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## Businesses hope signs will help

TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials are moving forward with plans to help distressed Plymouth Township businesses that have been suffering financial losses of up to 40 percent since Sheldon Road closed for the underpass project more than a year ago.

"We talked to the MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) engineers and we'll be able to move forward with putting variable message boards that will go on M-14," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive. "It will help people to know that Sheldon Road at Five Mile is still open."

"We'll also be putting up temporary signs on the right-of-way (near the intersection) to indicate the stores at Five Mile and Sheldon are open," he said. "The Wayne County technology department is providing Web links with business logos, discount coupons and other pieces of marketing to help the businesses."

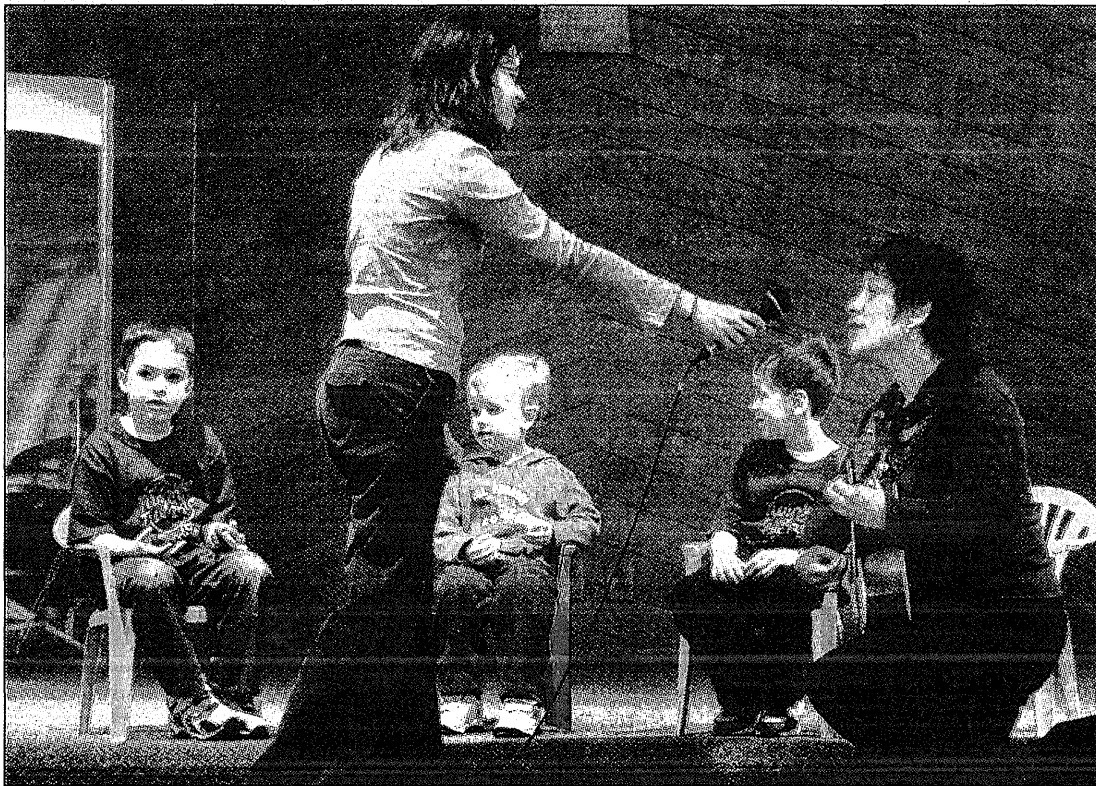
Representatives of the three dozen businesses in the area met with county officials last month, seeking help to improve customer counts and profits, which have plummeted since the project — which closed Sheldon Road at the CSX Railroad tracks — began in January 2007.

"It's a little late in the game, but I'm not going to turn down anything they offer that can help us," said Nicole Rich, who runs the Subway restaurant in what is commonly called the Busch's strip mall, not far from the construction zone. "We've pretty much hit rock bottom, we're down about 25 percent, which correlates with the time frame the project started."

"We've had to step up our marketing campaign and spend extra money, which isn't easy to do," she added. "We've been targeting local businesses, some of the residential base and a number of in-store promotions, such as giveaways and drastic discounts."

Randy Lorey of Lorey Cleaners agreed it's a start, but he's not sure he'll recover his double-digit losses. "This is not my knight in shining armor, but I'm not letting up," Lorey said. "I'm going to try and increase my business in other ways to bring back sales."

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Jacob Endres, Joshua Kayden and Ryan Tomaszycy sing 'I Know a Chicken' with a little help from music therapist Debbie Gombert (right) and student music therapist Julie Raphael.

## A time to shine

### Talent show allows students to show growth

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

For most of the first eight years of the Building Bridges Therapy Center's annual "Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars" talent show, Casey Orr was a participant.

As she celebrated her 17th birthday Saturday, she had graduated to valuable helper for the ninth annual show at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

To paraphrase an old commercial, Casey has come a long way, baby.

"She looks forward to it every year, and she's made great friendships," said proud mom Sue Orr. "Casey has made great strides over the years. She could barely talk when she started, and now she can carry on a conversation."

Building Bridges (formerly Speech, Language and Sensory-Motor Systems Inc.) is a Plymouth Township-based therapy center specializing in working with special needs students. The annual talent show is a vehicle for those students to display the things they've learned over the course of the year.

The number of participants was down this year — some 15 youngsters signed up, although a few missed the event due to illness — but the show went on, and went on well.



Arianna Bickle of Joanne's Dance Extension and ballet dancer Kylie Diluvio perform during Saturday's Building Bridges talent show.

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## Recall 101

### Taxpayers Alliance draws help with legislator recall

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

David Pauley of Plymouth Township is tired of what's happening in Lansing these days, which is why he was among nearly 50 people who met Monday night with members of Michigan Taxpayers Alliance in Livonia to learn the process and secure petitions in the recall of state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, and House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township.

"I'm sick and tired of what's been going on in Lansing with the tax increases, and what it's been doing to our state," said Pauley, 47, who plans to circulate recall petitions against Corriveau. "It's driving citizens away, driving away college graduates who are moving from our state and businesses won't locate here. I felt it was necessary for me to get involved to ensure people are educated and get a voice."

Corriveau — who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, a section of Canton and the city of Wayne — came under fire for his Oct. 1 vote in favor of an income tax increase from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent to balance the state budget. Recall petitioners must collect more than 10,000 registered-voter signatures by May 1 (90 days) to recall Corriveau on the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

Former state Rep. Leon Drolet, the head of Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, defended the reasoning behind recalling Dillon, Corriveau and a handful of other lawmakers, rather than back a candidate to defeat the legislators. If successful, the effort could force them out of office immediately after the election is certified.

"Elections that come up in November, with the presidential election, are about things like the Right to Life, the National Rifle Association, unions and all kinds of things," Drolet said. "But recall is about that lawmaker in their current term of office and their behavior concerning taxes and spending."

"It's to send a message to everybody left in Lansing, and that's you don't raise taxes on citizens when the economy is down," he said. "The message is tax increases come last and spending cuts and downsizing government come first."

Corriveau said constituents would better be served by voting him out of office, instead of forcing him to spend his time in Lansing fighting a recall.

"I think you have a personal look at what they are trying to do, especially considering they're not from our area," Corriveau said. "This kind of political assassination seems to be a game for them."

"Considering the timing, so close to the next election, it doesn't make sense unless they're trying to hijack my district and tell my constituents who should be representing them," he added.

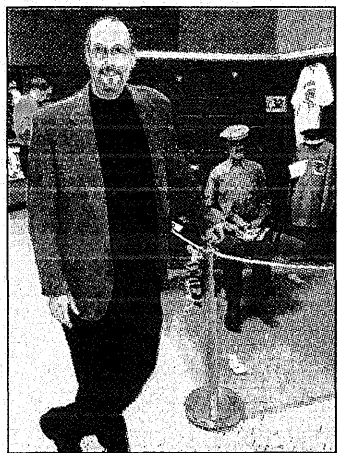
Kevin Lambert of Plymouth Township said he'll make certain Corriveau notices his signature on the recall petition.

"I'm going to sign it in the memory of John Hancock (who signed the Declaration of Independence), extra big so the king could see it without his glasses," Lambert said. "With all the difficult circumstances people in Michigan have, I can't understand how he could have supported tax increases."

Should Rep. Marc Corriveau be recalled? E-mail your opinion to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

### WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

For information on how to get involved, e-mail John Hett at [recallcorriveau@yahoo.com](mailto:recallcorriveau@yahoo.com) or call Rose Bogaert of MTA at (313) 278-8383.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Frayer loaned his extensive collection of baseball memorabilia to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

## Opening day comes early to museum

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature may be saying it's the dead of winter with the recent arctic blast, but the reality of spring training — which began today for the Detroit Tigers — brings warm thoughts of Opening Day at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The museum's newest exhibit, "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" — which includes Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander's 2006 World Series jersey; the bat and batting helmet from American

League batting champion Magglio Ordonez; Al Kaline's batting helmet, bat and jersey; and Hal Newhouser's World War II uniform among hundreds of memorabilia — is a strong reminder spring is near, despite what the groundhog predicted.

"The Ilitch Holdings archives, because they are private and not in a museum, isn't seen often," said Liz Kerstens, museum director, who proudly wears dangling earrings with a red "C," which exhibits her love for the Chicago Cubs. "They were thrilled to let us borrow

some of it."

The display of hundreds of baseball artifacts also includes information about Plymouth's first baseball club, the Lone Stars, which was formed in 1866; the Negro Leagues; and the All-American Girls Baseball League. There are hundreds of photos, bats, old scorecards, newspaper articles and uniforms worn in the movie *A League of Their Own*.

Much of the exhibit comes from the collection of Mike Frayer of

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) affects adults and children

**Toxic toys**

Labor officials, lawmakers and experts take part in a Toxic Toy Town Hall Meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Plymouth Community Church of Christ.

Free toy testing will be available (limit three toys per person). The event is free and open to the public. Plymouth Community Church of Christ is located at 12401 Ridge in Plymouth.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Laura Russello, Clean Water Action, (734) 222-6347 or lrussello@cleanwater.org; Mike Shriberg, Ecology Center, (734) 761-3186, Ext. 108 or mikes@ecocenter.org; or Sue Browne, Blue Green Alliance, (269) 945-4443 or sbrowne@usw.org

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

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

**Music series**

Join the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church as they continue their artistic series "Music at St. John's: Resounding Art in a Sacred Space," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

University of Michigan graduate vocal students and award winners Rhea Olivaccé and Steven Tompkins will

present a dual recital of art songs, spirituals, and scene's from Puccini's *La Boheme*. Known for their musical sensitivity and ability to connect with audiences, these artists will be joined by pianist Lydia Qui. Simultaneously, St. John's resident artist Robin Janning will present an art exhibit entitled *Vessels of the Spirit* in the church gathering hall.

St. John's is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or e-mail selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org

**Chat with Lincoln**

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Plymouth Historical Museum will be open to the public, free of charge, in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 199th birthday. Lincoln, as portrayed by 35th District Court Judge and Plymouth Historical Society Director Ron Lowe, will be wandering the museum's "Main Street" telling stories to visitors. Other Lincoln contemporaries will also be present at the open house.

Visitors get a chance to see the museum's Lincoln Exhibit, featuring the Lincoln collection of Dr. Weldon Petz. The museum's new exhibit, "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" is on display through June 1.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street. Hours on Feb. 16 are 1-4 p.m.; normal hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 455-8940, or visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org

**Money management seminar**

Homeowners struggling with mounting debt wanting to protect their homes from mortgage delinquency and foreclosure are being encour-



**Care packages**

Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit recently descended upon the Livonia Post Office to mail some 76 'care packages' they'd put together for U.S. troops serving in the Middle East. The packages included everything from personal products to socks, snack food, magazines and books. Among those making the delivery were (from left) Ed and Joyce Sproul of Farmington Hills, Harry Daniels of Livonia, Franklin Dohanyos (who brought his bagpipe for entertainment) of Royal Oak, and Mary and Scott David (the group's president) of Plymouth. The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit has been in existence since 1849, and donates between \$25,000 and \$40,000 annually to charities in Michigan, the U.S. and Scotland.

aged to attend a free money management seminar 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Community Financial, GreenPath Debt Solutions and Plymouth Community United Way are teaming up to educate homeowners about how to protect their money and their mortgages.

Natalie McLaughlin, the credit union's senior education partnership coordinator, will lead the workshop. Other presenters include Ken Kollar, asset protection manager for Community Financial; David Barnett, community relations and educational specialist for GreenPath Debt Solutions; and Beth Luke, community relations and educational specialist for ACCEL Members Financial Services.

Attendees will not be required to share personal financial information at the seminar, which is free to the public. For those seeking

additional assistance after the seminar, there will be an opportunity to schedule free personal appointments to review your current mortgage, credit score and report, and to obtain financial counseling.

To ensure adequate seating, reservations are recommended by calling Betty Nolan of the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2.

**Bowling fund-raiser**

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary hosts a bowling fund-raiser for the Tanger School Playground and other Rotary projects Sunday, Feb. 24, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton.

Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m., with bowling to start at 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adults, \$12 per youth, and includes two games of nine-pin, no-tap bowling, two slices of pizza and Cosmic Lights. Shoe rental available for 99 cents. A 50/50 raffle and door prizes will also be available. For advance tickets or more information, call Super Bowl, (734) 459-6070; Tom Sweeney, (734) 679-6300; or e-mail Dawn Ham-Kucharski at alexsmom@comcast.net

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool hosts a parent-only informational meeting for fall classes 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at The Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Registration is \$35 and will be accepted that night. Tiny Tots is a Christian-based preschool program for children ages 3-5.

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

**Lacrosse fund-raiser**

The Plymouth, Canton, and Salem boys lacrosse teams are having a fund-raiser with Canton Coney Island (8533 North Lilley Road in Canton) on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 4-9 p.m. If you present the lacrosse coupon with your order, the teams will earn 20 percent of the sales between 4-9 p.m. The coupon can be found at www.pcslacrosse.com.

The Plymouth High lacrosse team is holding a parent/player meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in room 401 at Plymouth High School. For more information contact Cindy Martin at crsm1@comcast.net or (734) 981-4416.

**Lincoln roundtable**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Dr. Martin Herschcock with his presentation, "We Know No Party Until This Contest Is Over."

The meeting takes place 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Rd. The public is invited, admission is free. For more information, call (734) 451-7998.

**Charity bowling**

Join WNIC celebrities at Seedlings' 21st Annual Bowling for Braille Books Sunday, March 9, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton sponsored by Foresters, Community Choice Credit Union and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

This event will help put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be many great raffle prizes and the bowlers who raise the most pledges will be eligible for top prize packages. Help bring the

gift of literacy to blind children and reach the 2008 goal of 25,000 braille books.

New this year on Seedlings' Web site is on-line pledging and registration. Visit www.seedlings.org under "special events" to register or pledge a registered bowler or download a brochure. Registration deadline is March 1, and the minimum donation or pledges per bowler is \$50. Bowlers will receive three games, lunch, gift bags, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Tax-deductible door prize and lane or T-shirt sponsorships are still available to local businesses. Register now and reserve a spot at the event.

**Mosaic Mothers**

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Childcare provided.

Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

**Easter cheer**

As a community service project, a handful of Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors teens have volunteered to assemble Easter baskets in hopes of bringing lots of cheer to those children in need.

During the month of February they will be collecting items to create Easter Baskets for children at a local abuse shelter. They are hoping to make 50 baskets and are in need of the following items: Cellophane for wrapping, Easter grass, basket fillers for both boys and girls ages 3-17 and bubbles, CDs, candy, chalk, cars, lotions, nail polish, Pokemon cards, etc.

E-mail Michelle Hill at mhill@schoolcraft.edu to let her know what items you wish to donate by Feb. 28. The baskets will be assembled Sunday, March 2.

**Speaking easy**

Are you afraid to speak in public? Ease the fear by attending a free introductory session of Motor City Speak Easy club, a chartered club of Toastmaster's International. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, just north of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

The meeting involves impromptu speaking by members and volunteers as well as planned speeches by Toastmasters. We welcome guests and invite new members. For more information, please call Karen at (734) 425-4181 or Creflo at (248) 374-0501.

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# Turn the page: Plymouth woman Canton library chief

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

When Eva Davis told her father she was going for the directorship of Canton Public Library, he responded like any good parent: "Of course, they will hire you."

In this case, his assurance wasn't just the confidence of a supportive dad; he turned out to be right.

