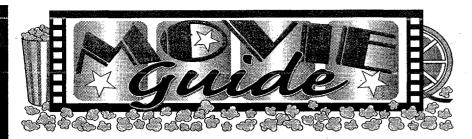
Nicole Macdonald, co-director of the Detroit Film Center, considers the festival an outlet for documentary filmmaking, and a possibility for local filmmakers to be heard.

Southfield native Donald Harrison recently returned to metro Detroit after 10 years in San Francisco. The

filmmaker and DFC board member said the festival has "exceeded our expectations."

Harrison, who will be showing his film Boogie Woogie Express opening night, said Detroit offers more space for creative types. "It's a great place to make things happen, like this festival," he said.

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# How do you know you're in a Vegas-style casino? Sore feet



always wonder how those fashionable women manage to stay fashionable when they're in Las Vegas. The perfect posture, the little dress and the high heels.

Every time I'm in Sin City, I try to be like them and always lose; because hours into the evening, my feet are blistering and ripping from walking around mammoth-sized casinos while wearing high heels.

How do those girls do it? Probably by never leaving the roulette table.

So there I was at the black-tie, VIP night opening of MGM Grand Detroit wearing a black column dress and strappy heels. From club to club, restaurant to restaurant, I wandered back and forth, enjoying the olive bread at Wolgang Puck's and the speciality drinks at Ignite.
I peered at celebs like Kid Rock

(who wore a T-shirt inside the blacktie event. C'mon Kid, we're trying to elevate Detroit, you can afford an Armani); Anita Baker, Martha

Reeves and Barry Sanders. I "people watched" as metro Detroit's elite women milled about in their beaded dresses and high heels.

Three hours later, my feet felt like balloons with razors digging in them; swollen from the long walks of the huge casino and straps digging in.

Vegas feet.

It's actually a term. I heard two women say it. It's what happens when you're at a casino so big - and there's so much to do - that you walk and

walk in excitement until - ouch! One one elegant woman actually took her shoes off in the casino - which I couldn't bring myself to do.

The point is: MGM is like nothing, nothing Detroit has ever seen.

The clubs are Los Angeles- and New York-style, magnified. The rooms are as posh as in Manhattan. The glittery dresses worn by the lounge waitstaff are hip.

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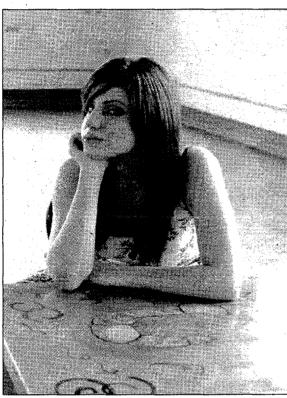
Thursday Night Brew & View, 8 p.m., doors; 9:30 p.m. film. 21 and over only and admission is just \$2 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. This week the film is comedy Knocked Up. Located at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991.

On Friday, and every Friday, jazz singer Jesse Palter begins a Friday night residency performance at the new casino/hotel MGM Grand Detroit. The Jesse Palter Trio performs every Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at INT ICE, the new piano lounge.

🐚 It's free: a movie, popcorn, candy and soft drinks. All are welcome to see the fun children's film Monster House at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Showtime is 7 p.m.

It's the release of the Mexican wrestling DVD Jesse Palter Revolucha 4. Come check out the screening. And, the show will be headlined by the return of Lucha Libre icon and former WCW star LA PARK as he faces former IWR Champion CK3 in a two-out-of-three-falls battle. Doors: 6 p.m. All ages welcome Tickets: \$20 and \$30. Visit www.royaloakmusic-

