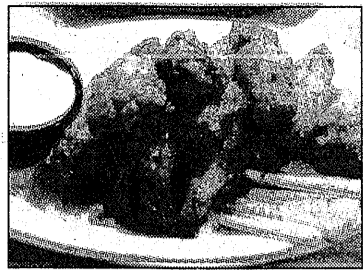


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## Residents want church to park expansion plan

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

While NorthRidge Church officials await a federal court ruling on the fate of the 1996 consent judgment that allowed the church to move to Plymouth Township in the first place, residents in neighboring subdivisions are anxious about why the church wants the judgment struck down.

Back in October, NorthRidge Church representatives asked Federal Court Judge Denise Page Hood to throw out an agreement reached between then-Temple

Baptist Church and Plymouth Township. The agreement limits the amount of growth the church, located at North Territorial and Ridge, is allowed.

In its motion, the church argues the township's lack of willingness to amend the judgment unfairly inhibits the church's growth and violates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.

"The consent judgment is void and it is no longer equitable (and) ... violates RLUIPA. NorthRidge Church requests the court reopen the case and set aside the consent judgment,"

the church's motion reads.

Plymouth Township officials like the consent judgment just the way it is, and feel church officials signed it in good faith and should abide by it.

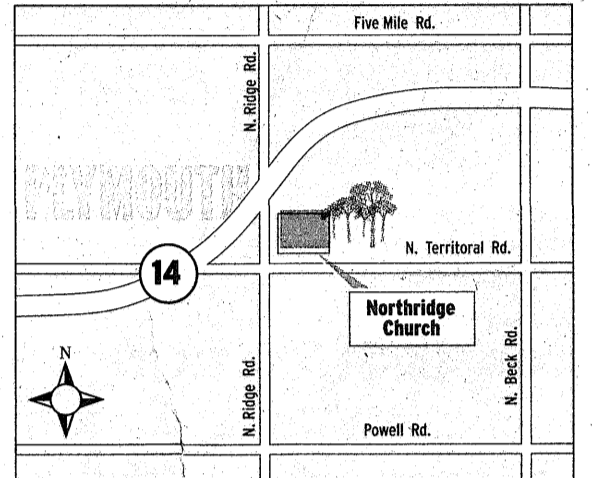
"The township is saying per the laws regarding consent judgments, they entered into agreement on their own volition, therefore you can't overturn this," said Jim Anulewicz, the township's director of municipal services. "After listening to both parties, (Page Hood) decided ... if the church wished to modify consent judgment, it should formally submit a plan. I haven't

heard from them, nor has the court reached a final conclusion."

NorthRidge Church Senior Pastor Kevin McKenna said until Page Hood reaches a decision, church officials wouldn't have anything to say.

"We have no comment at this point," McKenna said. "We're awaiting a ruling by the federal court, and we won't have a comment until after that ruling."

Feeling caught in the middle are residents of surrounding neighborhoods, who say traffic in



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## City OKs camera bid

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

All eyes will soon be on downtown Plymouth after the city commission approved the purchase of 13 security cameras that will focus on Kellogg Park, The Gathering and public rest room entrances, as well as portions of Penniman Avenue, Main Street, Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street.

"This is purely preventative and pre-emptive," City Manager Paul Sincok said. "When you have the number of events and number of people that visit our downtown, you have to have tools available in case you need them."

"It's the standard of first-line security that is virtually everywhere today," Sincok added. "You can't go to a convenience store, fast food restaurant, anywhere where you're not going to be on video. We're moving into the 21st century."

Security Designs of Livonia was awarded the \$30,476 bid for the cameras.

Sincok said the camera images will be digitally recorded, with the images available through a secure Web connection to the Plymouth Township police dispatch and the police officer's report area at City Hall.

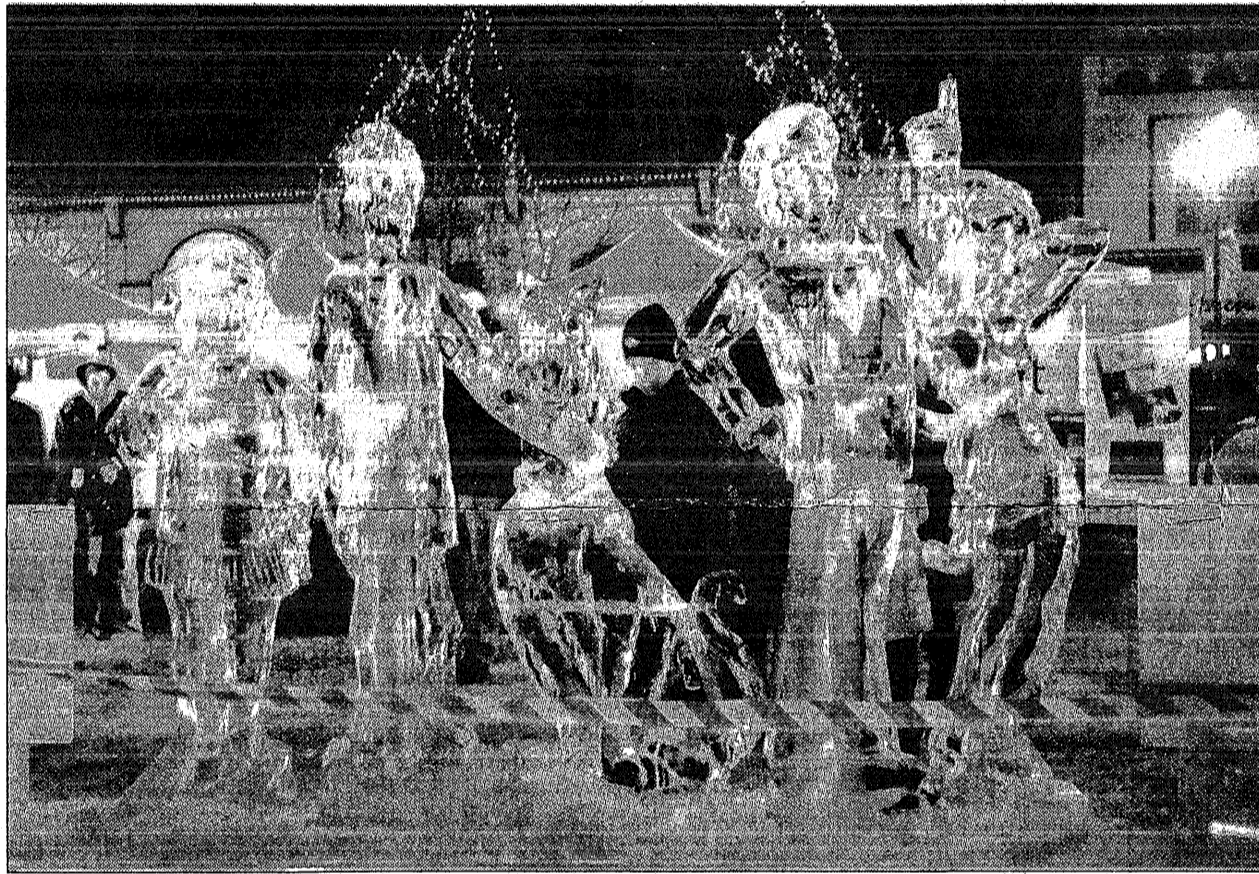
"When it's snowing, the DMS (Department of Municipal Services) supervisor could be at home, call up through a secured Web site and look at Main Street and decide if he needs more road salt or additional crews," Sincok said.

Sincok said there are already 22 security cameras in place, 14 at the Cultural Center and eight at the DMS yard.

The Downtown Development Authority is expected to discuss spending nearly the same amount for security cameras at the parking deck at its Feb. 14 meeting.

Meanwhile, the city commission has extended the original 90-day downtown liquor license moratorium to its March 3 meeting. Commissioners are expected to discuss the affect additional liquor licenses have on downtown parking.

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Friday night crowds braved cold temperatures to see the sculptures in the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

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## Ice cold beauty Sculptures, attractions wow ice fest spectators

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

It's not that the sculptures crafted by the professional and amateur carvers at the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular weren't gorgeous, as always. They were.

But Maureen Giacomazza of Plymouth got one unexpected benefit out of the second straight year she attended the annual ice festival.

"How often do you get to see a reindeer?" asked Giacomazza, who attended the festival Sunday with husband Chuck and son Michael, who celebrated his first birthday Jan. 3. "I missed 'em on Christmas Eve. I think this is great for the kids."

The Giacomazzas were among the thousands of people who filed past the patch of Kellogg Park occupied Sunday by 2-year-old Blitzen,

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Tyler Colman of Royal Oak, a student at Oakland County Community College, works on a carving during the college individual ice carving competition Saturday afternoon.

## Board brings pair back for second talk

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is a step closer to finding a successor to Supt. Jim Ryan after deciding Tuesday night to bring back two of three candidates next week for a second interview and tour of the district.

The two finalists are Paul Kadri, 42, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., which consists of 9,200 students; and Craig Fiegel, 52, the superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill., which has 1,900 students.

Fiegel will spend Monday in the district, with Kadri returning Tuesday.

"I still have more questions for both of them," Trustee Steven Sneiderman said. "But from what I know at this point, they have the potential to do a great job here."

Board President Judy Mardigian cautioned there's still a lot left in the interview process.

"We'll have a chance to know them better, but we still have a lot to do," Mardigian said. "We've got second interviews, reference checks to do and watch how they interact with the staff and public. It's an exciting process and I'm looking forward to it."

Kadri calls himself the "hybrid" candidate because — unlike most superintendents — his background is mainly in finance, with virtually none in curriculum, making him more like the CEO of the district.

"That's probably a positive and a negative," Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said. "I can imagine there's some staff that's saying this guy has never been in the classroom, does he really under-

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### Warming Homes and Hearts

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Go Red campaign continues to raise awareness about the No. 1 killer of women



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United Way meeting

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way takes place 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Comcast building, 4112 Concept Drive, in Plymouth.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary and treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the board.

New Morning open house

New Morning School, a pre-K through grade eight parent cooperative on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township, hosts its February Open House and Student Museum Saturday, Feb. 2.

The open house takes place 1-2 p.m., with the Student Museum and Auction Preview from 2-3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 420-3331.

New Morning School is a state-certified, non-sectarian, not-for-profit school for students in preschool through grade eight. The latest brain-friendly learning methods based on established research result in effective learning for every child. To find out more, call (734) 420-3331 or visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com.

Fall festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival, scheduled for Sept. 5-7. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

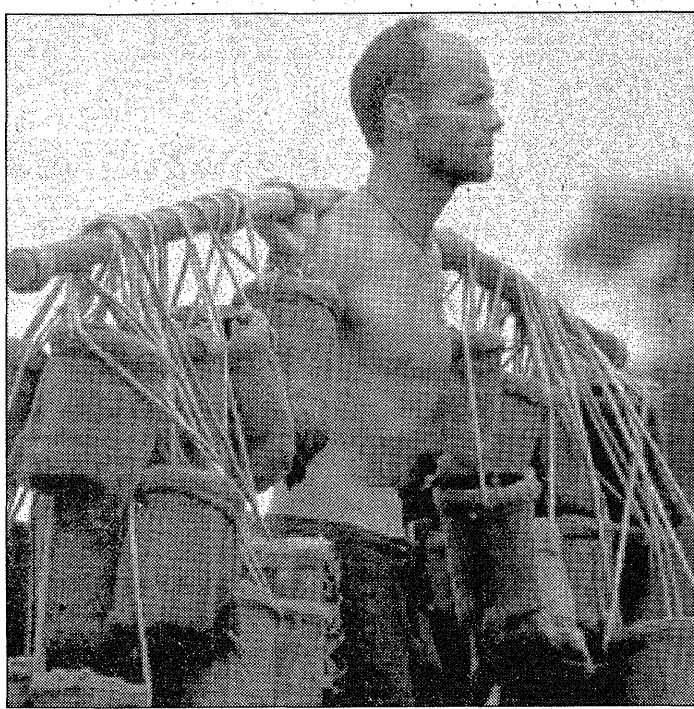
Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 5-7 may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the festival. Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other great ways to get exposure for your business.

Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Feb. 4.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session



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'Survivor' brings message to luncheon

Mike Skupin, who starred on 'Survivor, The Australian Outback,' will be the guest speaker at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6 at the Summit on the Park. Cost for the event, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch. To many, Skupin is known as the guy who fell into the fire on the highly watched show. He will share a few tales of his own adventures, including being asked by George Bush to run for U.S. Senate, escaping a plane crash in Lake Michigan, and being vice president of the largest copy/fax/printer dealership in Michigan, Rhinosoft Interactive. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 1.

will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Ward Church, located at 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

School of music

The Plymouth Salvation

Army's School of Music begins its spring session Feb. 26.

The sessions are one-hour group lessons, ages 7-adult, piano and guitar and run 6:30-7:30 p.m. Session costs, including materials, are \$75 for piano students, \$50 for guitar students (students must provide the guitar). Group sizes are small, keyboards are provided, headphones allow time for practice, the piano session will be for 14 weeks, with a piano recital June 3. The guitar session runs nine weeks ending April 30.

For more information and to register, call (734) 453-5464.

Thursday classics

The Penn Theatre's "Thursday Classics" series continues with February's theme, "British Invasion."

Sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the schedule for the Thursday movies, all of which start at 7 p.m. is: Feb. 7, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," 7 p.m.; Feb. 14, "A Brief Encounter" (also a 1 p.m. show); Feb. 28, "Hard Day's Night."

All seats are \$3. Free tickets are available at Michigan Made & More, Plymouth Coffee Bean and Hands On Leather.

For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

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the area has already increased at an alarming rate as the church has expanded.

According to the church's master plan, church officials want to triple the 1,167 spaces now available. To help reach that goal, the church acquired some 25 acres of property adjacent to the church that church officials don't believe are covered by the consent judgment. If the church gets what it wants, there would be nearly 3,300 parking spaces.

"It's tough to get out of here now," said Diane Harrison, a Plymouth Commons resident. "If they triple the parking spaces, it's going to be impossible. If the footprint they're proposing goes through, it'll be bigger than Laurel Park Place (mall in Livonia)."

In court documents, church officials point out they've done what they can, including shutting worshippers in from the Johnson Controls parking lot, at a cost of some \$300,000 per year to the church.

"Too many times we hear from someone their first impression is they must not be welcome if they can't get in or find a place to park," officials wrote. "To allow the consent judgment to continue to shackle NorthRidge would be

a direct and clear aberration of our vision and faith."

Kimberly Baker and her husband bought their Plymouth Commons home in 1995, believing the consent judgment would limit NorthRidge to its size at the time (the church recently opened an 85,000-square-foot addition). Her daughters used to participate in NorthRidge activities.

But the church has grown too big for her tastes.

"We believed NorthRidge ... would remain as it existed then," Baker said. "We purchased our home expecting many years of quiet enjoyment in this semi-rural community."

The church, which sits on some 55 acres, currently has more than 14,000 members and averages some 9,000 worshippers for weekend services. The church's master plan talks about growing to some 20,000.

If church officials want to talk about amending the consent judgment, the township is willing to listen, as long as the church is willing to do it out in the open.

"If the church wants to modify the consent judgment, the township's position is they would make a formal submission and the township would consider that in an open, public forum with input from the public," Anulewicz said. "So far, we haven't heard from them."

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stand what's going on."

"He probably wouldn't have any prejudices on which way we should be educating our children, working with our experts to make sure we're doing it the right way," Sneedman said. "I felt he knew his stuff in terms of what's going on in the world of education today. I think he would be the most out-of-the-box thinker and innovator."

Board members expressed concerns Kadri might "make change for the sake of change" and want to know more about how he would control the budget. They also plan to ask Kadri to elaborate about problems with his current school board, which led both sides to conclude Kadri should seek another position; as well as Kadri's failure to disclose the lawsuit by a female student with an immune deficiency who won the right to become valedictorian while he was superintendent in Moorestown, N.J., in 2003.

Trustees agreed Fiegel came to the interview well prepared with knowledge of Plymouth-Canton.

"I liked his financial back-

ground ... the meticulous way he talked about dealing with his board you can tell he communicates well with them," Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said. "It sounds like the students in his district had a higher level of achievement after he went there."

Among the concerns the board is expected to discuss with Fiegel include his superintendent experience in a smaller, elementary-only school district and how that will translate to success in Plymouth-Canton; his lack of experience in strategic planning; and development initiatives.

Both candidates will spend a full day in the district meeting with administrators, principals and union leaders and visiting schools and teachers.

The public is invited to meet with the candidates at 4 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday at Plymouth High School. The second interview has been scheduled for 7 p.m. each evening at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

If either or both candidates remain as finalists after next week's visits, the board plans to make a hiring decision at a Feb. 19 meeting. That will be followed by a visit to the finalist's current district by school board members.

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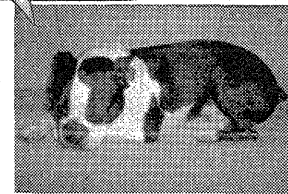
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# Granholt: Residents are angry, want action

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

In her sixth annual State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Jennifer Granholm told state legislators it was time to end the bipartisan bickering that "angered" Michigan residents during last year's bitter budget debates and to focus on four key areas: jobs, health care, public safety and education.

"Last year, people wanted decisive action on jobs, on health care, on schools. What they got was partisan rancor over a budget," she said. "So when we listen to the people of Michigan, we'll hear their anger. But we will also hear their hopes for this great state."

Granholm offered some ambitious ideas in these areas and emphasized her continued support for making Michigan a leader in alternative energy. She said bills were already in the process that show strong bipartisan support and she specifically named legislators from both parties who are working together toward common goals.

Key proposals included:

- The Michigan Job Creation Tax Credit, a one-time offer for businesses in the 50 fastest growing industries in the country to cut or eliminate their taxes for coming to or staying in Michigan.

- A Michigan Invests Fund, a fund of about \$300 million from the Michigan pension fund and other funds to invest in young businesses.

- A 21st Century Schools Fund to support up to 100 smaller high schools emphasizing rigor, relevance and relationships.

- A bill to raise the school dropout age to 18.

- Full-day kindergarten
- Increased funding for K-12 and early childhood education.

- Expanding the No Worker Left Behind Program to provide college educations to up to 100,000 displaced workers.

The governor announced that Consumers Energy and DTE were committed to jointly investing up to \$6 billion in Michigan, much of it to build wind turbines and wind farms on the passage of a comprehensive energy bill. She said this would create 17,000 jobs in the state.



Gov. Jennifer Granholm outlined initiatives for Michigan during her sixth State of the State Address Tuesday night. Applauding in the background is House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and standing in the center background is Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

"Alternative energy companies have watched closely as 25 other states have set aggressive goals for their alternative energy use," she said. "We have to meet and beat other states' goals here in Michigan if we are going to attract those companies here."

Granholm said she is asking the Legislature to set a goal of 10 percent renewable electric energy by 2015 and 25 percent by 2025.

The governor said the budget she will submit to the Legislature next month will contain \$200 million in additional cuts and reforms, a \$100 million deposit in the state's rainy day fund and, she promised, to rousing applause, "every new initiative I'm proposing will be paid for, no new fees and no new taxes."

She said her economic stimulus package would be "made possible by refinancing and lower interest rates — not new taxes."

The governor suggested reforms in the Corrections Department and streamlining dealings with the business community to cut through red tape.

Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford, said the governor "hit all the right themes" in her speech.

"It set the right tone for

Michigan," Dillon said at a brief press conference following the speech.

He said he supported the call for bipartisan action.

"The biggest challenge in the state is diversifying the state's economy," he said. "It's not going to happen without capital, without a good educational system and it's not going to happen without a government that works well with business."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, received a word of praise from the governor for his work on an energy bill making its way through the Senate.

"I knew it was coming. It wasn't necessary, it was gracious and it was appreciated," Patterson said.

He said the speech set the right tone to move the energy bill forward, although there are still differences of opinion on renewable energy. He said he would like to have the bill completed by March. He said he was surprised by the commitment from the two energy giants, but welcomed the news.

"The governor made a good speech. It was gracious, inclusive," Patterson said. "There were a couple points where I wasn't standing and cheering, but as she went up on the rostrum I was the last senator

there and I said good luck and when she came back I said good job."

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, said following the speech that the state couldn't go back to the residents of Michigan for more taxes.

"I hope we can get down to business and address some of the things she talked about and put what happened last year behind us," he said.

Corriveau said he was intrigued by Granholm's focus on alternative energy.

"That's something I've learned quite a bit about in the last 13 months and as she said we are in a unique position to benefit on that," he said. "But we have to get out in front. If at some point all those jobs aren't in the state of Michigan, we're going to regret the opportunity we had. That excites me."

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, said the focus was lost last year in the debates over tax increases and budget debates.

"It is a new year and I look forward to working together in a bipartisan fashion for the best interests of the people of Michigan," LaJoy said in a press release. "There is hope for 2008 — I applaud the creation of the government reform commissions to improve and fix the inefficiencies in government, hopefully saving the state billions of dollars in the long run."

State Rep. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, said he thought the speech was Granholm's best State of the State.

"She is a visionary and has some good ideas, especially in alternative energy, which will take off in a bipartisan fashion," he said.

Condino said the residents of Michigan want government officials to work together.

"The governor said it, the electorate is mad, mad as hell and they don't want to take it anymore," he said. "It's a challenge to all of us to work together. If we get a third done of what the governor asked us to do tonight, it will go a lot farther than we did last year, so I'm hopeful."

## Observer honored for election, school coverage

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* won 27 awards - including six by the *Plymouth Observer* staff - in the Suburban Newspapers of America Editorial Contest.

An American Press Institute panel comprised of professors from the nation's top journalism schools, along with respected editors and journalists, judged the contest, which drew more than 3,000 entries.

The *Plymouth Observer* staff won a first place for editorial writing, and editor Brad Kadrich earned third place in the column writing category and an honorable mention for opinion columns.

Staff Writer Tony Bruscato won first-place honors for his breaking news story about a Plymouth woman who rescued a youngster from a flooded Tonquish Creek. The paper also won second-place awards for its local election coverage and its coverage of education issues.

The *Canton Observer*, with staff writer Tiffany Parks and editor Kurt Kuban, earned an honorable mention in Class B Best Continuing Coverage.

"O&E staff members received top awards for reporting, editorial, column and feature writing, sports and photography - all the important categories of community journalism," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor.

The O&E's "Student Voices," a student journalism project in which staff members mentor high school students and publish their work throughout the school year, won second place for best young people's coverage in Class D - the largest and most competitive category in the competition.

Other award winners included:

*Birmingham Eccentric*, Greg Kowalski, third place Best Editorial Writing Class B; *Livonia Observer*, Dave Varga, second place Best



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Editorial Writing Class C; *Southfield Eccentric*, Wayne Peal, third place Best Column Writing Class B; *Southfield Eccentric*, Wayne Peal, second place Class B Best Opinion Column; *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, Hugh Gallagher, second place Class D Best Opinion Column; *Southfield Eccentric*, Mike Rosenbaum, third place Class B Best Sports Writing; *Birmingham Eccentric*, Marty Budner, honorable mention Class B Best Sports Writing; *Rochester Eccentric*, Jim Toth, first place Class B Best Sports Section; *Garden City Observer*, Tom Hawley, second place Class A Best News Photo; *Southfield Eccentric*, Larry McKee, honorable mention Class B Best Feature Photo; *Rochester Eccentric*, Annette Kingsbury and Gary Winkelman, second place Class B Best Continuing Coverage; *Troy Eccentric*, Megan Pennefather, third place Class B Best Continuing Coverage.

Other award winners include: *Troy Eccentric*, Megan Pennefather, first place Class B Best Breaking News Story; *Birmingham Eccentric*, Jay Grossman, first place Class B Best In-Depth Reporting; *Westland Observer*, Sue Mason, first place Class A Best Feature; *Birmingham Eccentric*, Jay Grossman, honorable mention Class B Best Feature; *Westland Observer*, Darrell Clem, first place Class A Best Environmental Coverage; *West Bloomfield Eccentric*, third place Class B Best Coverage of Local Education/School District Issues and *Redford Observer*, Matt Jachman, second place Classes A and B combined for Best Coverage of Investigative Reporting.

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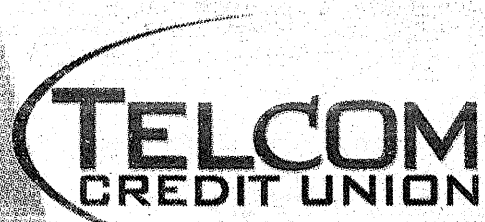
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Blitzen's appearance was one of the many things enjoyed by people during the three-day festival, which concluded Sunday. The weekend included ice-carving competitions among high schoolers, college carvers and professionals, including world champions Tajana Raukar of Plymouth and Ted Wakar of Canton.

The weekend also featured, among other things, music and games from AM 910 Radio Disney and a cash cube sponsored by Main Street Bank.

There was also an interactive element, with Recreational Equipment Inc., offering a snowshoe demonstration Sunday afternoon. The demonstration gave Brenda Keller of Huron Township a chance to preview a Christmas gift she'd gotten for her 4-year-old daughter, Sam.

"There wasn't much snow at Christmas, so we didn't get a chance to try them out,"

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Here are the winners in the carving competitions from the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular:

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**College Individual:** Clinton Rich, Oakland Community College

**High School Team:** Aaron Hyde and David Huckabone, Oakland Technical Center North West

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Harry Werwinski carves, and Frederick Yancy holds the design sketch. They're students at Henry Ford Community College.

the carvings that appeared to capture the most attention.

"It's beautiful what (carvers) do," said Robin Eisenstein of Novi, who made the rounds with daughters Sherry and Melissa. "Their artistic ability ... it's magnificent."

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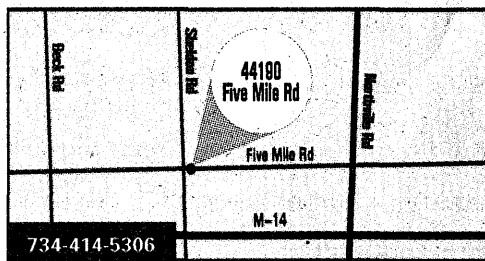


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## Insurers battle over bills to reform individual insurance market

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Legislation to reform medical insurance laws in Michigan has set off a fierce battle between Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and commercial insurance carriers.

Hearings began last week in the Michigan Senate on four bills that were quickly approved in October in the state House (HBs 5282-5285) by a bipartisan vote.

The four bills are designed to reduce risk on individual health care policies for the non-profit, state-regulated Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The bills would:

- Create a high-risk pool or guaranteed-access plan for those denied coverage, to spread some of the losses across all health care insurers in the state. Blue Cross is mandated by law to be an insurer of last resort.

- Allow Blue Cross to replace "community rating" with rate bands, which would allow the insurer to set different rates based on age, place of residence and other factors.

- Set a loss ratio of 70 percent, meaning an insurer must spend 70 cents of each dollar collected on health care.

- Set limits on renewal rate increases.

- Allow Blue Cross Blue Shield for-profit subsidiaries to sell other kinds of insurance (their largest subsidiary, The Accident Fund of America is restricted to selling worker's compensation insurance).

### STRONG OPPOSITION

The bills have drawn strong opposition from commercial carriers, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, the UAW, AARP, the Consumer's Union and others. Commercial carriers have organized the Coalition for Access and Affordability in Michigan to lobby against the legislation.

Mark Cook, Blue Cross Blue Shield vice president of governmental affairs, argues that the nonprofit Blue Cross is at a severe disadvantage as an insurer of last resort at a time when the individual insurance market is growing. The individual insurance market represents 6 percent of those insured in Michigan but is expected to grow as more employers drop insurance benefits and more people retire without company insurance.

"It's a small but growing part of the marketplace and there are some regulatory challenges to that marketplace," Cook said at a meeting last week with *Observer & Eccentric* editors. "Right now we have Blue Cross, who is a community-rated carrier predominantly, alongside commercial carriers who are virtually unregulated in the commercial marketplace."

He said commercial insurers are able to "cherry-pick" healthy customers by having potential customers fill out health questionnaires to find out if they're healthy. Commercial insurers can deny coverage but Blue Cross must accept anyone who is willing to pay their rates, which are regulated by the state's insurance commissioner. Cook said the law requires insurers to renew anyone who develops a condition but doesn't limit rate increases. He said that often drives customers to Blue Cross.

"We lose money in that marketplace," Cook said. "We've been able to sustain those losses. It could grow to 15-25 percent of the marketplace. We lost \$145 million last year in the individual market for those types of policies."

### IN THE HIGH-RISK POOL

Blue Cross, which issues 60-70 percent of all health insurance policies in the state, is supporting a high-risk pool model used in 34 other states.

"What happens is someone applies for insurance and they are rejected by another carrier. They would qualify under the high-risk pool," Cook said. "Premiums are capped for those folks. The high-risk pool is a money loser."

Insurance carriers are assessed for the loss based on their market share. Cook said under the proposed legislation, Blue Cross would assume administrative cost and up to 35 percent of claims losses above the minimum 70 percent loss ratio.