While everyone around Davis, including her family and former boss, expressed faith in her ability to pick up where longtime Director Jean Tabor left off, the 35-year-old Plymouth Township resident said she had her reservations.

"It was pins and needles up until the point I had to submit my resume," said Davis, a 1990 Canton High School graduate. "I think I waited until the last day. I knew it then and I know it even more so now, but it's one thing to work in a library and it's

## NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**Name:** Eva Davis

**Age:** 35

**Education:**

1990 Canton High School graduate; bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn; master of science in information from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

**Residence:** Plymouth Township

**Spouse:** Tim Davis

**Pets:** Two dogs, Sadie, 9, and Sophie, 7



another thing to run it."

Davis, who has a couple of more boxes to unpack in her new office, has been in the position for just over a month and said it's humbling that the library board selected her to

succeed Tabor, who is credited for much of the library's success.

"I didn't have previous experience (as a director), so for them to take a chance on me and have this kind of faith in me has been encouraging," she said. "This is a top-notch library and my ultimate goal is not to let the public down."

Before taking the reins in Canton, Davis was the associate director of the Ann Arbor District Library. Her former boss, Josie Parker, was the one who informed her of the township opening.

"I wandered into her office for something else and she said, 'Have you seen this? I think you're ready,'" she said. "She knew I had a goal of being a director and during the five years I was in Ann Arbor she really challenged me."

Davis, who worked with Tabor for about a week, said the library's 117-person staff

has been welcoming.

"I'm finding that the people that work here want to be here," she said. "They love what they do."

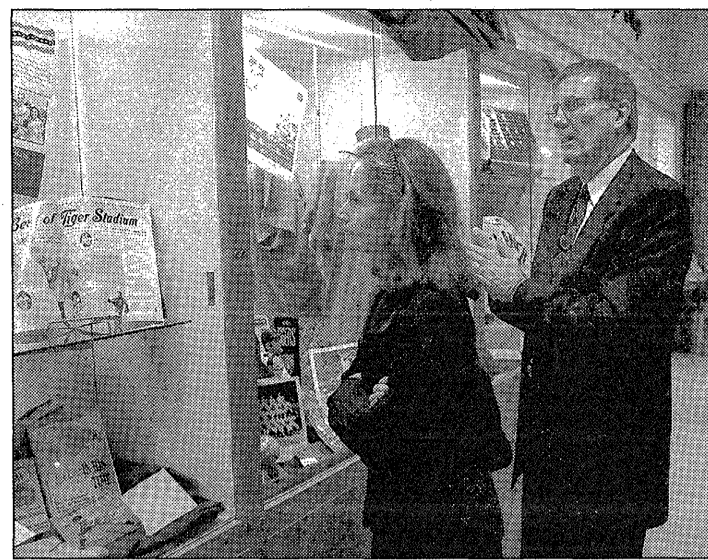
For the moment, Davis said she's still absorbing the atmosphere of the library. She plans to sit down with board members and map out a set of goals in the near future.

"Fortunately for me, this is a great library. There was no mess left behind," she said. "It runs well, the programs go on and it has a well-working board."

Davis, who said she foresees "refinement" instead of sweeping changes, said she has no regrets about leaving her former position.

"I knew if I didn't go for this, I would end up regretting it and this has been like a homecoming for me," she said.

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Cheryl and Bill Zepp look at the baseball displays. Bill is a former major league pitcher.

## MUSEUM

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Wayne, who has nearly 500 individual pieces.

"Most of the stuff I have is pre-1960s, back when baseball was still a game," said Frayer, 64. "I got started with baseball cards, and when I went into the Army my mom pitched them all, including all the good ones."

"My great uncle tried out for the Pittsburgh Pirates at shortstop, but they already had a shortstop ... named Honus Wagner," added Frayer, referring to the man considered by many to be baseball's greatest all-around player. "So he went back to Cleveland and became a mailman."

His collection also includes

postcards of the 1908 Chicago White Sox and a Ty Cobb souvenir bat from 1908.

Plymouth resident Bill Zepp, who broke into the major leagues as a pitcher with the Minnesota Twins in 1969 — he played only a couple of years before developing arm trouble — said he loves the moves made by the Tigers in the off-season.

"I'm really looking forward to the coming season," said Zepp, who was at Friday's preview of the exhibit. "We're not going to get shut out very often with our lineup, and the starting pitching is strong."

The Plymouth Historical Museum's baseball exhibit runs through Sunday, June 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for families.

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# Library program aims to boost hockey

The Plymouth District Library is getting into the swing of Hockey Day in Michigan.

The library hosts a presentation 2 p.m. Saturday that will showcase three speakers with long careers connected to hockey.

Al Renfrew, Tom Mustonen and Raymond Rolak will share tales of the University of Michigan and Michigan State hockey rivalry, old-time Detroit hockey lore and never-before-heard stories of the early days of international competition. The history and timeline of women's varsity hockey will also be highlighted.

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

Native Detroit Mustonen came from a hockey family and starred at Michigan State University. He and another Spartan, Frank Silka, played for the USA National Team in the 1963 World Tournament in Sweden. At MSU, Mustonen was named to the 1959 NCAA All-Tournament team as a sophomore. His hockey success carried to a storied career as an educator and coach.

Broadcaster and author Rolak has touched every aspect of hockey, including



Native Detroit Tom Mustonen, who starred at Michigan State, will be a key speaker at the Plymouth Library's Hockey Day celebration Saturday.

playing, administration and coaching. His stories will include one about how he and George Gund, who owned the San Jose Sharks, went from promoting the Krakow Film Festival to building an ice rink in Poland.

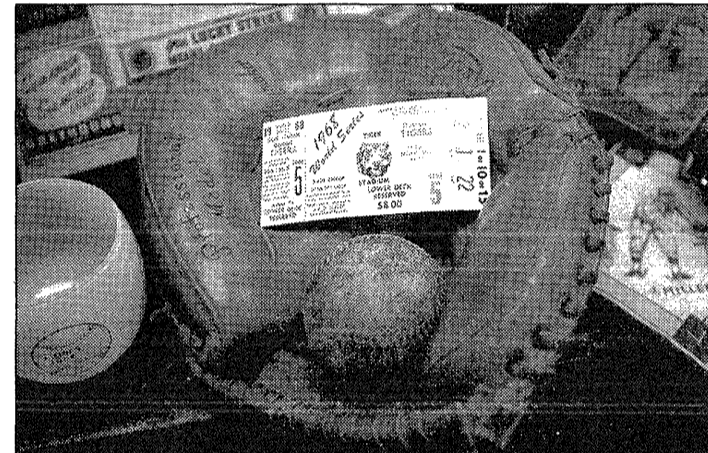
Rolak wrote and narrated the 1987 award winning film on the Hobey Baker Award.

Hockey Day in Michigan is in its third year and is coordinated by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The idea has blossomed nationally and

USA Hockey is also sponsoring, "Hockey Weekend Across America" Feb. 15-17.

Organizers of the promotion encourage boys and girls to wear their favorite hockey jersey to school on Feb. 15. The MSU and U-M rivalry continues Feb. 22 at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing and the Wolverines will play host to the Spartans in another CCHA contest 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Admission to the Plymouth event is free, and registration is requested. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main. To register or for more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.



The displays include memorabilia from the Tigers 1968 World Series victory.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AROUND TOWN

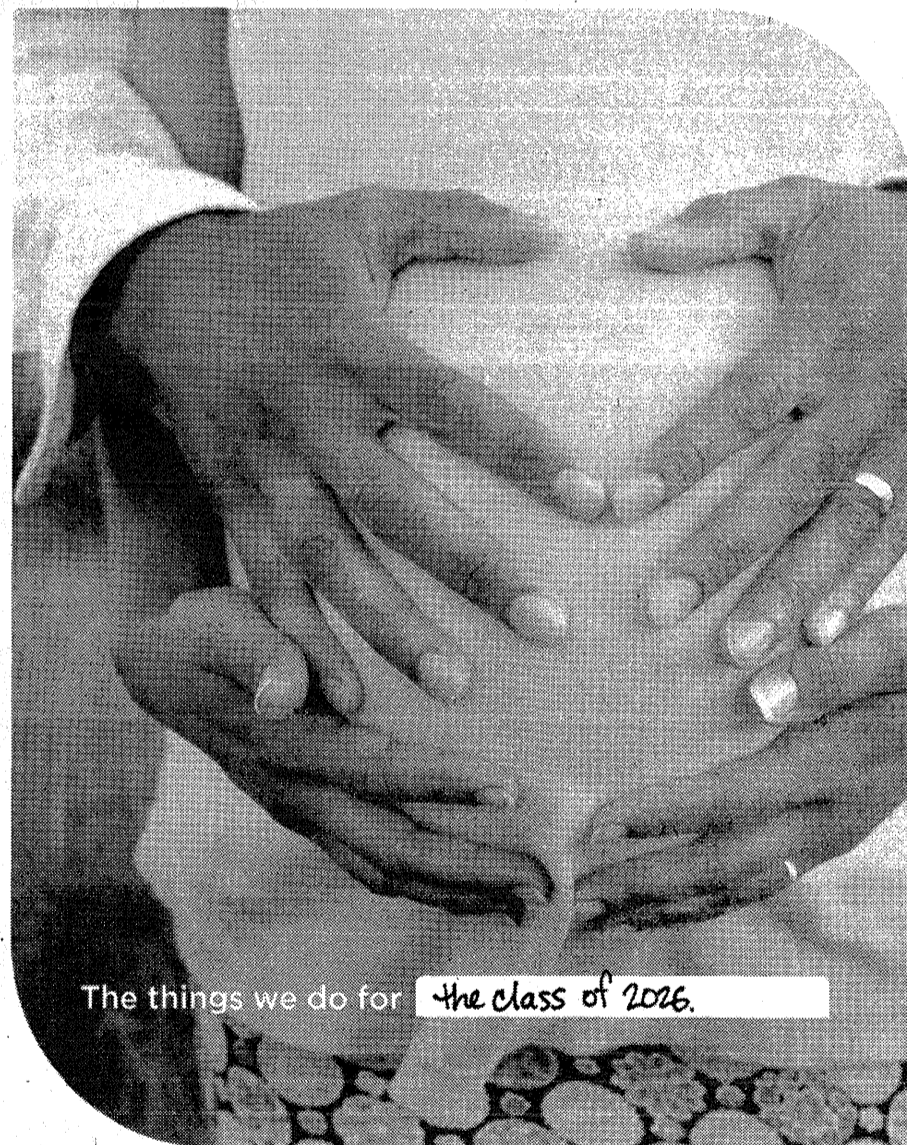
#### Call for choreographers

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet is searching for choreographers from throughout Michigan to showcase their original pieces in the second annual Dance Michigan performance. AACB seeks all types of dance styles from classical ballet to modern dance set to music from Classical composers to Top Forty and everything in

between. The performance will take place on Saturday, April 19, at the Saline High School Ellen Ewing Center for the Performing Arts, featuring an 1,100-seat auditorium with full-fly tower, green room, scene shop and dressing rooms. For more information on participating in the showcase or sponsoring Dance Michigan visit [www.annarbortcivicballet.com](http://www.annarbortcivicballet.com) or contact Mary Combi at (734) 668-8066 or [mcombi@comcast.net](mailto:mcombi@comcast.net)

#### Daytime book group

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) hosts a Daytime Book Group 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, to discuss "Thunderstruck," by Erik Larson. Daytime Book Group is an interest group of the Northville/Novi Branch of the AAUW. If you would like to join us please contact Carol Popp (734) 464-1947 or e-mail [northvillenovivaauw@yahoo.com](mailto:northvillenovivaauw@yahoo.com) for more information.



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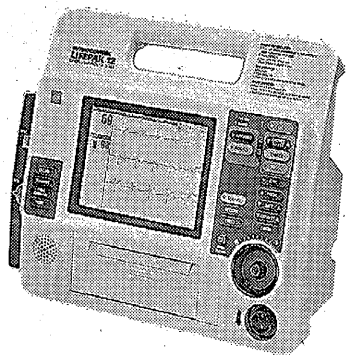
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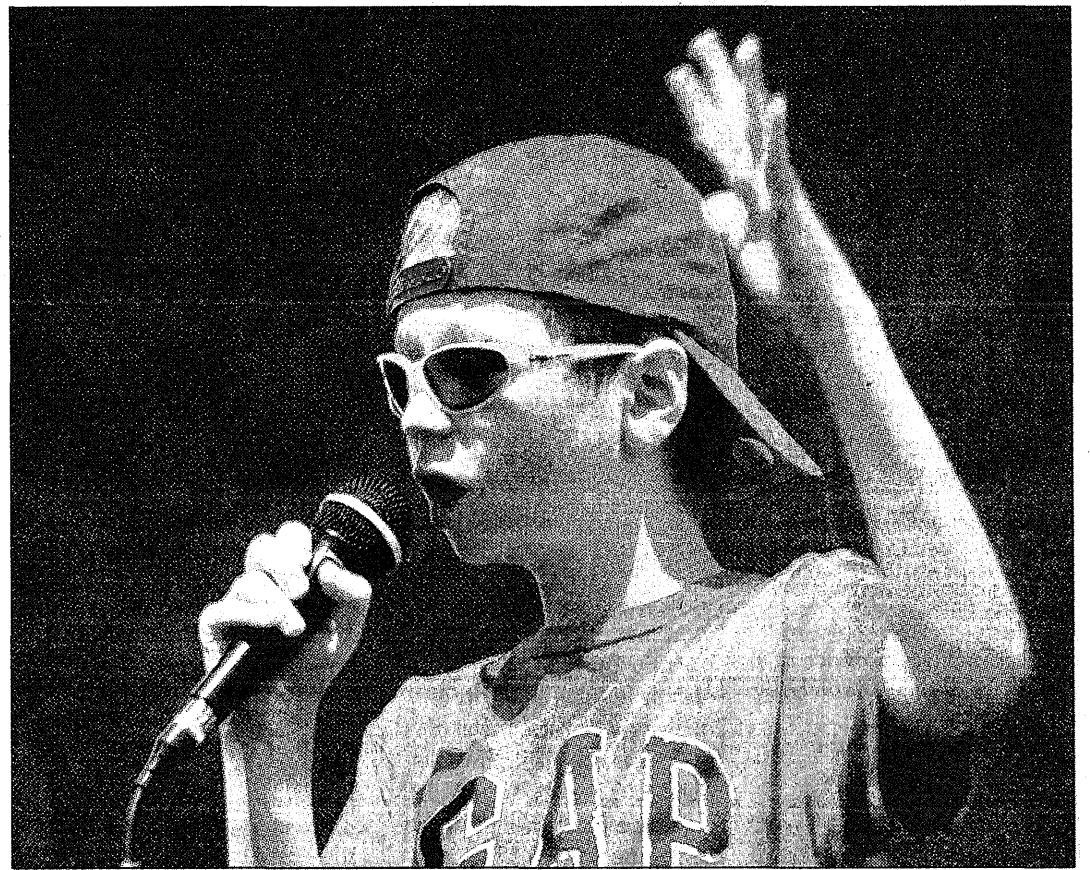


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Hip-hop artist Eric Kim raps.

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## SHOW

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More importantly, for those who took part, it was their chance to step out of their comfort zone and shine, according to co-owner Stephanie Naberhaus.

"The numbers were down, but we were still very happy with it," Naberhaus said. "What I liked was we had different acts. It's always fun when that happens."

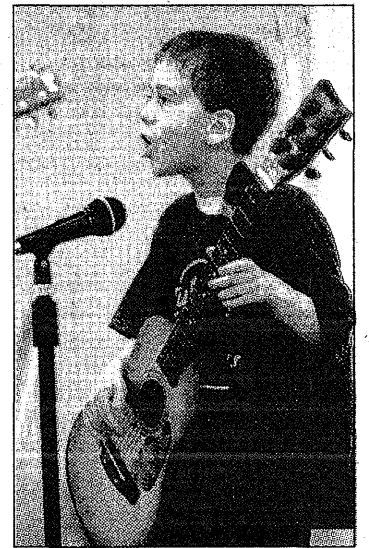
The show was choreographed largely by volunteer dancers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton. Those teens volunteer every year to spend time with the students, putting the musical and dance aspects of the show together.

The girls volunteer an hour a week starting in October. "It's a good way for a high schooler to interact with younger kids," said Canton High School student Erika Martin of Canton, 16, who has done every show but the first. "The kids, seeing their smiling faces when they accomplish everything, is the best part."