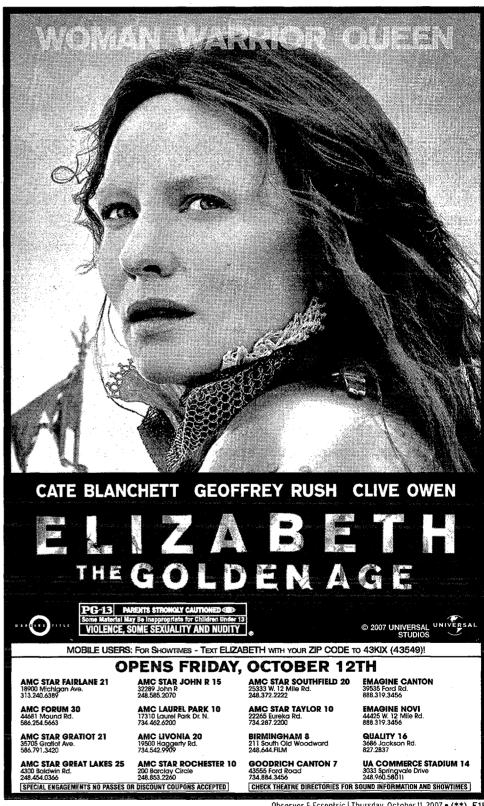
Runnin' Down a Dream: Tommy Petty and the Heartbreakers is a film by Peter Bogdanovich. It's playing for one night at 7 p.m. The film, two years in the making, weaves together archival material and unseen footage as Bogdanovich explores Petty the musician plus the complexity of the American dream itself. Shown at the Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi. Visit www. emagine-entertainment.com.