Attorney General Cox has opposed the legislation for several reasons.

According to Cox, the legislation would:

- Force seniors and sicker citizens to pay more than current law by eliminating the community rating.

- Allow Blue Cross to charge new customers with serious illnesses up to 250 percent more, without challenge.

- Double the time available to deny coverage for pre-existing illnesses, up to 12 months from the current six months.

- Triple the margins Blue Cross can keep from every premium dollar.

- Enable Blue Cross to raise rates without consideration of their surplus.

- Allow Blue Cross to charge individuals more for

health insurance based on where they live.

- Eliminate the role of the attorney general to argue against rate hikes and eliminate the ability of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services to set rates.

"Every change in this package of bills is aimed at increasing profits for a benevolent charity that is already making record profits now," Cox said in a press release issued in December. "And the people, especially the old, sick and most vulnerable, will pay more or lose insurance coverage. This is not about improving the quality of health care. These changes promote profits over people."

The Blue Cross's Cook said

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FEBRUARY

Heart workshop

Living a Heart Centered Life workshop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Unity Church of Ann Arbor; 4599 Carpenter Road. Learn how to overcome the negative emotions that can cause heart disease. Dr. Kirk Laman, board certified cardiologist, author, trainer, and assistant Professor of Medicine Michigan State University. For cost and to register, call (734) 434-8545.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include a Superbowl House Party Sunday, Feb. 3. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Pancake Supper

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church presents its Shake Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. Feb. 5, at 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia. \$4 adults, \$1 children under age 12, \$10 families (2 adults and children under 12). Tickets available at the door.

Ash Wednesday services

The Anglican Church of Livonia and Trinity Church will hold joint services at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. A freewill offering will be collected for local pregnancy centers.

Lenten services

Start on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel and continue every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30 p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

Lenten services

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12, Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27, and March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme is The Places of Passion. Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbglobal.net.

Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, beginning 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 and continuing Feb. 15, 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. Livonia. The dinners feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carryout orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Hunger workshop

Presented by Bread for the World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. For information, call (734) 487-9058, send e-mail to wolverbob@yahoo.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. No charge. During an offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked not to donate funds, but write Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation.

Widowed Friends

Italian buffet dinner, conversation and cards for widowed men and women of all ages Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, Seven Mile near Inkster, Livonia. Social time from 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. followed by social time and music until 9:30 p.m. Cost \$15, includes buffet. Send payment by Feb. 9. For information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187.

Court of St. Brigit

Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls, ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9.

Christian comedian

Ed Thompson (www.edthompsonlive.com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 (Schoolcraft service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Curt Collins concert

Top 20 Christian Music performer Curt Collins will be performing 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill, two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken. Call (248) 474-0584.

The Catholic Marriage FAQ

Deacon William Meahan presents the things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but, 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday,

Feb. 17, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-registration requested; call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Single Place Ministry

Divorce recovery workshop continues to Feb. 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Emeritus Room, 200 E. Main, Northville. Topics include networking/midlife crisis, stage of grief, putting your "ex" in focus, legal aspects of divorce (includes pot luck dinner), spiritual help and forgiveness; helping children through divorce, and relationships old and new. Cost \$35, includes book, Growing through Divorce. Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers through grade six. To register, call (248) 349-0911.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holytrinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

UPCOMING

VBS summer ministries

The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Sisters in Christ

Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730. This is an interdenominational conference to help women connect their Christian life to one another. Speakers are Brenda Josse who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services

Continue Sundays at 3:30 p.m. The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching station has been established at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. The Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

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Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

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Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water. It is also intended for those who have never made a commitment to Jesus.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. Couples who pray together daily have a divorce rate of less than 1 divorce in every 1000 marriages. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris' Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixman Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbglobal.net.

Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, continues to March 16 and March 20, respectively, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Day of service

Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 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 at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Lerner, 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.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. 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. 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 information or registration, visit www.funmnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

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# Passages

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**HENRY A. BERNIS**  
Age 72, Farmington Hills, MI, passed January 26, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**DOUGLAS D. VOGAN**  
January 28, 2008, age 80. Beloved husband of Shirley. Dear father of Lynn (Lee) Moore, Mary Sanders & son, Paul (deceased). Brother of Edna Heck and Joyce Newton. Grandfather of eight; Great-Grandfather of nine. Instate Saturday 12 Noon until 1 pm service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-9 pm and Friday 12-9 pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI. Memorials would be appreciated to the Josephine Ford Cancer Center or American Cancer Society. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfcom

**ERNEST E. SAUTER**  
Age 87, of Farmington Hills. January 26, 2008. A proud Coast Guard Veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theater, and the Korean Conflict. Retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. after 41 years of service and Director Emeritus and Board of Director Member of the Farmington Community Library for 40 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 65 years. Loving father of Eric Sauter (Beth Olanoff), Cherished grandfather of Molly Rebecca Sauter and Aaron Richard Sauter. Dear brother of Arden Pierson and Lois Ann Parker. Memorial Service Friday 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Memorial Visitation Thursday 2-7 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial tributes may be made to the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.thayer-rock.com

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**SCOTT WEILER LOVE**  
Age 54, died on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. He was born on May 22, 1953 to R. Robert Love and L. Jean Weiler. Originally from Franklin, MI, he and his family moved to Macclenny, FL three years ago. He was the Branch Manager at H.D. Supply in Jacksonville, FL and an avid supporter of the Baker County Girls Softball League. Scott was graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and Marketing. He also played basketball and golf for the university and remained an avid golfer throughout his life. He was devoted to his family and loved by all who knew him. He is predeceased by his brother Keith Love. Family members include his wife of 15 years, Karen Love of Macclenny, FL; his children: Lindsey Jean Love and Lia Nicole Love of Macclenny, FL; parents Robert and Jean Love of Novi, MI; and brother Craig (Julie) Love. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary with Pastor Randy Williams officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Scott's honor to Baker County Girls Softball Foundation - Mercantile Bank of Glen St. Mary, FL. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. TODD FERREIRA FUNERAL SERVICES (904) 259-5700. You may share memories and condolences at: www.vtoddferreira.com

**IRENE SUSZYLO**  
Age 88, of Westland, MI. Passed away January 29, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Bronislaw. Loving mother of Diane (Richard) Marisnick, Kenneth Lince, Peggy Stanley, Cindy Suszylo, and Bron (Antia) Suszylo. Dear grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 16. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Funeral service Friday (time pending) at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. To view obituary and share memories log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**PHYLIS S. PETERSON**  
Died January 28, 2008, age 78. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Dear mother of Lynn (Chuck) Route and John (Cindy) Peterson. Grandmother of David, Andrew (A.J.), Ashley, Stephen, Adam, Ian and Emily. Memorial services at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago in Livonia, on Saturday, February 2nd at 12 noon. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com

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**RELIGION**

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**HeartCry**

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, *The Hope of a Homecoming*, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

**Women of the word**

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit [www.vchurches.com/cbc/women](http://www.vchurches.com/cbc/women).

**Bible study**

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed

Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

**Fellowship Dinners**

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Thrift Shop**

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

**Registration**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

**Morning prayers**

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New

Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

**J.O.Y. meeting**

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

**Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com).

**Worship service**

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran

Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Sunday worship**

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Sunday services**

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

**Worship services**

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m.

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

**Worship services**

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

**Celebrate Recovery**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care

during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

**Sunday service**

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

**Worship service**

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

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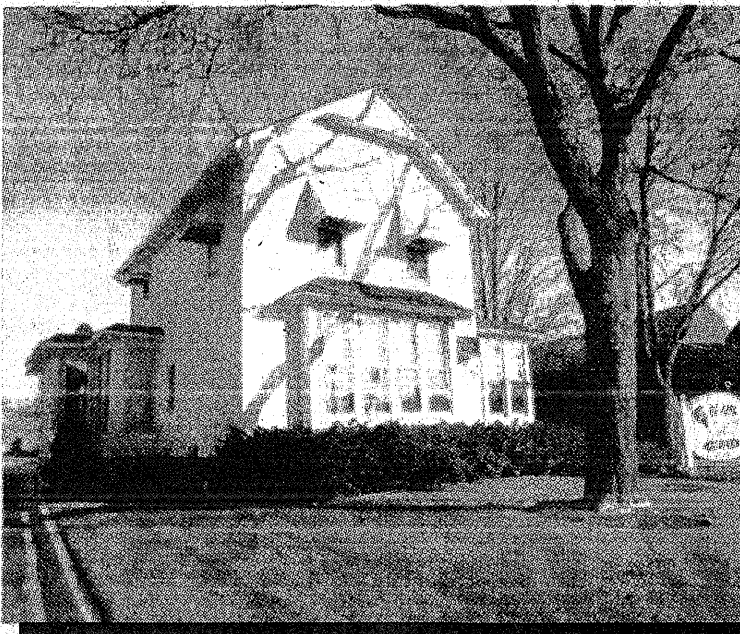
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\$250,000 price range. They can put 20 percent down. They wanted to know if this was a good time to buy, is it a good investment and what type of mortgage do I recommend?

I believe homes are not necessarily great investments. My view has nothing to do with what has happened with the home market over the last couple of years, although it does confirm some of my beliefs. When you look at an investment you look at real return and houses, when you consider all the factors, have never been a great investment.

There is no house in America that doesn't require maintenance, and eventually, updating to keep the house in good shape. In addition, even in more normal times when

a house increase in value it's mostly an inflationary gain. That doesn't mean people shouldn't buy a home.

While houses may not be good investments, they offer a great quality of life.

As to the current market, there is no doubt that home prices have tumbled here and throughout the country. Houses are much more affordable than they were a few years ago. However, I do not believe

we have seen the bottom of the market. Home prices will continue to decline but that doesn't mean I wouldn't purchase a home now.

The most important aspect of buying a home is the quality of life issue. If you find a house that fits your needs and will increase your quality of life, buy it. Even though I think that housing prices will continue to decline over the short term, it is very difficult to try

to time the housing market.

When it comes to financing a new home, there is no one good mortgage for everyone. If you are purchasing a home and will live in it long term, I would recommend a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. The rates are near historic lows.

I only recommend adjustable rate mortgages for someone who is going to live in the house for only a few years. This loan is fine for the first

few years, but when the rate starts adjusting upward some individuals find they have trouble making their mortgage payment because they never understood or planned for the potential of a higher monthly payment.

Beside the right type of mortgage, it is important to deal with the right mortgage person. When you obtain a mortgage, a good mortgage professional will present a

variety of options and explain all the costs and fees. For a referral for any professional, e-mail Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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

## Business tax seminar set

The Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) will offer a seminar, "The Michigan Business Tax - A Work in Progress," 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 8, at Madonna University. Chuck Hadden, vice president of government affairs for MMA, and tax professionals from the law firm Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP will present.

The seminar will be held at Madonna University at 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The cost is \$85 for MMA members and \$175 for non-members. To register or for more information go to www.mma-net.org or e-mail LeAnn Hicks at hicks@mma-net.org or call (517) 487-8557.

## INSURERS

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that all insurers are required to keep a reserve and that Blue Cross's \$2.6 billion in reserve is in keeping with industry standards and appropriate for a company paying out \$1.5 billion a month in benefits. He said the reserve was to keep the company's revenue margin at one-tenth of 1 percent.

Cook also defended corporate salaries. Cox was especially critical of the compensation package of more than \$4.2 million paid to former Blue Cross President and CEO Richard Whitmer in 2006. Cook said that figure reflected more than 20 years of deferred payments for the outgoing executive.

Cook said the legislation changes the role of the attorney general but does not eliminate his oversight.

"Right now what he can is call a hearing, object to a rate. What we want to do is supplant that existing system with what we call a true up," Cook said.

Under this system, Blue Cross would file rates for review by the insurance commissioner, the company would also file results and the commissioner would review results to make sure rates are not excessive relative to claims payouts.

Opponents of the legislation have also argued that Blue Cross receives \$112 million a year in tax breaks. Cook said that estimate is wrong and that the Blues receive about \$80 million in tax breaks because of its nonprofit status.

"For that \$80 million benefit, we return more than \$300 million in doing things like subsidizing senior rates, group conversions and money we pay to hospitals for charity care, subsidizing the MiChild program for Michigan, a total that adds up to multiples of that tax. We think it's a good return," Cook said.

A study by the Anderson Economic Group, commissioned by the Coalition for Access and Affordability, disputes Cook's figures. It estimates its total burden at \$129 million.

Hearings on the legislation are under way in the Michigan Senate's health policy committee.

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OUR VIEWS

## Response a tribute to will to help

Nobody knows exactly what it is that sparks precisely enough sympathy in a human being to cause that person to move from the "awww-that's-too-bad" feeling to an "I'm-going-to-do-something" action.

Whatever ignites that spark was provided in vast quantities when the *Observer* published the story of the hard times that had befallen Deborah Rush and her three children, Sean, 13, Chris, 8, and Angela, 10, who were living in a Wayne County homeless shelter when we first talked to them in mid-December.

We're proud to have been a part of what followed the story, since it provides the people who write or photograph stories here a degree of satisfaction in helping connect those in need with those who'll help. It's the kind of compassionate response to that story that proves that there are plenty of good people out there in our communities.

Good people like the potential employers who started calling Rush with job offers the very same day the story was published, which was the day before New Year's Eve.

Good people like the anonymous family who, stationed in the U.S. Navy in Virginia, read the story and offered their vacant, for-sale home to the Rush family in exchange for them paying the utilities.

Good people like the limousine company that picked up the family, took them out to dinner and took them to see the holiday lights show in Hines Park. Then, they took other residents from the shelter to the show, too.

Such acts of generosity restore one's faith in humanity. "My only wish," Deborah Rush told our reporter doing the follow-up story, "is that this goodness continues for the other residents (at the shelter)."

That shelter is one place to start, if anyone is feeling the spark after reading this. In Plymouth, of course, there's the Plymouth Salvation Army, which sponsors a food pantry and family adoption programs. There are civic groups such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Goodfellows, all of which do good deeds, and there's the Plymouth Community United Way. Your church is another good place to start.

We know there are plenty of good people around here; this follow-up story offers proof.

## Lengthen your life - don't drive distracted

It's the last day of January. By now, many — if not most — of us have failed to keep our well-intentioned New Year's resolutions to take better care of our health.

We have not followed through with our diets, exercise routines or promises to quit smoking.

But there's still something we can do to improve our chances of living longer: stop driving distracted.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 25 percent of all traffic crashes are caused by driver distraction. That includes talking on a cell phone, even hands-free; eating; continuously operating a CD player; reading; applying makeup; shaving; and brushing your teeth.

**For males, traffic crashes were the sixth ranked cause of death, accounting for one out of every 40 deaths.**

**For females, they were the 10th ranked cause of death, or one out of every 88 deaths that occurred.**

Any activity that distracts our attention for even a split second increases the chances we will be involved in an accident.

Traffic accidents remain a leading cause of death, according to National Center for Health Statistics.

About one out of every 55 deaths that occurred in 2002 was in a motor vehicle, traffic crash. For males, traffic crashes

were the sixth ranked cause of death, accounting for one out of every 40 deaths. For females, they were the 10th ranked cause of death, or one out of every 88 deaths that occurred.

Of course, accidents also cause serious injuries that can lead to lifelong health problems.

Some cities, like Southfield and Royal Oak, have adopted or considered adopting local ordinances against distracted driving.

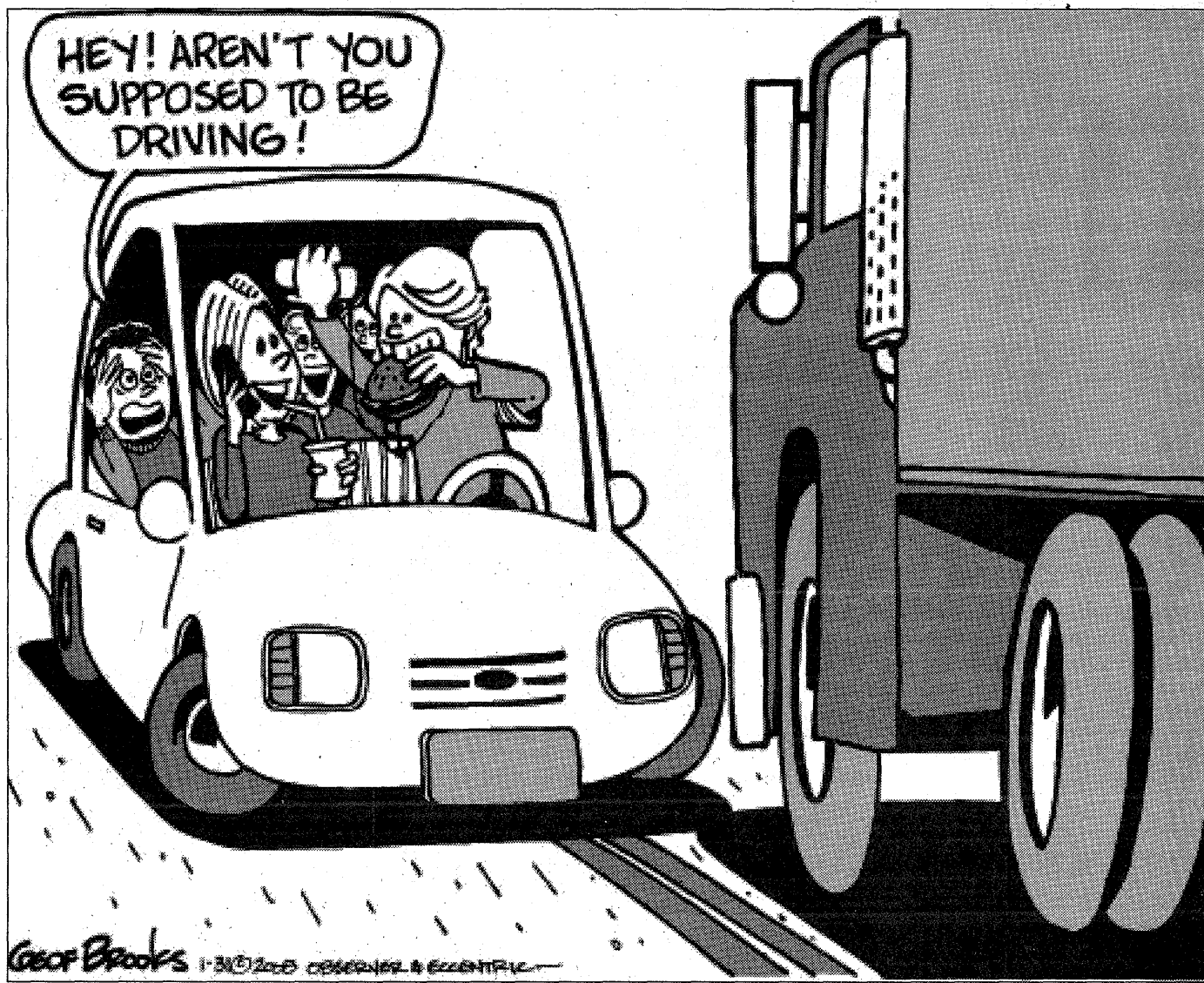
But why wait until it's against the law to stop driving distracted?

A ticket shouldn't be the main motivator here.

Think about the family you would leave behind if you were killed in an accident and ask yourself if the few minutes of time you save using your cell phone, putting on your mascara or eating in the car are worth it.

Resolve today to give driving your full attention when you're behind the wheel. Set an example for others — especially teens, who are just learning to drive.

It may require some sacrifice, but the health benefits are immediate.



Geoff Brooks 1-31-08 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

### Recall foolishness

It's unbelievable that someone who doesn't even live in our community is trying to get our state representative, Marc Corriveau, recalled from office.

A man from Macomb County is heading the recall efforts of several of our representatives. He's trying to dictate what happens in our little corner of Wayne County, and that is simply unacceptable.

What does he know about my local representative? Marc Corriveau has been a true asset to our district. He votes his conscience, he is accessible to the voters by conducting office hours and coffees in the local community, and he works in the best interest of the people he represents.

Let's put an end to the foolishness of a recall and let our lawmakers work for us. Please do not sign a recall petition.

Martha Guenett Simmons  
Plymouth

### Waste of time

Marc Corriveau has shown nothing but courage and integrity as our elected representative, and yet there is a former lawmaker from Macomb County who is trying to have him recalled. Marc has voted his conscience and has never missed a vote since he was elected — what more could we want from our state representative?

I know I want someone who is willing to be an independent voice and vote how he believes. I want someone who works in the best interest of his constituents and that person is Marc Corriveau.

This recall effort will do nothing but waste time and taxpayer money. I encourage everyone to say NO to anyone who asks you to sign a recall petition for a recall. Tell them that you think Marc Corriveau is doing a great job.

Mary Kelley  
Northville

### Proposal 'gobbledygook'

Upon reading the "Proposed Ballot Language" the Michigan Health Care Campaign wants on a ballot, I was flabbergasted at the incredible subjectivity of the language. Examples:

- Who is "every Michigan resident?"
  - How about E.T. or an alien who just breached U.S. borders?
  - What's "affordable and comprehensive?" According to Bill Gates or some transient living under an overpass?
  - What's "fair and cost-effective?"
- Think Bush's military misadventures. And on and on and on ... Gawd!

Will Lansing's Solomons define the terms or will outside legals be engaged? Lawyers (inhouse or outhouse) will run up exorbitant fees analyzing terms employing the logic of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (better known as Lewis Carroll of Alice in Wonderland fame) who brilliantly said, "A word means whatever I want it to mean." And Lew didn't even have a J.D.!

Question: Who is the Einstein in Lansing who approved this abstract idiosyncratic gobbledygook?

William Carruth  
Royal Oak

### Privacy invasion

This administration has taken too many liberties and gone against what is legal and appropriate far too many times.

The average citizen of this country, which is the largest percentage, are just living an everyday life and trying to make a living and survive, despite the cost of living steadily increasing at an astronomical rate.

I wonder if this administration spies on the wealthy as much as they do the middle class and poor, or are they exempt from this disgusting and illegal practice?

That the telecommunications companies do this administration's dirty deed, they should be held liable.

Now all we have to do is somehow impeach this moron from the high position he has held for far too long.

I'm sure many in this country are in agreement that we wait patiently with bated breath for the day that this administration is no more!

Linda J. Solomon  
Farmington

### Real reform needed

Expanding term limits completely misses the point. We need real election reform, and that means it is imperative that we adapt public financed elections! Let's get lobbyists out of this "game" of politics all together. It is time we ended the corporate purchase of elections/politicians.

On the national level that means per person we would spend only \$6 a year to publicly fund each and every election for the House, the Senate and the White House. It's not only practical but far more fiscally responsible to have the public fund elections (politicians can still collect small donations from supporters).

Yes, decreasing term limits will lead to more experienced congressmen. But look where that's gotten us — on a death track in Iraq! We don't need "experience," if it's going to blow our country straight to hell. We need fresh faces and open access for everyday folks to be able to run for office.

Expanding term limits is a joke. If we want representatives who actually represent us (and not the lobbyists and corporate powers that be) then we need to publicly fund elections. Let's start thinking about some real electoral reforms here.

Brianna Knoppow  
Farmington Hills

### End cancer at ballot box

Do you know that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? And that more than 40,000 women and 450 men die of breast cancer each year?

I know you're as troubled by these numbers as I am. That's why I wanted to tell you about a concrete step you can take right now to help end breast cancer. Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance is launching a new campaign called I Vote for the Cure. It gives all of us a chance to challenge the 2008 presidential candidates to make breast cancer a priority in their campaigns.

Our next leader will have the power to make significant advances in treatment, screening and research — for all Americans. And we have the power to elect that leader.

Join me in telling the candidates: American voters want to end breast cancer forever.

Last year I walked all 12 walks in 12 different cities. I have walked with many survivors and I know from experience the pain and suffering they went through.

Won't you please take a few moments to sign the petition on IVotefortheCure.org? Thank you for your time and God bless you.

George Nummer  
Clawson

### Inhumane law needs change

As a social worker, I have worked on juvenile justice issues for five years. I have researched many policies that impact the lives of youth involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. But even through my extensive work, I was not aware that children are sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole until two years ago.

Since then, I have met with more than 100 families who are affected by this law. These families represent victims and incarcerated individuals from all races and backgrounds from northern Michigan, southern Michigan, and all areas in between.

Michigan's policies of locking up children for life are some of the worst in the country. There are 306 individuals serving life without parole in Michigan for crimes they committed as children. Nearly half of the individuals affected by this law were sentenced for crimes committed when they were 16 years old or younger. It is the harshest sentence available in Michigan for any crime and we dish it out to children with little discussion about maturity or culpability.

All the research says that children can be rehabilitated. On Wednesday, Jan. 23, the House Judiciary Committee was expected to hold a hearing on a package of bills to eliminate this inhumane practice. I for one will be calling my legislator to support these bills and I urge you to do the same.

Neila T. Johnson  
Royal Oak

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QUOTABLE

**"It's a good first step ... I'm willing to accept any help. Most people don't even go to the intersection anymore because their perception is that it's closed."**

- Randy Lorey, owner of Lorey Cleaners, on the Wayne County initiative to put up some signage to help direct people around the Sheldon Road underpass project



# Real estate trust could help school districts meet costs

If you can understand the language of accountants, you'll often find that their dry words all too often mask a rotting cesspool of financial trouble lurking beneath the surface.



Phil Power

For example: "Restrictions in credit availability and instability in the sub-prime housing mortgage market," sounds pretty tame ... that is, unless you just got a note from your friendly mortgage company saying your house is about to be repossessed.

Here's another and even scarier case: A 2004 report from the nonpartisan Citizens Research Council found "unfunded pension and health liabilities" for Michigan school employees now amount to around \$19.3 billion.

In this case, a "liability" means money legally owed to pensioners who have retired, confidently faithful their pensions would take care of them after their years of service. "Unfunded" means just that. There are no assets on the books allocated to cover the \$19.3 billion in pension and health care liabilities promised by the system.

School districts make annual contributions to cover pension and health care obligations for their employees, both active and retired. These contributions today consume around 23 percent of all local school budgets. And they're rising fast. Estimates by Citizens Research Council economists predict their contribution rate will increase to around 32 percent in about a decade.

And that means that school districts, already hit hard by inflation and the funding rigidities imposed by Proposal A, risk being eaten alive by their fixed costs. Even then, what the school districts are paying in isn't going to be enough to cover their obligations.

Think of it as the world's biggest elephant in the room. Those \$19.3 billion in pension and health care obligations are long term, legally binding and — duh! — very important to the nearly 410,000 active employees in the system and the 157,000 pensioners. The number of pensioners, by the way, will soon dramatically increase.

Sooner or later, Peter is going to have to pay Paul, and we might as well start thinking hard about how to do it. Most people I talked with don't have the beginnings of a clue. They throw up their arms when pressed for a solution. So here's one possible approach:

Pick up on the idea the auto companies and the United Auto Workers union just adopted to meet their health care obligations. Take all the school buildings and real estate in the entire school system. Sell them to, say, a real estate trust. Lease back the buildings needed for school purposes. Take the excess and use it to fund the unfunded pension and health care liability.

Bingo! You've resolved the problem by, in the language of the accountants, "securitizing the asset value." Want evidence that this idea might work? Here are the numbers:

A 2005 report from the Education Policy Center at Michigan State University and the Citizens Research Council puts total depreciated book value of buildings and infrastructure of Michigan schools at \$32.6 billion. A state Department of Education file listing

current capital assets shows a slightly lower number — \$27.1 billion.

So let's take \$30 billion as a reasonable estimate. Now suppose that school buildings and land could be sold for \$30 billion, once the dismal real estate market begins to revive.

From that, you take \$19.3 billion to fund the entire unfunded pension and health care liability. That leaves you \$10.7 billion.

(Maybe you use some of that money to fund the \$8.7 billion that the Education Policy Center estimates is needed to fix the building and infrastructure needs of Michigan's poorer school districts.)

Naturally, the schools will have to pay rent on the buildings they've leased. If the trust needs to get a 5-percent return on its \$30 billion investment to buy the buildings, that's \$1.5 billion a year.

But consider that the real estate trust would without doubt manage and maintain the buildings far more efficiently than school districts do. Department of Education figures for 2006 show a \$1.8 billion cost for building operations and maintenance.

Could that be halved?

Possibly. What seems certain is that the figure could be greatly reduced. So even without counting building maintenance savings, there's enough money to provide a return for investors in the trust.

Here's another advantage. Selling school buildings to a real estate trust makes it possible for the trust to dispose of obsolete and unoccupied buildings on the open market.

School districts are typically hobbled by local politics and neighborhood pride that interfere with the need to close and sell old schools to match population changes. Allowing the trust to take on this cumbersome task spreads fixed assets to match school needs better than is now possible.

Moreover, there's a lot of evidence that school districts don't do a very good job in managing the costs of new construction. A new high school in Ann Arbor, for example, is going to come in more than double the original estimated cost. A competent real estate trust could make a big difference in holding construction costs down.

Naturally, there are all kinds of serious objections to this proposal. The biggest is that school districts and their citizens own the buildings in their district. That means they'd have to be persuaded that it's in their advantage to sell and lease back.