Naberhaus and her husband, Brad, were quick to point out



Dad Paul Werth and son Paul spend a quiet moment after the show is over.



Ryan Tomaszycski solos on 'Inch By Inch' during the Building Bridges talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

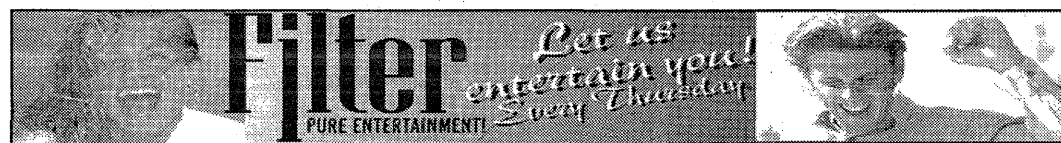
the show — which features dancing, music and readings, in addition to a fashion show — couldn't go on without the sponsors.

In addition to Joanne's Dance Extension, flowers are provided by Vanessa's Flowers, Gap Kids at Laurel Park Place in Livonia provides the clothes for the fashion show, Screened Images Inc. and C&M printing take care of programs and T-shirts, and Kroger provides the food.

They all combine to provide the opportunity for Building Bridges students to show how

much they've grown. "Certain kids have no stage fright, but for other kids, getting up on stage in front of people, even if they don't do anything, is a huge deal for them," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "It's neat to see. Some of the kids come year after year, so it's neat to see how the kids grow with it."

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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April Wilkins	I313 10x15	Wicker Furniture Setting, Baby Changing Table, Bed Frame, Misc. Wooden Furniture, Night Stand, Small Coffee Table, Misc. Furniture.

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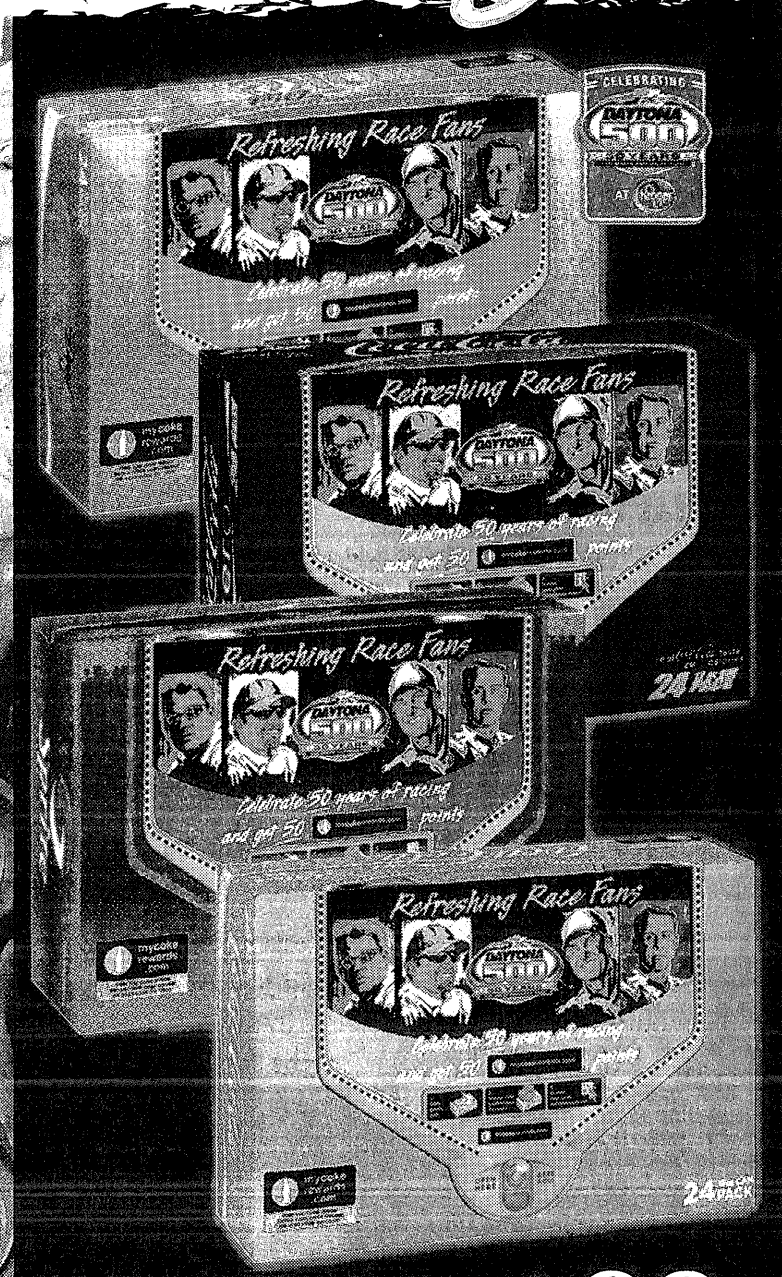
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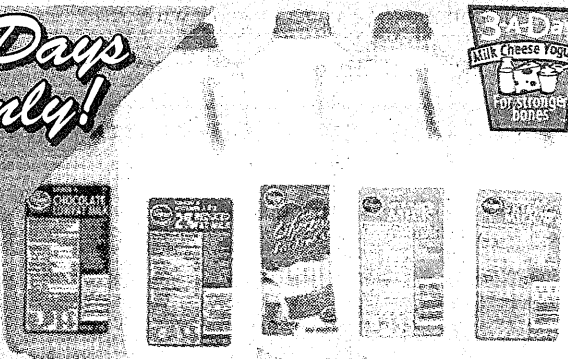
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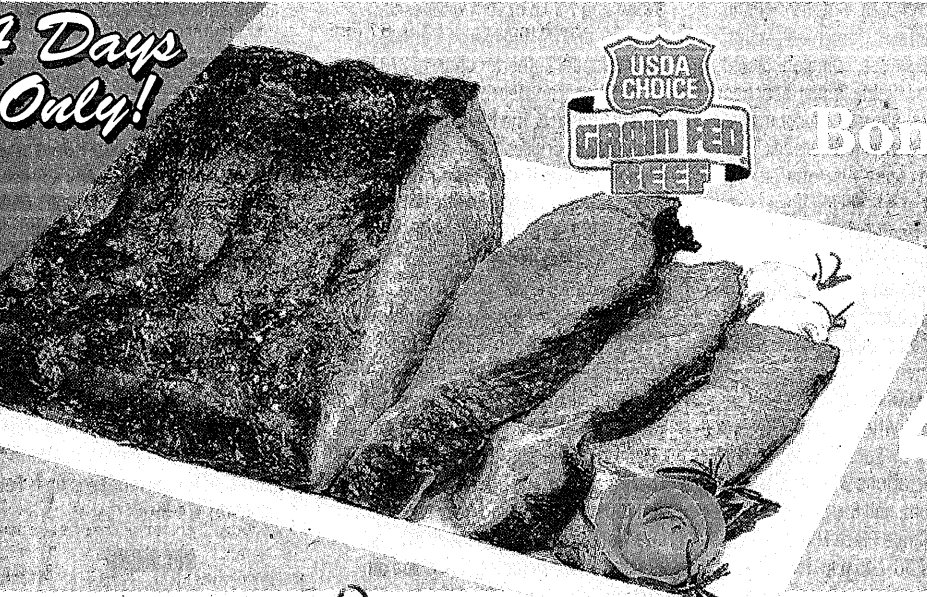


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donations accepted before and after masses March 1-2 in parish garage. No furniture, adult clothing accepted. No strollers permitted during sale. For information, call Ruth McCarthy at (734) 464-5973.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburg entrance, breakfast to follow. Call Kathy for details (734) 513-9479.

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

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(contemporary service), and 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

**Clothing bank**  
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**Blended family workshop**  
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# O&E editor Klemic put 'heart and energy into her work'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Klemic loved writing. Klemic chose journalism as a career while in high school at about the time of Watergate, remembers her sister, Gladys Klemic. Mary closely followed the reporting of the story and it made a strong impression on her, Gladys said.

"Mary saw journalism as a form of community service to provide useful, accurate information to the public," Gladys said. "She had a strong sense that it is important to have a free press to investigate and record events as an unbiased source of truth."

Mary Klemic, who edited a regional Hometownlife section and special sections, and previously the At Home, Arts and Creative Living sections for the *Observer & Eccentric*

*Newspapers*, died Saturday morning after battling cancer for nearly 10 years. She was 50.

"Mary appreciated the power of well-chosen words to affect people's hearts," Gladys said. "She liked to refer to historical speeches that managed to defuse difficult situations or rouse people to action or persuade them of a good cause. That was important to her — the importance of journalism in the community, that sense of community, justice and the truth. She put a lot of heart and energy into her work." She called Mary a "wonderful sister and a terrific aunt who was generous, considerate and thoughtful."

Klemic's work ethic and dedication will be missed at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"The news staff is saddened by Mary's death," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the

*O&E* and a longtime colleague. "Mary was an award-winning member of the *O&E* family for nearly 25 years. Mary was passionate about her work. She truly loved being a community journalist."

"A former *Observer & Eccentric* Journalist of the Year, Mary was a superb and meticulous copy editor. She was so proud of the *O&E* award because it came from her colleagues," Rosiek added.

A Birmingham resident, Klemic was a member of the Bloomfield Hills Village Club, belonged to the Church of St. Alan in Troy, was active in her condo association board and a member of several organizations supporting arts in the Detroit region, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary.

Klemic had a significant impact in publicizing and pro-

moting regional developments in the arts. Linda Chomin, health and community life reporter, began writing for Klemic when she was editor of *Creative Living* 17 years ago.

"Mary was a strong supporter of the arts community for many years and one of the most versatile reporters I know," she said. "She was always looking for a good story and dedicated to getting the story right. But besides being a co-worker, she was a friend."

Diane Gale Andreassi worked with Klemic as a temporary reporter in the early 1980s, and later as a freelance writer. Andreassi described her as "brilliant, humble and thoughtful," demonstrating a "keen ability to write the wittiest lead."

Jeanette Keramedjian, who publicized events for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, worked with Klemic for more than 20

years. Her articles helped boost ticket sales and turned the annual events into successes, Keramedjian said.

"Her articles are beautifully written and accurate," she said. "Her articles were beautifully detailed and that's when Mary's personality really came out."

Klemic graduated from St. Mary's of Redford, then graduated with honors from Wayne State University with a degree in mass communications and English, attending on a full scholarship. She worked at *The South End*, WSU's student newspaper, then worked at the *Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Times-Herald* before the *O&E*.

Mary is survived by her parents, John and Rozene Klemic, as well as siblings John Klemic Jr., Gladys (Peppin Carolan), James (Kathryn) and the late Thomas Klemic.

The funeral Mass will be 10



Mary Klemic

a.m. Monday at the Church of St. Alan, 2345 Coolidge (between Maple and Big Beaver roads) in Troy. Friends may arrive at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday and a prayer service is scheduled at 7 p.m. at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14 Mile and Maple roads). Interment will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Memorials can be sent to Providence Cancer Center, Providence Health Foundation, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, MI 48075. Condolences can be e-mailed to lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

# Cold weather a reminder of needs of needy in our community

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

This week's cold weather has many of us thankful we have warm homes and workplaces. Not everyone's so fortunate.

The Salvation Army is reaching out a helping hand to homeless people and others in need during this cold snap and year-round. If you'd like to support the work of the Salvation Army in eastern Michigan, you can call (877) SAL-MICH or make an online donation at [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org).

Also under way is planning for the 21st annual Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon, to be broadcast 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, from Oakland Mall in Troy in support of the Salvation Army. You can donate now either at [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or via the radio sta-

tion WOMC's Web site at [www.womc.com](http://www.womc.com).

Checks may be sent to the Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

"Unfortunately, the need never seems to go away," said John Hale, interim director of development. Hale cited the successful Red Kettle fundraising campaign this past Christmas.

For Christmas 2006, the Salvation Army raised more than \$7.1 million, and a \$7.2 million goal was set for Christmas 2007. The effort didn't do well at first, Hale said, but picked up and ended with just over \$8 million raised.

"We started to get some bigger gifts," he said. "One person gave us a quarter of a million

dollars." That was a big help, with needs up significantly, Hale said, citing a 292 percent increase in the suburbs alone.

"So those dollars have been put to good use," said Hale, adding donations for the Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon can be made by phone at (248) 307-1043. He noted just giving up morning coffee a few days will give you money to support the Radiothon.

Hale said the Feb. 29 event is the largest single-market, single-day radiothon in the U.S. and possibly worldwide. Its goal is \$2.4 million.

"There's still a great need," he said. "It's so dangerous for people to be outside when it's 5 degrees or below."

The Salvation Army in our region provides:

- over 700,000 nights of shelter annually

- shelters more than 2,100 people daily

- serves 9,300 meals a day.

The Puritan event supports a mobile feeding truck, along with several shelters for needy people. The Salvation Army has more than 40 locations in southeast Michigan, some of which like Royal Oak aren't shelters but can be used as such temporarily with mattresses or cots for the multipurpose room.

"It's just too cold to be outside, so we do that," Hale said.

He and other Salvation Army officials particularly appreciate financial contributions. "We're able to use those dollars for purchasing power. We know exactly what we need. It allows us to be flexible," Hale said.

Another nonprofit group helping in Michigan is The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) at 1212 Griswold

St., 10th floor, Detroit, Mich. 48226. Those who need help with utility bills should call (800) 866-THAW (8429).

Information on donating to THAW online is at [www.thawfund.org](http://www.thawfund.org). The nonprofit's e-mail is [info@thawfund.org](mailto:info@thawfund.org).

"Once the winter season commences, it's always an important time," said John X. Miller, chief executive officer for THAW. THAW just held its own radiothon with co-sponsor WWJ radio, which raised some half million dollars.

"Ninety percent of that will go to help people paying their utility bills," Miller said. THAW gets some matching money from utility companies DTE Energy, Consumers and SEMCO (serving the Thumb), which is appreciated.

Both men agree Detroiters are a generous bunch, even

when times are tough. Hale finds Detroiters "are sharing to help their community and in some cases to help their neighbor."

"Metro Detroit is generally recognized as one of the most philanthropic communities in the country," Miller said. That probably goes to our religious diversity, he said: "I also think it's just part of our culture."

THAW works with people to avert crisis, working on such things as energy conservation. You can better insulate your home, Miller said, turn down the thermostat when going to bed and even be attentive to recharging of a cell phone or laptop.

"We're advocates for long-term solutions for energy issues," Miller said.

# Rolling over into IRA is most flexible option when leaving a job

It seems almost weekly we read about layoffs, buyouts or other restructuring plans. If you are in this situation, it is important to review the alternatives and make the right decision. There is, however, one issue that every employee who loses his/her job does have control over and that's what to do with their retirement money.

When someone leaves their employer, regardless of the reason, they have a number of options with regard to their retirement account. The first option is to leave the retirement account as is. Another option



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

is to directly transfer the retirement money into an individual retirement account (IRA). The third option — if they have a new job — is to directly transfer their old retirement savings account into a retirement savings account with the new employer.

I recommend a direct transfer into an IRA because you now

have 100 percent control of your retirement money. In addition, you can also control cost.

Many retirement plans have high fees that erode an investor's return. Unfortunately, many of these fees are not readily disclosed and unless you do some research you don't know what you're paying. By directly transferring the money into an IRA, you can have better investment options and lower fees.

One of the downsides of leaving the money in your old employer's retirement plan is you are bound by its rules, which may not be as flexible

as you would like. In addition, employers are changing the options within their retirement savings plan at an accelerated rate. You can be in an investment that you like, but because of an employer's change in the plan, you may no longer have that option.

If you directly transfer your money into an IRA, once you purchase an investment it's yours and you don't have to worry about any changes.

I'm not a fan of directly transferring money into a new employer's plan. Once again, it has to do with control over your money. Your new employer can decide to change its investment options and once again you have no say.

I used to have one major exception for individuals who were leaving one of the major auto companies — Ford, General Motors or Chrysler. I used to say you wouldn't be making a mistake by leaving your money in these plans. Things, however, have changed. Even though the plans offered for their current employees are still good, they're not as good as they used to be. For instance, GM has just gone through a major revamping of its retirement savings program and many funds that were offered are no longer available to investors.

Unfortunately, it's not as easy as just transferring the money into an IRA, because you have

to be leery of the vultures in our society who prey on people leaving their employer. What some financial salespeople do is to put investors into high-cost, underperforming investments. I have seen many retirees who left their company and put their retirement accounts in investment vehicles such as variable annuities, which make no sense whatsoever except for the people selling them. The key to being a good investor is to keep money in your pocket.