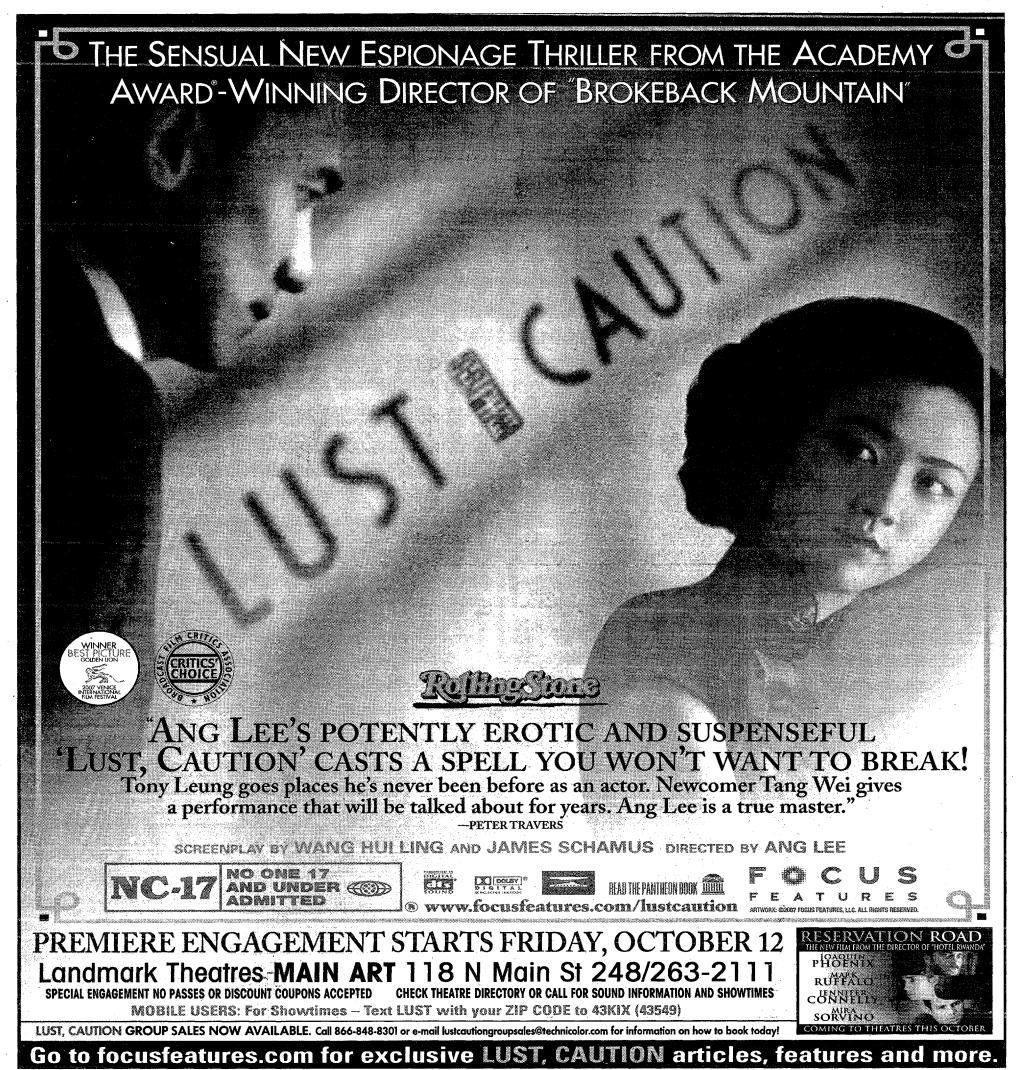


Charles London is a research associate for Refugees International, a non-profit dedicated to helping refugees, child soldiers, and orphans around the world. He was sent to Sudan, the Congo, Burma, and Kosovo, and with a seemingly simple task: play with the children. Talk to them. Make them feel normal. The result of that work is ONE DAY THE SOLDIERS CAME: Voices of Children in War (Harper Perennial; \$13.95), a book that comes out on Oct. 16.

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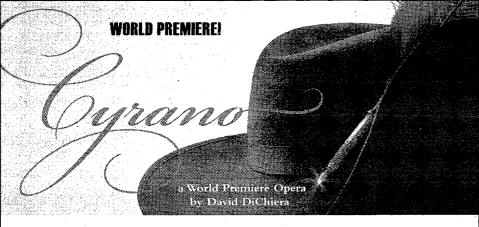


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# Laugh your way through 'Spelling Bee' at the Fisher

Reviews

BY STEPHANIF ANGELYN CASOLA

STAFF WRITER

There's nothing stuffy or pretentious about theatergoing when you're in the audience of the Broadway hit musical The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. With shows running though Oct. 21, there's still plenty of time to see it for yourself. For more daring audience members, there's also a chance to "compete" in the bee. Just don't expect to walk away with the giant trophy.

Good spellers can seek out a show representative prior to the performance and interview to "Be in the Bee." Get ready for more than your 15 minutes as the four chosen ones on opening night spent a good deal of time on stage, sitting beside the cast members on the minimalist set of high school bleachers. And whether you're in or out of the spotlight, you'll feel like part of the story from the start.

Before the show begins one Rona Lisa Peretti (Sally Wilfert) will wander down the aisle to the stage, chatting with the audience to make them feel like they're really attending a community gathering in a school gymnasium.

Then, in come the rag-tag cast of ste-

reotypical smarties - from an über-geek with allergies named William Barfee (Eric Roediger) to helmet-headed hippie son Leif Coneybear (played to perfection by U-M grad Andrew Keenan-Bolger). They file in with funny introductions care of two bee coordinators, the aforementioned Rona Lisa and a Revenge of the Nerds-worthy vice principal named Douglas Panch (James Kall).

The show leaves plenty of room for improvisation on their part, and both actors smartly install local references wherever possible.

"Unfortunately our usual word pronouncer, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, won't be here tonight," announces Rona Lisa Peretti, suggesting she had to "balance her checkbook.

West Bloomfield native Dana Steingold is absolutely charming and on-point as the

bee's youngest competitor, 10-yearold lispy, opinionated liberal, Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre. She's patriotically outfitted in red, white and blue with braids and a stammering, believable style as she spells her heart out on stage.

Vanessa Ray's take on sweet, shy Olive Ostrovsky will bring audiences near tears as she pleads in song for the affection of her always-absent parents. And strongvoiced Kevin Smith Kirkwood takes on multiple roles, his most extensive and as dreadlocked "Comfort Counselor" Mitch Mahoney.

Katie Boren and Justin Keyes round out the cast as brilliant students Marcy "I'm not all business" Park and hot shot, smitten speller Chip Tolentino. From tossing candy to the audience to singing their own goodbye song, it's a light-hearted romp sure to lift spirits and remind grown-ups of the trials and tribulations of adolescence. Any way you define it,  $\mathit{The}\ 25th$ Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will conjure up plenty of laughs.