But if a consequence of the deal was to shed their rising pension and health care payments, they might be very interested.

The point here is that our state is in a financial bind, big time. And the best method of getting out of tight binds is to think outside the box. This proposal does that. It may well need tweaking.

But it would make a lot of sense for the school system, the Legislature and the governor to take a careful look.

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# Step by step, women reach for roles in leadership

A man carrying a huge briefcase was quite a few steps ahead of me Saturday as we both walked up to a Panera restaurant, he obviously to combine work with lunch and me to meet some friends.



Sandra Armbruster

He opened the outside set of doors, looked my way and waited. I said thanks and scurried to catch up with him.

"I'm glad you're not one of those women who say they can open doors for themselves," he said as I walked past him.

I was stunned, and speechless. So stunned, in fact, that I almost missed what he said next.

While waiting to order, I noticed a front page story on U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton. So we have a woman running for president, the ultimate glass ceiling for women seeking elective office, I thought. But I wondered how far we really have come.

As it turns out, we've made some progress in the political arena, but it hasn't come without a significant struggle.

According to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Web site, women who were taxpayers won the right to vote in school elections in 1867, but it would be 1917 before we won the right to vote in presidential elections, and the right to vote in statewide elections in 1919. The 19th Amendment gave the right to vote to all women in 1920.

It wasn't long after that women sought leadership positions. In 1919, Phoebe Ely Patterson of Plymouth was the first to be a justice of the peace. Eva McCall Hamilton of Grand Rapids was the first to serve in the state Senate in 1925, while Cora Reynolds Anderson of L'Anse was the first woman in the state House.

Eighty-three years later, we have women serving as governor, secretary of state and on circuit court. But for Clinton to break that ceiling, it will take a groundswell of support. That groundswell is unlikely to come unless both genders have gotten used to voting for women on a local level and seeing them in positions of leadership.

Certainly, Livonia voters seem to have made the leap, as evidenced by Laura Toy. A city council president, she also has served in the state Senate and House. Currently, women make

up only about 18 percent of the state House. Despite being outnumbered by men in elected and leadership roles, women have their hands on the door to the future. But it will take agreeable male voters to ensure their passage, so I thought of the man holding the door for me last week.

Other examples of women leaders include those as mayor in Troy, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and Farmington.

A number of women enjoy positions as county commissioners, and municipal clerks and treasurers, but a quick survey of areas served by *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* shows that the most popular avenue of leadership for women is on the school board.

In eight of our school districts — Plymouth-Canton, Southfield, Troy, Avondale, Rochester, South Redford, Redford Union and Clarenceville — women serve as school board presidents.

In some cases, women predominate on councils and boards. Four of seven members are women on the Troy City Council and Farmington school board, and five of seven members are women on the Troy school board.

Even though not elected, women are making strides in leadership positions. Troy and Farmington have women leading as school superintendents, while women also are leading chambers of commerce in Troy, Westland, Garden City and Rochester, the Rochester Downtown Development Authority and The Community House in Birmingham.

Despite being outnumbered by men in elected and leadership roles, women have their hands on the door to the future. But it will take agreeable male voters to ensure their passage, so I thought of the man holding the door for me last week.

"I'm glad you're not one of those women who say they can open doors for themselves," he said, pausing as I reached for the handle to the inner set of doors.

"Because I know you can."

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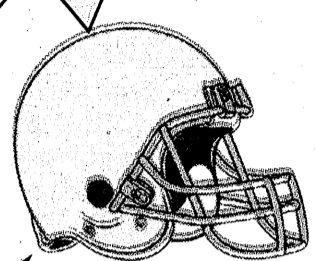




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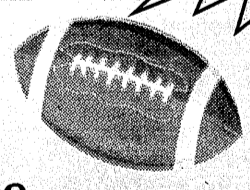
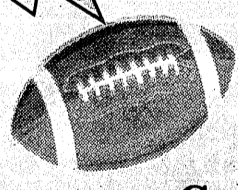
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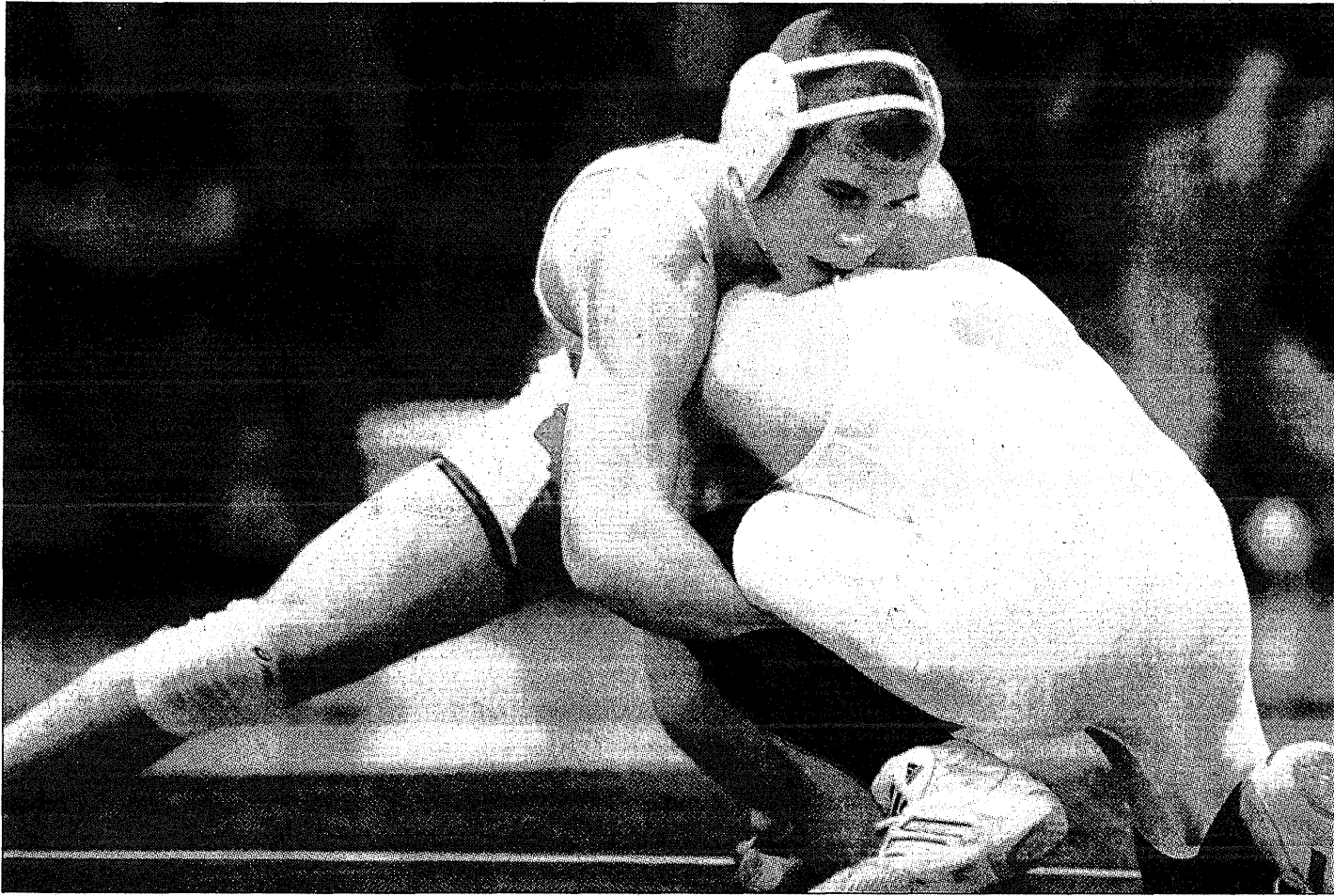
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Plymouth Canton's Brent Winekoff works toward a takedown on Belleville's Jacob Losen during the 140-pound final at Saturday's Observerland Tournament held at Livonia Churchill High School. Winekoff was one of three Chiefs to win their respective weight classes.

## Canton crowned Observerland champ

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

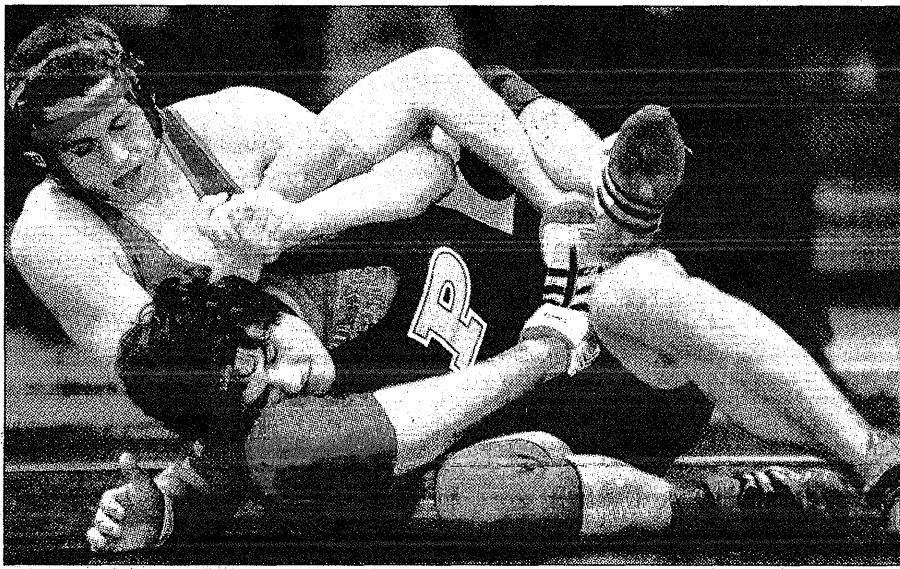
Canton is back in the winner's circle as Observerland Invitational wrestling champion.

The Chiefs put five in the finals and took 11 places in 14 weight classes to upstage tournament favorite Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the 17th annual event on Saturday.

Canton captured the 17-school field by scoring 212.5 points followed by the runner-up Shamrocks (194.5) and three-time defending champion Livonia Franklin (178.5).

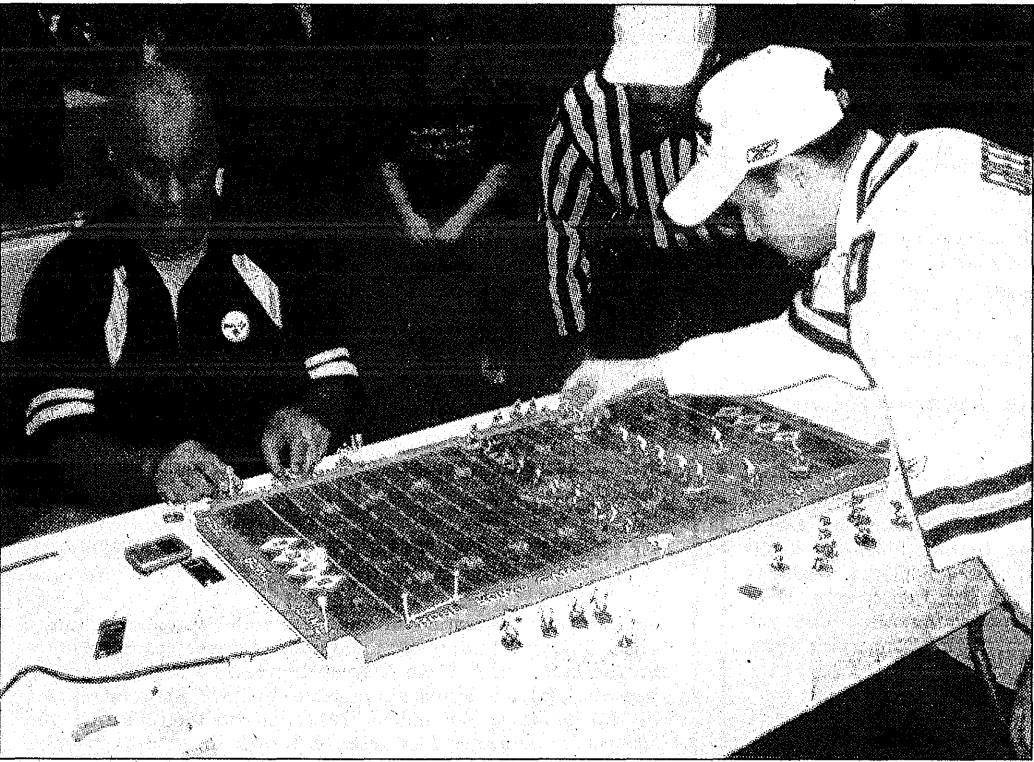
Rounding out the top 10 included Belleville (172), Westland John Glenn (139.5), host Livonia Churchill (131), Livonia Stevenson (124), Salem (94.5), Garden City (60) and Plymouth (59).

"We're getting better, it's a young team," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team



Livonia Franklin's Dan Woodall looks to turn Plymouth's Vince Daroffi during the 189-pound final at Saturday's Observerland tournament.

Please see **WRESTLING, B2**



With a referee looking on, two combatants set up for the second-half kickoff during Sunday's 14th Annual Electric Football World Championships and Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

## GOOD VIBRATIONS

Convention offered proof that electric football still alive and kickin'

Imagine how ESPN's Chris Berman would have described a typical electric football play during the game's pre-PlayStation prime in the early-70s:

"He's at the 20, the 15, the 10, the 5, HE COULD GO ALL THE...WAIT! He's doing a U-turn at the 2-yard line! He's at the 5, the 10, the 15..."

Anyone who's ever experienced the buzz that accompanies playing electric football can relate to the unpredictability factor involved with the all-time favorite game of my youth.

The vibrating players would turn at the worst-possible second as if they were allergic to the end zone grass.

The guys with their arms spread wide would grab hands and do a series of spins that would

make Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto envious.

And the kickers must have been made of some kind of performance-enhancing plastic because more often than not they booted the felt ball so far it'd clear the uprights by 60 yards and get lost in our inch-thick shag carpeting.

The game was far from perfect, but my friends and I still loved it — from the down-to-the-slightest-detail-painted NFL players to the cardboard grandstands that made it look as if there were 50,000 screaming fans at every game.

### Bad assumption

Until a few days ago, I assumed electric football had followed Jarts, BAS-KET and Sizzler race cars down the path to toyland oblivion.

After all, we're living in the PlayStation/Nintendo era that offers graphics so realistic

Please see **ELECTRIC, B2**

## Library set to observe 'Hockey Day'

In conjunction with Hockey Day in Michigan, the Plymouth District Library will host a special speaker presentation on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

Located at 223 S. Main St., the library is proud to showcase three pioneers of hockey: Al Renfrew, Tom Mustonen and Raymond Rolak. The trio will share tales of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University hockey rivalry, old-time Detroit hockey and never-before-heard stories of the early days of international hockey.

Renfrew had a storied career as a player, coach and administrator at the University of Michigan, including NCAA championships as both a player and coach.

Native Detroiter Mustonen came from a hockey family, starred at Michigan State University and played for the USA National Team in the 1963 World Tournament in Sweden, continuing on to a career as educator and coach.

Broadcaster and author Rolak has been involved with hockey as a player, administrator and coach, and with international aspects of the sport.

Hockey Day in Michigan is in its third year and is coordinated by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The idea has blossomed into "Hockey Weekend Across America," which is sponsored by USA Hockey, Feb. 15-17.

Themed events for Hockey Weekend include: "Wear Your Jersey to School Day" on the 15th, "Bring a Friend to the Rink Day," on the 16th, and "Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day," on the 17th.

Hockey Day in Michigan at the Plymouth District Library is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Registration is requested by calling (734) 453-0750, extension 4.

## Sidelines

### MHSAA honorees

Four local student-athletes are among 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2007-08 school year.

Three Plymouth High School students are among the finalists: Pam Bhullar, David Harvey and Stephen Ostrowski.

The fourth local finalist is Detroit Catholic Central student Ryan Houska, who is a resident of Plymouth Township.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA members schools who participate in at least one sport and own at least a 3.50 grade-point average.

Thirty-two finalists will be chosen next month to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

### Steelers sign up

Registration for the 2008 Plymouth-Canton Steelers football and cheerleading season begins Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 a.m.

Registration will be conducted exclusively through the organization's Web site at [www.plymouthcantonsteelers.com](http://www.plymouthcantonsteelers.com) and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, e-mail [FootballUD@plymouth-cantonsteelers.org](mailto:FootballUD@plymouth-cantonsteelers.org).

### PCS lacrosse

The Plymouth, Canton and Salem boys lacrosse programs will be hosting the inaugural PCS Face-off Classic March 29 at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

The three local teams will be joined by Grosse Ile, Tecumseh and Holland. Each team will play three 25-minute scrimmage games.

This is the first year the three schools will have separate teams.

Canton and Salem will square off at 9 a.m. The Chiefs are slated to play Plymouth at 1:40 p.m.

### Figure skating

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Level A figure skating team placed first at a 10-team competition held Jan. 21 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The P-C "B" placed second behind United Farmington while the "C" level squad placed third behind Farmington and Livonia Ladywood.

## Plymouth cagers notch first victory over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There were no trophies, banners or titles at stake for the Plymouth and Canton boys basketball teams Tuesday night.

But there was plenty of pride on the line for the P-CEP cross-campus rivals.

The Wildcats pulled off their first triumph ever on the varsity level against the Chiefs as they earned a 51-42 victory in the Phase III gymnasium. The victory left both teams with 4-10 overall records.

Canton dropped to 1-8 in the division and out of the hunt for a Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs spot.

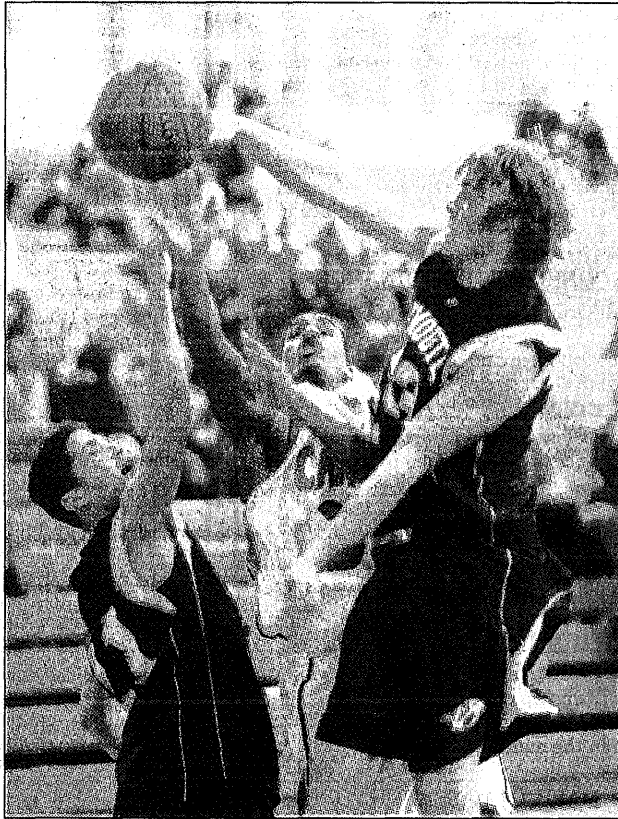
The Wildcats, who improved to 3-6 in the division, are battling Livonia Franklin for the final WLAA postseason tournament berth.

Senior guard Navraj Sandhu was the catalyst for Plymouth as he accounted for 22 points and eight rebounds.

Sandhu scored nine straight Plymouth points late in the first

Please see **CAGERS, B3**

Plymouth's Mike Hanchett (right) and Andy Price (left) defend the drive of Canton's Chris Bailey during Tuesday night's cross-campus clash. The Wildcats defeated the Chiefs for the first time in school history, 51-42.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# ELECTRIC

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you can count the number of fillings in Randy Moss's virtual teeth.

Who in this instant-gratification world of ours would opt for the imperfect pleasures of electric football when the life-like realism of EA Sports is just a controller button away?

The answer: more people than you might expect — at least judging by the close to 400 people who attended the "14th Annual Electric Football World Championships & Convention" held last weekend at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

I found out quickly that the hobby is alive and kickin'.

Sports fans from across the country converged on the three-day event last weekend to compete in an annual tournament that rivals the real-life NFL playoffs.

They also competed in a skills challenge, attended clinics and swapped strategies with

their electricity-loving gridiron brothers.

And almost all of the gamers shared the unbridled enthusiasm of Waterford's Steve Martin, who's been flipping the on and off switch on the electric board games since the early-70s.

"Like football, electric football is a game of unlimited creativity," said Martin, when asked about his passion for the game. "You can paint the players, manipulate their poses and customize the fields with everything from lights to scoreboards.

"And the best thing about the hobby is that it's an active game, a game of great strategy. So when you're done putting everything together, you don't just sit there and look at it, you actively participate in it."

## It's come a long way

Following a quick Sunday afternoon tour around the main Embassy Suites Ballroom, I discovered how far the hobby has advanced since I last played.

Players are not only painted to the smallest detail in their NFL and college uniforms, they even come with attachable face masks and chin straps.

The most notable enhancement is that, unlike the scatter-brained ways of the mini-players in the '70s, today's electric gladiators can actually be controlled to some extent.

"The development of the equipment is almost a science in itself," said Martin, who coaches the Cleveland Browns in a flourishing metropolitan Detroit electric football league. "The No. 1 thing is that the bases have gotten better. There are dials on the bases now that allow you to control the direction the players go. They'll move laterally or stay in one place so that your defensive backs and linebackers can actually play a zone.

"Unlike the early days of the hobby, the players don't just spin around uncontrollably any more."

If you're getting a nostalgic rush and would like more information on the hobby, visit [www.miggle.com](http://www.miggle.com).

A starter set that includes two teams, a field and a scoreboard costs around \$70 — not a bad price considering the memories it could generate are priceless.

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# WRESTLING RESULTS

**17TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
Jan. 26 at Livonia Church Hill  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 212.5 points; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 194.5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 178.5; 4. Belleville, 172.5; Westland, John Glenn, 139.5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 131.7; Livonia Stevenson, 124; 8. Salem, 94.5; 9. Garden City, 60; 10. Plymouth, 59; 11. North Farmington, 56; 11. North Farmington, 56; 12. Farmington Hills Harrison, 32; 13. Lutheran Westland, 26.5; 14. Farmington, 24.5; 15. Wayne Memorial, 24; 16. Redford Union, 16; 17. Livonia Clarenceville, 12.

**103 pounds:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Waleed Faraj (Canton), 3:38; **3rd place:** Steve Tuvo (LF) won by major dec. over Jacob Meadows (LC), 13-4; **5th place:** Matt Thompson (CC) dec. Jordan Russell (NF), 10-4; **112:** Justin Fleeceon (Bell) dec. Chad Dunn (WM), 4-0; **3rd:** Justin Melick (CC) dec. Jared Pleknek (LF), 3-1; **5th:** Matt Jaisle (NF) p. Michael Fobar (LS), 4:39.

**119:** Chris Schneider (Bell) dec. Carl Lucke (Canton), 3-2; **3rd:** Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 6-2; **5th:** Steve D'Annunzio (Ply) dec. Greg Hogan (NF), 8-7; **125:** Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Donnie Watkins (Canton), 17-7; **3rd:** Tommy Kozak (Bell) won by major dec. over Tommy Myshock (LS), 12-1; **5th:** Mike Jaisle (NF) won by technical fall over Charlie Joseph (CC), 17-0.

**130:** Jared Stephens (WJG) dec. Kevin Hayter (Salem), 5-4; **3rd:** Jeremy Filippelli (Canton) won by major dec. over Tyler Twigg (GC), 14-5; **5th:** Andrew Murray (LC) dec. Tom Coak (Bell), 10-6; **135:** Steve Cox (Canton) dec. J.P. Gaffke (LC), 9-4; **3rd:** Justin Johnson (GC) p. Matt Hintz (LF), 3:59; **5th:** Kevin Sullivan (CC) dec. Anthony Mainella (LS), 6-5.

**140:** Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Jacob Losen (Bell), 9-3; **3rd:** Trevor O'Connor (CC) p. Brandon Smith (LF), 3:19; **5th:** Kyle Muller (Farm) dec. Dan McChill (WJG), 8-7; **145:** Shea Hasenauer (CC) dec. Steve Coak (Bell), 7-6; **3rd:** Raz Markosian (LS) dec. Brandon Billau (LF), 3-1; **5th:** Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by major dec. over Justin Kane (Salem), 9-1; **152:** Stephen Kemp (LW) won by major dec. over Elvin Ferreira (LF), 14-2; **3rd:** Danny Small (LC) dec. Chadd Scroggs (Bell), 3-1; **5th:** Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Colin Gross (Salem), 8-2.

**160:** Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Don Stratz (LF), 4:28; **3rd:** Gary Lawrence (WJG) dec. Vince Rizzo (Ply), 3-0; **5th:** Curtis Castleberry (LC) dec. Alex Juchartz (Bell), 10-6; **171:** Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Brian Ziemba (LC), 12-3; **3rd:** Rodger Kropp (Canton) p. Mike Nordby (GC), 0:30; **5th:** Mike Kinville (CC) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 4-0.

**189:** Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Vince Darolfi (Ply), 9-8; **3rd:** Emanuel Onueme (LS) dec. Matt Aubrey (CC), 8-3; **5th:** Adam Powers (Canton) p. Roger Roper (Bell), 6:44 (OT); **215:** Joe Kinville (CC) dec. Matt Greenman (LS), 2-1; **3rd:** Dan Wanshon (Canton) dec. Anthony Pomerson (Ply), 11-6; **5th:** Kaare Gigan (Bell) dec. James Kelly (WJG), 6-5; **285:** Mike Martin (CC) p. Mark Mouawad (FHH), 3:55; **3rd:** Adam Love (GC) dec. Mike Modes (LF), 9-4; **5th:** Mark Parrish (LC) p. Luke Konsitzke (Canton), 1:28.

# WRESTLING

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last won the Observerland title in 2001. "It's a tough tourney and great tourney to win. It's great for our boys."

Canton's individual champions included 135-pounder Steve Cox and 140-pounder Brent Winekoff.

Waleed Faraj (103), Carl Lucke (119) and Donnie Watkins (125) also reached the finals.

"Having five in the finals helped us pull away," said Randolph, whose team carried a 24.5-point advantage heading into the finals. "We placed 11 kids and we might have placed a couple more. All the kids wrestled well and a couple placed higher than their seeding."

Randolph was referring to the third place by Rodger Kropp (171); a fifth by Keith Zech (152); and a sixth by heavyweight Luke Konsitzke.

"Keith Zech taking a fifth when he was unseeded was tremendous," Randolph said. "That was big, that was great. It showed guts and toughness the way he battled."

"Kropp is our senior captain and he was seeded fifth and took a third. And Konsitzke placed for us when he was seeded ninth."

Winekoff, third a year

ago, captured his first Observerland title while raising his overall record to 27-4 with a 9-3 decision over Belleville's Jacob Losen.

"This is pretty important because it gives us an idea of who wrestles what and who for the districts," said Winekoff, a sophomore. "It's more or less the postseason. Our team is improving their technique and intensity in practice. We have a great coaching staff and we're starting to peak."

Meanwhile, Lutheran Westland's Stephen Kemp (152) and Salem's Jeremy Epley (160) cruised to titles.

Kemp's older brother Neal was Observerland champ at 152 four years ago before going on to wrestle for Triton (Ill.) Junior College where he took seventh in the NCJAA Nationals. (Neal recently helped Lindenwood, Mo. University capture the NAIA National Championship.)

Epley was named upper weights MVP. His father Randy wrestled for Franklin and later was a standout linebacker at Wayne State.

In one of the closest matches of the night, Franklin's Dan Woodall nipped Vince Darolfi in a seesaw battle for the 189 crown, 9-8.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2008 for the following:

### PLANT PROTECTANTS & FERTILIZERS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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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## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

### AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-07-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-07-03 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART 1, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS; UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION; MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

9.010. **Definitions.** This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material, Utility Line Failure, Illegal Fire, False Alarm, Bomb Threat, Threat of Harm to Oneself or Others, Structure Demolition, Emergency Response, Extrication, Standby Suppression, and Medical Assistance.

9.015. **Reimbursement: Municipal Civil Infraction: Penalty.** This section provides that failure to pay the Expenses of an Emergency Response of an Emergency Response within thirty (30) days of written demand shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction.

9.020. **Duty to Remove and Clean Up.** This section provides that it shall be the duty of any person or any entity which causes or controls leakage, spillage or any other dissemination of dangerous or hazardous substance or materials to immediately remove and clean up the area and fully restore it.

9.030. **Failure to Remove and Clean Up.** This section provides that any such person or entity which fails to comply with Section 9.020 shall be liable to and pay the Charter Township of Plymouth for its costs and expenses, including the costs incurred by the Township or any party which it engages, for the complete abatement, clean up, and restoration of the affected areas.

9.040. **Enforcement.** This section provides that the Charter Township of Plymouth shall have the right to bring an action in the appropriate court to collect such costs.