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

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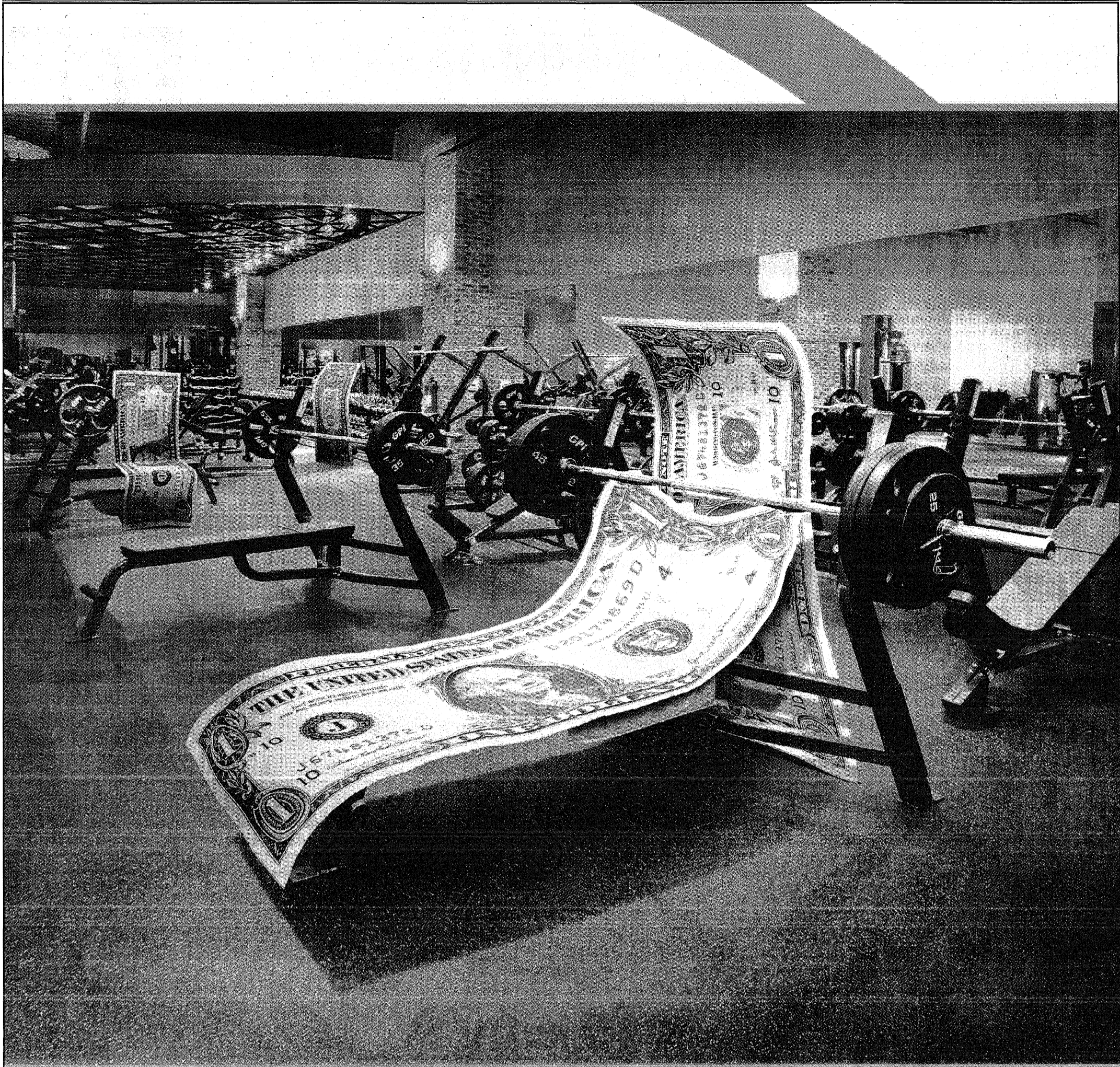
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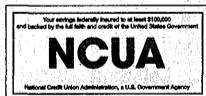
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OUR VIEWS

## New sports tradition getting out of hand

It's a new but growing high school sports tradition we can do without.

We're talking about National Signing Day, the first day recruits can sign letters of intent to play sports at a college or university.

It's a fairly recent practice which is getting out of hand and, frankly, we in the news business are as guilty as anyone in allowing it to happen.

On National Signing Day — which took place last week in Plymouth-Canton and thousands of school districts across the nation — recruits often stand up in front of their peers, news photographers and cameramen, and announce their college choice to rapturous applause.

It's no knock against this year's local recruits. It takes hard work and dedication to be selected to play major college sports, and their accomplishments are worth celebrating.

But the recent story of one would-be recruit — a football player from rural Nevada who announced he would play for a university which hadn't even contacted him — shows how out of kilter that process has become.

His sad story is an extreme case, but it's also a wake-up call.

What concerns us is that the process singles out only one portion of a school district's achievers.

There's no national signing day for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students accepted into Ivy League colleges or for those who earn full-ride academic scholarships to the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Georgetown, Howard University or other top institutions of higher learning.

There's also no national singing day for the kids, struggling with Ds and Fs, who take stock of themselves, raise their bad grades and make it into college, any college.

All these young men and women deserve recognition — but together, as a group, perhaps at graduation or at some other kind of collective honors ceremony.

As they say, hold your applause until the end.

## Take some simple steps to make flu season safer

Now that we're in the dead of winter, flu season — which got off to a slow start — is just starting to hit its peak.

While the number of cases from October through early January was below average, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control, the number of confirmed cases of influenza has jumped in the last month across the country. In fact, more than 30 states reported widespread influenza activity during the first week of February, and it is only expected to get worse.

The CDC's Influenza Division, which collects and analyzes information on influenza activity in the U.S. each week, reported this week that the status and severity of the flu in our area is currently high.

Between 30 million and 60 million Americans get influenza each year. As anyone who has ever had it can tell you, influenza can be a real pain. It can also be very dangerous. Each year, the disease hospitalizes about 200,000 Americans and kills about 36,000, according to the CDC.

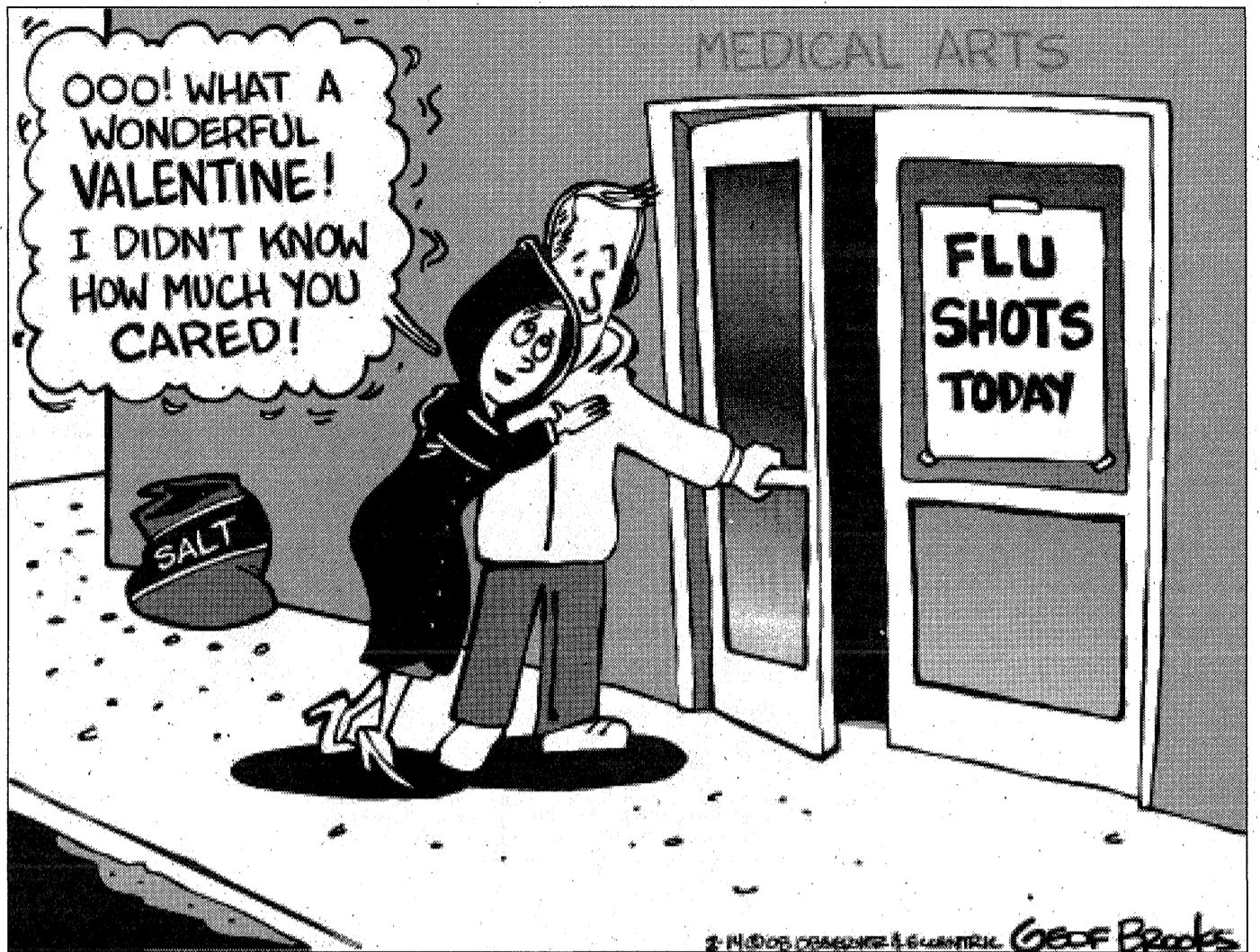
Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by several strains of the influenza virus. Its debilitating symptoms, which can last between two and seven days, include severe headaches, extreme fatigue, high fever, coughing, sore throat and muscle aches. It also can lead to life-threatening complications, such as pneumonia. Young children and adults above the age of 50 are particularly susceptible.

There are a couple of things you can do to minimize your risk of contracting the flu. First and foremost is getting vaccinated. Unlike in years past, when the amount of vaccine ran short, there are still some vaccinations available, including through the Oakland County Health Division — Flu Shot Hotline at (800) 434-3358 — and the Wayne County Department of Public Health, which can be contacted at (734) 727-7000.

Keep in mind, however, health officials are warning that this year's vaccine may not be effective against the strains of influenza currently making their way across the country. Still, they say it is a good idea to get vaccinated nonetheless.

Some other simple steps you can take include frequently washing your hands, and covering your mouth with a tissue (rather than your hand) when you cough or sneeze to keep germs from spreading. Also, getting plenty of sleep will help ward off the virus.

Remember, flu season typically runs through April (and sometimes even into May), so you still have several months to stay vigilant against a disease that impacts up to 20 percent of Americans each year. It takes more than just luck to stay healthy.



### Touching story

I would like to thank you for writing the article about Jessica Mitsch ("Even tragedy can't slow woman's gift for helping," *Observer*, Feb. 10).

It was truly a moving story for me. I received a heart on May 11, 2003, from a 20-year-old who was in an accident. Talking to the parents of my donor, who saved seven lives on that day, it seems that they went through a lot of the same feelings.

I feel that there is not enough said or done to raise awareness about organ donation in our state. I hope that your article has touched at least one person or family to sign up to be a donor. My daughter knew Jessica and also went to school with Jeff.

Thanks again for showing that the *Observer* cares,

Terry Gould  
Plymouth

### Comcast, stop whining

The scene is being replayed many times, in my living room: the Comcast invasion of their marketing muscle, telling us about their negative opinions about AT&T and the Big Ten Network.

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C.R. Hucul  
Plymouth

### 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

### Perjury damages system

I pray Kym Worthy has the integrity to prosecute Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty for perjury. Last I knew, perjury was a federal offense ... a crime against the judicial system, attacking it

at its roots and obstructing the process through which justice is carried out.

Has it become acceptable to lie under oath? What message is being sent? No big deal ... everyone (beginning with Clinton) does it ... and politicians can get away with it? If not dealt with, perjury will set a precedent and greatly damage our judicial system itself.

Dale Mary Orsucci  
Livonia

### Recalls 'a petty waste'

As a taxpayer I would like to voice my opinion on these silly attempted recalls of elected officials. This is a complete waste of time and taxpayer money! There is a group of citizens called the Michigan Taxpayer Alliance that serves no purpose other than making the lives of our elected officials even more difficult than they are already.

Why doesn't this special interest group consider finding a way to serve our communities instead of trying to tear them apart?

As a constituent of state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Andy Dillon (Speaker of the House), I have received immediate responses to any questions I have brought to either of them.

Andy and Glenn, thank you both for the service you give your constituents and this state. Your dedication will be at the forefront of our great state's turnaround.

People, the next time you find yourself faced with signing a recall petition, instead "ask not what your state can do for you; but what you can do for your state." Recalls are a petty waste of time!

Marti Bush  
Redford Township

### We need a fair tax policy

Anti-tax groups are peddling an extremely simplistic, but very unrealistic and fiscally irresponsible message. Their message is that tax increases are bad and tax cuts are good. Anti-tax zealots preach that we can keep cutting all kinds of taxes without having to see corresponding cuts in the services and benefits we receive from government.

You almost never hear a serious discussion about how different taxes are paid by different sets of people, or how different taxes have differing impacts on the economy. The anti-tax folks also never point out that being opposed to taxes means also being opposed to all those government services and programs that those taxes pay for including police and fire protection, good schools — both K-12 and higher education, prisons to keep criminals off the streets, Medicare, Social Security, homeland security and our military.

On the federal level the fiscal irresponsibility of this anti-tax mentality can be seen with growing deficits being financed with money being borrowed from our children and grandchildren. Ill-advised tax cuts have led to a growing inequality between those few who have wealth and political connections and who receive much of the benefits from cutting such taxes as capital gains and estate taxes and the rest of us who pay the largest part of the cost for those tax cuts in the form of

reduced government spending on such items as medical insurance for children, tuition assistance and veterans benefits.

Yes, I don't like paying taxes either. Yes, I agree that well-planned tax cuts can be fair, desirable and good for middle-class taxpayers. However, mindless demands for tax cuts without any truly thoughtful discussion and analysis are making it increasingly difficult for us to address serious, long-term problems. These problems include our deteriorating infrastructure (roads, bridges and schools) and our growing dependence on overseas oil.

We need a fair, well-thought out tax policy that leaves room for fiscally responsible tax cuts but which preserves essential government programs involving public safety, health, education, infrastructure and national security. Above all, that tax policy has to be equitable for middle-class taxpayers and not be at the expense of our children and grandchildren.

Paul J. Veselenak  
Royal Oak

### 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

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"There's no way they can go without cutting ... We've cut so much the last five years (\$12 million), we've got nowhere else to turn. The greatest impact is something that would turn the board's stomachs, increasing K-2 class size."  
- Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton school superintendent, on the proposals he made for potential school budget cuts for the 2008-09 year

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# Having right to recall lawmakers doesn't make it right thing to do

If Marc Corriveau thinks the recall effort against him is partisan politics at its worst — he does, and it is — he's also smart enough to know it's not the last shot he's going to take from Republicans angered over losing the 20th District they had claimed for so long.

It's simply the latest salvo.

Corriveau, the Democrat from Northville who won the open seat left vacant when former Republican John Stewart (himself, ironically, now a Democrat) was term-limited, was actually targeted last year, when former Republican state lawmaker Leon Drolet dragged a giant ceramic pig through Corriveau's district.

Now, a Plymouth Township resident named John Hett has drafted a recall petition aimed at forcing Corriveau out of office. Hett claims no political affiliation, and political observers don't seem to know much about him.

Hett's claim the recall is just about "one guy who got fed up" with what's going on in Lansing — after the legislature voted to raise taxes to help with the deficit — is a tough notion to swallow in an area as politically charged as this district.

Corriveau isn't the only target. Also in Republican crosshairs are Aldo Vagnozzi, who represents the Farmington-Farmington Hills area, and House Speaker Andy Dillon from Redford.

Want to convince someone these recalls aren't simply political ploys? Then come up with a valid explanation for targeting Vagnozzi, a frail, 82-year-old term-limited representative who'll be out of office this fall in the first place.

Recalling Corriveau might make sense because he's a young up-and-comer some are already touting for the state Senate seat being vacated in two years by Bruce Patterson.