# 'The Heartbreak Kid' offers a few gags

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **'THE HEARTBREAK KID'**

Peter and Bobby Farrelly's take on the 1972 Neil Simon-Elaine May original is not nearly as funny as you'd like for a movie that reunites them with There's Something About Mary star Ben Stiller. With five credited screenwriters, the Farrellys among them, and source material that includes a sharp script based on the great comic author Bruce Jay Friedman's short story, you just feel this update should be packed with guffaws. There are a few genuinely amusing gags, but the humor comes only in occasional fits. Stiller plays a man who marries the wrong

woman (Malin Akerman), then meets his true love (Michelle Monaghan) on his honeymoon. Monaghan's a sweetheart, and Akerman steals the show by managing to be both endearing and irritating at the same time. Stiller's often boring, and his character's more of a jerk the usual, so it's hard to care whether he ends up with the right woman. There's far more empathy to be had for both women than the man who tries to juggle a honeymoon with the two of them. R for strong sexual content, crude humor, language, and a scene of drug use involving a minor. 115 minutes. Two stars out of four.

David Germain, AP movie writer

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And the staff was friendlier than I've ever experienced at a Detroit casino. I've had instances where I've had to wait for employees to finish their conversation with each other before helping me; have had some shrug their shoulders and walk away when I've asked questions.

Not at MGM Grand.

Sure there were a few glitches; paper towel ran out fast in the women's restroom one hour after doors opened to the public. A couple slot machines around me stopped working - but that's minor stuff as staff appeared to work hard to fix snags fast.

And there's some complaints casinos can't fix.

It was opening night at midnight and crowds rushed in wearing sweat suits, baseballs hats; gym shoes, shorts and T-shirts. It looked wrong inside an \$800 million hotel. But you'll see that in Vegas, too, as Americans just don't like to dress nicely anymore.

The slot machines were loose and the lavishness ignited my senses just as MGM promised in its marketing campaign.

So go to it, set a limit on how much you're willing to lose, and for a few hours pretend you're on vacation.

You'll know by the Vegas feet. Wear flats.

The recording, made at the University of Michigan, took in four of the top prizes. Slatkin is also the recipient of many honors recognizing his dedicated advocacy on behalf of music and music education.

Slatkin conducted the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for the first time in 20 years in May.

It was clear from the first downbeat that this was an extraordinary ensemble," Slatkin said. "We've reached agreement in a very short time and I am happy and honored to take the helm of this great orchestra.

"I believe we can develop a vision for excellence, education, new and American music, recordings and touring that will bring new attention to the quality and tradition of the Detroit Symphony, locally, nationally and abroad. I look forward to a most exciting and rewarding tenure."

Although Slatkin will officially assume his role with the DSO in the fall of 2008. he is actively participating in artistic and strategic planning beginning immediately. "We are already making significant plans for future seasons," he said.

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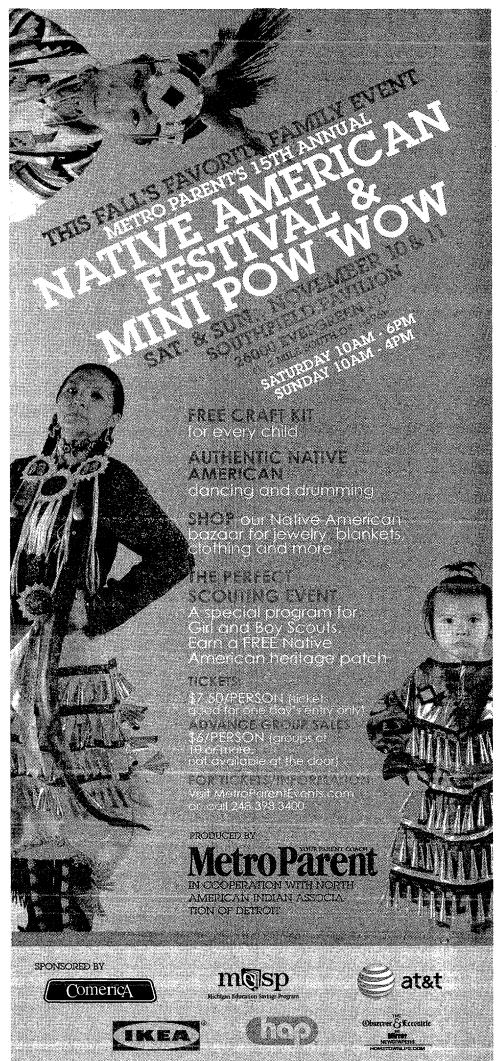
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