#### SECTION 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

#### SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any portion of Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

#### SECTION 4. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

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

#### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2008 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Introduced: December 11, 2007  
Adopted: January 22, 2008  
Published: January 31, 2008  
Effective: January 31, 2008

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008 for the following:

### CARD ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM - CITY HALL/POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

A bid bond; certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to 10% of the bid submitted, must accompany each proposal as security to assure the bidders acceptance of the contract within ten (10) days from the date of award.

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

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 for the following:

### CANTON RELIEF SEWER PROJECT - PHASE II DENTON ROAD RELIEF SEWER

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Construction of approximately 3,783 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch and 3,000 LF of 15-inch of sanitary sewer by open cut method, 340 LF of bore and jack of 36-inch steel casing pipe, removal and replacement of approximately 1,110 LF of storm sewer varying in size from 12-inch to 21-inch, associated structures, restoration and related work.

Contract Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699; McGrav Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 20475 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-1260; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Construction News Service, 1773 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, MI 49519; and Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, starting on Thursday, January 31st 2008, upon making a payment of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars if picked up or sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Michael L. Priest & Associates, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Agreement. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held at 1000 a.m., Monday, February 11th, 2008 at Canton DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend the prebid meeting.

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 at Close of Business, 500PM.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. 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.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Michael L. Priest or Mr. Tim Zimmer at 734-459-8560.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 for the following:

### LOWER ROUGE RIVER RECREATION TRAIL HEAD PROJECT

Bid documents are available for pick up as of Jan. 31, 2008 at Canton Township 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, Attn: Anne Naszradi. An additional fee of \$ 20.00 will be charged for mailing the bid package. A 5 % bid bond will be required. Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township's Engineering Services, and Smith Group JJR, LLC.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Contractor questions must be submitted in writing to Anne Naszradi, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, no later than February 13, 2008. All plan holders will receive copies of contractor questions, responses and any addendums.

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Eriksson & Field Elementary School Traffic Signals Projects. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scope of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

### - 143: Traffic Signal Electrical

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McLendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Steven Sneiderman, Secretary

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quarter and early in the second to stake the winners to a 13-9 advantage they would never relinquish.

Senior forward Garrett Rebaun contributed 11 points and six boards for Plymouth while senior guard Brandon Roberts came off the bench to twine nine.

On "Senior Night," the Chiefs played without their top upperclassman, Neil Sharma, who suffered a leg injury in Friday night's game against Livonia Franklin.

Senior forward Chris Bailey helped pick up the slack by contributing 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Plymouth broke open a close game by outscoring the Chiefs 17-7 in the second period to take a 26-16 advantage into the half. Canton narrowed its deficit to 36-28 with eight minutes to go, but the Chiefs never got closer than seven down the stretch.

"I thought the kids played with a lot of heart tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Obviously, they were down a little without Sharma, but we beat the kids they put out there."

"It was a good win for us because we had never beaten them before. We've been playing a lot better defense lately which has led to some success."

Canton coach Dan Colligan said he was proud of his team's effort in a short-handed situation.

"I thought they rallied together well in an effort to try to win it without Neil," said Colligan. "Chris Bailey stepped up and did a great job on the defensive boards."

"Offensively — especially in the second half — it seemed like every time we make a little run, we follow it up with a turnover or a missed shot. Plymouth did a good job of keeping us at arm's length."

Plymouth's defense forced the Chiefs to commit 21 turnovers. The Wildcats had 10 miscues.

Neither team shot particularly well. The Wildcats buried 20-of-54 field goals (37 percent) and 7-of-14 free throws. Canton connected on one-third of its field goals (18-for-54) and 60 percent of its freebies (3-for-5).

**SALEM 57, W.L. NORTHERN 43:** On Tuesday at Salem, the Rocks used a balanced attack to defeat the visiting Knights.

Junior forward Courtney Frazier led the winners with 12 points and six rebounds. Senior Grant Stone and junior Jimmy Dexter both added 11 points.

Junior Joe Posler chipped in with six points, nine rebounds, seven assists and four steals. Posler also sparked on the defensive end, holding Northern leading scorer Tim Ferenc scoreless.

Leroy Jackson paced the Knights with 15 points.

The victory improved Salem's record to 7-8 overall and 5-4 in the WLA's Lakes Division. Northern tumbled to 1-14 and 1-8, respectively.

Northern led 26-23 at the half before Salem seized a 36-35 edge after three quarters. Dexter and Stone keyed the winners' decisive 21-8 run in the final period as they netted six and five points, respectively.

Salem hit 10-of-15 free throws (67 percent) while Northern went just 5-of-14 (35 percent) from the charity stripe.

**AGAPE 62, PCA 49:** On Tuesday, four Wolverines scored in double-figures to pace the victory over the Eagles.

Mark Mullett led the winners with 16 points. Jared Miller (12 points and seven rebounds), Joel Ruffin (10 points and 12 rebounds), Ty Majeski (10 points) and Brandon Pierson (nine points) also played well for the Wolverines, who improved to 9-5 overall.

Senior guard Trevor Zinn led PCA with 20 points. Brent Zinn and Spencer Wiard both added seven.

Agape led 20-15 after one quarter, 33-26 at the half and 52-39 with eight minutes to play.

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## Robinson leads 'Cats over Chiefs

Junior guard Kelsi Robinson scored 14 points to lead

Plymouth to a 37-31 victory over Canton Tuesday night in a WLA Western Division showdown in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

The triumph improved Plymouth's record to 7-9 overall and 4-5 in the division. The Chiefs dropped to 4-12 and 2-7, respectively.

Canton led 16-14 at the half before the Wildcats stormed out

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of the gates in the third quarter by outscoring the visitors 12-1 to take a commanding 26-17 lead into the final stanza.

Junior guard Leslie Weisz paced the Chiefs with 10 points. Plymouth made 12-of-19 free throws while Canton was 5-of-6 from the line.

**SALEM 35, W.L. NORTHERN 28:** On Tuesday at Northern, the

Rocks clinched their fourth consecutive WLA Lakes Division title thanks to senior guard Alaya Mitchell's game-high 18 points.

The win improved Salem's record to 14-2 overall and 9-0 in the division. The Knights, who could have forged a tie for first with a victory, slipped to 11-5 and 7-2, respectively.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was the big-

gest game of the year for them because if they would have won, they would have still been in contention for a No. 1 seed in the playoffs."

Salem led 11-6 after one quarter, 18-13 at the half and 26-17 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks shot 11-of-17 from the line while Northern connected on just 4-of-12 free throws.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
January 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Zarbo Members Absent: McLaughlin, Yack Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of G-12: Consider Approval for 2008 Blanket purchase Orders for Public Works and Fleet Services and G-13: Consider Request from YCUA to Permit Temporary Placement of Sewage Sludge at Sauk Trails Landfill Site. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PRESENTATION: SERGEANT BADGE TO JAMES HARRISON** Canton Police Department announces the promotion of police officer James Harrison to the rank of Sergeant. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the Seventh Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 14, 2008, beginning at 9:00am and ending at approximately 11:00am; that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road from Canton Center to Lilley Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL, FIRE AND POLICE FUNDS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments for the transfer of an accounts payable Accounting Clerk III from the Finance & Budget Department to the Fire Department: General Fund: Increase (Decrease) Revenues: Reimbursement from Police Fund #101-000-676-2070 \$ (41,613), Reimbursement from Fire Fund #101-000-676-2060 (13,871), Total \$ (55,484), Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Salaries-Finance & Budget Dept #101-223-705-0000 \$ (40,051) Fringe benefits-Finance & Budget #101-223-720-0000 (15,433), Total \$ (55,484), Fire Fund: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Salaries-Civilian #206-336-706-0000 \$ 10,013, Fringe Benefits #206-336-720-0000 3,858, Reimbursement to General Fund #206-336-959-1010 (13,871), Total \$ - 0 -, Police Fund: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Salaries-Civilian #207-301-706-0000 \$ 30,038, Fringe Benefits #207-301-720-0000 \$11,575, Reimbursement to General Fund #207-3301959-1010 (41,613), Total \$ - 0 -

These budget amendments decrease the Finance & Budget Department budget from \$1,066,217 to \$1,010,733, the General Fund budget from \$27,781,963 to \$27,726,479 and do not change the Fire or Police Fund budget totals. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - CARRY OVER OF FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2005 2006 and 2007 Community Development Block Grant programs for carry over to 2007: Increase Revenues \$ 90,783.66, Increase Appropriations \$ 90,783.66. This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$279,854 to \$370,637.66. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. SECOND READING OF REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186: CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (ORDINANCE 153).** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and adopt the second reading of Repeal of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186: Canton Council for Community Excellence (Ordinance No. 153) with effective date and publication on January 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 (ORDINANCE NO. 153), CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 153, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.** Ordinance 153, codified as Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton is hereby repealed. **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. **TERRY BENNETT, Clerk,** Introduced: January 8, 2008, Adopted: January 22, 2008, Published: January 31, 2008 Effective: January 31, 2008 **Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL PERMIT AND OTHER PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2008.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer to execute the 2008 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations with the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. I further move to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer, to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation rights-of-way not covered by the annual permit.

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER APPROVING THE RESOLUTIONS FOR TWO (2) ANNUAL PERMITS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SIGNATURE FOR WORK WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2008.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve Resolution 1- Permit # A-08035, allowing the Township to temporarily close certain local and county roads for a period not to exceed 24 hours and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2008 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve Resolution 2-Permit # A-08038, allowing the Township to perform sanitary and water main inspection, repair, and routine maintenance, dust palliative, calcium and salt applications, and sidewalk repair and replacement and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2008 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT - 2005 UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in order to close out the final purchases in the Homeland Security Grant 2005 UASI: Increase Revenues Federal Grants Emergency Preparedness 101 000 545 0000 \$15,229, Increase Appropriations Homeland Security Capital Outlay 101 860 977 1600 \$15,229. This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$14,000 to \$29,229, and the General Fund budget from \$27,729,057 to \$27,744,286. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER UPTOWN RIDGE MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PDD).** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for Uptown Ridge Minor Planned Development. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. CONSIDER SIT EPLAN FOR THE CANTERBURY MEWS CLUBHOUSE.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the site plan for Canterbury Mews Clubhouse Renovation. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CITYVIEW ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEES.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the payment to Municipal Software Corporation of annual software maintenance fees, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$34,800.00. Funds are available in the 2008 Budget. Planning Services Account #101-853-977-0000 \$500.00. Public Works Account #592-000-144-0000 \$22,300.00. Building and Inspection Services Account #101-371-977-0000 \$9,000.00, Engineering Services Account #101-447-977-0000 \$2,000.00 Planning Services Account #101-853-818-0000 \$1,000.00, **TOTAL \$34,800.00** Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008 - WATER BILLING DIVISION. (TREASURER)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve purchase orders to Matrix Printing Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 (accounts #592-560-818-0000, Contracted Services and #592-560-900-0000, Printing & Publishing accounts) for the printing of water bills and envelopes, to Lasertec, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 for the printing and processing of water bills and City Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,500 for radio reading of water meters. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT FEE WITH MOTOROLA FOR DISPATCH. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the service agreement for on the Public Safety Dispatch Systems with Motorola, 13108 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 for an amount of \$33,545.18. Further I move to approve the following budget amendment to cover the cost of one year of service. Decrease Appropriations Transfer to Fund Balance 261 346 999 0000 (\$8546) Increase Appropriations 261 346 818 0000 \$8546. This budget amendment neither increases nor decreases E-911 Service budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-PATROL LAPTOPS AND MODEMS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 5-Laptop computers for patrol vehicles from Motorola, 1300 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, IL, 60196 in the amount of \$25,975; further to approve the purchase of associated Edge Modems from ComSource, 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$7,745. Further, I move to transfer \$750 from Acct #207 301 977 2580 line item #9, Computer Contingency to line item #14 Laptop Computers to cover the additional cost of this purchase. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008 - PSD. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Department of Public Safety as requested. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. TO APPROVE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIAMOND'S ROOFTOP UNITS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the Diamond's rooftop units replacement to Temperature Services, Inc., in the amount of \$33,248 (Community Improvement account #246-750-970-0000, Capital Improvement - Parks & Rec). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. HIRE INTERN FOR 2010 CENSUS ADDRESS LIST CORRECTIONS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize a Planning intern to work on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program for the 2010 Census. I further move to authorize the following budget amendment for 300 hours of census address data addition and correction by a Planning intern. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 2,578, Increase Appropriations: Part-time Seasonal Wages # 1 0 1 - 250-706-0000 \$ 2,394, Fringe Benefits 101-250-720-0000 \$184, Total \$ 2,578. This budget amendment increases the Community Services Division budget from \$294,449 to \$297,027 and the General Fund budget from \$27,726,479 to \$27,729,057. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. APPROVAL OF REVISED BID TO MOVE 425 NORTH RIDGE HOUSE TO THE BARTLETT-TRAVIS HOUSE SITE. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the revised bid from Pennfield Construction for \$52,200 (account number 101-803-976-1000, Capital Projects-Historical) to move the historic house at 425 North Ridge Road to the Bartlett-Travis House site. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase the purchase order for repairs to the home on Bellingham in the amount of \$3,431.00 for roof replacement, resulting in a new purchase order total of \$11,431.00. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Caccamo to table the increase purchase order for Housing Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2008 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND FLEET SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2008 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM YCUA TO PERMIT TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AT SAUK TRAILS LANDFILL SITE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the emergency request from YCUA to allow the placement of approximately 7,500 cubic yards of sewage sludge from its wastewater treatment plant for the period of January 23 through March 1, 2008 in accordance with the letter dated January 18, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: None Nays: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, Zarbo, LaJoy Motion failed. **OTHER:** The next Board Study Session will be Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2008 for the following:

SUMMIT ON THE PARK -  
CARPET FLOORING REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2008 for the following:

FISHERIES HABITAT PLAN FOR  
DETENTION BASIN RETROFIT

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
January 16, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 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, Caccamo, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter, McLaughlin Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Director Conklin, Kathleen Salla, DDA Coordinator, John Weyer, Building Official, Jon LaFever, Deputy Chief Nemecek Others Present: Karyl Niemi, Canton Creative Marketing, Dianne Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Bart Patterson, ReMax, Ron Witthoff, Township Counsel, Mark Waldbauer, DDA, Roger Gallerini, Fisherman's Marketing **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. DDA Update and Marketing Partners Presentation.** Overview of DDA and Capital Improvement Projects and Review of Canton Marketing Partners Activities **Item 2. Sign Ordinance Discussion** This discussion was generated from Real Estate Agents inquiring if the Board would allow mainly "Open House" signage to be placed in the public right of way. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board meeting next Tuesday, January 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor, Board room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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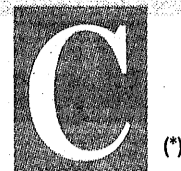
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# Real Estate



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## Builder group taps leaders, unveils Web site

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) recently announced its 2008 Executive Committee.

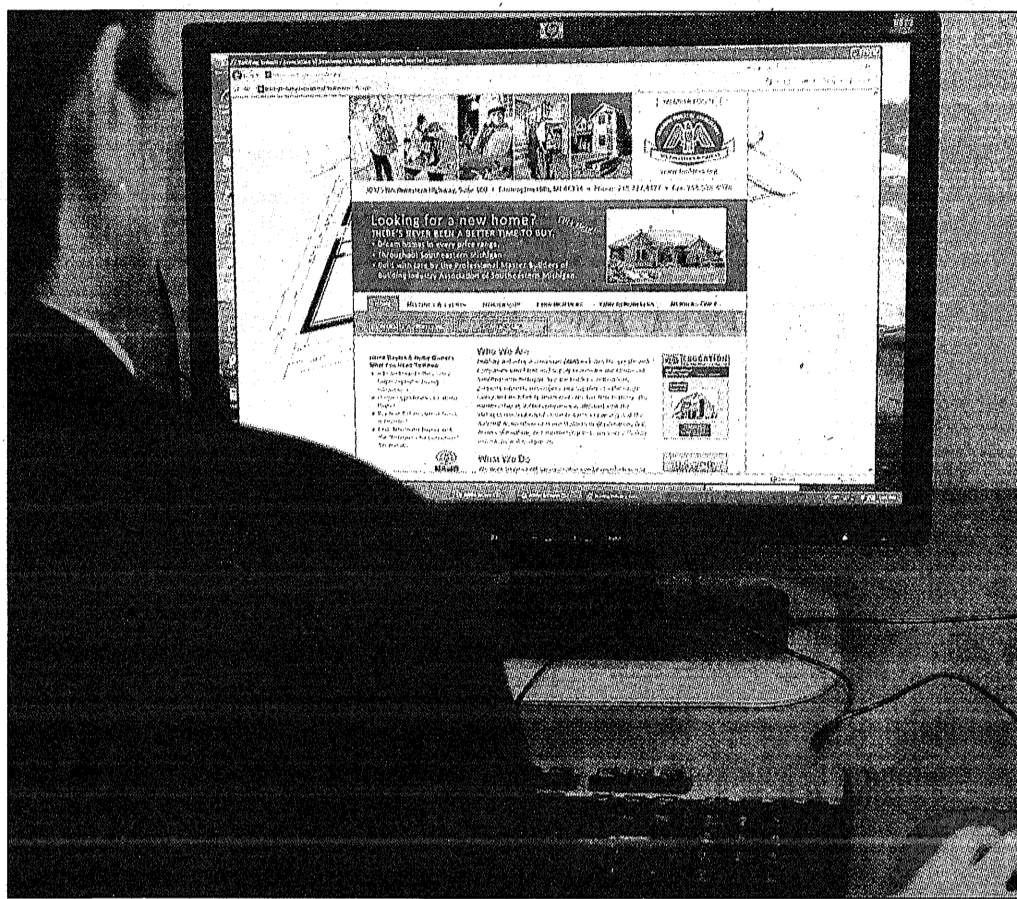
BIA's continuing president is Richard Ives, Trinity Land Development, Clinton Township. In announcing that the Executive Committee of 2007 would continue to serve for another year, Ives said, "Keeping our Association strong is one way to lay the groundwork for the future. To make this a little easier for our members, and to grow this Association with as little disruption as possible, the current Executive Committee team, including myself, has all agreed to serve through 2008. This will allow us to maintain continuity as we plan the future of this organization and grapple with the current economic conditions in Michigan and in our industry."

In addition to Ives, the Executive Committee includes Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, as treasurer; and Darshan Grewal, Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield, as secretary. James P. Babcock, Babcock Building Co. Inc., St. Clair Shores, is immediate past president.

Also continuing their positions are James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus; Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Richard Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, Michael Mocerri, Leader Homes, Inc., Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations.

Additionally, the Committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, informa-



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tion, programs, networking, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of homeownership a reality for Michigan families.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan also announced the launch of its new Web site at www.builders.org. The site offers a wealth of information for potential and current home owners including access to a list of professional master builders who have homes available in communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

By clicking on the "Looking For A New Home?" link, viewers are directed to a list of communities. Within each community is a link to those professional master builder members of BIA who are building there. Also included is a separate link for Custom Builders.

The site also features pictures of and detailed information on new homes featured in BIA's Parade of Homes, which can be accessed via the

Parade of Homes logo on the left of the community listings.

Current homeowners who are interested in contacting a professional master remodeler member of BIA may also do so by clicking the link along the top of the home page that says "Find Remodelers."

The left column of the site's home page offers informational material to help homeowners during the current economy including articles entitled: "A Down Market Offers Some Surprising Home-Buying Advantages, Unique Opportunities for Home Buyers and Buy Now Before Current Stock is Depleted. Additionally, there is a link to the National Association of Home Builders "Resources For Consumers" section of their Web site.

Another link on the home page brings viewers to the BIA Home Shows Web site which features information and discount coupons for upcoming home shows. Below that is a link to information on the BIA Charitable & Educational Foundation.

In addition to the material for homeowners and homebuyers, the right side of the page features information for individuals involved in the home building industry. There is a video presentation and other valuable information on the benefits of membership in BIA, a membership application, online registration for upcoming meetings, seminars and events and a course guide, devoted to educational opportunities offered by BIA and the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM).

The Web site also features a separate section for members of BIA and AAM that can be accessed using the member's personal identification code. Members who do not have their identification code may contact BIA for that code by calling (248) 737-4477. Professional master builder members of BIA who have not yet listed their new home communities on the home page may do so by completing the form provided online (to the left of the community listings) or by calling (248)

737-4477.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 1,800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

Highlights of BIA include:  
■ Represents more than 1,800 home builders, developers, remodelers, light commercial builders, multi-family owners and managers and suppliers to the building industry.

■ BIA is the southeastern Michigan chapter of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which represents more than 235,000 individuals and companies nationwide.

■ Provides the building industry with education, information programs, networking, political action and other activities that advance the industry and provide housing for all income levels.

■ Serves as a liaison between the building industry and municipal and county governments.

■ Publishes *Building Business & Apartment Management*, a monthly trade journal featuring industry-related news, updates, information and articles to provide industry professionals with information they need to succeed in their businesses.

■ Sponsors trade shows, home shows and programs to promote the home building industry, including: four consumer home shows to help builders and suppliers reach homeowners and buyers; an industry-wide Trade Show to create networking opportunities for building industry professionals; and Spring and Fall Parade of Homes, marketing programs used to promote new home sales.

## Lawyer should act on collections

**Q. I am the president of a board who hired a collection company to assist in the collection of our monies on the premise that we would only be charged once they collected. I now have found that we have been unsuccessful in getting the money in a timely fashion, are not aware of what the status of these matter are, and now that we've retained another attorney, we can't even get the files. What do you recommend?**

**A. It appears that you are getting what you paid for from that collection agency and presumably the attorney who may be backing the agency. The attorney should be turning over the files to you when they are requested without delay and should be providing you with a monthly status report, if you request it, concerning the status of the delinquencies. You may have a cause of action against the collection agency for malfeasance and perhaps an additional grievance against the attorney. Get your new attorney to take the appropriate action.**



Robert Meisner

**Q. I have heard that Austin, Texas, is a very exciting city and I'm thinking about either renting or buying in that area. Do you have any information concerning the downtown Austin real estate market?**

Austin is a very dynamic city, being the state capital of Texas and the home of the University of Texas, among other things. There is considerable development in the downtown area by way of condos and apartment rentals. High rises are being developed, but one should keep in mind that there may be an overflow of condominiums in the downtown area which may not be able to be absorbed by the influx of people from the suburbs and/or other cities. Condos are selling at approximately \$625 a square foot with price ranges from \$229,000 for a studio to as much as \$1.7 million for a penthouse in a downtown condominium over looking the river. Also, if you are interested in leasing, keep in mind that a certain percentage of apartments must be "for affordable housing" to provide living quarters for the musicians to stay, since Austin is the "live music capital of the world."

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price		
Canton	48628 Antique Rd	\$508,000	Garden City	5939 Helen St	\$124,000		
	48646 Antique Rd	\$490,000		908 Venoy Rd	\$93,000		
	4063 Forest Bridge Dr	\$58,000		Livonia	29530 Bobrich St	\$75,000	
	4741 Grove Ct	\$123,000			11960 Boston Post St	\$118,000	
	46274 Gurnery Dr	\$239,000			33117 Broadmoor Ct	\$195,000	
	6711 Highlands Dr	\$335,000			9581 Deering St	\$153,000	
	46746 Inverness Rd	\$320,000			27520 Five Mile Rd	\$125,000	
	857 Mystic Ct	\$266,000			15061 Gary Ln	\$185,000	
	2560 Oakham Ct	\$281,000			18722 Gill Rd	\$208,000	
	44720 Patrick Dr	\$210,000			18327 Gillman St	\$133,000	
49522 Potomac Rd	\$247,000	9436 Harrison St	\$155,000				
2062 Preserve Cir W	\$205,000	36145 Jay St	\$265,000				
Farmington	374 Robert Ct	\$315,000	Novi	45322 Bartlett Dr	\$244,000		
	44150 S Umberland Cir	\$205,000		27522 Cromwell Rd	\$336,000		
	43708 Sweet Cherry Ln	\$179,000		21053 Dundee Dr	\$398,000		
	591 Terrace Ct	\$430,000		41775 Independence Dr	\$143,000		
	43479 W Arbor Way Dr	\$100,000		39508 Kartar Ln	\$150,000		
	2390 Woodgreen Ct	\$285,000		23690 Maude Lea St	\$218,000		
	Farmington Hills	33350 W Nine Mile Rd		\$380,000	Plymouth	25693 Shoreline Dr	\$1,727,000
		27435 Elsworth St		\$209,000		41079 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$180,000
		28903 Inkster		\$133,000		44816 Gregory Ln	\$210,000
		30828 Misty Pines Dr		\$157,000		40845 Newport Dr	\$120,000
21658 Ontaga St		\$138,000	40857 Newport Dr	\$100,000			
23074 Purdue Ave		\$123,000	8951 Northampton Dr	\$288,000			
22141 Springbrook Ave		\$124,000	1075 Palmer St	\$462,000			
27280 Winterset Cir		\$360,000	990 Ross St	\$218,000			
Milford		822 Annie Lang Dr	\$393,000	Redford		13590 Arnold	\$119,000
		2380 Learmonth Ln	\$331,000			19157 Delaware Ave	\$177,000
	Northville	44703 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$380,000		20013 Denby	\$110,000	
		20230 Beck Rd	\$700,000		15108 Gaylord	\$130,000	
		19491 Edgington Pl	\$110,000		12771 Nathalie	\$164,000	
		Livonia	16163 Homestead Cir		\$380,000	18436 Norborne	\$174,000
			20995 Marshview Dr		\$270,000	17471 Olympia	\$113,000
			40784 Meadow Trl		\$660,000	15899 Pomona Dr	\$100,000
			46800 Merion Cir		\$130,000	12986 Royal Grand	\$36,000
			19510 Northridge Dr		\$130,000	19909 Seminole	\$95,000
39462 Springwater Dr			\$165,000	South Lyon	13220 Sioux	\$127,000	
16940 Warwick Ct			\$139,000		9112 Winston	\$105,000	
842 Yorktown Ct	\$130,000		19316 Woodworth		\$136,000		
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	25693 Shoreline Dr	\$1,727,000	8265 Bristol St			\$81,000	
	41079 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$180,000	35988 Central City Pkwy	\$109,000			
	44816 Gregory Ln	\$210,000	36673 Cherry Oak Dr	\$187,000			
	40845 Newport Dr	\$120,000	6203 Chirrewa St	\$168,000			
40857 Newport Dr	\$100,000	7503 Deering St	\$117,000				
8951 Northampton Dr	\$288,000	1970 Dunn Ct	\$163,000				
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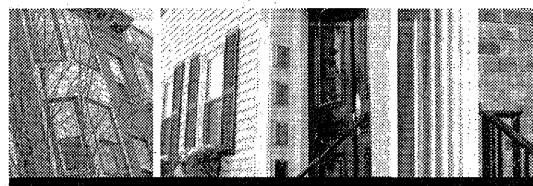
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Investors

Timothy Low, C.P.A., will discuss the benefits of renting properties and understanding the tax consequences of "find, fix and flip" activity, including forming an entity, bookkeeping systems and maximizing your deductions. The program is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland Thursday, Feb. 14; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Tuesday, Feb.

19, 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 Lien Law and Lien Procedures."