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election, when Republicans waged a nasty campaign against Beth Stewart.

And Stewart (at the time) was a Republican. Like her husband, she has since become a Democrat.

Vagnozzi said he's fighting back with a petition of his own, an unofficial campaign that says, simply, "No to recall." Corriveau isn't wagging that kind of campaign and, frankly, both he and Vagnozzi probably have better, more productive things to do.

While Corriveau knows he can ill-afford to just ignore the recall, he also believes Hett isn't behind it, and the fact the real antagonist — Drolet — has made himself scarce has made him hard to combat.

"I will continue to do the job I was elected to do, and do it to the best of my ability, but I can't afford to fall asleep at the switch and ignore this, either," Corriveau said. "But, it's hard to fight a ghost."

The people out in front of these recall efforts certainly have the right to petition, and watching the Legislature slug it out in the closing moments of the budget didn't do much for the popularity of politicians.

The thought here is recalls are a waste of time and don't work often enough to make them a viable option. Unhappy with a legislator? The primary is six months away, plenty of time to find a viable candidate.

That would be an easier path to support than is the dog-and-pony show we're being asked to believe now.

Just because you have the right to do something doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

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# Raising state's dropout age essential in modern economy

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has it right — raise the dropout age and do it now! Why does Michigan have a law on the books dating back decades that makes it "legal" for children to drop out of school at the age of 16? Whose kids should be allowed



Tom Watkins

to leave school without at least a high school diploma? Yours, mine? Our state policies should mirror what any of us would at a minimum want and expect for our own children.

Times have changed. There was a time in Michigan and America where one could drop out of school and get a good-paying job at a factory, join the military or work on the family farm. Those days are long gone.

Factories have not hired someone without a high school diploma, let alone a high school dropout, in more than a decade. The armed forces now require at least a high school diploma to join today — GEDs are not readily accepted. And you need exceptional skills and knowledge to be a successful family farmer today.

We have moved from a society where you needed to be able to "lift" for a living to a society where you now need to "think" for a living.

Given today's fast-paced global economy, allowing children to leave school without the education they need and deserve is state-sponsored stupidity at best and institutionalized racism at worst.

If we had the horrific dropout statistics in our white, middle-class suburbs as we do in Native American, African American or Hispanic American communities, Michigan's citizens would be marching on Lansing demanding that our lawmakers do something. If the dropout problem were viewed as a public health issue in our urban centers — it would be labeled an epidemic.

However, it is far more than just raising the legal age at which one can drop out. As responsible adults and educators, there is a moral, societal and economic imperative to develop appropriate alternative programs to educate children so they may, one day, support themselves and their families and fully participate in our democratic society.

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Let's not forget that this is one social problem with a built-in solution. Under Proposal A, Michigan's schools are funded by the number of students attending. The local school district loses a minimum of \$7,200 for every child who drops out.

Once again, Gov. Granholm has urged the state Legislature to adopt legislation that sends a clear message to our students — education matters.

We need to do more than just change the law. We need to change our attitudes, beliefs, and our educational programs to meet the needs of today's students.

Is it OK for your child to leave school at age 16 without an education to survive and thrive in the 21st century? The community and state that truly leave no child behind will also be the community and state that will rule economically. Michigan can only be that state if we are serious about doing all we can to assure our children are prepared to compete in this rapidly changing, disruptive, technologically driven knowledge economy, where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe.

For Michigan to prosper, we must remember — it is education, stupid.

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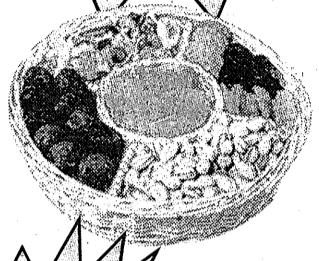
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# Chiefs conquer field in final WLAA event

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another victory milestone for Canton's wrestling team, which added to its season-long list of impressive accomplishments by winning Saturday's WLAA Wrestling Championships at Canton.

One week after capturing the star-studded Observerland tournament and three days after completing an unbeaten WLAA dual-meet schedule, the Chiefs

placed 12 wrestlers fifth or higher to outpoint two-time defending champion and runner-up Livonia Franklin, 231.50 to 191.50.

Northville (158), Westland John Glenn (152) and Livonia Stevenson (143) filled out the top five spots in the final standings.

"This was a great team accomplishment today because placing 12 kids is phenomenal in this type of tournament," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It's exciting to win the league championship because it's the

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first time we've done it since I've taken over the program. It's also extra special because this was the last WLAA tournament, so this group of kids will have this legacy forever."

A pair of Canton wrestlers won their respective weight brackets: 135-pound Steve Cox, who pinned Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens in 3:30; and 140-pound Brent Winekoff, who held

off Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smith, 14-10, in the title match.

Just as important as the two gold-medal efforts were five second-place finishes for the Chiefs.

"We had a lot of guys really step up today," said Randolph. "I thought Steve Cox turned in a tremendous performance. He's been battling some sickness, like a lot of these kids are this time of year, but he got a pin in the finals against a really good kid

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## THREE TEAMS, ONE CHAMP

The three P-CEP wrestling teams will battle for a Division 1 District title tonight at Plymouth High School. Following is the schedule for tonight's District 121 tournament:

- 5 p.m. - (Match 1) Plymouth vs. Canton;
- 10 minutes following conclusion of Match 1 - Salem vs. winner of 5 p.m. match.

## Sidelines

### WLAA girls hoop final

Salem's girls basketball team will square off against Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. tonight at Walled Lake Northern in the championship game of the WLAA tournament.

Both the Rocks and Warriors own 17-2 records.

The third-place game between Livonia Franklin and Northern will tip off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the naming of the 2007-08 WLAA All-Conference teams.

### Ignition camps

The Detroit Ignition is preparing for the 2008 edition of the Major Indoor Soccer League club's summer soccer camp program, which is set to launch in June.

Nearly 1,300 children took part in the organization's camp program last summer.

The summer soccer camp program offers kids between the ages of 6 and 18 the opportunity to learn directly from Ignition players and staff in locations throughout the metro Detroit area. The organization offers open day and evening camps, as well as advanced team/club camps.

Ignition Director of Soccer Operations Mark Pulisic serves as director of the camp program.

"We are very excited as a club as we prepare for the upcoming soccer camp season," Pulisic said. "It is a great opportunity for the young soccer players of southeastern Michigan to learn from our team and spend a week with their favorite players."

Registration information can be found at [camps.detroitignition.com](http://camps.detroitignition.com) or by calling (888) 436-GOAL (4625).

### Plymouth 'Y' news

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its Winter II youth sports classes. Programs are filled on a first come-first served basis.

For more information, call (734) 453-2904; or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

Among the offerings are:

■ **Sports Sampler** - This fun and active class is a great introduction to a variety of sports that are geared toward 3- to 5-year-olds. It will be held Mondays at 6 p.m., from March 10 through April 21 at First Baptist Church. The fee is \$58 for program members and \$90 for non-members.

■ **Hoop Skills** - The YMCA basketball skills class helps players between the ages of 6 through 8 gain a better understanding of the game. The class will be held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. from March 11 through April 22 at New Morning School. The fee is \$60 for program members and \$92 for non-members.

## 'Mat'ter of fact: Wrestling's the toughest sport

"Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy."

-Dan Gable

I've never been invited on a trip in the Space Shuttle, so I don't have visual, straight-from-my-eyeballs evidence that the earth is round.

But I'm more than certain it is.

And my only first-hand wrestling experience consists of about two hours in seventh-grade gym class, so I don't have much up-close-and-personal knowledge of the sport.

But I'm positive Dan Gable is right.

I'm positive because of things I've observed and heard about the sport during my term as *Observer* sports editor.

There is not an activity at the high school level that is close to being as physically and mentally demanding — but ultimately rewarding — as the relentless sport of wrestling.

If you beg to differ, you should have been standing beside me Saturday afternoon in the Canton gymnasium for a brief 20-minute or so stretch during the closing stages of the Western Lakes Activities Association Wrestling Championships.

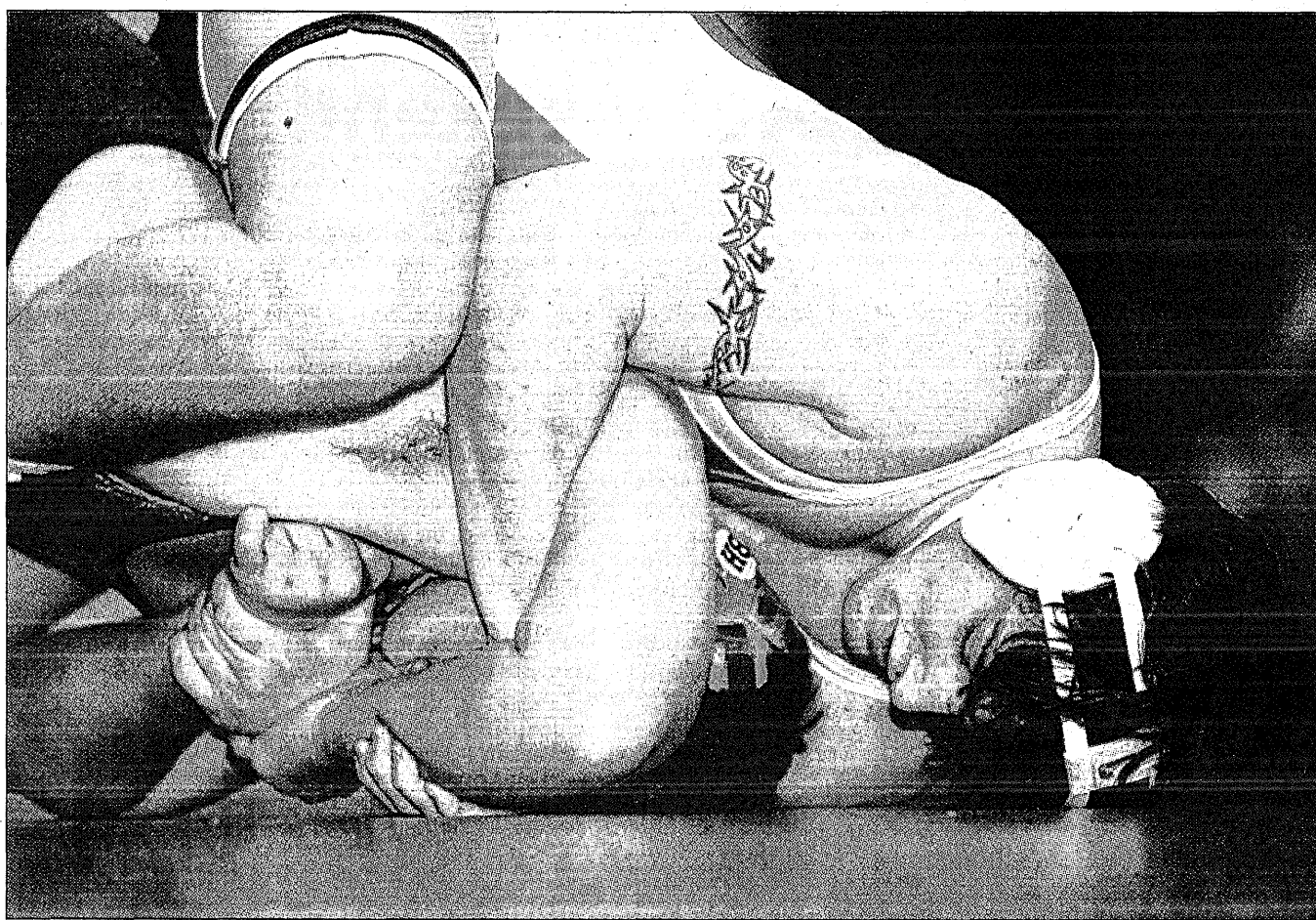
As I watched an epic 160-pound final match between Salem's Jeremy Epley and Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush unfold, a wrestler who had just finished his match on another mat walked toward me, grabbed the small waste can that was propped against a wall near my feet and — *how can I put this nicely?* — bent down and hurled into the can.

He then grabbed a nearby towel, cleaned off his face, and was on his way.

"Probably a combination of nerves and adrenaline," the guy standing next to me guessed. "It's a tough sport."

As I nodded in agreement, another competitor walked by with blood

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton's Dan Wanshon (top) has followed up a stellar senior football season for the Chiefs by compiling a 33-7 record so far in wrestling.

## Heart of a Lion

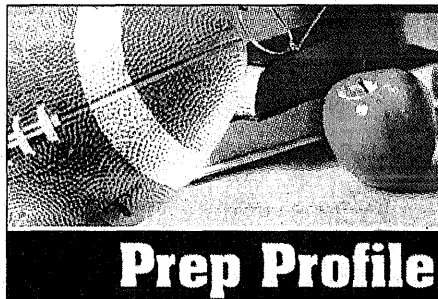
### Wanshon's all-out style shines on football field, wrestling mat

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Of all the honors that have been heaped upon Canton's Dan Wanshon the past few years, it's an unpublicized one that is among the most valued by the football/wrestling standout.

"Before last football season, I went with my little brother, Drake, to pick up his equipment for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers," Wanshon said. "He asked for a certain uniform number, but they didn't have it. So he asked the equipment guy, 'Is number 52 still available?' That's my number. I thought that was pretty cool that my little brother wanted to wear my number."

Given Wanshon's all-out, play-from-the-heart style — both on the football field and wrestling mat — it's not surprising he is emulated by his brother and



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many other youngsters who has watched him perform with relentless effort for the Chiefs.

Wanshon has compensated for his lack of blazing speed and less-than-Herculean size with intangibles that are hard to teach and difficult not to admire.

### All-out effort

On the gridiron, he's a smaller version of All-Pro linebacker Brian Urlacher,

a smart, aggressive player who wreaks havoc from sideline to sideline.

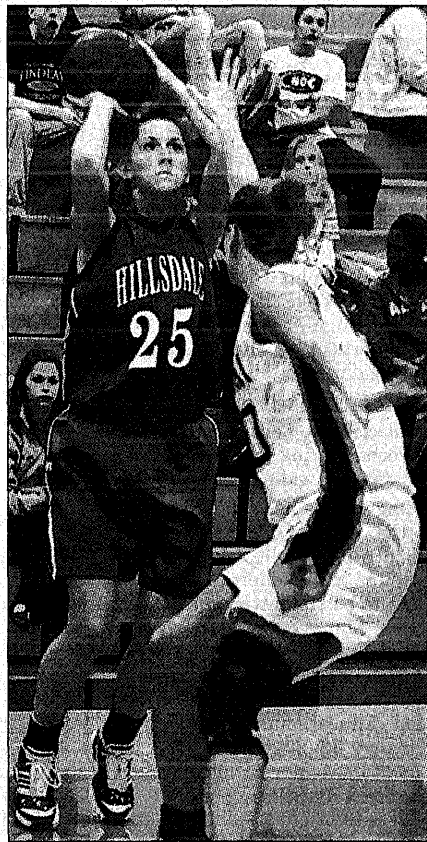
On the mat, he's compiled a stellar 33-7 record this season despite matching up against significantly heavier opponents on a regular basis.

"Dan has meant a lot to our program," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph. "He's a senior captain — just like he was in football — and he's wrestling at 215 even though he weighs about 194, 195, so he's giving up close to 20 pounds against just about everybody he goes up against. He's worked so hard in the weight room, though, that just because he's lighter than the other guys, they're not necessarily stronger than Dan."

"Dan has the capacity to win every match he's in because he does such a

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Canton graduate Katie Cezat has led Hillsdale College to a 19-3 record by averaging over 22 points and 12 rebounds a game this season.



HILLSDALE COLLEGE PHOTO

## Worth the wait

### Ex-Chief Cezat trades reserve role for starring role at Hillsdale

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The only thing Katie Cezat led the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in during her first two years at Hillsdale College was patience.

But given the chance to show her stuff this season, Cezat has flourished and is among the elite Division 2 scorers and rebounders in the entire country.

Seldom used during her first two years at Hillsdale, Canton's all-time leading scorer and rebounder has been seldom contained this season for the Chargers.

The 5-foot-11 junior forward is piling up numbers that would make Lisa Leslie proud. Heading into tonight's contest against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

rival Ferris State, the ex-Chief great is averaging 22.6 points per game (second among all Division 2 players) and 12.5 rebounds per contest (ninth in D2).

She's already tied the school record for blocked shots in a season with 29 and has racked up four consecutive GLIAC South Division Player of the Week honors.

Most importantly, she's averaging over 33 minutes a game — roughly 33 minutes more than she averaged last season.