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

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this second of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Starting Correctly" using materials and methods that result in Green Built certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating" — on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on Friday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

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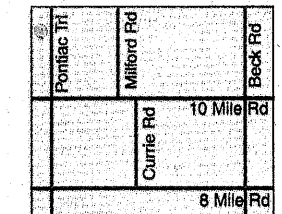
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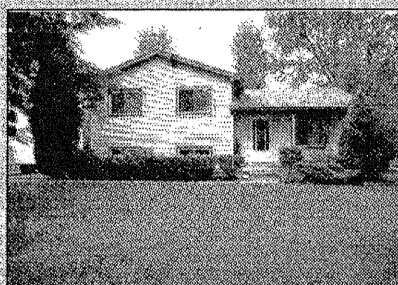
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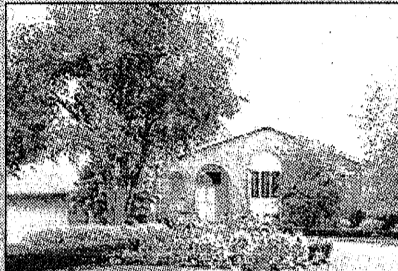
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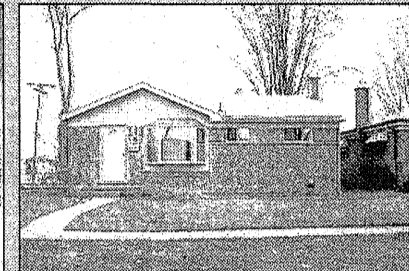
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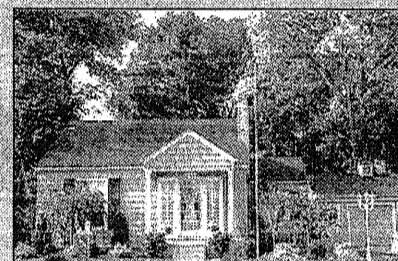
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Beautiful 4 bed, 2.5 bath colonial w/Tull Lake privileges. Features formal DR w/ bay windows, FR w/gas flr, Florida rm, & part finished basement.  
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Beautifully updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA col. Marble entry, fpl, updated kit w/brkfst nook, form din, mstr suite w/jet tub, full bsmt, gar, landscaped yard w/deck.  
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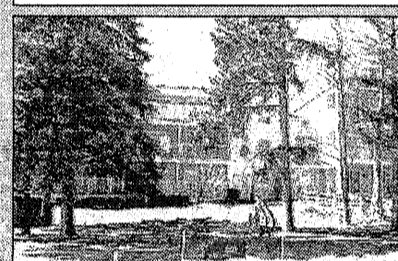
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$600,000**  
Beautiful custom built ranch. W/O, vldt clngs, gran, ceramic, 3+ gar. 1st fl mstr ste w/jet tub, dry cedar sauna, 2 decks, 1 acre, wildlife & nature trail.  
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**HIGHLAND \$324,900**  
Incredible 4 Br colonial. Backs up to woods! Lrg Isle kit, cherry cabs, Hrdwd Flrs and gran. 1st flr off, 9' cigs, Huge Mstr, closet, jetted tub. Stamped patio.  
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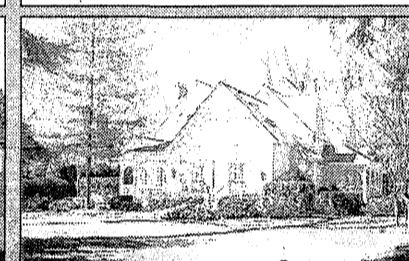
**WATERFORD \$103,500**  
True townhome condo, end unit, priv loc w/views. Full fin. bsmt like new all appl incld. Att. gar w/opener. Nice deck. Priv fence. Water incld. Pets allowed.  
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**WATERFORD \$157,000**  
Resort living over looking pool, close to Cass Lake. Great view, 2 mstr stes, 2 full BA, fpl in LR, doorwall to deck, extra storage, Garage. Beautiful grounds.  
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**SPRINGFIELD TWP. \$309,000**  
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**ORCHARD LAKE - \$3,500,000**  
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**SPRINGFIELD TWP \$319,000**  
Builder's own home, 4 BR, 2.5 BAs, 2500 sq. ft. Open floor plan, hrdwd flrs, tile fireplace, marble surround. Kit, marb & island. Mstr w/WIC, jacuzzi.  
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All new updated kit. w/gran cnt, all newer BAs, carpet, int & ext paint, lights, elec, gar drs, front dr & more. Fin LL w/newer carpet & plenty of storage.  
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**COMMERCE \$214,500**  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$365,000**  
Beautiful colonial w/4 BRs, 2 BAs, & 2 half-baths. FFL. Nice kit that overlooks FR w/fireplace. Master bedroom has a master bath and walk-in-closet.  
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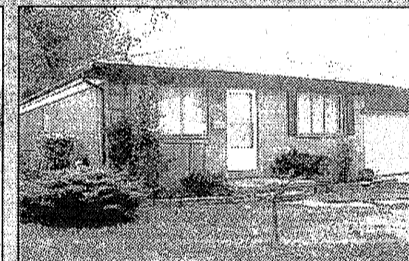
**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$520,000**  
Custom home w/3 car gar. Glass stair rails to bridge overlooking GR. Kit w/ig island & many cabs. Mstr bed w/2 WICS & luxurious master bath.  
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP \$239,900**  
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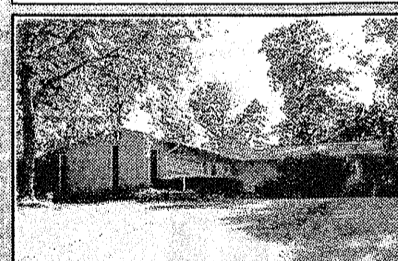
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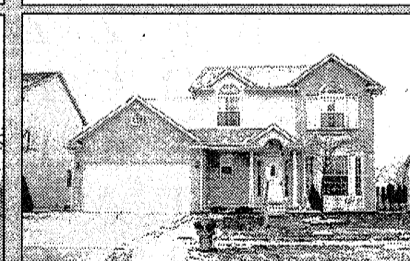
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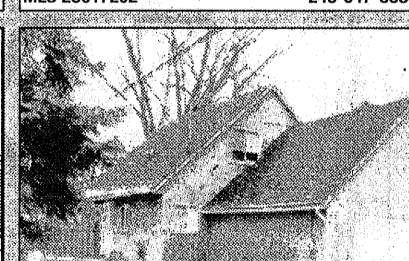
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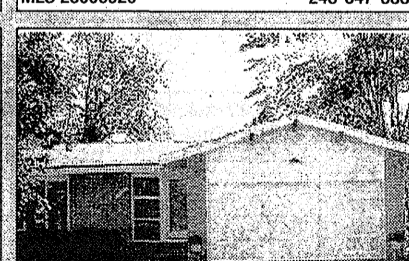
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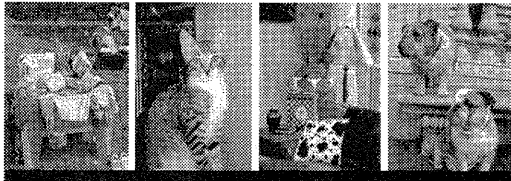


**ORCHARD LAKE \$2,199,000**  
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**WHY NOT CALL?**  
Family-oriented SWF, 53, 5'5", 145lbs, blonde/ hazel, eyes, 5'7", 40-50, employed, easygoing, outdoors activities and more. Seeking compatible man to share and explore all life offers. **2238307**

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**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **246897**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBF, 53", long hair, student, seeking a SBM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. **2245842**

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS/WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2230808**

**TAKING A PEEK**  
Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. **2254474**

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks NS/WM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2293381**

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**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-60, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER**  
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**VERY CUTE**  
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**HEY GUYS**  
SBF, 20, 5'9", slim, long black hair, enjoys movies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. **2238510**

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 60, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

**TRY THIS ONE**  
Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Arts, similar interests, to share life, laughter, happiness and possible LTR. **2242234**

**WORTH A CALL**  
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motocross, sewing and more. Seeking social SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. **2245505**

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**I NEEDED A LOVE...**  
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SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2235302**

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SWM, 38, fatherly, intelligent, outgoing, affectionate light-hearted lady, child-friendly and kind, who knows how to have fun in life. **2253531**

**JUST A CALL AWAY**  
SM, 35, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys the basics: movies, dining out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with loving, happy HWF proportionate lady. **2251185**

**HELL SWEEP LADIES**  
SBM, 45, hella-cute, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. **2251319**

**NICE GUY**  
SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 155lbs, 5'6", and an active professional. **2270126**

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269646**

**HELLO LADIES**  
SWM, 51, 6', brown/blue, hayset, enjoys good food, motorcycling, nice talks, day trips more. Looking for sweet, good-humored, special lady, NS, to share smiles, quiet times, romance and possible LTR. **2252940**

**I'M WORTH THE CALL**  
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SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2252116**

**LAUGH WITH ME**  
DWM, 48, 170lbs, physically fit, D/D-free, skilled teacher. Loves cooking, movies, laughter, the outdoors and much more. ISO SF, 35-50, HWP, laughter and honesty a must. **2244639**

**ARE U ADVENTUROUS?**  
Nice-looking, commitment-minded SWM, 49, 5'10", 180lbs, brown/blue, no kids, employed, loves dancing, cooking, the outdoor flea markets, family concerns, more. Seeking spontaneous, sincere SF, 39-55, nice-looking and slim, for romance. **2253405**

**BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED**  
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**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey playing, watching. Seeking a loving, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in life. **2256575**

**LOOKING 4 A SWEET WOMAN**  
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**LET'S MEET SOON!**  
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **2247784**

**LOOKING FOR A FUN LADY**  
Devoted SM, 36, low-key and light-hearted, looking for SCF, race open, to enjoy church, dinner dates, movie nights and much more. Let's see what happens. **2252802**

**COOL DUDE SEKS COOL LADY**  
SBM, 30, 6', 230lbs, dark complexion, outgoing, real and affectionate, looking for sexy, sweet, honest woman who loves life and knows how to live it to the fullest. **2252877**

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Secure, enjoy independent SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. **2222698**

**LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT**  
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**HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON**  
SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. **2251226**

**EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN**  
SM, 45, hard-working cool, likes sports, music, romance, good company and quiet nights in. Looking for good-looking, happy, affectionate lady to share friendship and maybe more. **2251014**

**A GREAT GUY**  
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casual flea markets. Seeking a kind, affectionate lady to share friendship and maybe more. **2251678**

**ARE U THE ONE?**  
SWM, 36, 5'10", 170lbs, blue eyes, respectful, honest and very affectionate enjoys every thing in life. ISO SWF, 27-42, for friendship, possible LTR. Can you mend a lonely heart? **2245833**

**CALL ME**  
SWM, 47, 5'11", 185lbs, fit, clean-cut, hard-working, sincere and fun, seeking SF, 27-45, who's attractive, slender and commitment-minded for good times and LTR. **2250806**

**WANT TO JOIN ME?**  
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, classic car lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. **2200127**

**SPEND TIME TOGETHER**  
Attractive SM, 37, 5'11", 190lbs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who loves to laugh and have fun. **2249665**

**GOOD BETTER BEST!**  
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2292943**

**A TERRIFIC GUY**  
SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. **2224408**

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**  
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **22176497**

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys seafood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. **22189723**

**HOPE TO FIND U SOON**  
SBM, 51'11", 170lbs, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more. Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. **2216113**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. **2222019**

**YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**  
Attractive SWM, 5'8", 165lbs, muscular, etc. Seeking for attractive, down-to-earth woman, fit and open-minded, to get to know and share good times. **2227318**

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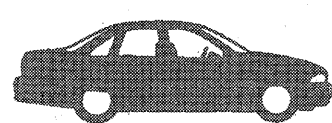
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## Honda's New Pilot Will Strike a Design Balance

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss

If the next-generation Pilot that Honda actually produces looks pretty much like the prototype the company was displaying at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit last week, the new version will put Honda right in the middle of an interesting experiment in the future of vehicle design.

The reason: In a styling-conscious market where sleek crossovers rank as some of the hottest vehicles, the chock-a-block 2009 Pilot might fit like a square peg into a round hole. Or, it might strike just the design balance that Honda says its audiences will demand.

Honda's design dilemma with the new Pilot is that one of the vehicle's biggest attributes has been its ability to accommodate as many as eight adults in reasonable comfort -- a true differentiator in a market where third-row seating even in larger SUVs typically means discomfort for adult passengers.

"We didn't want to sacrifice passenger or cargo space for the sake of styling, or have canted rear glass or a sweeping roofline," said Rob Keough, a senior product planner for Honda. "Of utmost importance for Pilot is to maintain functionality, and packaging space. That's the starting point."

And indeed, the Pilot prototype emphasizes what Honda spokesman Chuck Schifsky called "authentic SUV styling" and actually increases "key dimensions" for legroom, cargo and occupant space.

But if Honda seeks to continue to market the new Pilot -- with its car-like unibody structure -- as a true crossover, the make is likely to run head-on into the prevailing winds in the segment, presaging a continued struggle to attract customers. Pilot was introduced in 2002, and sales climbed steadily, to 152,000 units in 2006; then they dropped precipitously last year, by 23%, to 117,000, according to data compiled by Edmunds.com.

While it isn't clear exactly what mix of factors was dragging down Pilot sales last year, it's very likely that both high gasoline prices and Pilot's traditional-SUV appearance were significant hindrances. Of course, so was the fact that competition in the crossover market proliferated.



The prototype 2009 Pilot was a centerpiece for Honda at last week's Detroit auto show.

### Cues from the CR-V?

Consider the contrasting 2007 sales performance of another of Honda's own vehicles, the smaller and more aerodynamically styled CR-V crossover. After averaging sales of just under 150,000 from its 2003 introduction through 2005, CR-V volumes leapt to 170,000 units in 2006 and even more, to 219,000, last year. In 2007, CR-V outsold Pilot by more than 100,000 units after outselling its larger sibling by only 7,000 vehicles in 2005, according to analysis by Edmunds.com.

And overall, crossover design is reveling in an aero-influenced school that suggests the appearance of less is actually more. The hot GMC Acadia and Ford Enclave, as well as the Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX, are primary examples. "All the designs are going in that direction, counter to what Honda is showing with the Pilot prototype," said Jessica Caldwell, an analyst for Edmunds.com. "It looks more like a Jeep or a [Nissan] Xterra than what you would expect next from Honda."

Already, some objective feedback has raised questions about the prototype Pilot design. It "scored lousy" with consumers who were surveyed in mid-January by CNW Research, said Art Garner, president of the Bandon, Ore.-based automotive-research concern. Pilot garnered "about 7.5 on our 12-point scale for exterior styling, which stinks for a new vehicle," he said. Typical such scores are 8.7 to 9." CNW surveyed several hundred consumers in Detroit, Los Angeles and Chicago using Honda press materials from the Detroit show and video of

the Pilot prototype that was obtained from Honda, Garner said.

Indeed, the aspect of the prototype Pilot design that may stand out most compared with the existing Pilot is body lines around and underneath the windows and along the fenders that sharpen those components and actually amplify the blockishness of the design.

### Method to Honda's Madness?

The company certainly isn't touting advanced styling as among the 2009 Pilot's most promising attributes. Rather, Honda is focusing on what Schifsky called "more accommodating interior packaging and advanced technologies for safety, fuel efficiency and convenience."

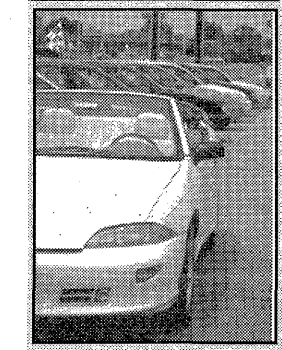
But Keough said the styling of the 2009 Pilot might advance just far enough, thank you -- for certain important groups of target consumers. "We wanted to give the car a bit more emotional styling and some character both for current Pilot customers -- who love their vehicle -- as well as people leaving the truck-based SUV segment who might want something just a little more boldly styled," he said. "Someone coming out of a Grand Cherokee or an Explorer isn't going to be ready to buy a [Mazda] CX-9 or Acadia or a station wagon, which are really more on-road vehicles with car-like styling."

"We already have vehicles in our lineup that cater to those segments also. We wanted Pilot to continue to represent its unique positioning: the best of both worlds."

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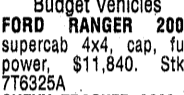
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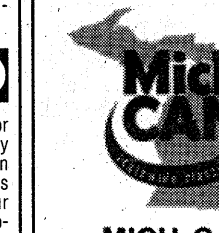
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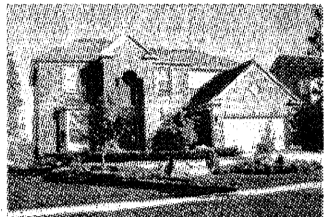
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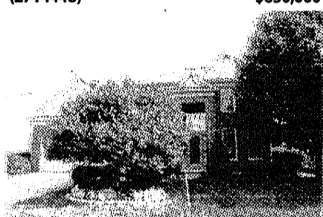
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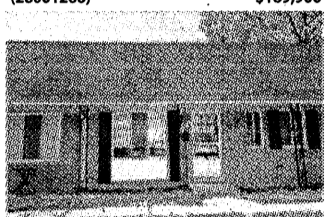
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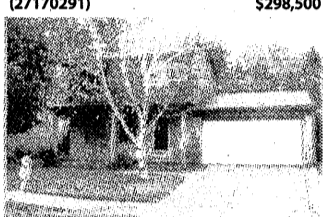
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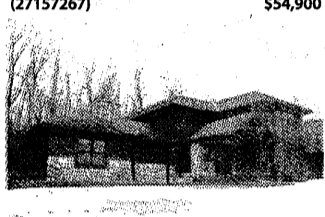
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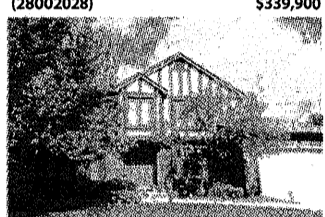
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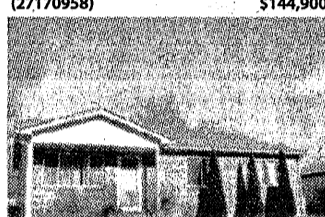
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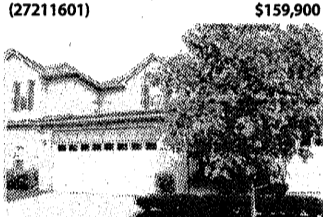
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Wonderful Updated Home maintained, neutral decor, luxurious mstr w/updtd bath, new kit w/hdwd flr, new ctps, backsplash & incl all appls, formal LR & DR, den, great yard & (27125745) \$319,900



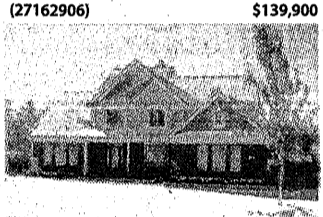
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Custom built colonial Home offers soaring ceilings, open floor plan, spacious gourmet kitchen, 2 decks, finished daylight basement has family room and fireplace. Much more!  
(27197813) \$349,900



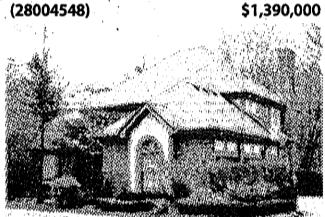
**Westland** 248-348-6430  
WOW! BUILT IN 1999 1300 sf, 3 br, 2 full bath home at a great price. Livonia schools, c/a, privacy fence, new carpet & freshly painted. Hurry!  
(27196004) \$140,000



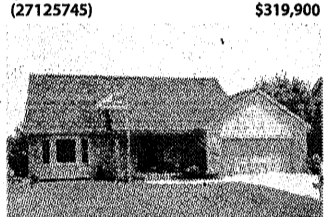
**Canton Twp** 734-455-7000  
SPACIOUS CONDO! All 3 bedrooms have a private bath. Great kitchen, all appliances stat. Deck, 2 car garage, loft and basement. Great room is 2 stories high. Immediate Occupancy!  
(27130823) \$215,000



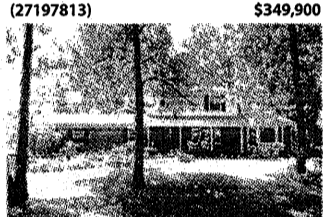
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Waterfront home on 1.4 acres. 1st flr mstr w/ 2 WICs & marble ba w/ whirlpool. GR w/ fp. Kit w/ cherry cabs, granite & blt-in appls. Hdwd flrs. Fin W/O w/ kit.  
(28004739) \$649,900



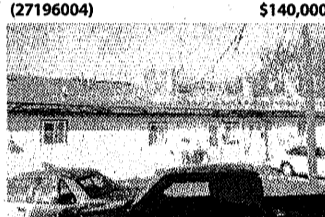
**Milford** 734-591-9200  
Your own private island. This custom built villa has over 4,000 sq ft of living space. Quality feat incl 9 ft cell, 2 stry GR rm, 4 frplcs, custom mantel, 3 balconies. The list goes on!  
(27127829) \$519,900



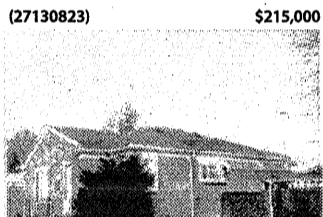
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Great location in Novi! Mint cond home has kit w/maple, Pergo, security system and new stainless appl. Cozy gas fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF liv space. Fin bsmt dds addl liv space!  
(28001970) \$299,900



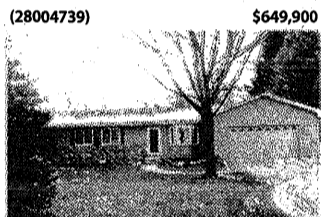
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Secluded on over 2 acres! Priced to sell! Inside welcomes you to a spacious living room with a gas fireplace and a family room with a natural fireplace. Bright and airy kitchen.  
(28008167) \$252,000



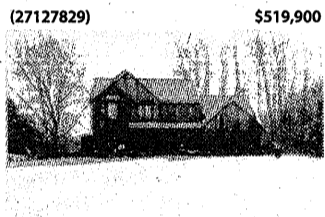
**Westland** 734-326-2000  
GREAT CASH FLOW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY All units leased. Roof & siding good. All units have separate heat, water, & power. One unit has enclosed porch. Owner has had minimum maintenance costs.  
(28013166) \$114,900



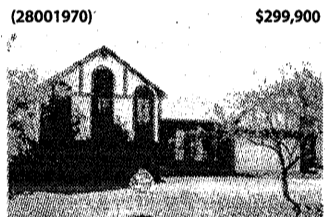
**Dearborn Heights** 248-348-6430  
Absolutely Stunning & Totally Updated! 4 BR and 2 full BA brick ranch with Crestwood schools. Professionally fin basement w/ recessed lighting & Berber carpet. Garden window in KIT & a great location.  
(28006482) \$140,000



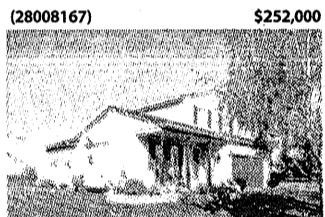
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Spotless, warm & charming 3BR ranch in serene horse community area. Gorgeous treed private backyard. Open flr plan w/ large kitchen/great rm/gas FP.  
(28007902) \$184,900



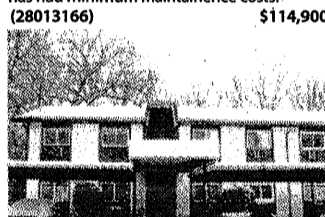
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Possible pole barn allowed. Manufactured 1.36 acre lot. Open flr plan. Cath cell. Granite cntntrs. New carpet & ceramic flr. Bay windows. New roof. Granite sinks.  
(28001980) \$374,000



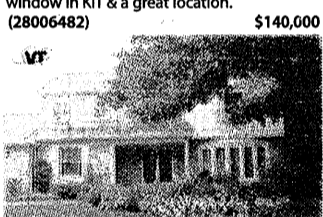
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Gorgeous Home With Numerous Updates! Newer kitchen, baths, roof Super floorplan, den, 3 full baths! Large sun room! Paver patio! Finished basement! Great location, near schools, Novi's amenities!  
(27178695) \$279,900



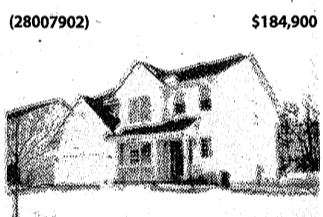
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.  
(27193962) \$209,900



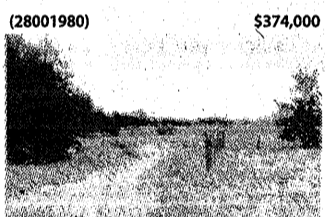
**Westland** 734-326-2000  
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN this 2 bedroom condo which comes with an awesome view of the woods! Livonia schools, pool & clubhouse. Appliances included.  
(28009063) \$70,000



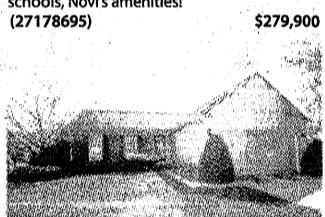
**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
UPDATED ROLLING OAKS BEAUTY! Fabulous kitchen w/stainless appl, dramatic foyer, bay window, deck w/private yard. Enjoy parks, path & commons. Walk to Forest Elementary.  
(27152958) \$350,000



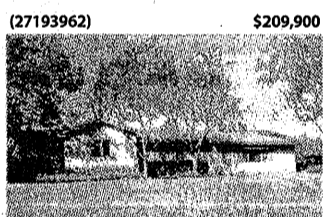
**Howell** 248-684-1065  
Lg family home w/ 2 story foyer w/ hdwd. Island kit w/ all appls. Formal DR, FR w/ fp. Cute 1/2 ba w/ pedestal sink. Mstr w/ 2 WICs. Wood deck.  
(27215105) \$199,500



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Close to the Village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed.  
(27033490) \$149,900



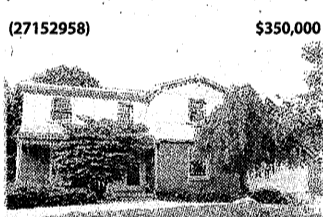
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Charming & Perfect Ranch Home w/min upkeep. Hdwd flr in entry & KIT. KIT w/desk area & incl all appl. LR w/cathedral cell, new carpet & DD to deck. Mstr w/walk-in closet.  
(27173088) \$228,900



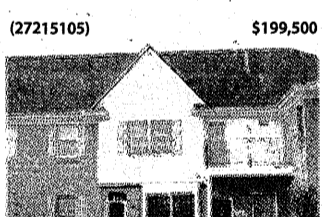
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Hard to find Ranch This well kept home features large kitchen w/lots of storage, open to breakfast/dining area. New master bath. Brick fireplace w/handcrafted bookcases and mantel.  
(27180784) \$167,000



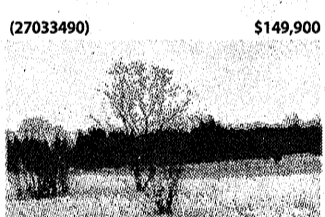
**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Sharp 1994 3 BR w/pos. 4th BR or office in approx. 400 sq. ft. fin. bsmt. Open flr plan w/ beautiful wrap around deck. Heated 2-car garage. Lake Privileges.  
(28005447) \$174,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
GREAT HOME IN COLONY PARK WEST Walk to school & commons. Features eat-in kitchen & flplc in large family rm. Huge MBR. Freshly painted inside & out. Newer roof & all new windows. Park-like backyard.  
(27178610) \$275,000



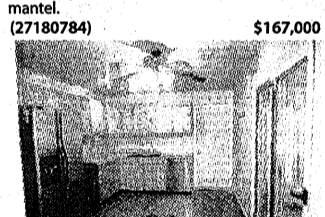
**Howell** 734-591-9200  
Immaculate, Stylish, Very Clean Condo Soaring 2-story GR w/ loft\*\*Loads of cupboard, cabinet space\*\*2 full Pottery Barn bathrooms w/ upgraded fixtures\*\*Low \$178 mo. association\*\*www.DoorToDreams.com.  
(27175295) \$154,900



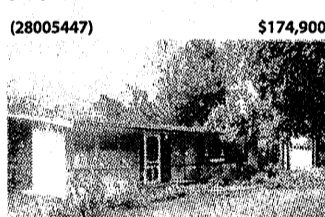
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.  
(27033498) \$149,900



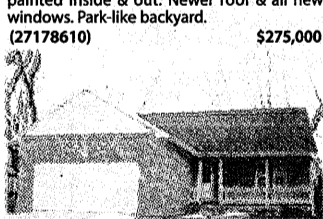
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Cul de sac backs to park-like commons. Hrdwd flr in spacious open foyer & liv/ din rms, redone kit, newer roof, furn, baths, patio, fin bsmt, carpet 10/07, etc.  
(27205953) \$319,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Very Cute Updated home in great location New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring. Newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced yard.  
(28010123) \$152,000



**Wolverine Lake** 248-437-3800  
Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include: kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21 x 35 garage.  
(27165653) \$154,800



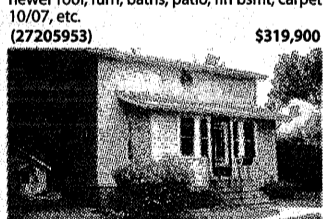
**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
NEWER CONSTRUCTION. READY TO MOVE IN! 3 BR ranch w/full basement. Oak kitchen w/walk-in pantry & nice size breakfast area. Pergo floors. Large living rm, ceramic baths. 2 car att. garage. Also for lease.  
(27226722) \$189,900



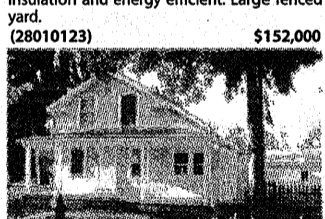
**Inkster** 734-326-2000  
NICE SIZE RANCH with 2 full baths, newer neutral carpeting, hardwood floors, updated kitchen and bath. Close to park and city services and transportation.  
(27217405) \$109,900



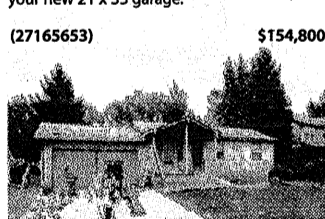
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master, Many updates, large fence back yard.  
(27219626) \$189,900



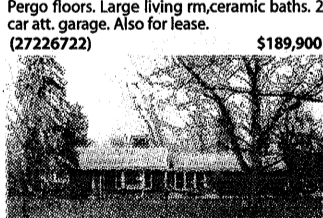
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one-rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.  
(27097266) \$199,900



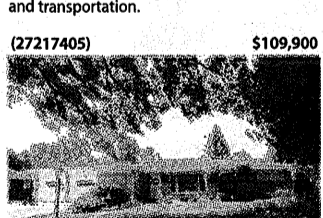
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches!  
(27165531) \$132,500



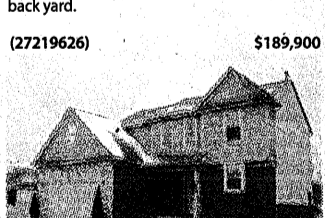
**Wolverine Lake** 248-348-6430  
In Process Of Total Rehab Not completed - But Soon: New KT Cabs/sink/paint/flr. Newer: furn/CA/roof/DR/wall/wndws/HWH/softener/Some upgrades electric & plumbing. As it's do NE, 5 goes up!  
(27189612) \$99,900



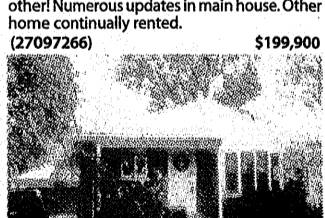
**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC. Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand. Ready to move in!  
(27179060) \$169,900



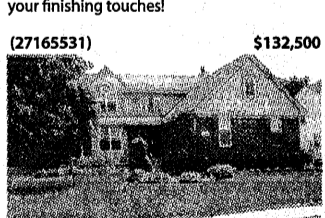
**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
WOW! WHAT A VALUE! Gorgeous home on 1/2 acre - park like lot, nice LR, 3 br, 2 full bath, huge FR w/frplc overlooking fabulous sunroom, nice kit, priced backyard & patio.  
(27164110) \$254,900



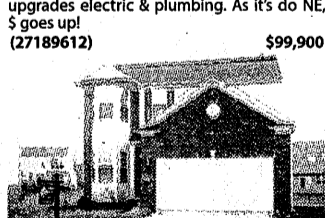
**New Hudson** 248-437-3800  
Super deal on a sharp colonial home is in excellent condition and offers a spacious kitchen with acres of counter space. Large rooms with 10 ft. ceilings. Giant master suite w/walk in closet.  
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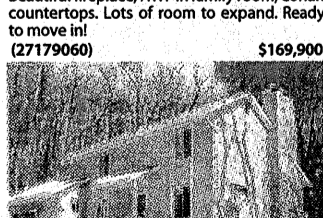
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION! Close to x-way and dwnwn Plymouth. A very well-cared-for ranch. Fin bsmt w/full bath, room for pool table and family rm, 2-1/2 car gar. \$3,000 closing credit!  
(26198913) \$172,000



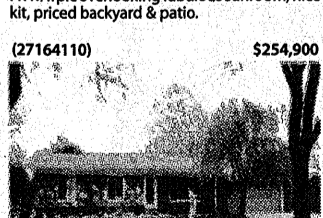
**Van Buren Twp** 734-455-7000  
GORGEOUS SETTING! 4 bedrooms/2 full baths/ 2 1/2 bath. Colonial on a cul-de-sac. Backing to pond. Prof. fin basement. Home Warranty. Immed. Occup.  
(27104089) \$245,000



**Ypsilanti** 734-591-9200  
Barely lived-in 4 BR, '04 Built Colonial GR w/ soaring ceilings, gas FP\*\*1st flr OFC/Den; 1st flr LAU\*\*Bsmt w/ high ceilings, plumbed for 3rd BA\*\*Huge KIT and Nook w/ hardwood\*\*Visit www.DoorToDreams.com.  
(28002292) \$175,000



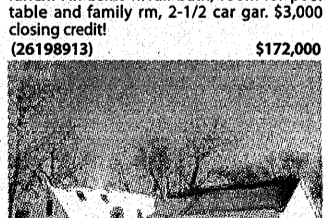
**Fenton** 248-684-1065  
Keep it together or sell off the 4.9 acres that is already split off. 3 bd, 3ba. Natural fireplace in Great room. Lower level plumbed for wet bar or kitchen.  
(27040760) \$410,000



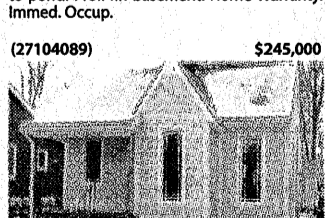
**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
MUST SEE Fairway Farms Brick Ranch Home Feat Lg Mstr Bdrm W/Updt Ceram Bth & W/! Csew, New Main Bth W/Ceram Sun & Dbl Van, Updtd Kit W/Stne Bcspsh, FR W/NatLFP, Hwd Flrs, FinBsmt, New RF & Sldin In'05.  
(27012295) \$244,900



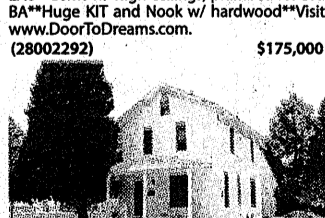
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Great Condition! Private Location! A superb design and excellent construction. Work shop in garage. Lots of stone, granite, and hardwood.  
(27172386) \$587,500



**Redford** 248-348-6430  
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! Totally renovated top to bottom. Features new kit, baths, windows, roof, furnace, skylights, berber carpet, jacuzzi tub & more!  
(27168696) \$140,000



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Adorable describes this renovated home with updates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, paint, kitchen flr & cabs, pella windows. Deck to wooded yard.  
(27209453) \$89,900



**Ypsilanti** 248-684-1065  
Cute and cozy bungalow in the Normal Park neighborhood. Walk across the street to Recreation Park. Newer roof, furnace, central air. Updated kitchen.  
(27011471) \$114,900

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## How to satisfy Super Bowl fans without missing a play

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### CHEF COOKS IN STRATFORD

David Gilbert, executive chef at the Rugby Grille in Birmingham, cooked dinners at the Stratford Chef's School in Ontario on Jan. 7-8 as part of the Celebrity Chefs Series.

On Monday, Gilbert prepared Japanese Lime Yogurt, Salt Cod Veloute and Smoked Milk Infused with Juniper; Jumbo Lump Crab Ravioli with Roasted Almond Oil and Fine Slices of Avocado; Scallops with Sauce "Buree de brioche"; Wild Oats, Fresh Citrus and Chestnut Honey; Veal with Morel Mushrooms, Citrus Scented White Asparagus; Butter Poached Romaine and Parmigiano-Reggiano "Sabayon," Milk Bread, Milk Mousse, Milk Ice Cream and Confiture De Lait.

On Tuesday, the menu included a Fine Tarte of White Mushrooms and Verjus Marinated Foie Gras; Salmon with Chantrelle Mushroom Duxelles, Citrus Infused Braised Radicchio and Saffron Vanilla Sauce; Squab with Vegetable Ratatouille "Byaldi" and a Perigord l'Emulsion of Black Truffle; Potato Mousse with Fromage Blanc and Thyme Ice Cream; and a Biscuit of chocolate and Praline with Black Cherries and Almonds and Madeleines.

### GREEN EXHIBITORS SOUGHT

The deadline for exhibitors to apply for the Green Street Fair in Plymouth is March 1. The first-ever Green Street Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in downtown Plymouth. Presented by Whole Foods Market, the fair was founded to inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. To promote global interest and personal well-being, Green Street Fair will blend companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Highlights include: The Whole Foods Market Village; Mountainfilm on Tour featuring adventure, cultural and environmental film; street performers; children's activities; fitness and well-being demos; green careers; a farmer's market; art installations and a clothing swap. For information, call (734) 259-2983 or visit [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com).



Serve the football faithfuls with a spread like this one, courtesy of Matt Prentice's Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills. Chicken wings, mini Reuben sandwiches, a heaping plate of nachos and two kinds of chili all pair perfectly with cold beer.

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# football crowd

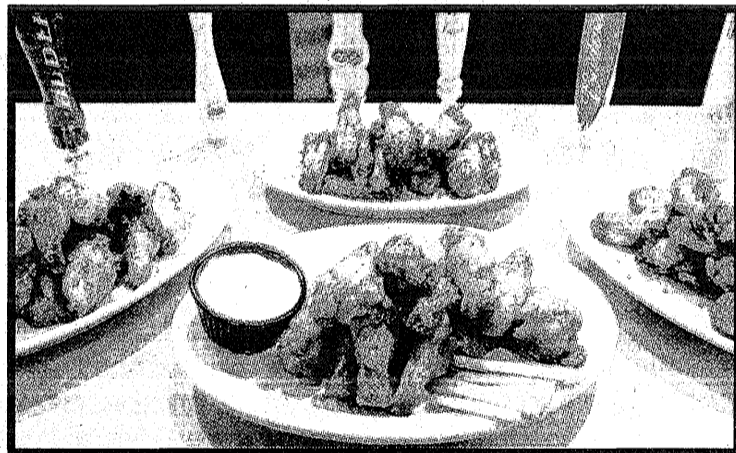
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

With the Super Bowl XLII just around the corner, your mind might be set on football stats or catching the commercials. But if you're inviting your fellow sports fans over to see the big game, it's time to consider the cardinal rules of serving up Super Bowl foods.

According to restaurateur Matt Prentice, of the Bingham Farms-based Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, there are just five ingredients to a successful menu on Sunday - it's got to be simple, spicy, plentiful, fun-to-eat and served up family-style.

Prentice starts the party with four varieties of chicken wings, ranging from the traditional, like fiery hot wings or sweet honey barbecue, to the positively mouth-watering like the Asian-flavored Korean barbecue made with brown sugar and soy sauce, and locally-inspired Michigan cherry barbecue, crafted from pureed

Please see **SUPER BOWL, D2**



You can't host a Super Bowl bash without plenty of wings. Matt Prentice offers up the traditional hot wing, alongside honey barbecue, Korean barbecue and Michigan cherry barbecue flavors. Turn inside today's hometownlife section for wing sauces and chili recipes.

### FOOTBALL FOOD

Football fans will feast on these chicken wings and chili this Sunday, courtesy of Matt Prentice. See below for recipes from Hiller's Market and Garden Fresh Salsa.

#### MICHIGAN CHERRY BARBECUE SAUCE

Slather this liberally on chicken wings for a delicious sweet and tangy flavor.

- 1 cup plumped dried Michigan cherries
- 6 ounces cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 ancho chilies
- 2 cups Open Pit barbecue sauce

Please see **RECIPES, D2**

## Mardi Gras Menu

### Local chef explores two approaches to Fat Tuesday food

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday," so what better way to celebrate than with food?

Chef Mary Brady, owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, is preparing for the holiday with dishes inspired by two locales famous for Mardi Gras revelry.

In preparation for catering the upcoming Venetian Carnivale in Northville, Brady has researched cuisine that arose out of the famous masked balls of Venice, Italy.

For her restaurant, she's planning menu specials inspired by New Orleans.

Mardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During Lent, the six weeks preceding Easter, many Christians give up something they love - but not before one last feast.

Whether you're eating the traditional foods of New Orleans, Venice, Italy or Metro Detroit (think Paczkis), one thing that ties Mardi Gras celebrations together is overindulgence.

#### NORTHVILLE'S VENETIAN CARNIVALE

**When:** 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 2  
**Where:** Historic 1929 English Tudor home at 800 Griswold

**What:** A masked ball, with strolling dinner by Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's; music, entertainment, and an auction of Italian-inspired art, vintage jewelry and martini glasses decorated by local artists.

**Attire:** Formal or Venetian costume

**Tickets:** \$100, benefit Northville Art House  
Call: (248) 344-0497

"The food is a lot more decadent, more calorie-laden," Brady said.

Venice, Italy boasts one of the most famous and oldest Carnivale traditions, and the Northville Art House is throwing a Venetian Carnivale fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Brady's menu reflects food revelers

in Venice likely would have enjoyed during festivals that date back to the early 1200s.

"Being on the water, Venice was a mecca for travelers. In the early shipping days every different culture came through Venice so it was quite a melting pot," Brady said.

She was inspired by chicetti (small portions) traders would eat when they rented rooms or beds in large warehouses during their stay in Venice.

"They would serve little bites of food instead of big meals. These little portions of food were so that they could eat with their hands and continue on with their business. They could trade their wares and wouldn't have to sit down for a meal," she said. "Chicetti facilitates this

Please see **MENU, D3**



"Venetian Eve," a transparent watercolor by Edee Joppich of West Bloomfield, captures the spirit of Northville's Venetian Carnivale on Feb. 2. It will be among artwork on display at the event.

Recipes courtesy of Mary Brady, certified executive chef at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi.

#### MUSHROOM BRUSCETTA WITH GARLIC CROUTES AND PICKLED RED ONION CONFIT

1 pound mushrooms (Brady likes to use a mix of domestic, portabella and shiitake mushrooms.)

- 1/2 pound butter
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 small French roll
- 1 pound cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet. Sweat (saute over very low heat) mushrooms, onions and garlic. Add the roll torn into small pieces. Cool mixture. Blend with cream cheese and parsley. Season.

Yield: About 2 pounds.

#### Garlic Croutes

- 1 18-inch sourdough baguette
- 1 cup olive oil
- Seasoning salt, to taste

Cut the baguette into thin slices on the diagonal. Toss with olive oil and salt. Bake in a 350 degree oven until crisp, turning half way through.

#### Pickled Red Onion Confit

- 1 large red onion

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# SUPER BOWL

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Michigan cherries. (Prentice said he's not a fan of hot wings. They trade in complexity of flavor for heat, he said.)

From there his menu goes traditional, with cheesy jalapeno-topped nachos and two kinds of hearty chili. A can't-miss meaty variety packed with beans is thick enough to scoop up with a tortilla chip. And the slow-cooked, root-vegetable-based vegetarian chili packs just as much flavor. Prentice called it "friendly spicy." Skip the sour cream and cheese topping and it's fit for vegans.

Chili might be the perfect Super Bowl fare. "It's cold outside," said Prentice. "Chili warms the soul. It's good with beer."

Bartender Matt Ervin, who works at Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills, can vouch for that. "You can't go wrong with chili," he said. Ervin's ideal Super Bowl foods range from wings to burgers, though he's the first to admit he won't be manning the grill once the game starts.

According to Tavern's Head Chef John Arnold, it's ground porterhouse, a mixture of black

beans and red kidney beans, and seven herbs that makes these chili recipes stand out from the pack.

"It's hearty, it's filling, it tastes good," said Arnold. Among his favorite party foods this time of year, Arnold listed wings, ribs and spinach and artichoke dip.

Another item sure to be a hit with guests, Prentice's mini Reuben sandwiches are made with all the traditional ingredients — corned beef, tangy sauerkraut, mild swiss cheese and Russian dressing tucked inside crust-free crunchy rye toast triangles. They're easy to grab and completely delicious to eat. Prentice shared a few of these prized recipes, promising they're simple enough for the home cook. "I wanted it to be something people could make at home," he said. Multi-taskers could whip up this entire feast in about two hours. But most of it — from the wing sauces to the chili — could also be made ahead of time.

Party hosts who'd rather go for a quick and easy catered affair can call Matt Prentice Restaurant Group at (248) 646-0370, Ext. 402. For more information, www.mattprenticerg.com.

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# RECIPES

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1 cup water  
Combine first 5 ingredients, bring to a simmer and reduce by half. Stir in barbecue sauce and water and return to simmer for 5 minutes. Place in a food processor and blend until smooth. Yields one quart.  
*Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.*

## KOREAN BBQ SAUCE

*Soy sauce gives this chicken wing sauce an Asian flair.*

1 cup honey barbecue sauce  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup and 1 tablespoon soy  
6 ounces cider vinegar  
1 cup and 3 tablespoons ketchup  
1/2 cup Worcestershire  
1/2 cup corn oil  
6 ounces sesame oil

Mix all ingredients except oil. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Add oil and simmer for five minutes. Cover, label, refrigerate until needed. Yields one quart.  
*Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.*

## HEARTY CHILI

1 pound ground beef  
1 quart onions, medium dice  
1 1/2 cups green peppers  
1 1/2 cups red bell peppers  
1/2 cup poblano pepper  
1/2 cup jalapeno peppers

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1 ancho chilies  
2 1/2 cups kidney beans  
2 1/2 cups diced tomato  
pinch of crushed red peppers  
1/2 teaspoon oregano  
2 tablespoons minced garlic  
2 teaspoons salt and pepper  
2 tablespoons cumin  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
2 cups tomato juice  
4 tablespoons sugar  
1/4 cup tomato paste

Sauté the ground beef until slightly brown. Add onions and cook for 5 minutes. Add all peppers and sweat them out for 5 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients. Once chili comes to a boil, simmer, turn on low heat and cook for one hour. Yields one gallon.  
*Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.*

## HEARTY VEGETARIAN CHILI

1 ounce olive oil  
2 tablespoons garlic, minced fine  
1 cup onions, small dice  
1 cup celery, small dice  
1 cup carrots, small dice  
1 cup green peppers, small dice  
1 1/2 cups zucchini, small dice  
1 1/2 cups yellow squash, small dice  
2 teaspoons jalapenos, chopped fine  
3 pounds and 3 ounces tomatoes, diced  
2 ounces tomato paste  
3 cups V-8 juice  
1/2 cup cumin  
1/4 cup chili powder

1 tablespoon Lawry's seasoning salt  
1 1/2 cups kidney beans, cooked  
1 1/2 cups black beans, cooked  
Heat oil in soup pot. Sauté onion, celery and carrots. Add tomatoes and paste. Add seasonings and simmer for 15 minutes add remaining vegetables and beans. Cook for 5 minutes and remove from heat. Yields one gallon.  
*Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.*

## FOUR CHEESE MAC

10 cups whole milk  
3 bay leaves  
1/2 onion, finely chopped  
8 ounces butter  
10 tablespoons flour  
2 teaspoons paprika  
3 tablespoons Coleman's mustard  
4 ounces mozzarella  
4 ounces parmesan  
10 ounces Gruyere  
24 ounces sharp cheddar  
4 eggs  
2 tablespoons kosher salt  
2 teaspoons white pepper  
2 pounds Prince casserole elbow pasta, cooked al dente (firm to touch)

Topping:  
8 ounces cheddar  
4 cups panko (Japanese bread crumbs)  
4 ounces melted butter

Bring milk to a simmer with salt, pepper, bay leaves and onion. Meanwhile, make a roux by slowly cooking butter until it just stops foaming, whisk in flour and continue to cook 2 more minutes over low heat. Remove from heat and whisk in mustard and paprika. When the milk comes to a simmer strain and quickly whisk into roux. Turn up heat and continue whisking until the sauce thickens. Simmer 5 minutes and remove from heat. Slowly add the cheeses, one handful at a time, stirring constantly. Wait for one batch of cheese to melt before adding the

next. Add the eggs one at a time, stirring well after each one.

Combine sauce with pasta. Pour into buttered and bread crumbed hotel pan. For the topping, toss panko and butter to evenly distribute. Top the dish with cheddar, then buttered panko. Bake, fan on, at 375 degrees.  
*Recipe courtesy of Hiller's Markets*

## POTATO SKINS

10-12 medium redskin potatoes  
1 pound ground beef  
16 ounces Garden Fresh Jack's Special Salsa  
8 ounces cheddar cheese  
Scrub potatoes and prick with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes. While potatoes are baking, cook ground beef. Drain grease. Combine salsa and ground beef. Mix well. When potatoes are cool enough to handle cut each in half and scoop out potato from the inside leaving a 1/2 inch shell and redskin. Spoon in beef and salsa mixture. Sprinkle cheddar on top of each potato. Put back into the oven until the cheese melts. Serve warm.  
*Recipe courtesy of Garden Fresh Salsa.*

## FIESTA CORN AND BLACK BEAN TOSS

1 can (15 1/2 ounces) Del Monte Fiesta Corn, drained  
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained  
1/2 cup green onions, sliced  
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Del Monte Petite Diced Tomatoes with Zesty Jalapenos, drained  
2 tablespoon oil  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin (optional)  
Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Toss then garnish with cilantro and serve with squeeze of lime juice, if desired. Serve with warm tortilla chips. Prep time is 10 minutes. Serves 4-6.  
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# MARDI GRAS

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3 tablespoons granulated sugar  
 ¼ cup rice wine vinegar  
 Pinch red pepper flakes  
 Pinch mustard seeds  
 2 garlic cloves  
 Thinly slice onion in food processor. Heat all ingredients other than onions to boiling in a saute pan. Add onions and stir constantly until they turn pink. Cool, remove garlic cloves.  
 To serve, spread mushroom pate on croute, top with onion.

## GUMBO

2 pounds chicken breasts  
 2 pounds andouille sausage  
 1½ pounds chopped fresh spinach or greens  
 2 medium onions, chopped  
 2 red peppers, julienne  
 4 stalks celery, bias cut  
 8 tablespoons browned flour  
 5 cups chicken stock  
 2 bay leaves  
 1 (16-17 ounce) can of crushed tomatoes with puree

## Browned flour

2 cups all purpose flour  
 Heat a non-stick sauté pan over medium heat, add flour and stir constantly until the flour is toasted and brown. Remove from pan immediately to prevent burning. Cool.  
 Reserve extra in a plastic storage bag.

## Seasoning mix

2 tablespoons paprika  
 1 tablespoon dry mustard  
 3 teaspoons sweet basil  
 3 teaspoons garlic powder  
 2 teaspoons oregano leaves  
 2 teaspoons thyme leaves  
 Pinch of cayenne  
 2 teaspoons kosher salt  
 2 teaspoons fresh ground pepper  
 Combine all.

Toss chicken with 3 tablespoons of the seasoning mix. Refrigerate. Reheat heavy pot over high heat until a drip of water dances when sprinkled on. Sauté the onions, peppers, and celery until opaque. Add greens and cook until wilted.  
 Add the remainder of the

seasoning mix, bay leaves and browned flour, mixing in well. Slowly add warm stocks and tomatoes, stirring until thickened. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add the chicken. Cook until done. Add sausage do not overcook the shrimp or they will toughen. Serve over rice. This low-calorie preparation serves 4-6.

## SAFFRON RISOTTO

1 pound risotto  
 1 medium onion, diced  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 3 cups warm chicken stock or fumet  
 1 cup warm white wine  
 Heat oil in a heavy pot. Add the onions and cook until opaque. Add risotto, stirring until it is coated with the oil and turns white, about two minutes. Add pinch of saffron, stir. Heat stock with wine and add slowly just covering the rice. Add additional stock as it is absorbed stirring often. Cook until tender. Season.

## SPANISH MEATBALLS WITH ROMESCO SAUCE

1 pound ground pork  
 1 cup bread crumbs, fresh preferably  
 1 egg, beaten  
 ¼ cup chopped parsley  
 3 large cloves of garlic, chopped  
 Zest of ½ lemon  
 ¼ cup pine nuts  
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon  
 Salt and pepper, to taste  
 Mix all. Fry a small amount and taste for seasoning, adjust if necessary. Form into 1-inch balls placing onto a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until well done (160 degrees). Serve with sauce.

## Romesco Sauce

1 cup olive oil  
 1 tablespoon bread crumbs  
 ¾ cup roasted almonds  
 4 medium chopped onions  
 8 cloves garlic  
 1 16-ounce can chopped tomatoes  
 2 16-ounce cans roasted red peppers  
 Cook the garlic and onions in ¼ cup of the oil until soft. Cool and puree with almonds, crumbs, tomatoes, peppers and olive oil. serve hot or at room temperature.

# MENU

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type of an event, where there won't be places to sit down and eat."

One of the chiceti is Meatballs With Romesco — pork and beef with pinenuts and roasted pepper-almond sauce — as "carne val" actually translates to 'farewell to meat.'

"Carnivale meant the warmer weather was coming and it would be harder to preserve food," Brady said. "They'd eat up all their meat

and their dairy that they had been storing up all winter long."

Brady also will incorporate some New Orleans flair into her catering menu, including an antipasto plate.

"It will have a lot of the brine foods — olives, pickles. One of the dishes I'm bringing is Bruschetta Al Tapenade, which is an olive and anchovy paste," she said.

She also plans serve a gumbo special at Diamond Jim Brady's the weekend preceding Mardi Gras.

"New Orleans is very much the same as Venice as far

as it's a melting pot of the United States, with all types of cultures that have contributed to the food," she said. "Being on the water, fish is very big. There are oysters on every corner. Everyone's got a gumbo or a jambalaya."

Brady also concocted a drink to go with her Mardi Gras fare. The Venetian Martini combines limoncello (an Italian lemon liquor) peach nectar, Chambord and a splash of Asti Spumante.

At Northville's Venetian Carnivale, the drink will be served in martini glasses decorated by local artists and

auctioned off for charity.

At Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, guests can order similar drinks at the bar, all in the spirit of gluttony that is Mardi Gras' hallmark.

"You have a couple drinks, and you don't care what you eat," she said.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro (which went completely non-smoking on Jan. 1) is located at 26503 Town Center Drive in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 380-8460 or visit www.djbistro.com. For more information on Northville's Venetian Carnivale, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us and click on Arts Commission.

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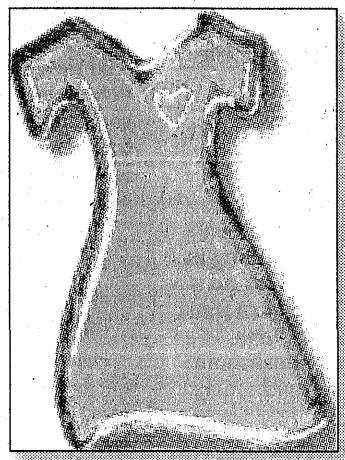
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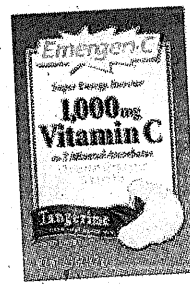
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## Royal Oak rocker mom pens memoir

I knew the first time I saw the Mydols, the band was a story.

I never realized their story would someday be a book, (or that I would be in it!)

Mydols guitarist Judy Davids, 47, recently wrapped up her memoir *Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom* (Citadel Press, \$12.95, 208 pages).

Her book will hit stores in April, but I got my review copy in the mail a few weeks ago and devoured it cover to cover. I was delighted to find

Judy included me as the 'young reporter' who did one of the first articles on her band.

If you've had anything to do with the Detroit music scene in the past few years (or the Longfellow Elementary PTA for that matter), don't be surprised if you're mentioned too. The fact that Judy includes so many local names and faces is part of what makes the book such a fun read.

The first time I heard the Mydols was at Lily's Seafood Diner in downtown Royal Oak. I had just finished practicing with my fledgling band, the Basements, and we decided to check out the self-proclaimed soccer moms turned rock stars.

The "Mom's Night Out" at Lily's was among the Mydols' first gigs, but the place was packed, mostly with well-dressed, middle-aged women, sipping Mother's Little Helper martinis and dancing to songs like "The Mydol Twist" and "Soccer Mom Stomp."

There's no doubt the Mydols had struck a chord.

Judy, Kara, Paige and Pat were unpolished, unpracticed, and slightly unsure of themselves, but they looked great, and the show was a blast. I went back to work the next day at *The Daily Tribune*, and told our features editor she simply had to cover these girls.

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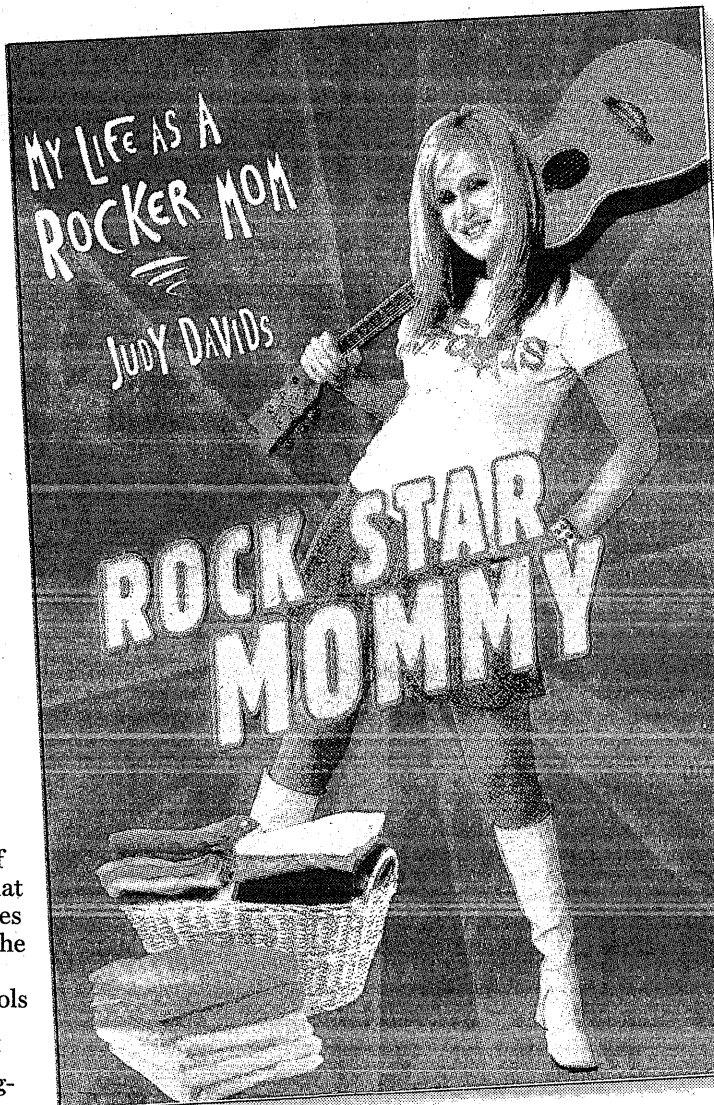
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Royal Oak author Judy Davids' book "Rock Star Mommy," which recounts her experience in the Mydols, comes out in April.