"We had six seniors who were ahead of me last year, so I didn't see the court too much," said Cezat, a junior accounting major. "My first two years here were quite a bit different from what I was used to in high school because I hardly ever sat at Canton."

"I actually played more my fresh-

man year here than I did my sophomore season, so, yeah, it was getting a little frustrating."

The waiting has paid off for Cezat, who has led the Chargers to a 19-3 record and first-place standing in the GLIAC South.

Among her most notable efforts this season are back-to-back 34- and 42-point performances against Grand Valley State and Wayne State, respectively, on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Hillsdale's Cezat-led win over GVS was its first win over the Lakers in five seasons.

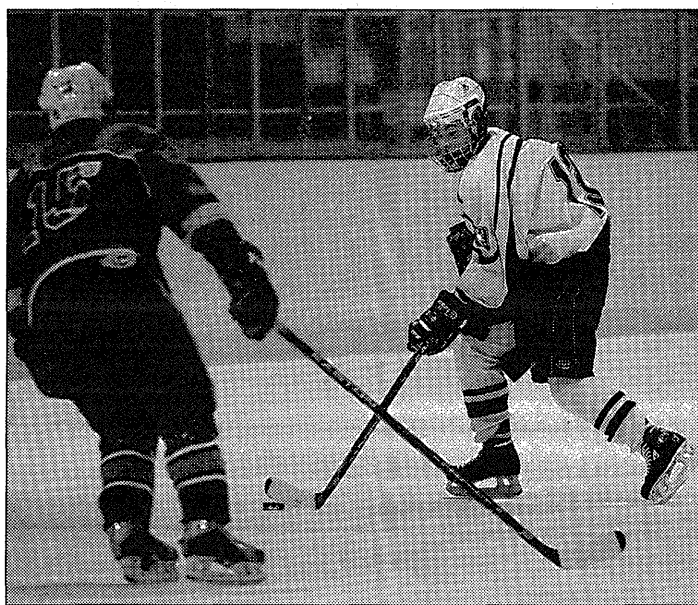
She's been a major-league glass cleaner for the Chargers as well, grabbing 25 rebounds in a Jan. 26 victory over Gannon and 21 in a Jan. 3 triumph over Ashland.

Cezat's feats are extra-impress-

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# Salem and Plymouth icers skate to 1-all draw

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER



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Salem's Joel Cheesman (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, notched an assist in the Rocks' 1-1 draw with Plymouth Saturday night.

Records took a back seat to rivalries Saturday night when the Plymouth and Salem hockey teams faced off in a cross-campus clash played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. A third-period goal from senior defenseman Ian Barnaby earned the Rocks a 1-1 tie in a high-intensity contest played before a large and pumped-up crowd. The deadlock left the Wildcats with a 12-8-2 mark while Salem skated off with a 6-12-1 ledger. Following a well-played but scoreless first period, the Wildcats broke the ice on Connor Dresser's second-period power-play goal from Ryan Callahan and Luke Mirandi. Barnaby countered with a man-advantage net-finder from fellow defenseman Mike Haburne mid-way through the final stanza. "We've been encouraging Ian to shoot the puck more and's

he's been listening," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Early in the year, he'd look to pass before shooting, but he's scored our last three goals (over the past two games), so it's good to see him taking more shots." The Rocks outshot the Wildcats, 33-15. "We definitely had our chances to capitalize on more

than one goal," Ossenmacher lamented. "But their goalie (Ryan Schultz) played very well."

Ossenmacher also complimented the play of his own net-minder, Mark Barkoff, who stopped 14 shots. "He allowed hardly any rebounds, which was huge," said Ossenmacher.

The Rocks' strategist also beamed about the play of Dave Russell, who he deemed "overall the best player on the ice for us Saturday night." The game ended on a sour note as tempers flared and the 10 non-goals on the ice scuffed briefly with five seconds remaining. All 10 will be suspended for each team's next game, Ossenmacher confirmed.

"It's unfortunate that had to happen because up to that point with five seconds left it was a very well played, clean game by both teams," said Ossenmacher. "Coach Randolph came up to me during football season my freshman year and said he thought I was pretty athletic and that I'd be a pretty good fit for wrestling," Wanshon remembered. "He also said wrestling would help me become a better football player, which it did. "At first, I didn't know if I wanted to wrestle because it was a pretty time-consuming sport, but I've liked it more every year, especially this year because I'm winning more. "Coach Randolph always pushes us to break through the mental barriers that we face in wrestling because it will help us later in life."

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# WANSHON

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great job of thinking ahead and figuring out what it's going to take to win. He's the same way on the football field — he anticipates so well that he knows where the play is going to go before anybody else."

## Starting from scratch

Despite zero practical wrestling experience, Wanshon followed Randolph's advice and joined the team as a freshman. The two-way starter on the Chiefs' freshman football team wrestled at 135 pounds his first season. "Coach Randolph came up to me during football season my freshman year and said he thought I was pretty athletic and that I'd be a pretty good fit for wrestling," Wanshon remembered. "He also said wrestling would help me become a better football player, which it did. "At first, I didn't know if I wanted to wrestle because it was a pretty time-consuming sport, but I've liked it more every year, especially this year because I'm winning more. "Coach Randolph always pushes us to break through the mental barriers that we face in wrestling because it will help us later in life."

"Dan's one of those kids who has committed himself and bought into the wrestling and football programs here at Canton," said Randolph. "He's developed a special bond with our two other senior captains — Rodger Kropp and Adam Powers. They not only workout together and lift together in the off-season, but they really get after each other in the wrestling room."

## The big stage

Wanshon, a hard-hitting linebacker, was promoted to the Canton's varsity football team in time for the 2005 post-season run that ended with a close loss to Rockford in the Division I state title game. He started on special teams and was credited with four tackles in a reserve line-backing role against the Rams. "I'll never forget walking out of the tunnel onto the field before that game," said Wanshon. "I've never had goose-bumps like that before and probably never will again."

Wanshon was a starting line-backer the past two years, during which the Chiefs posted 12-1 and 5-4 records, respectively. He earned first-team All-WLAA and All-Observerland accolades following the 2007 campaign.

"It was very disappointing that we didn't make the playoffs this year, especially because two of our losses were by a total of three points, but I can honestly say I had as much fun playing football this year as I ever have," said Wanshon. As for Drake Wanshon, it looks as if he's following in his brother's impressive footsteps. "He had one game for the Steelers last year when he had about 10 tackles and he returned a fumble for a touchdown," Dan Wanshon said. "I told him I never came close to doing something like that when I played for the Steelers."

Like his older brother, Drake Wanshon is doing No. 52 proud. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

# Whalers set for pivotal weekend

The Plymouth Whalers (29-21-2) face two important Western Conference opponents Friday and Saturday as the Ontario Hockey League's regular season moves into the final six weeks.

While veterans Jeremy Smith, Wes Cunningham, Chris Terry, Andrew Fournier, A.J. Jenks and Brett Bellemore lead the Whalers in ice time, Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan is starting to depend on some of the younger Whalers as the season wears on. Second-

year forwards Vern Cooper and Kaine Geldart, and rookie wingers Tyler J. Brown and Tyler G. Brown — among others — are starting to see ice time in all situations as the Whalers try to balance winning while developing their young group. There's a good chance Stefan will not be behind the bench this week. The Ontario Hockey league suspended Stefan — along with Kingston head coach Larry Mavety — after a fight-filled third

period last Sunday in Kingston's 7-4 victory over the Whalers at the Kingston Memorial Centre. If Stefan is not behind the bench, assistants Joe Stefan (Greg's brother) and Brian Sommariva serve as the team's strategists.

On Friday, Plymouth visits Saginaw (25-21-4-2) for a 7:11 p.m. game at the Dow Event Center. The rivalry between the Whalers and Spirit continues to grow with Plymouth winning three of the five games played so far this season. Saginaw's offense revolves around veterans Jack Combs (34 goals, 47 assists), Ryan McDonough (36-27) and Tomas

Zaborsky (25-27). On Saturday, Kitchener (40-9-1-2) visits Plymouth for a 7:05 p.m. game at Compuware Arena. The Whalers are set to host the top-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League during "Hockey Day" in Michigan. During the game, the Whalers will honor the Compuware Youth House program — also known as the I-275 League — as the Compuware AAA 98's, who won the Whitby, Ont. Silver Sticks tournament earlier this season, will be on hand. For tickets, call (734) 453-8400 or go to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

## Better with age

Wanshon started seeing significant varsity wrestling time last season when he compiled a 25-20 mark at 215 pounds. This year he's catapulted into the elite group of 215-pounders in the Observerland area as his runner-up finish at Saturday's WLAA Championship meet proves.

"Dan's one of those kids who has committed himself and bought into the wrestling and football programs here at Canton," said Randolph. "He's developed a special bond with our two other senior captains — Rodger Kropp and Adam Powers. They not only workout together and lift together in the off-season, but they really get after each other in the wrestling room."

**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 28, 2008 for the following:

**LIBERTY FEST TENTS, TABLES & CHAIRS**

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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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
 1013 - Lissa Seiber - Microwave, TV, Sofa  
 2011 - James Clippert - 4 Kitchen Chairs, 1 Office Chair, 2 End Tables  
 3018 - Bonzell Joins - China Cabinet, Sofa, 50 Boxes  
 4027 - Jason Brodie - Computer, Dresser, Tool Box  
 4201 - Russell Pfeifer - 3 Bikes, 5 totes, 3 tool boxes  
 4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV  
 5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity  
 5107 - Gloria and Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer  
 5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Printer, Lawnmower, 20 Boxes  
 5260 - Amy McLellan - Stroller, Microwave, Misc Items

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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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**BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2008**

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**FY 2006 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT FY 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

On February 28, 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activity. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER") is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities for FY 2006 (July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007). The CAPER is available for inspection at the Community Services Division during regular business hours. In addition there will be a public hearing to consider resident project proposals for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Publish: February 14, 2008

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:  
 Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	<b>9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting</b>
	<b>2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment</b>
<b>Monday, March 10</b>	<b>2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment</b>
	<b>6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b>	<b>9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment</b>
	<b>2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment</b>
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	<b>9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served</b>


Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 21, 2008.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**2008 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
 City 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 pm, Thursday, February 28, 2008 for the following:

**2008 SITE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS**

The removal of 4,900 square yards of existing 7-inch concrete pavement with integral curb and gutter and replacing with 8-inch concrete pavement, excavation and subsurface drainage improvements including 1,700 feet of underdrain, drainage structure adjustments, sidewalk repairs, restoration and related work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A non-refundable fee of \$ 40.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Hall - Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

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 Gym Floor Remodeling for Erikkson, Fiegel, Field, and Hulsing Elementary Schools. 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; (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.

Bid Division descriptions include:

- 103: Selective Demolition
- 124: Wood Flooring
- 151: Cafeteria Folding Pocket Tables

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. 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 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008** where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, please contact 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 SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Comets soar to Canton Invite title

Local results: Salem finishes 8th, Canton 9th, Plymouth 16th

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The two top-ranked gymnastics teams in the state lived up to the hype at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

Top-ranked Grand Ledge nipped second-ranked Farmington United, 149.250-148.750, to capture first place in the talent-rich tournament.

Livonia Blue turned in a strong third-place showing with a score of 144.900, one point ahead of fourth-place Troy Athens.

A trio of Observerland contingents placed 7th through 9th: Livonia Red (139.900), Salem (138.650) and the host Chiefs (137.725).

Canton was without the talents of senior captain Jessie Murray, who was absent due to a school-related overseas trip.

Plymouth placed 16th in the 17-team field with 116.050 points.

Grand Ledge's Meaghan McWhorter earned Division 1 all-around honors by racking up 38.300 points, less than a point more than second-place Kristin Nagle of Farmington. Livonia Red's Paula Guzik was third.

Farmington's Jill Haapaniemi was the top all-around point-earner in Division 2, finishing with 38.700, just ahead of second-place Maddie Burman of Grand Ledge.

Outstanding individual efforts were turned in by Livonia Blue's Laura Nomura (second in D2 vault and second in floor exercise); Guzik (third in D1 balance beam); Salem's Brittany Young (fifth in D2 balance beam); Robyn Piwowar (tie for third in D1 floor exercise); and Livonia Blue's Emily Quint, who finished third on the vault in Division 1.

CANTON INVITATIONAL
SATURDAY AT PLYMOUTH N.S.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Grand Ledge, 149.250; 2. Farmington, 148.750; 3. Livonia Blue, 144.900; 4. Troy Athens, 143.900; 5. Northville, 142.075; 6. Sturgis, 140.675; 7. Livonia Red, 139.900; 8. Salem, 138.650; 9. Canton, 137.725; 10. Portage, 137.625; 11. Holt, 132.850; 12. Howell, 132.375; 13. Freeland, 130.600; 14. Brighton, 124.250; 15. Jackson County Western, 123.875; 16. Plymouth, 116.050; 17. Hartland, 83.950.

VAULT

DIVISION 1
1. Alexis Byington (GL), 9.70; 2. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.675; 3. Emily Quint (LIV-B), 9.625; 4. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.525; 5. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.475; 6. Kaitlin Adds (STG), 9.40; 7. Carleigh Felstead (GL), 9.350; 8. Alexis Johnson (HNL), 9.20; 9. Meghan Powers (LIV-B), 9.175; 10. (tie) Katie Koetting (SAL), Makenna Pohl (N) and Cathy Huang (C), 9.150.

DIVISION 2
1. Nichole Wood (HLT), 9.575; 2. Laura Nomura (LIV-B), 9.50; 3. Brianna Marouldis (PRT), 9.425; 4. Maddie Burman (GL), 9.30; 5. Allison Kemp (N), 9.20; 6. Lena Schneewind (FRM), 9.175; 7. Karen Guo (TA), 9.150; 8. Chelsea Umiauf (FRL), 9.125; 9. Amy Ancona (FRM), 9.10; 10. (tie) Jill Haapaniemi (FRM) and Kelsey Pierce (GL), 9.075.

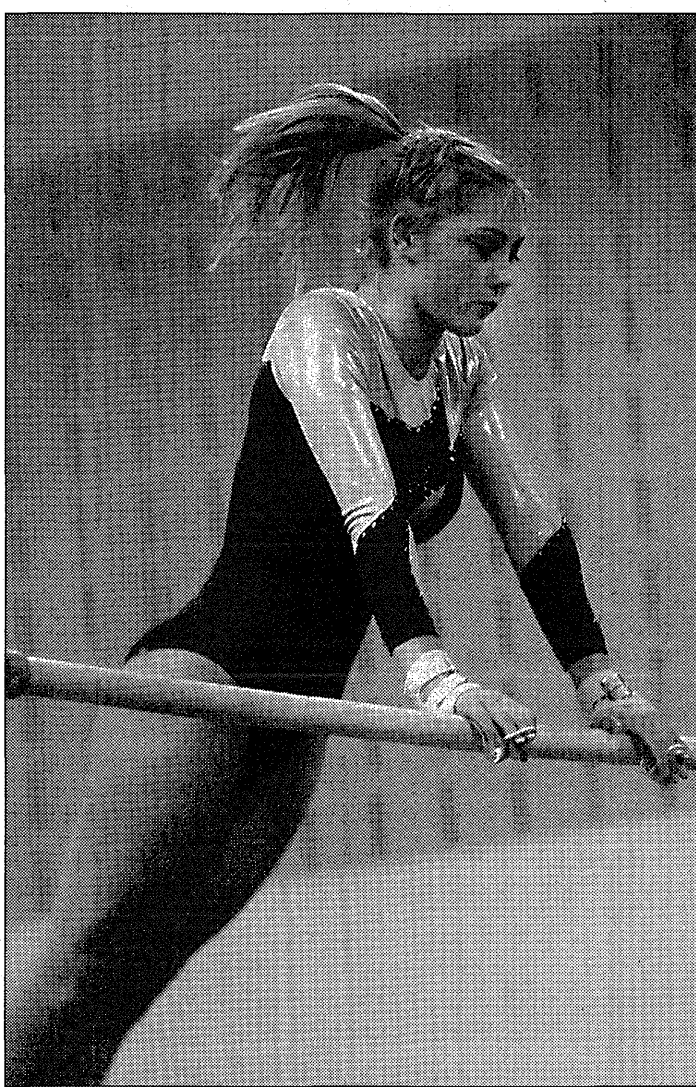
UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS

DIVISION 1
1. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.70; 2. Alexis Byington (GL), 9.450; 3. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.250; 4. (tie) Kristin Nagle (FRM) and Elana Cocks (FRM), 9.20; 6. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.175; 7. Kallie Strazdas (PRT), 9.10; 8. Emily Quint (LIV-B), 9.050; 9. Meghan Powers (LIV-B), 8.975; 10. Samantha Kohl (FRM), 8.925.