The subsequent article, "Rock On, Soccer Moms," paled in comparison with the flurry of press that would follow. When a reporter at the *Wall Street Journal* picked up the story, the Mydols found themselves at the center of a national mom-band phenomenon.

Within the next few years, they would play virtually every venue in Detroit, and go on to such big gigs as the Mamapalooza Festival in New York City and North by Northwest in Toronto.

Not bad for four women who formed the band over beers at a neighborhood

block party, before any of them owned musical instruments.

As Judy recounts in her book, the Mydols followed the same path every new band goes through in Detroit. They played successively larger venues, from End of the Park to the Magic Stick, and shmoozed music industry insiders from Gusoline Alley to 54 Sound.

Yet as bands like the Basements struggled to stand out in the competitive local music scene, the Mydols took off in a league of their own.

It helped that they were all adorable, self-deprecating, and passed out lots of free swag at their shows.

With a wonderful family and full life outside of music, Judy had nothing to prove except that you can get your first guitar and pull off pink go-go boots after 40. The rest — doing laundry for Blood Hag, becoming BFFs with Kathy Valentine of the Go-Gos, appearing on *The Today Show* and recording several CDs — was gravy.

In the end, Judy writes that the big gimmick of being a mom band eventually became their dilemma. As the Mydols grew more successful, she found it harder and harder to balance a full-time job, family and rock stardom. When the band's bassist moved to Seattle, it seemed like the right time to take a break.

In Judy's terms, that meant writing a memoir.

Now she's back on tour, promoting *Rock Star Mommy*.

The Mydols still play gigs, but Judy now seems more focused on chasing her new dream of being a nationally-known writer.

Once you've read the story of the Mydols, you just know she'll succeed.

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# Cranbrook Art Museum inherits personal Arts & Crafts collection

## UNCOVERING THE JOHN BLOOM BEQUEST

**On Exhibition:** Now through March 22.

**Lecture:** "The Cranbrook Connection: Uncovering the John Bloom Bequest to Cranbrook Art Museum" by Emily Zilber, collections fellow, 3 p.m. Feb. 17, DeSalle Auditorium

**Lecture:** "Twentieth Century Design: Looking to the Twenty-First Century, a John Bloom Memorial Lecture" by James Zemaitis, of Sotheby's New York, 7 p.m. Feb. 28, DeSalle Auditorium.

**Museum Hours:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

**Admission:** \$10 adults, \$5 teens and full-time students. Children 12 and under admitted free.

**Location:** 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills

**More information:** Visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Bloomfield Hills native John Bloom spent his life collecting art deco and modernist works spanning the 20th century. Upon his death in 2006, Bloom bequeathed that expansive collection, encompassing early works by Frank Lloyd Wright and contemporary furniture by George Nakashima, to Cranbrook Art Museum.

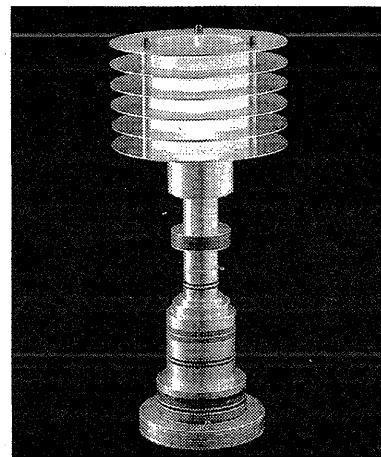
Museum director Gregory Wittkopp met the avid collector and former Fanclub Art Foundation executive director some 20 years ago, and was regularly kept apprised of Bloom's growing collection. Bloom had long intended to give several objects to Cranbrook. A collections fellow began the daunting task of researching each piece. Then, Bloom was diagnosed with cancer. He chose to will the collection, in its entirety, to the museum, where his mother had served on the board of governors. "He created a new model for patronage," said Wittkopp.

Bloom granted Cranbrook the option of keeping the pieces

of museum quality, and selling the others at public auction. With those proceeds, Cranbrook will establish the John Bloom Decorative Arts & Design Fund in his honor. About 100 pieces from Bloom's collection will be on display through March. During the exhibition the museum will host a lecture by current collections fellow Emily Zilber revealing connections between Bloom's collection and the museum, and a lecture by Sotheby's head of design James Zemaitis, Bloom's longtime friend.

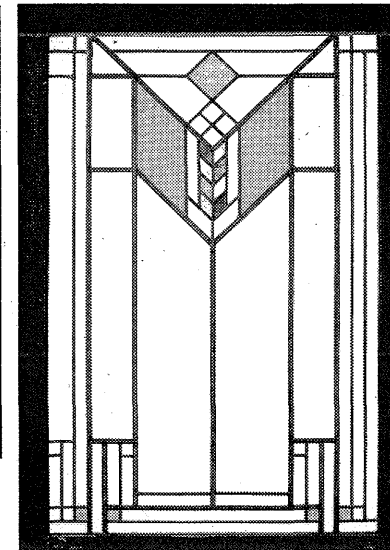
"John Bloom wasn't collecting paintings and sculpture," said Wittkopp. His pieces included furnishings, from seven stained glass Frank Lloyd Wright windows to rare French art deco vases dating back to the 1920s. He lived with the items daily, Wittkopp said, and appreciated them for their history, tradition and function.

"The collection of windows is really spectacular," said Zilber. "To have seven of them come into the museum is phenomenal." They range from early residential works like Oak Park, Ill. to commercial projects like the Lake Geneva Inn in Wisconsin.



Walter Von Nessen designed this lamp, manufactured by Pattyn Products Company of Detroit. It dates back to 1935 and can be seen at Cranbrook Art Museum, courtesy of the estate of John Bloom.

Zilber compared her task of documenting Bloom's collection to a sort of detective work. She noted how well many of the items fit into Cranbrook's collection. Works by Cranbrook graduates, including Florence Knoll and Charles and Ray Eames, former Detroiters Myron Barlow and a drawing of the Ford Motor Co.



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This Frank Lloyd Wright window came from the Hotel Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, 1911. It is now part of the collection of Cranbrook Art Museum courtesy of the estate of John Bloom.

Highland Park plant dating back to the 1920s, offer impressive connections to the Bloomfield Hills museum. "We're still going through the research process," Zilber said.

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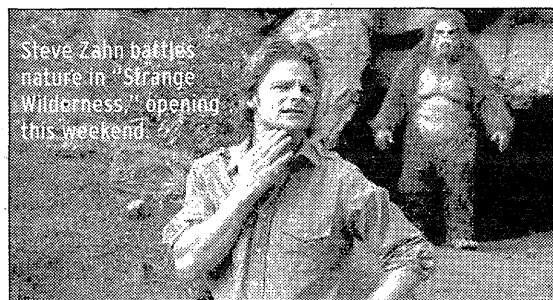


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Roots Vibration heats things up with its Caribbean sounds.

# Global warming

## Thursday series resonates with worldly beats

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Thank goodness for Detroit musicians like Winfred Julien - who is talented enough to succeed in bigger cities like Chicago or New York.

Julien, who leads the authentic reggae band Roots Vibration, is firmly planted in the Motor City.



C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band kicks off the global Thursday season with New Orleans Zydeco on Jan. 31.

The band, whose members hail from the islands of Grenada, Jamaica and Nevis, and the city of Detroit, is planted here because of the rich, yet seemingly underground, Caribbean music scene and because Julien believes metro Detroit needs reggae's message of peace, positivity and unity.

Roots Vibration will play Feb. 28 at the Arab American National Museum's eclectic Global Thursdays music series that celebrates Detroit's rich cultural and ethnic diversity.

The season kicks off today (Jan. 31) with New Orleans zydeco band C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band.

Julien, Roots Vibration's lead vocalist and guitarist, said the band will create a "positive, energetic authentic Caribbean reggae feel."

"People are starved for good music in Detroit especially during tough times. We hope to deliver the message that Bob Marley and Peter Tosh also delivered about consciousness to the mind, body and soul. . . and of love and togetherness."

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## COMERICA/FORD GLOBAL THURSDAYS

**What:** Music from around the world  
**Where:** Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn  
Free, lighted parking behind the Museum, accessed by turning north from Michigan Avenue onto Neckel Street.

**When:** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 31-April 17)

**Tickets:** \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

**For info:** (313) 582-2266 or visit [www.myspace.com/aanmglobalthursdays](http://www.myspace.com/aanmglobalthursdays) or [www.arabamericanmuseum.org](http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org).

**Jan. 31:** C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band, New Orleans zydeco. The band's namesake is the son of the "King of Zydeco," Clifton Chenier; the first Creole musician to win a Grammy. (Tonight's show features a pre-Mardi Gras party.)

**Feb. 7:** Safaafir, Iraqi maqam. Amir El Saffar, trumpeter, composer, singer, and santoor player (which is a trapezoidal hammered dulcimer with 70 strings), is garnering international acclaim for his work in traditional Iraqi Maqam (the system of melodic modes used in Arabic music) and in jazz.

**Feb. 14:** Abuakwa African Music & Dance Ensemble, Ghanaian drum and dance. Established in 1998 in Kokomlemlle, Accra, Ghana, Abuakwa explores the classical foundations of African music and dance with instruments and dance representing Africa's various indigenous cultures.

**Feb. 21:** Le Trio Joubran, Palestinian oud. The sons of a legendary instrument maker and his vocalist-wife, Le Trio Joubran carry on their family's musical traditions in contemporary style. Ouds (lutes) are rarely heard in multiples, but the intuitive sense of ensemble that these brothers share makes it a magical experience.

**Feb. 28:** Roots Vibration, Caribbean reggae. A musical force focused on authentic Caribbean stylings. Band members are from both lush islands of the Caribbean and funky streets of Detroit. The show is in collaboration with the Jamaican Association of Michigan.

**March 6:** Nadir's Distorted Soul, Detroit funk and rock. Nadir rebels against any classification of his music. Distorted Soul blends soul, jazz, and funk to create a delectable groove. Focuses on acoustic, jazz and world music areas.

**March 13:** Karim Nagi, Egyptian percussion and dance. Nagi combines the power of Arab percussion with the earthy bravado of Arab folk dance to create a solo performance with touches of electronica.

**March 20:** Claudia Calderon, Latin American folk. Pianist and composer Claudia Calderon was born in Palmira,

Please see **THURSDAYS, E5**



**PURE PICKS, FEB. 1-5**

**1** The Northville Art House presents the work of Detroit artist and printmaker Mark Arminski in its latest exhibit, "Rogue's Gallery." As one of the leading rock poster artists of the '90s, Arminski's latest works combine type, fabric and collage into striking paintings. The opening reception is 6-9 p.m. tonight, during the First Fridays Art Walk, and the exhibit runs through Feb. 24, at 215 Cady, Northville. Call (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

**2** Matchbox Twenty matches wits with angsty openers Alanis Morissette and MUTEMATH during the "Exile in America" tour, 6:30 tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$49.50 at [palacenet.com](http://palacenet.com) or call (248) 645-6666.

**3** Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit takes over the Max M. Fisher Music Center for the third consecutive day with "Magnificat: Mosaic Singers in Concert." The show starts at 4 p.m. and the Max is at 3711 Woodward, in Detroit. Tickets cost \$20 at [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org) or (313) 576-5111.

**4** Marilyn Manson's mutilated road show is going strong, and you can see the spectacle tonight at the Fillmore-Detroit, 2115 Woodward. Opener is Ours and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$55, at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

**5** Spend the night at the movies with the new Paramount Pictures comedy "Strange Wilderness," now playing in area theaters. Steve Zahn battles nature in "Strange Wilderness," opening this weekend.



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## GLOBAL

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The band performs original music plus covers from reggae greats like Bob Marley. It has opened for Caribbean artists like Shaggy, Burning Spear, Buju Banton, Shabba Ranks and Sanches.

Hear the band at [www.rootsvibration.tripod.com](http://www.rootsvibration.tripod.com).

The museum's 158-seat theater is one of the few local venues that host world music bands regularly.

While Roots Vibration performs frequently at festivals and private parties, there isn't a current local nightclub or restaurant that hosts live Caribbean music — despite the area's high Caribbean population — and despite the fact that Caribbean islands are a top tourist destination for Michiganders.

Also scheduled in the Global Thursdays series are musicians such as Nadir's Distorted Soul, of Detroit (a blend of acoustic and jazz); the Babylon Circus from France (a fusion of ska, reggae, jazz, swing and European folk music); Egypt's Karim Nagi, a solo percussionist, and Burkina Electric (West African electronica with drums, flutes, stringed instruments and the balophon — a xylophone-like instrument made with dried gourds).

## THURSDAYS

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Colombia. Based on traditional harp music, his romantic, folkloric piano style preserves the ethnic music of the mountains, plains and coasts of Venezuela and Colombia.

**March 27:** Shashank, East Indian flute.

Shashank's performances offer range from deep meditations to lighthearted fun to intense virtuosity. The show is collaboration with the Indian American Cultural Association.

**April 3:** Burkina Electric, West African electronica. Burkina Electric brings a new twist to Burkinabe music by infusing its traditional rhythms with Western club electronica. The music is played on drums, flutes, stringed instruments and a balophon (a xylophone-like instrument made with dried gourds).

**April 10:** Jere Stormer's Folk Out II, Michigan acoustic music. A cavalcade of folk musicians including Floyd King & the Bushwackers, The Rev. Robert Jones, Dennis Kingsbury, Maggie Ferguson, Denise Stein and Jim Bizer, with host, singer/songwriter Jere Stormer. In collaboration with WDET-FM, Detroit Public Radio.

**April 17:** Babylon Circus, French ska/reggae. Babylon Circus is a 10-piece group founded in 1995 in Lyon, France. The band began as a ska group but also mixes punk, reggae, folk, swing and jazz influences with its European folk roots. And, the music is mixed with humor.

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# Saving comics

Edgy writers and illustrators put the fun back in graphic novels

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Uber-hip writer Brendan Deneen is about to alter the face of the comic book world. In recent months he's taken on the enviable task of writing a new series of an old favorite - *Flash Gordon*.

Deneen's style offers something to lure the masses: edgy fun.

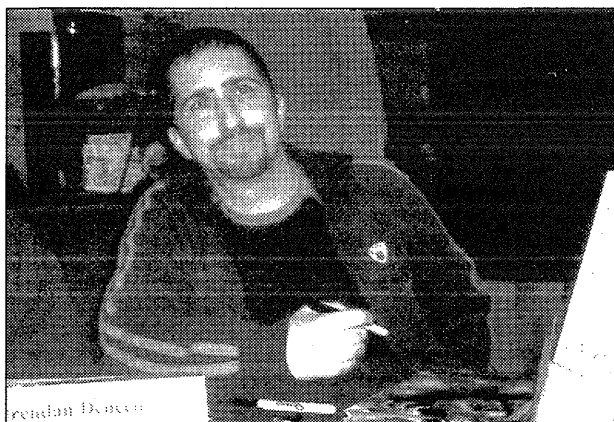
Comics have always had a loyal niche market, but no matter how sexy the books may be, the nerdy stereotype remains and perhaps keeps the mainstream away.

And then there's Deneen, 35, who would never dare to consider himself a new hero to comics. But in recent months his accomplishments prove otherwise.

He is the man who was recently awarded the job as the writer of a new monthly series of *Flash Gordon* - not a small task. His stories help make comics more accessible.

"I was a huge fan of *Flash Gordon* in my youth, especially after seeing the feature film in 1980, when I was 8 years old," Deneen said. "I think I was the perfect age to see the movie because I was blown away by it. I've kept an eye on the iterations throughout the years. . . collected the DC comic in the late

Cover Story



Writer Brendan Deneen signs autographs of "Scatterbrain." Deneen is also the author of the upcoming new "Flash Gordon" monthly comic series.



"Portal Wars" is a story that brings fun back to comics, by Brenden Deneen and Alexander Landish.

1980s and watch the recent Sci-Fi Network TV show. But the chance to work on a new version of the character, rebooting the franchise, is a dream come true."

And, he's set to release a colorful new book about two kids who refuse to believe their boring parents aren't actually involved in top secret plots that could save the entire world. That story, called *Portal Wars* is illustrated by noted artist Alexander Landish and co-created by Deneen and writing partner Rich Emms.

In between that, Deneen, of New York, released a graphic novel called *Scatterbrain* (Markosia Comics), illustrated by artist Szymon Kudranski. It's the story of disgraced cop Jack Anderson who, in a battle to fight his own internal war, becomes a vigilante to take down the mysterious criminal, *Scatterbrain*. The series has taken on a cult following that's easily traceable on the net.

Years ago, comic series like *The Sandman*, *The Crow* and *Sin City* helped expand the comic audience. Adult, gothic, characters of heroes and villains who were tormented, dangerous and sexy made comic books less geeky.

Deneen's *Scatterbrain* - aimed at adults - contains serious elements plus muted and darkly colored illustrations mixed with moments of humor. On a completely lighter side, his *Portal Wars*, bursts with colors like grape-purple and citrus-orange and is fast-paced and fun.

What makes Deneen so cool?

Perhaps his well-honed imagination, a lifelong love of comics plus his day job in the film industry help him understand what audiences enjoy. Deneen was a producer with The Weinstein Co., Dimension and Miramax films and a talent agent with the prestigious William Morris Agency. Today, he is senior vice president at the newly launched talent company Objective Entertainment in New York that deals with film and literature. He's produced films like *The Outlander* (James Caviezel) slated for release next year.

It's writers like him who are helping to expand the comic book market.

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# American Mars show off its 'Western Sides'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

It's been five years since Detroit-based alt-country darlings American Mars released its acclaimed *No City Fun*, solidifying a reputation among the most engaging live performers around. So when it came time to share that pedal-steel plucking, story-driven aesthetic in the form of the band's latest Gangplank Records release, *Western Sides*, the band had to pull out all the stops.

According to singer-songwriter Thomas Trimble, American Mars plans to transform Detroit's Magic Stick into a traveling desert roadshow in honor of the CD's release. The big-top inspired production promises Vaudevillian flare topped with cotton candy and popcorn.

"For better or worse, we've always been a small band that thinks big," said Trimble in a recent e-mail interview. "We had been talking about ways to visually present the record live and then I started watching the show *Carnivale* on HBO. That's really where the whole circus in

## AMERICAN MARS

**What:** Celebrate the long-awaited release of "Western Sides," by American Mars. The band promises its own traveling desert roadshow, complete with performances by Dan John Miller, Darling Imperial and Friendly Foes.

**When:** 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1.

**Where:** Magic Stick, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$10 for this 18 and over show. Call (248) 645-6666 or [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com)

the desert thing came from - but we think it really works well with the theme of the record, the cover art, and some of the ideas we're playing with."

Those themes, Trimble said, are rooted in the idea of relationships, in loyalty and commitment, and "maybe even more importantly, about what happens when those things break down." It's evident in the ghostly sway of album opener *Long Walk Home*, the classic Mars sounds of *Who Here?* and the downright feverish

*Democracy*. Trimble's vocals reveal a touch of Tom Petty, while the songs remain as heartfelt as ever. "It is as much about what happens between two people as it is about what happens between people in a band, in a family, or in a country that seems to have lost its way," he said.

The record marks the band's return following a hiatus taken when bassist Garth Girard was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2004.

As his health improved, American Mars returned to writing and recording new material. Pedal steel player David Feeny doubled as producer for *Western Sides*, which was recorded at his Tempermill Studio in Ferndale. "One of David's major strengths is his ability to get good performances out of the people he's working with and I'd say that's one of the big things he brings to the table with Mars," said Trimble.

"His pedal steel work is obviously another huge element but there's also lots of more subtle touches in terms of sounds and rhythms that I think help make the record more than just a collection of songs. That's all David."



American Mars, in the form of pedal steeler Dave Feeny, drummer Charles Koltak, upright bassist Garth Girard and singer-songwriter Thomas Trimble crafted "Western Sides."

Joining American Mars on its roadshow will be Dan John Miller, Darling Imperial and Friendly Foes.

Trimble said he's looking forward to touring and performing again. "It has been a long time so we're curious, and a bit anxious,

about whether or not we still have an audience," he said.

With songs like these, it seems an audience is inevitable. Visit [www.americanmars.com](http://www.americanmars.com).

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## Dancer hopes to win competition

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films at local theaters:

### "HOW SHE MOVE"

Heroine Raya Green (played by engaging newcomer Rutina Wesley) is an underdog trying to transcend her upbringing in a poor section of Toronto, and winning a step dance competition will help her earn the money to get there. She initially aligns with one crew (led

by the smooth-talking Dwain Murphy) then gets lured into another (led by the duplicitous Cle Bennett). And so you know those two teams will end up facing each other in the finals — just in time for Raya's disapproving mom (Melanie Nicholls-King) to show up. PG-13 for some drug content, suggestive material and language. 98 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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Smoked Pork and Green Chili Quesadilla, center, is flanked by a Traditional Shepherd's Pie, left, and California Benedict, at the Pine Tree Grill in Farmington Hills.

# Bistro fare tweaked at Pine Tree Grill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Penny White describes Pine Tree Grill like a Gordon Ramsay-style bistro/gastro pub.

You won't see Gordon Ramsay screaming at chefs like he does in *Hell's Kitchen*, but you will see prepared dishes created bistro-style at the restaurant, located at the Farmington Hills Golf Course on 11 Mile just west of Halstead.

White, who also owns The Breakfast Club in Madison Heights and co-owns The Breakfast Club in Farmington Hills and Pine Tree with business partner Jill Scarborough, opened Pine Tree last year. They expanded the restaurant to include seating for 120 and created a "Lake Tahoe" lodge theme, with beautiful views of the golf course at the former San Marino Club.

"We wanted to have good bar food, with a little nicer offerings of a

## PINE TREE GRILL

37777 11 Mile Court (off of 11 Mile Road, just west of Halstead), Farmington Hills (248) 476-5193

**Winter hours:** 11 a.m.- 8 p.m. (last seating at 8 p.m.) Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

**Menu:** Gastro pub/bistro style foods with breakfast and lunch specialties, dinners feature seafood (arctic char), risotto, shepherd's pie, burgers made with certified Angus beef. Restaurant has nice views of city's golf course. **Prices:** Breakfast, \$6-\$10 (averages about \$7), Lunch \$5-\$10 (averages about \$8); and dinner \$8.50-\$23 (averages \$12). **Seats:** 120.

bistro," White said. "We put a nicer twist on those foods."

That means the breakfast menu is highlighted by Oven Baked Creme Brule French toast topped with Bourbon Sauce, Orange Ginger Pancakes, and Breakfast Bowls, a strata of homefries, cheeses, eggs and other ingredients with fruit or

toast for \$7.50, along with other items.

Lunch features a crab melt sandwich with swiss cheese and avocado, Cuban sandwich with slow-cooked smoked pork. Soup and sandwich, and soup and salad combos are available, along with "sandwiches only," featuring the golf club sandwich, turkey and classic reuben and chicken salad. Pizza is also on the lunch menu.

"Bistro-style" means the restaurant serves hamburgers, but they are certified Angus beef.

Dinner serves up Arctic char, which has a similar taste to salmon, only milder, served with a maple glaze, mango salsa, rice and vegetable.

Other fish selections include Pan Seared Sea Bass with a ginger drizzle, Parmesan Crusted Whitefish, and Caramelized Sea Scallops. There's Chicken Mushroom Risotto and Bistro Roasted Chicken with a spice rub.

Shepherd's pie is another menu highlight.

With beef tenderloin fillets, 1/2 portions (4-ounce size) for a lighter meal also are offered. "We're just

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# Mon Jin Lau hosts Chinese New Year

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Cuisine, Forté, Maple Leaf Cafe (open for breakfast and lunch only), Max & Erma's, Mitchell's Fish Market, Peabody's, Phoenicia, The Rugby Grille at the Townsend Hotel (lunch only), Salvatore Scallopini, Streetside Seafood and Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar (dinner only). Menus and updated information are available at [www.enjoybirmingham.com](http://www.enjoybirmingham.com). Call individual restaurants for reservations.

**City Bites**

## A TASTE OF VENICE

Experience "A Taste of Venice" at Assaggi Bistro in Ferndale at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 with Alvise Ballarin, executive chef of Trattoria Laguna Restaurant in

Venice, Italy, and chef Dawn Bause, culinary tour director of Cooking with Dawn.

Ballarin will create signature tasting dishes for "The Joys of Cooking with Italian Olive Oils and Aged Balsamic Vinegars" and bring some oils and vinegars along for the evening. The evening's menu includes Bruschetta with Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Avocados and Extra Virgin Olive Oil; Fritto Misto (deep fried calamari and zucchini) and Salmon Tartar; Crabmeat Gnocchi, Salmon Milanese and Chicken Scaloppini with Rosemary; Fresh Tomatoes and Balsamic Vinegar; and Gelato with Fresh Strawberries drizzled with aged Balsamico di Modena. The dinner is \$85 per person, which includes a formal olive oil and balsamic tasting, plus a four-course Italian dinner with wines. Italian music will be played by Pino Marelli.

Assaggi Bistro is located at 330 W. Nine Mile Rd. in Ferndale. For reservations, call (248) 584-3499 or e-mail [JosieKnapp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JosieKnapp@sbcglobal.net).

## COAL-FIRED PIZZA

On Jan. 17, Filter published a story on Tomatoes Apizza in Farmington Hills. The restaurant serves coal-fired pizza at 29275 14 Mile Road (at Middlebelt) (248) 855-3555. A second location at 24369 Halsted Road (at Grand River) doesn't have a coal-fired oven. The phone number there is (248) 888-4888. The restaurant's Web site is [www.tomatoesapizza.com](http://www.tomatoesapizza.com).

## RESTAURANT WEEK BEGINS

Birmingham hosts its third annual Restaurant Week, Feb. 4 - 8. Diners can indulge in the culinary expertise of Birmingham's fine restaurants for a three-course lunch for \$15 and a three-course dinner for \$25. Participating restaurants are 220 Restaurant, Big Rock Chop House, Elie's Mediterranean



The dining room at the Pine Tree Grill overlooks the Farmington Hills Golf Course.

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trying to give options of ordering lighter portions," White said.

Hot pot dishes, which change daily, may feature prime rib beef stew one night and homemade chicken pot pie the next.

Daily specials sometimes include Korean ribs or beef stroganoff. Fridays offer up a fish fry.

The Pine Tree Grill represents a step away from traditional bar food, yet retains some of familiarity to fit a variety of tastes.

"We want the golfers to be happy, and we want to attract the public to something nicer than bar food," White said.

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## ART EXHIBITS

**The Dirty Show:** Runs Feb. 8-16, Bert's Warehouse Theater, 2739 Russell Street, Eastern Market, Detroit. Tickets \$15 at [www.dirtydetroit.com](http://www.dirtydetroit.com).

**Flint Institute of Arts:** "Something to Look Forward To," abstract art by 22 distinguished Americans of African descent, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint, (810) 234-1695, [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

**Oakland University:** "Image & Text," OU Biennial Faculty Exhibition, through Feb. 24, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, [www.oakland.edu/ouag](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag), (248) 370-3005.

**Southfield Public Library:** Early American Toys, Tower Lobby; Witness for the Nameless, photography and poetry by Edna Garte and Norman Dubin, Bookends Cafe; Holiday Magic, collection of holiday-themed dolls from the collection of Alan Toubeaux, WOW Wall, First Level; South Africa, photography by David Doolittle, Second Level, Gallery Wall; Glass Display, Third Level; writers' display, Third Level, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen, [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## ART GALLERIES

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** "Art & Artifact," "Black and White Drawings," artwork by Emily Pelton and BBAC students, exhibitions run through Feb. 1, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham [www.BBArtCenter.org](http://www.BBArtCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

**City Gallery:** Aspirations: A Series of New Paintings by Stephen Deeb, Feb. 6-26, meet the artist 6-8 p.m. Feb. 29, City Gallery, lobby of Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

**Clay, Etc. Studio and Gallery:** Tea Time at Clay, Etc., Feb. 4-March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Contrasts," Susan Hershberg Adelman, through Feb. 2, 22620 Woodward (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of 9 Mile), Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** The Body Electric, Feb. 6-29, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Feb. 8, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

**Lemberg Gallery:** Small Treasures, through Feb. 23, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**Northville Art House:** Print making, murals, sculptures in a Rogue's Gallery, Mark Arminski, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Feb. 1, through Feb. 24, 215 Cady, Northville (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

**PaulKotulaProjects:** Jim Shrosbree: Zero Suspension, through Feb. 23, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, [www.paulkotula.com](http://www.paulkotula.com).