DIVISION 2
1. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 8.925; 2. Kelsey Pierce (GL), 8.850; 3. Allison Kemp (N), 8.825; 4. Chelsea Umiauf (FRL), 8.750; 5. Nichole Wood (HLT), 8.575; 6. (tie) Nicole Olweean (PRT) and Jackie Stewart (TA), 8.450; 8. Maddie Burman (GL), 8.425; 9. Brianna Marouldis (PRT), 8.350; 10. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.30.

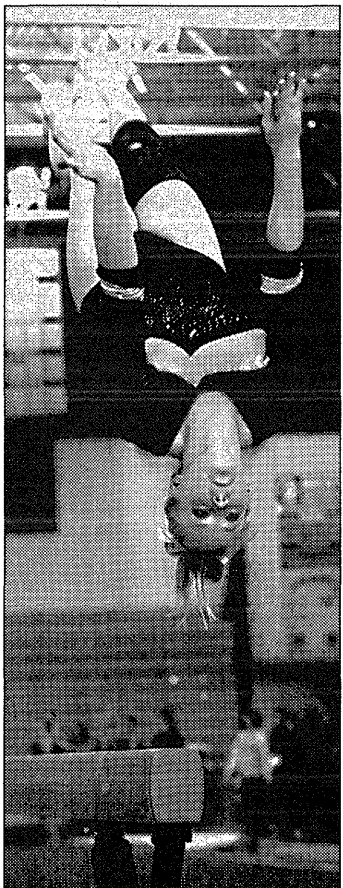
FLOOR EXERCISE

DIVISION 1
1. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.675; 2. Elana Cocks (FRM), 9.625; 3. (tie) Alexis Byington



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Autumn Collins, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, helped lead the Rocks to an eighth-place finish at Saturday's Canton Invitational.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth's Jordan Brodehl dismounts off the balance beam during Saturday's Canton Invitational.

BALANCE BEAM

DIVISION 1
1. Kaitlin Adds (STG), 9.70; 2. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.675; 3. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.60; 4. Naomi Cherup (TA), 9.575; 5. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.525; 6. Kallie Strazdas (PRT), 9.50; 7. Michelle Mather (TA), 9.475; 8. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.425; 9. (tie) Meghan Powers (LIV-B) and Brooke Madzia (TA), 9.350.

DIVISION 2
1. Amy Ancona (FRM), 9.425; 2. Kelsey Pierce (GL), 9.375; 3. Amy Reynolds (N), 9.325; 4. Kelly Madzia (TA), 9.250; 5. Brittany Young (SLM), 9.175; 6. (tie) Brianna Marouldis (PRT) and Laura Nomura (LIV-B), 9.150; 8. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 9.125; 9. Chelsea Umiauf (FRL), 9.10; 10. (tie) Maddie Burman (GL) and McKyleigh Gaddert (GL), 9.050.

FLOOR EXERCISE

DIVISION 1
1. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.675; 2. Elana Cocks (FRM), 9.625; 3. (tie) Alexis Byington

Mustangs zone out Rock cagers, 74-51

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville's always-perplexing zone defense was long-armed and dangerous Tuesday night in its first-round WLAA playoff game against visiting Salem.

The Mustangs' long and lanky defenders forced 21 turnovers — 12 in the first half — on the way to a 74-51 triumph over the Rocks.

Northville will take an 11-7 record into Friday's semifinal contest against Westland John Glenn.

Salem, which dropped its third straight decision, will take an 8-10 mark into Friday's consolation-bracket home game against Plymouth.

Greg Hasse, who recently signed a letter of intent to play football at Wayne State University, led the winners with 18 points. Dan Kirkpatrick netted 15 points, five rebounds and six steals; and Dan Burke added 14 points and six boards.

Grant Stone led the Rocks with 18 points and seven rebounds. Ross Davis added nine points and seven boards.

Salem showed plenty of spark early and led 10-6 four minutes in on an offensive rebound by Jesse Pointer.

However, the Mustangs

BOYS PREP HOOP

reeled off a 25-2 run that stretched from the 2:30 mark of the first quarter to the 1:30 mark of the second to secure 31-14 advantage that would never be threatened.

Burke led the surge with eight points — seven coming in a 70-second explosion mid-way through the second quarter when he converted a pair of offensive rebounds and a long triple.

Northville led 35-20 at the half and 56-36 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks put together a 10-0 run to start the fourth quarter, which brought them to within 56-46. However, Northville scored the next 11 points to put a cap on the victory.

Salem went 18-for-54 from the field (33 percent) and 12-for-13 from the free throw line (92 percent).

Northville hit 29-of-59 field goals (49.1 percent) and 11-of-16 free throws (68.7).

JOHN GLENN 73, PLYMOUTH 33: State-ranked Westland John Glenn (17-1) invoked a second-half running clock en route to a 40-point, first-round WLAA playoff win Tuesday at home over the Wildcats (6-12).

Senior forward Stefan Marken

paced a balanced Glenn scoring attack with 17 points.

Others in double figures for the Rockets included Keshawn Martin (15), Earl Hardison (11) and Dorian Prather (10). Austin Anderson also contributed eight.

The Rockets were 9-of-12 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 6-of-13.

Glenn led 22-5 after one quarter and 41-16 at intermission. The Rockets opened up a 40-point advantage with 4:34 to go in the game.

Senior guard Brandon Roberts scored eight for Plymouth.

STEVENSON 58, CANTON 49: Senior Pat York and junior Ricky Chrzasz popped in 18 and 13 points, respectively, leading Livonia Stevenson (7-11) to a WLAA consolation round win against the host Chiefs (5-13).

Stevenson led 25-19 at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters before outscoring Canton 19-14 during the final period.

"Both Pat (York) and Ricky (Chrzasz) really stepped up and played well tonight," said Stevenson first-year coach Mike Allie, whose team shot 12-of-15 from the foul line.

Chris Bailey scored 10 to lead the Chiefs. Marlon Glenn, Will Tidwell and Dan Stoney each added eight.

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Wildcats' big second quarter spells doom for Churchill

GIRLS PREP HOOP

A huge second quarter led Plymouth's girls basketball team to a 40-30 victory over Livonia Churchill Monday night in the Chargers' gymnasium.

After falling into a 12-4 first-quarter hole, the Wildcats clawed back to outscored their hosts 18-6 in the second stanza to secure a 22-18 halftime lead they would never relinquish.

"We had a little slow start, but the girls stepped up, started moving the ball better and started shooting better in the second quarter," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly.

Junior center Shaakira Haywood led the winners with 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Kelsi Robinson and sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski both contributed to the balanced attack with 10

Hollowell paced the Chiefs with a 23-point, 12-rebound performance.

Freshman forward Kayla Bridges also shined, scoring 16 points. Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin chipped in with seven points for Canton.

Kaylee McGrath led Stevenson with 11 points.

Stevenson led 13-12 after one quarter before Canton stormed back to take a 28-24 halftime lead and 47-32 advantage after three quarters.

"We came out and played with a lot of focus in the third quarter," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Baylea had a great game and Kayla did a nice job of getting to the rim. We also got a lot of good energy off the bench from sophomores Lindsey Winters and Alyssa Cottrell."

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CEZAT

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sive considering she's battling against players significantly taller and heavier than her. "I'm usually giving up two or three inches and 20 to 30 pounds," she said. "But I've been able to use my quickness to my advantage against the bigger girls.

"My post moves have improved since high school and I've extended my shooting range to just within the three-point line. If my foot's on the line, I know I'm OK." Cezat was named a captain prior to the season. The leadership role is fitting for the Chargers' top player because she can relate to every player on the team.

"The girls who don't play much know I've been where they are, so they listen to me," she said. "After not playing

much my first two years, I don't take anything for granted now."

Cezat is excelling in the classroom as well. She's compiled a 3.2 grade-point average and has a promising career as a certified public accountant awaiting her upon graduation in the summer of 2009.

"I served an internship at an

accounting firm in Southfield last summer, and I really learned a lot," she said. "I'm looking forward to my career as a CPA."

But first, she has another season plus to shine in her current field — certified public scoring and rebounding machine.

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Ignition falls 15-10 to Monterrey

The Detroit Ignition was defeated 15-10 by La Raza de Monterrey Saturday at Arena Monterrey.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 12-7 in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings. Monterrey, an

MISL expansion team, improved to 8-11.

The Ignition struck first just five minutes into the first quarter as defender Jonathan Greenfield notched a two-point score.

Advertisement for Plymouth Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers hockey game. Includes logo, date (Saturday, Feb. 16th, 7:05 P.M.), and ticket information (TICKETS Call 734-453-8400, www.plymouthwhalers.com). Also mentions 'JUST A REMINDER! PLAYOFFS BEGIN IN MARCH' and 'TEAM AUTOGRAPH NIGHT'.

Advertisement for Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. Title: 'Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Invitation to Bid'. Text: 'Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority will solicit sealed bids at the YCUA Service Center, 2780 Clark Rd. Ypsilanti, Michigan until 2:00PM Wednesday, March 5, 2008 for the following: (1) Midsize 4-door car (2) Midsize/compact pickup truck (3) 1/2-ton extended cab pickup trucks'. Contact: Henry J Gerst, Director of Service Operations, Ypsilanti Comm. Util. Auth. Publish: February 17 & 24, 2008.

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# WRIGHT

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streaming down the side of his face from a cut near his ear.

The bloody ear-to-ear smile he wore told me he was the winner. "You should see the guy he beat," the guy standing next to me cracked.

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts."

-Dan Gable

What makes wrestling such a grueling sport isn't necessarily the all-day Saturday tournaments or the mid-week dual meets — it's the out-of-the-spotlight practices and camps that fall in between.

Just like diamonds are formed by unimaginable pressure, stud wrestlers are formed by unimaginable work habits and a dedication to the craft that is unrelatable unless you've spent close to 20 hours a week working your tail off in a padded wrestling room.

A few years ago while interviewing a senior grappler for a feature story, I asked him what he'd miss the most

once his wrestling career was over.

"I'll miss the competitions," he said, "but not much else. Truthfully, it wasn't a lot of fun. But you know what, I'm a better person for having wrestled."

"The 1st period is won by the best technician. The 2nd period is won by the kid in the best shape. The 3rd period is won by the kid with the biggest heart."

-Dan

Gable

It became apparent as the final seconds of the third period of the

Epley-Kharbush match ticked down that both their hearts — figuratively speaking — were the size of basketballs because the score was tied and headed to overtime.

Even Dan Gable would have been riveted by this battle-for-every-inch-of-leverage struggle between the unbeaten Kharbush and the twice-beaten Epley.

Unlike basketball players who can relax for a moment when the ball is deflected out of bounds, or football players who can catch their breath and harness their adrenaline rushes in the huddle, there is no rest — either mental or physical — for

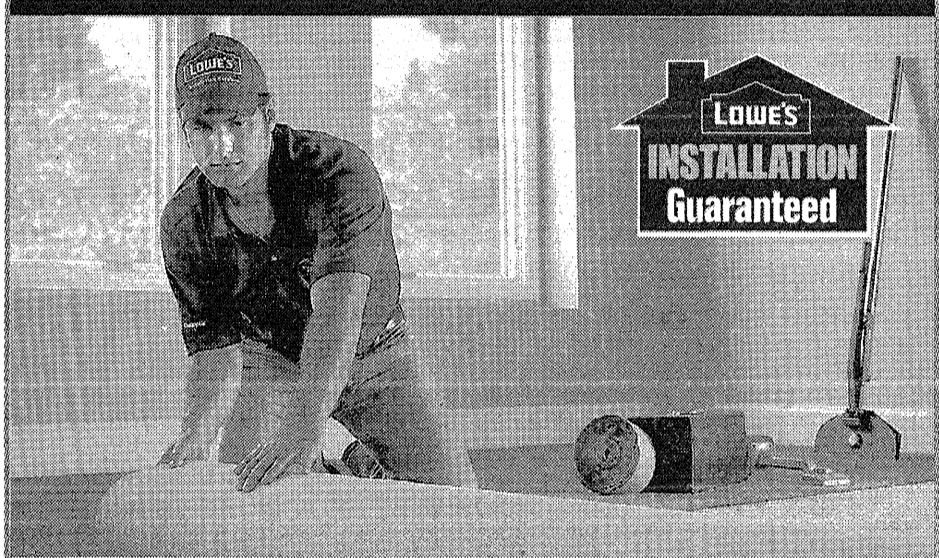
wrestlers, who will find themselves staring up into the gymnasium's fluorescent lights with their shoulder blades pinned to the mat if they lose their focus for even a split second.

Kharbush eventually won, 7-6. As he and Epley walked off the mat to a rousing ovation, they almost assuredly knew that anything else they did that day, this week, this lifetime, would be easy compared to the struggle they had just endured.

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# WRESTLING

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who was a state-qualifier and is ranked No. 4 in the state.

"Our upper-weight guys also wrestled extremely well. Our guys from 171 and up finished second, second, second and fourth, and all three of the guys in the finals had a good opportunity to win. We'll work on a few technique issues with them so that if they meet those kids again they'll have a chance to win."

Randolph also noted the effort of 112-pound sophomore Connor Johnson, who placed fifth after not being seeded at the outset of the tournament.

"I couldn't be prouder of Connor," said Randolph. "He showed a lot of heart and determination."

Thanks to three individual champions, Livonia Churchill placed sixth with 133, eight points ahead of seventh-place Salem.

The field was rounded out by Walled Lake Central (77), Walled Lake Northern (67), Plymouth (51), Walled Lake Western (48) and Wayne Memorial (5).

Two Patriots placed first: Jared Pieknik, who edged Walled Lake Northern's Hunter West, 8-6, in the 112-pound final; and Dan Woodall, who outlasted Canton's Adam Powers, 12-7, in the 189-pound finale.

The Rockets' fourth-place showing was highlighted by championship efforts from Anthony Pavlich (103) and Jeremiah Austin (125).

Stevenson's unbeaten Ziad Kharbush won what was arguably the most intense match of the day — a 7-6 overtime triumph over Salem's Jeremy Epley. Matt Greenman (215) also battled to a title with a narrow 7-5 victory over Canton's Dan Wanshon.

Churchill's triumvirate of champions included 152-pounder Dan Small, 171-pounder Brian Ziembra and heavyweight Mark Parrish.

Salem's lone titlist was Kevin Hayter, who won at 130 by doubling up Northville's Evan Bentley, 12-6, in the first-place showdown.

### WLAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY AT CANTON

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**103 pounds:** 1. Anthony Pavlich (JG) pinned Waleed Faraj (C) in 2:09; 3. Jacob Smith (WLC) pinned Devin Stratton (LS) in 0:50; 5. Steve Tuvo (LF) pinned Jimmy Ahearn (P) in 2:01.

**112:** 1. Jared Pieknik (LF) decisioned Hunter West (WLN), 8-6; 3. Josh Austin (JG) pinned Michael Fobar (LS) in 2:13; 5. Connor Johnson (C) dec. Mike Baglan (N), 6-4.

**119:** 1. Johnny D'Anna (N) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 8-6; 3. Carl Lucke (C) dec. Steve D'Annunzio (P), 6-3; 5. Keith Roberts (LC) dec. Ray Kort (WLC), 4-3.

**125:** 1. Jeremiah Austin (JG) dec. Donnie Watkins (C), 12-5; 3. Dave Kort (WLC) dec. John Hebert (N), 8-5; 5. Tommy Myszock (LS) pinned Kevin Bennett (S) in 2:59.

**130:** 1. Kevin Hayter (S) dec. Evan Bentley (N), 12-6; 3. Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Mitch Gonzalez (LS), 5-4; 5. Jordan Lutren (WLW) dec. Artem Gazaryants (WLC), 7-0.

**135:** 1. Steve Cox (C) pinned Jared Stephens (JG) in 3:30; 3. Dave Pichia (WLN) dec. Matt Lathoff (N), 3-2; 5. Andrew Murray (LC) dec. Anthony Mainella (LS), 7-6.

**140:** 1. Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Brandon Smith (LF), 14-10; 3. JonPaul Gaffke (LC) won by major decision over Aaron Towne (N), 11-7; 5. Dan McChill (JG) dec. Mark Wann (WLN), 6-2.