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Otherworldly" runs through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery presents multimedia work of Nicole Pangas, through Feb. 23, all at 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** Nicole Pangas, artist who experiments in painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and clay, exhibit through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery, 407 Pine, Rochester [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org) (248) 651-4110.

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Winterfresh, Brian Mahoney, through March 1, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, [www.susannehilberry.com](http://www.susannehilberry.com)



[berrygallery.com](http://berrygallery.com). The Print Gallery: 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield [www.EverythingArt.com](http://www.EverythingArt.com), (248) 356-5454.

**UFO Factory:** The Art of Wolf Eyes & Family, selected new works by Mike Connelly Tara Connelly, Heath Moerland, John Olson, Nate Young and Alivia Zivich, through Feb. 9, 1345 Division, Ste 101, Detroit, visit [ufofactory.com](http://ufofactory.com), (248) 632-3670.

## ART ETC.

**2008 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest:** Young Jewish artists entering grades 8-12 invited to learn about ArtsFest, at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield (248) 432-5467.

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** Gifts from the Heart Sale, Feb. 1-14, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, [www.BBArtCenter.org](http://www.BBArtCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

**D & M Art Studio:** Surviving Deployment, through end of January; mid-winter workshops Feb. 15 on Egyptian Treasures, 8491 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, \$24, (734) 453-3710, [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com).

**Snowflake Ball:** Gala with masquerade theme, masks and black ties optional, art demonstrations, dinner, auctions, open bar, music for dancing, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9, \$95, proceeds benefit Orion Art Center, Addison Oaks Ballroom, Leonard (248) 693-4986, [www.orionartcenter.org](http://www.orionartcenter.org).

## CHORAL

**Beckridge Chorale:** Auditions for current season, "A Salute to Stage, Screen and Television," appointment only, through Feb. 8, (734) 416-9885, email [Beckridgechorale@aol.com](mailto:Beckridgechorale@aol.com).

**Metropolitan Singers:** sing old and new songs, practice each Monday at Birney School in Southfield, call (248) 548-6652 for information.

**Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit:** Magnificat: Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 1-3, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, \$20, [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org), (313) 576-5111.

**University Musical Society:** 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](http://www.ums.org).

**Plymouth Oratorio Society:** No audition necessary, works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams and Lauridsen will be performed with the

MI Sinfonietta Orchestra May 4, call (734) 455-8353 for more information.

## CLASSICAL

**Chamber Music at the Scarab Club:** Bandoneon and accordion virtuoso Peter Soave, Soave and Strings, 3 p.m. Feb. 17, \$20, Marygrove College, 8425 McNichols, Detroit <http://www.thescarabclub.org>, (248) 474-8930.

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** "Knussen on Knussen," Oliver Knussen conducts orchestra performing his own works, Feb. 8-10, \$20-\$71, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111.

**Plymouth Canton Symphony Society:** Sensational Strings, 8 p.m. Feb. 9, Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road just west of Newburgh, Livonia, \$25; Special Benefit Concert, A Beatles Blast, 8 p.m. Feb. 21, Penn Theatre, downtown Plymouth, pre-concert cocktail party, 6:30 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery, \$100 a ticket, tax deductible; (734) 451-2112, [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

**Rackham Symphony Choir:** An Affair to Remember with pianist Alvin Waddles, an evening of dining, serenade and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, Club Venetian, 29310 John R, Madison Heights, \$60, (586) 242-0022.

**University Musical Society:** Assad Brothers' Brazilian Guitar Summit, Feb. 1, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538; A Celebration of the Keyboard: Music for Piano Four Hands with Wu Han, Inon Barnatan, Gilbert Kalish, Anne-Marie McDermott, Andre-Michel Schub, Gilles Vonsattel, Feb. 2, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538.

**University Musical Society:** Chicago Classical Oriental Ensemble in Al-fursan at-talatha (The Three Musketeers), 8 p.m. Feb. 8, Guarneri String Quartet and Johannes Quartet, 8 p.m. Feb. 9, Wu Man with Bay Area Shawm Band, 4 p.m. Feb. 10, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor; violinist Christian Tetzlaff, 8 p.m. Feb. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

## CLUBS

**Bosco:** Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, [www.the-bosco.com](http://www.the-bosco.com), (248) 541-8818.

**The Crofoot Ballroom:** Pure Salsa, Feb. 1, 8; From the Jam, Feb. 5; Manna and Quail, Feb. 16, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

**Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge:** Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

**Edison's:** John D. Lamb Band, Jan. 31; Close Call, Feb. 1-2; Robert Penn, Feb. 7; The Push, Feb. 8-9; Aaron Vaughn, Feb. 14; Code Blue, Feb. 15-16; The Blue Kings, Feb. 21; Larry Lee, Feb. 22-23; The Push, Feb. 28; Bazooka Charlie, Feb. 29-March 1; 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

**Ginopolis on the Grill:** Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell; Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

**The Magic Stick:** Detroit Music Showcase, Jan. 31; American Mars CD release, Feb. 1; Daniel Johnston, Feb. 5; The Bravery, Feb. 13; Super Furry Animals with Times New Viking, Feb. 17; SIA, March 1, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**The Majestic Theatre:** All That Remains, Feb. 8; The Black Dahlia Murder, Feb. 15; The English Beat, Feb. 20; New York Dolls, Feb. 22; Yellowcard, March 13; 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**O-Zen 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, Tuesdays; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; [www.ozenlounge.com](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

**The Pike Room:** Spades Alone, Jan. 31; Todd Alsip, Feb. 1; The Whigs, Feb. 6; Back Seat Cadillac, Feb. 8; Nina Natasia, Feb. 13; Oscillating Fan Club Feb. 14, at 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

**The Shelter:** The Pacific Sunwear Music Tour feat. The Audition, Feb. 9, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**Sky Club:** Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Brian Kiley, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2; Dave Dyer, Feb. 7-9; Kira Soltanovich, Feb. 14-16; Jef Brannan, Feb. 21-23; Mark Sweeney, Feb. 28-March 1; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, [www.aacomedy.com](http://www.aacomedy.com).

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Dave Attell, Feb. 8, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, \$29.50, call (248) 645-6666.

**Fox Theatre:** Chris Rock, Feb. 29 and March 1, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$65.50-\$99.50, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**The Second City:** The Best of Second City-Detroit, on Sundays, (Mondays and Tuesdays for group booking); The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com).

## CONCERTS

**Cobo Arena:** Rockstar Taste of Chaos Tour with Avenged Sevenfold, Areyu, Bullet For My Valentine, Blessthefall, Mucc, D'espairsray, The Underneath, March 8, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: Marilyn Manson, Feb. 4; The Green 17 Tour with Flogging Molly, Feb. 9, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** A Valentine's Rock 'N' Roll Spectacular with Sonny Turner (former lead singer of the Platters), The Vogues, The Diamonds, The Reflections, Jack Scott, Lou Christie, Bill Haley's Original Comets, Little Peggy March, The Marcells, 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16, \$27-\$67, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 943-2354 Ext. 1.

**The Fox Theatre:** B.B. King, Feb. 16; The Jonas Brothers, two shows Feb. 23; 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Kid Rock, Feb. 8-9; Linkin Park with Coheed and Cambria, Feb. 16; Foo Fighters with Against Me! and Serj Tankian, Feb. 24, (248) 645-6666, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**Majestic Theatre:** All That Remains, Feb. 8; The Black Dahlia Murder, Feb. 15; 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

**Michigan Theatre:** James Blunt, Feb. 23; 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace:** Matchbox Twenty with Alanis Morissette and MTEMATH, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2; The Spice Girls, Feb. 16; Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Dierks Bentley, Feb. 21; Blue Man Group, Feb. 23; (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Louis CK, Feb. 16; Citizen Cope, Feb. 22; 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 645-6666.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** Matt Nathanson, Feb. 5; 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Chinese New Year Celebration:** Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, 3 p.m. Feb. 16, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, also Chinese New Year Buffet, \$20 per person 1-2:30 p.m. Music Box, \$19-\$50, reservations must be made in advance for buffet.

**Detroit Opera House:** Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING, [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org).

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see [www.ede-dance.org](http://www.ede-dance.org).

**University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance:** Stravinsky Revisited, University Dance Company, choreography by Rennie Harris, Daniel Gwirtzman and Ginger Thatcher, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, \$18-\$24, (734) 764-2538.

## FAMILY

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** Arthur Live, Feb. 2, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn, \$40-\$49 (313) 943-2354, [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

**Fox Theatre:** Sesame Street Live presents "Elmo Makes Music," through Feb. 10, Tickets \$12-\$32, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Campus Martius Park:** Skate at the rink through March 16, (313) 963-9393 or visit [www.campusmartiuspark.org](http://www.campusmartiuspark.org) for hours and admission prices, Woodward Avenue between Forst Street and Michigan Avenue.

**Outdoorama:** Feb. 28-March 2, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14, [www.Outdoorama.com](http://www.Outdoorama.com), (800) 328-6550.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Disney On Ice Presents: "High School Musical The Ice Tour," Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

## FILM

**Oakland Community College:** "About a Son," film documentary about the life of Kurt Cobain, 7 p.m. Feb. 6, free, Room 101, Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 522-3793.

**Penn Theatre:** Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Feb. 7; A Brief Encounter, Feb. 14; A Hard Day's Night, Feb. 28; tickets \$3; free tickets at Michigan Made & More, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Hands On Leather (734) 453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com).

## FOOD & WINE

**Olympia Club at Joe Louis Arena:** Eighth annual Toast of Hockeytown, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 13; benefits the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, \$200, (313) 396-7524.

**Venetian Carnevale:** Strolling dinner, wines, entertainment, Italian-inspired art, auction of vintage jewelry, event at 1929 English Tudor home, 800 Griswold, 7 p.m.-midnight, Feb. 2, \$100, proceeds



benefit Northville Art House, formal attire or Venetian costume is suggested, (248) 344-0497 or purchased at the Northville Art House, 215 Cady Street, during business hours.

## JAZZ

**Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant:** Pieces of a Dream, jazz and R&B fusion group, Jan. 31-Feb. 2; Byron Miller, bass player, Feb. 8-9; Vocalist Jean Carne, two shows per night, Feb. 14-17; call (248) 357-6009 for ticket prices and show times, or visit [www.arturosjazz.com](http://www.arturosjazz.com), 25333 W. 12 Mile Rd., just west of Telegraph in Star Theatre Complex, Southfield.

**Baker's Keyboard Lounge:** Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.

**Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Kerry Price and Friends, Feb. 2; Rick Bryant, Feb. 16; \$10 cover, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Mardi Gras Party with Bill Meyer and the All Stars, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 3, \$15 advance tickets, dancing and costumes encouraged, bring your parasol or they are available for purchase, Knights of Columbus Livonia, 19801 Farmington Rd. (between 7 and 8 Mile roads), Livonia, for tickets and information, call (248) 478-0172.

**The Innate Healing Arts Center and Golden Gate Cafes:** Ralph Koziarski's Expedition, 9-midnight, Feb. 8, 18700 Woodward, Detroit (313) 366-2247.

**Oakland Community College:** Saxophonist Marion Meadows, 8 p.m. Feb. 8, \$20, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Ridge Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 341-2270.

## MORE MUSIC

**First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak:** Caberet with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

**First United Methodist Church:** Pino Forastiere, virtuoso guitarist, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2, presented by Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society, \$20, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale, tickets at [www.fingerstyle.org](http://www.fingerstyle.org), also a two-hour guitar workshop with Forastiere at noon Feb. 3, \$40, (248) 646-4030.

**Giulio's Cucina Italiana:** Night of Opera and Show Tunes, soprano Annie Radcliffe and pianist tenor David Carle, from the Michigan Opera Theater, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 427-9500.

**Music Hall Center for Performing Arts:** Amel Larrieux and Dwele, Jan. 31, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$35-\$55, Ticketmaster, (313) 887-8500, [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).

**Palmer Woods Concert Series:** Peter Psarianos & Odyssey, Feb. 23; Violinist Jannina Barefield, March 15; Straight Ahead Trio, April 26; A. Spencer Barefield & Donald Mayberry, May 24, tickets \$25 per concert or \$100 for the series, (313) 920-4864.

**Trinity House Theatre:** Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Feb. 1; David Rogers and Jason Dennie, Feb. 2; Josh White Jr., Feb. 8; The Tracy Kash Thomas Quartet, Feb. 9, 38840 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

## MUSEUMS

**Arab American National Museum:** "Fragmentation & Unity: The Art of Sari Koury," Jan. 31-April 27, opening 6 p.m. Jan. 31, 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, (313) 582-2266.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** "Richard Knight: Photographing Saarinen," through March 22; From Frank Lloyd Wright to George Nakashima: Uncovering the John Bloom Bequest," through March 22, "William Massie: An American House," March 7-Sept.



ANDREW ECCLES

## Alvin Ailey Dance Theater

In time for Black History Month, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform five shows at the Detroit Opera House Jan. 31-Feb. 3. The company will perform works by notable choreographers, including Twyla Tharp and Ailey himself, set to music from African-American spirituals to Pink Floyd. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, \$23-\$73, are available at the DOH ticket office (1526 Broadway, Detroit), by phone at (313) 237-SING or online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org).

14, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield-Hills, call (877) 60-CRANbrook (1-877-462-7262) or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

**Cranbrook Institute of Science:** The PGA Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, May 23-July 30, museum's west entrance building, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

**Cranbrook Science Museum:** Featured exhibit is "It's a Nano World." Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

**Detroit Historical Museum:** African American Family Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 2, free admission all day; Film Series showing "Grandma's Pharmacy" by Elizabeth Greene, Feb. 9-10; Author Series features "Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne" by David Jamroz and James Conway, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 13, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-1805, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "Julie Mehretu: City Sitings" now through March 30; March 9 is Target Free Family Sunday; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," March 2-May 25; Guided tours in January, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

**Detroit Science Center:** New IMAX is "Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs," at 5020 John R. Street, call (313) 577-8400 or visit [detroit-sciencecenter.org](http://detroit-sciencecenter.org).

**The Henry Ford:** "With Liberty and Justice for All," through Feb. 29, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway

and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit [www.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.org).

**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** "Holy Hip Hop!" with paintings by Alex Melamid opens Feb. 8; "ReFusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" exhibit featuring 40 items designed by founder of Comme des Garçons, opens Feb. 8, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-6622.

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:** Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs Feb. 2 through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org).

## OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata, May 10-11, 14, 16-18; all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org).

**Michigan Opera Theatre:** MOT artists Maria Cimarelli, Betsy Bronson, Karl Schmidt, Mark Vondrak perform love songs, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, \$18, Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1848.

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Belle Isle Nature Zoo:** Volunteers needed, 18 years or older, orientation 6-8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 2-4 p.m. Feb. 17; help needed for deer encounters, special events, contact Linda Denomme, volunteer services manager, at (248) 541-5717 Ext. 3806 or [ldennomme@dzo.org](mailto:ldennomme@dzo.org).

**Detroit Zoo:** Wild Winter Weekends, held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends

January through March, at the Ford Education Center, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717.

**Gilda's Club Metro Detroit:** 10th Anniversary open house, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 13, (248) 577-0800, [www.gildasclubdetroit.org](http://www.gildasclubdetroit.org).

**Haberman Fabrics:** Super Bowl Sunday Football Widows Sewing Retreat, noon-5 p.m. Feb. 3, three project demos, fashion sewing, bring sewing projects, play sewers' bingo to win gift certificates, \$20 minimum advance, \$30 minimum day of, fund-raiser for HAVEN, (248) 541-0010.

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Poet Saul Williams "History of the Word" play, select spoken word artists, 7 p.m. Feb. 16, \$7-\$12, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. Detroit (313) 887-8500 [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).

**The Magic Stick:** Let's Make Love A Masquerade Dance Party, Feb. 9, 4120 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700.

**Oakland Community College:** How Architecture Shapes Us: Five Structures in Five Historic Sites, lectures on important constructions of buildings, The Duomo, Orchard Ridge Campus Smith Theatre, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 4; The Underground, Transportation in 19th century London, Auburn Hills Campus F Building, Room 123, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 6; The Reichstag - Political Affairs in 20th century Germany, Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7; all lectures are free, (248) 942-3094.

**Oakland Community College:** Mariachi Night, two hours of traditional Mexican music with the eight-member Alma de Mexico, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., just south of I-696 (248) 522-3420.

## THEATER - COLLEGE

**University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company:** "And Neither Have I Wings to Fly," Feb. 1-17; "The Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, [theatre.udmercy.edu](http://theatre.udmercy.edu).

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

**The Farmington Players:** "Chapter Two," Feb. 15-29, March 1-8; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27; May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).

**The Furniture Factory:** Breathe Art Theatre presents "Oleanna" by David Mamet, Feb. 1-16, 4126 Third Street, Detroit, \$15-\$20, (313) 831-1939 or [BreatheArtTheatreProject@yahoo.com](http://BreatheArtTheatreProject@yahoo.com).

**Marquis Theatre:** "Velveteen Rabbit," March 15-16, 24-30, April 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild:** Theatre workshops on stage lighting and vocal work, 1 and 4 p.m. Feb. 9-10, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, (586) 770-8114, visit [www.stdunstantheatre.com](http://www.stdunstantheatre.com) for details.

**Stagecrafters:** "Cabaret," through Feb. 10, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430.

**Tipping Pointe Theatre:** "Almost Maine," Feb. 2-March 8, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

**Spotlight Players:** "Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23, Feb. 29 and March 1, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. March 2, 9; Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net).

**Who Wants Cake:** "Bug," Feb. 15-March 10; The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.

## THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

**Bloomfield Hills Andover:** Senior directed Play Festival with "Imagine That!" and "Cell Block Tango," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, 4 p.m. Feb. 11, proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society, (248) 341-5625, one block west of Telegraph, one block south of Long Lake Road.

**The Fantasticks:** Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Dearborn High School, 19501 Outer Drive (north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn (313) 827-1647.

## THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

**Broadway Onstage Live Theatre:** "Corpse," through Feb. 9; "Weekend Comedy," Feb. 22-March 29; "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," April 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

**Fisher Theatre:** Mamma Mia! Feb. 12-24, at 301 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 872-1000, [www.BroadwayinDetroit.com](http://www.BroadwayinDetroit.com).

**Fox Theatre:** "Jesus Christ Superstar," March 14-15, \$22-\$69; "Tyler Perry's The Marriage Counselor," April 3-6, \$42-\$52; "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

**Gem Theatre:** "Menopause The Musical," Feb. 13-April 6, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Rabbit Hole," through Feb. 3; "Biloxi Blues," Feb. 13-March 9; "Moonlight and Magnolias," March 19-April 13; "Man of La Mancha," April 23-May 18; Nunsense starring Cindy Williams, April 23-May 18; Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree starring Lee Meriweather, May 28-June 8; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), for more information, visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

**Planet Ant Theatre:** "A Man of No Importance," Feb. 22-March 15; "On Parenting," Feb. 29-March 15, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948.

**The Vagina Monologues:** Presented along with performances of A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, A Prayer, courtesy of Think Girl, the show runs Feb. 1-3, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$20, call (313) 965-1515 or visit [www.ThinkGirl.net](http://www.ThinkGirl.net).



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# Songwriter group performs in Livonia

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Songwriters Anonymous trade marketing ideas, help each other organize concerts, bounce lyrics off each other and, of course, play music.

The group of Michigan-based songwriters and singers — professionals, semi-professionals and amateurs — are also coming together for a unique performance at the Trinity House Theater in Livonia to raise money for the same theatre during the Songwriters Anonymous of Michigan Showcase at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1. The evening is also a CD release party for the group.

"The Trinity House Theater graciously allows us to use their facility for our meetings," said Ben Hassenger, SA member. "We meet once a month to offer support, learn methods to further our craft and have fun." Hassenger plays in the rock/reggae/rhythm band Mystic Shake; and in the singer/songwriter duo Blue Jello.

Performing that night are several



John Finan, of Plymouth, is one of the performers.

Michigan musicians: Hassenger, Annie Capps, Tom & Marilyn, Steve Kovich, Ron Muka, Mike Ewing, John Finan, Judy Insley, Jere Stormer, Kathy Kitzman, Mike Stephens, Bobby Pennock, Art Cameron, Idell Smith, Dan Hazlett, Angela Predhomme and Kathy Wieland.

The group accepts new members and requires attendance of the majority of the monthly meetings. (Visit [myspace.com/songanon](http://myspace.com/songanon) for details.)

Trinity House is located at 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12. Check out [www.trinity-house.org](http://www.trinity-house.org).

## MOVIES

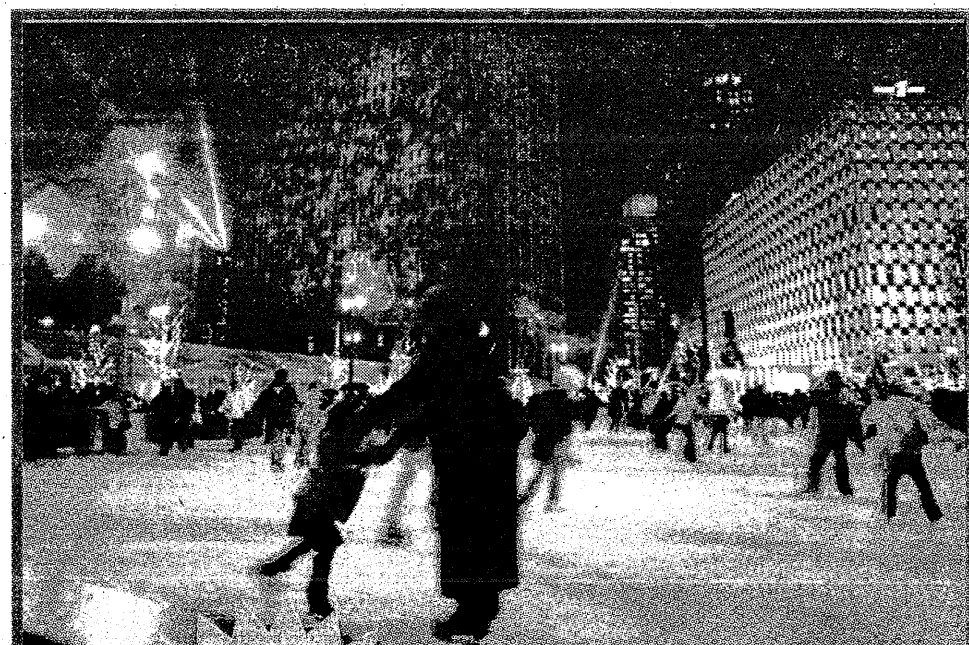
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### "RAMBO"

Sylvester Stallone's Chapter 4 in his franchise about the Vietnam vet turned one-man army is about the condition of humans — after they've been blown apart by bombs, land mines and projectiles fired from the biggest, loudest fire-

arms you may ever encounter on screen. Co-written and directed by Stallone, the movie is almost degenerate in its savagery. The movie might satisfy bloodthirsty action fans, but for most people, this is one Stallone do-over we could have done without. R for strong graphic bloody violence, sexual assaults, grisly images and language. 93 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

David Germain, AP Movie Writer



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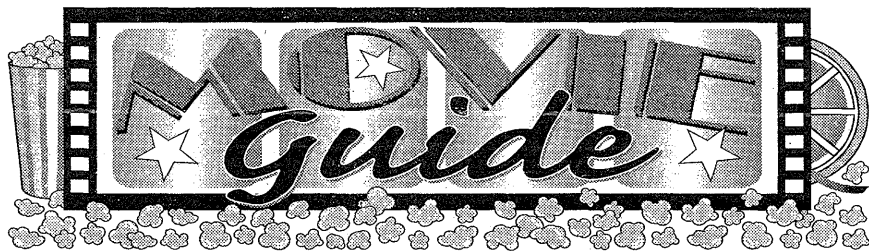
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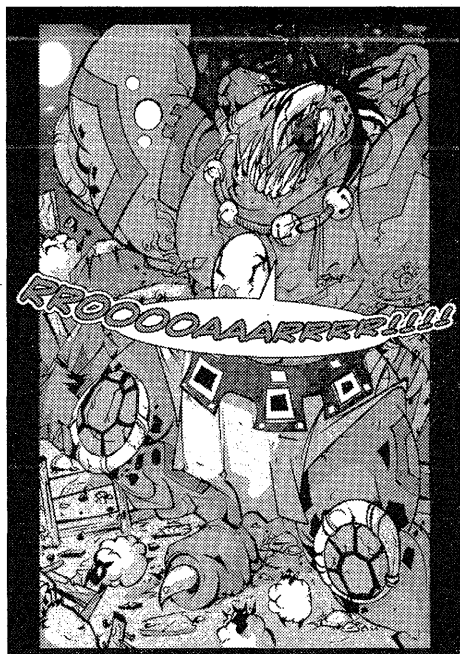
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Currently, an exhibit featuring the artwork of local illustrators has been attracting heavy crowds to the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac. *The American Comic Book - A Detroit Perspective*, features original comic book art and paintings by local artists like Sean Bieri, Keith Pollard, Suzanne Baumann and Matt Feazell - artists who aren't afraid to be daring.

An expanding market has benefited Detroit's strong comic book scene. Stores, like the Green Brain in Dearborn, are always crowded on Saturday afternoons. Ferndale's new Detroit Comics is frequently packed with hipsters, kids, stay-at-home moms and high powered executives — all seeking comics for the pure joy of a good story.

Deneen's take on the *Flash* character should be interesting. It will stay true to the roots of the myths, drawing largely from the original 1930s comic strip, while modernizing certain elements, he said.

*Flash* is now a former Olympic athlete turned Yale professor, while Dale Arden is a CIA agent. They still have their romantic relationship but it's complicated and will evolve. "I'm able to use a lot of characters and settings from the original comic strip that weren't seen in the 1980 feature film."

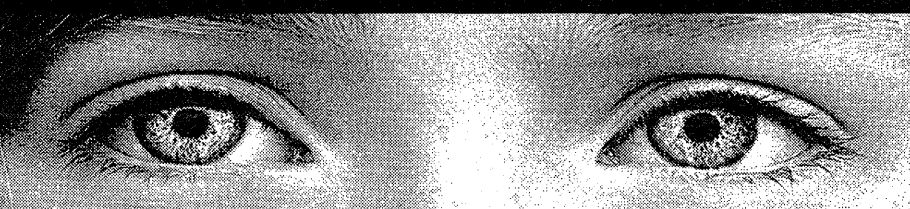


The monsters of *Portal Wars* - like the creature of *Cloverfield* - are exciting enough to attract a new audience to fantasy stories.

The new comic is not related to the television show currently on Sci-Fi Network because that character is owned by King Features.

As for Deneen, he said: "I'm one of those people who like to hang at the comic book stores - when I have time. I love them as much as any other fan, so to have the privilege to write them...it's a huge honor for me."

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**When:** Through Saturday, Feb. 16

**Location:** Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac (248) 333-7849

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through

Saturdays Web Site: <http://www.pontiac.mi.us/cac/>

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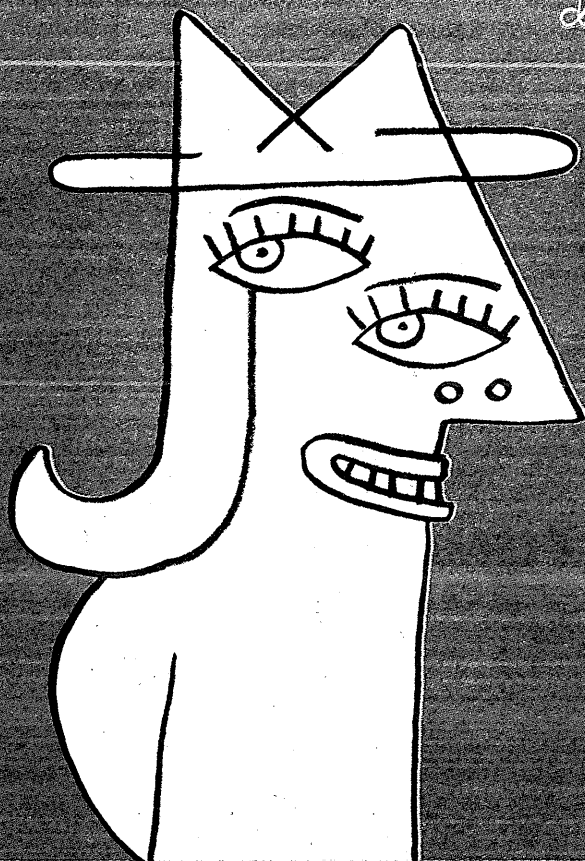
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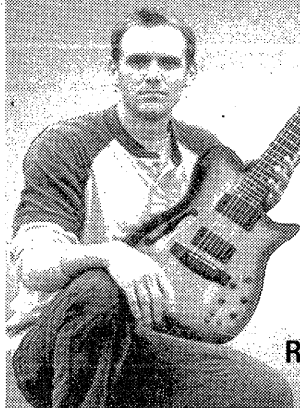


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