**145:** 1. Brian Baglan (N) dec. Raz Markosian (LS), 7-1; 3. Zaid Ammari (JG) won by injury default over Brandon Billiau (LF); 5. Justin Kane (S) dec. Josh Gustitus (LC), 4-2.

**152:** 1. Dan Small (LC) dec. Eric Kitada (WLN), 13-8; 3. Matt Hagan (N) pinned Keith Zech (C) in 2:08; 5. Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major decision over Patrick Roeser (WLN), 9-0.

**160:** 1. Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Jeremy Epley (S), 7-6; 3. Gary Lawrence (JG) dec. Don Stratz (LF), 10-3; 5. Nick Mudar (N) dec. Steve Van Maele (WLN), 5-1.

**171:** 1. Brian Ziembra (LC) dec. Rodger Kropp (C), 4-2; 3. Austin Root (S) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 3-2; 5. Kevin Mantay (N) dec. Jeff Adkins (JG), 7-2.

**189:** 1. Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Adam Powers (C), 12-7; 3. Emanuel Onwuemeke (LS), 7-5; 5. Vince Darolfi (P) pinned Sam Lepper (S) in 0:50.

**215:** 1. Matt Greenman (LS) dec. Dan Wanshon (C), 7-5; 3. Anthony Pomerson (P) dec. Cody Hay (LF), 6-2; 5. Andy Lall (WLC) dec. Zach Leinenen (WLN), 7-3.

**285:** 1. Mark Parrish (C) dec. Mike Luks (LF), 8-7; 3. Austin McCalliff (LS) dec. Luke Konsitzke (C), 3-2; 5. Joe Alverson (WLW) pinned Dustin Gajowiak (JG) in 2:00.

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The hallway at Alex Lauer's home.

## Artists: Show us your homes

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Calling all artists, musicians and creative people: We want to see inside your homes.

While the rest of us pore through home publications for design inspiration, we know you have natural, interesting flair.

Whether you're a fine artist with a sophisticated home, or twentysomething rocker with old records glued to your ceiling, we're hoping you will share one of your creative rooms with us.

Recently we stumbled upon the artists who live in an Eastern Market loft that they have named Scrummage University.

There, members of the band Benny Stoofy use found vintage items, Christmas lights and bold paint colors for an eclectic style. The band has turned their Scrummage home into a communal atmosphere.

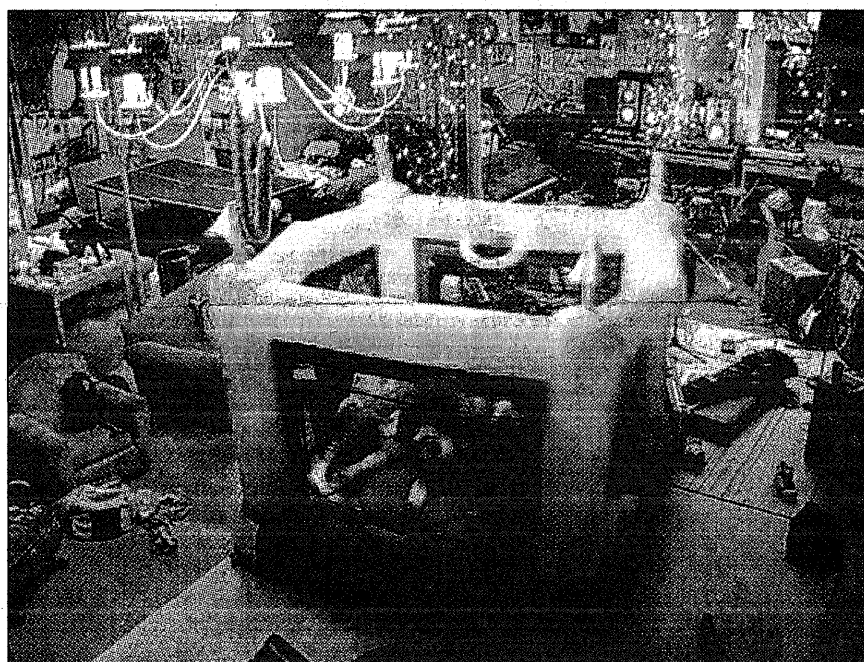
They host art exhibits and have invited bands from across the globe to perform at their space.

Benny Stoofy plays psychedelic music and their home decor suits the music well.

"It's spaced out alien rock 'n' roll," said Alex Lauer, guitarist/singer/keyboardist, formerly of Southfield and Beverly Hills. "A lot of people bring us pieces to add to our place."

See more at [myspace.com/scrummage-university](http://myspace.com/scrummage-university).

"It's our home, but it's also a do-it-yourself art-space venue. People can perform here and show their art here in an open, supportive environment."



Band members of Benny Stoofy design their home and allow artist friends to contribute. They call this 'The Bounce Room.'

"There is no judgment on anyone here." And isn't that what a home is all about?

If you're an artist or musician who would like to share a part of your home with us, e-mail: [imini@hometownlife.com](mailto:imini@hometownlife.com) or call (248) 901-2572.



## Owner of a Golden Heart

Restaurants can receive county's healthy designation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County health officials will be rewarding restaurants that offer low-fat menu items and cook with trans fat-free oil with a "Golden Heart Healthy Restaurant" designation.

Owners and operators of Oakland County's 4,000 restaurants can expect to receive 13-question surveys soon in the mail. The surveys are aimed at encouraging restaurants to offer healthier food alternatives on their menus and create trans fat reduction/healthy diet initiatives.

"Most Americans don't eat right," said Dr. Sharon Milberger, associate director for research at Henry Ford Health System's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. "Most Americans eat too many saturated fats and sugars." Milberger added that many diners want healthier items and want to eliminate trans fats from their diets.

With that in mind, county officials created the Oakland County Trans Fats Awareness and Reduction Group, which in turn developed the survey. The group consists of dietitians, health educators and representatives from the Oakland County Health Department, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the Oakland County Intermediate Schools District and Henry Ford Health Systems. Big Rock Steak and Chop House will represent area restaurants.

### SURVEYS DUE APRIL 4

Restaurant owners and operators who want to modify their menus to create healthier food options can have recipes analyzed, for a fee, by Henry Ford Health Systems. Data collected from the surveys will be analyzed and restaurants that meet the healthy and trans fat free criteria will be eligible to receive the Gold Heart designation. The surveys are due April 4.

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson (D-West Bloomfield and Bloomfield), who is also a member of the Trans Fat Awareness and Reduction Group, said today's trends toward informing the public in nutritional labeling of foods and calorie identification give the group a "natural position" to be involved.

"We also sought input from the restaurants," she said, citing Big Rock Chop House restaurant's involvement. Andy Delaney, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association, was also invited, she said.

"We wanted it to be a friendly process, and we want people to have choices," Gershenson said.

### GOLD HEART DESIGNATION

Vera Day Rizer, general manager at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham, said the restaurant was approached by the county to be involved in the survey. Rizer and chef Jeff Rose are involved in the group.

"It got us thinking about the way things are prepared," Rizer said. "We prepare everything from scratch, but people aren't always thinking about the kind of oil it's fried in."

Big Rock has used trans fat free oil for two years now, Rizer said.

"We know we're doing the right thing, and a lot of restaurants may be doing the right thing, and they just don't know it," Rizer said.

The group has not developed criteria on how to designate a Gold Heart restaurant. "The team will analyze the results," Rizer said.

Rizer thinks the survey will help for informational purposes, but would not lead to more regulation, such as mandates on the publication of calorie counts on menus.

"People are looking for freshness and taste," Rizer said. "People aren't always looking at calories when they go out. They can already ask for dressings or sauces on the side. Most people save their serious dieting for when they are home." As a lower fat alternative, Big Rock offers fresh fruit and sorbets on the dessert menu, Rizer says.

Commissioner Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford) hopes the golden heart designation encourages restaurants to offer healthy items — if they don't already. "I eat out a lot and I know I'm not always a healthy eater," Jacobsen said. He thought about how the gold heart designation would work with diners. "I'd order the seafood with cream sauce one day, and when I go out again, I'll see the logo and remember that I didn't eat healthy the other day, so I'll order that item."

Jacobsen is opposed to banning trans fats, which was in a bill introduced by Gershenson that's currently in committee.

"All I tell people is 'buyer beware,'" Jacobsen said. "But we need to make them aware of what they are eating. If a restaurant wants to put the calories on the menu, that's fine, but most of us can look at a list of ingredients and foods on a menu, and know if it isn't healthy."

Rizer believes the survey gives restaurants a chance to promote themselves. "The survey will give us a tool to do that," Rizer said. "We'll inform our guests with a little gold heart."

## What makes a winery boutique?

There's no definition for boutique winery. In general in the United States, they're simply considered high quality with low production.

Yet, how low is low? That's not defined either, but we believe Gargiulo Vineyards, with a 3,500-case production, is a boutique winery -- and one you should get to know. Recently, the wines became available in the Michigan market.

In general, boutique wineries set out to distinguish themselves by expressing a sense of place in their wines. The new word for that is an expression of somewhereness. With that aim in mind, the Gargiulo family is committed to crafting wines from two Oakville (Napa Valley) estate vineyards, Money Road Ranch and 575 OVX (an abbreviation for Oakville Cross Road, the vineyard location).

Best known for cabernet sauvignon and merlot, Gargiulo also produces a sangiovese blended

### WINE PICKS

Gargiulo does not produce a syrah (also known as shiraz) but the following do and they're really delicious.

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- 2006 Fairview Shiraz (South Africa) \$15
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- 2006 Two Hands Angels Share McLaren Vale Shiraz \$30
- 2004 MacRostie Wildcat Mountain Vineyard \$34
- 2005 Tablas Creek \$35
- 2005 Beckmen Purisima

- Mountain Vineyard \$40
- 2002 McWilliams Stentiford's Old Vines Coonawarra Reserve Shiraz \$55
- Then there's petite sirah (not a syrah relative), with big and generous flavors.
- 2006 McManis \$11
- 2005 Vina Robles Jardine \$26
- Chinese New Year Feb. 7-22. A perfect complement to Chinese dishes is 2006 Now & Zen Wasabi White \$10, a fun Alsace blend of sylvaner, pinot blanc, riesling and gewurztraminer.

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wine named Aprile. In 2004 Food and Wine magazine named Gargiulo one of the top 20 new wineries on the planet.

### FROM TOMATOES TO WINE

Proprietor Jeff Gargiulo has been farming nearly his entire life. Before selling his company to Monsanto, he was, at one time, one of the largest tomato growers

in the world. Between 2001 and 2006, he was president and CEO of Sunkist Growers, where he spearheaded reorganization and developed diversified products such as Sunkist's pre-cut fruit and berry marketing.

Individual grapes are often called berries, so this fits! Gargiulo and his wife Valerie, purchased Money Road Ranch in

1992. By 1994, 35 of its 40 acres were reengineered and replanted to three different rootstocks and three different clones of merlot. Remaining acreage was divided among cabernet sauvignon, sangiovese and pinot gris.

In 2000, the Gargiulos purchased nine additional acres in Oakville at 575 Oakville Crossroad. This vineyard, named 575 OVX is located on the eastern side of Oakville, sandwiched between two famous Napa Valley vineyards Rudd and Screaming Eagle.

In spring 2001 Gargiulo replanted 575 OVX, one of the only south-facing sloped vineyards in Oakville, to cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. In May 2005 the Gargiulos began construction of a state-of-the-art winery.

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# Answers to virus, Vista, remote control and iPod movie questions

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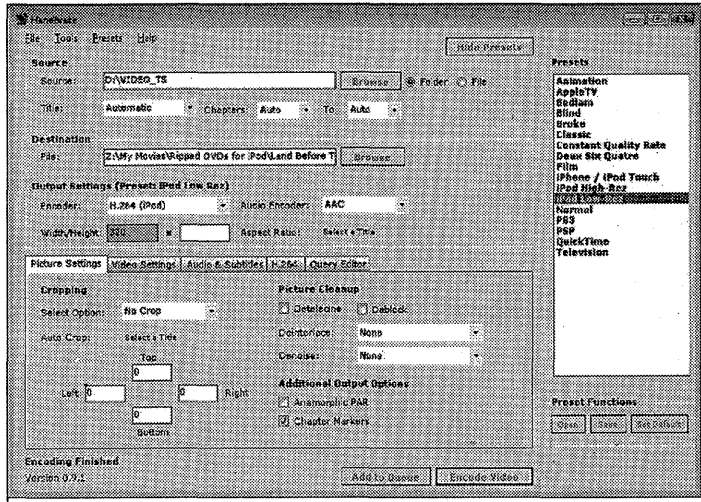
**Answer:** Forward the e-mail to scan@virustotal.com. In a few minutes, you'll get back a report telling you what infections were found, if any.

This free service employs a whopping 32 different virus scanners, making it far

more effective than the single anti-virus utility that's installed on your PC. (You do have one, right?)

You can also visit the VirusTotal.com site and manually upload any file for on-the-fly scanning. The service won't remove any viruses it discovers, but at least you'll know if you've got a problem file.

**Question:** I'm trying to help a friend or family member solve a



The free HandBrake program can copy your DVDs to your iPod for on-the-go viewing.

computer problem, but it's really difficult to troubleshoot over the phone. How can I set up a remote connection to the other PC?

**Answer:** Professional tech-support departments increasingly rely on remote-control software, which lets them temporarily take control of the user's PC to diagnose and fix problems.

You can do likewise with

CrossLoop (crossloop.com), a free utility that couldn't be much easier to use.

Just download and run the program, and instruct the other user to do likewise. He/she then clicks the program's Share tab and reads you the access code presented there. You type it into CrossLoop at your end, then click Connect.

Presto: You've got full (but temporary) control over the

other PC. Now you can work your tech-savvy magic.

**Question:** I'm in the market for a new PC, but I've heard bad things about Windows Vista. Should I try to find a system that comes with Windows XP?

**Answer:** For all its shortcomings and annoyances, Windows Vista really isn't a bad operating system. It's more secure than XP, and it offers some worthwhile advantages, including Windows Media Center and improved search and networking capabilities.

That said, if you're determined to stick with XP, Dell is among the few manufacturers that let you order new PCs with the older OS.

Alternately, you could look for a closeout or recertified machine from a reseller like eCost or TigerDirect. Any model manufactured prior to January, 2007 will come with Windows XP.

There's another option, of course: Buy a Mac instead. The latest models can run both Mac and Windows operating systems, giving you the best of both

worlds. Something to consider!

**Question:** I want to watch my DVDs on my iPod. Can I copy them somehow?

**Answer:** Absolutely. In fact, 20th Century Fox recently announced a collaborative effort with Apple called iTunes Digital Copy. When you buy select DVDs, you'll be able to pop the disc into your PC and sync a mobile version of the movie straight to your iPod.

For the moment, however, the only DVD to offer this compelling feature is "Family Guy Presents: Blue Harvest." If you want to watch the movies in your existing DVD collection, you'll need to get creative.

Start by downloading HandBrake (handbrake.fr), a freeware utility for Windows and Mac systems. It converts DVDs into iPod-compatible MP4 video files.

You'll also need a utility that can decrypt copy-protected DVDs, which, technically speaking, is illegal. I've heard rumors that DVD43 (dvd43.com) is one such utility.

I've also heard that after

installing and running DVD43, you should then run HandBrake, click the Show Presets button, and then choose a suitable preset (such as "iPhone/iPod Touch" or "iPod High-Res").

Now insert your DVD, wait a minute for your system to recognize it, and then click the Browse button in the Source section. Navigate to the DVD's Video\_TS folder and click OK. Next, choose a destination for the output file (your iTunes folder is a logical choice).

Finally, click the Encode Video button — and settle in for a long wait. Even on a fast system, it can take several hours to process a typical DVD. When it's done, copy the new video to your iPod like you would any other.

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## WINE

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months gives the wine good length and roundness.

2003 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 showcases bright cherry, raspberry and cassis aromas and flavors.

With good structure and well-integrated fruit, oak and acid, it comes across layered and attractive.

2004 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 is nearly a mirror image of the 2003 with, perhaps, somewhat brighter fruit and a bit more lush in the finish.

The bad news here is that both the 2003 and 2004 Gargiulo Money Road Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon \$75 are sold out.

These are stellar wines, so get your bid in for some 2005 and long term the 2007.

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## FOOD CALENDAR

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### Ritz-Carlton

The hotel's culinary team invites you into their kitchen for cooking classes. Learn cooking tips and tricks, then sit down to a dinner with wines 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday evenings as follows: Treasures of Tuscany: Regional Italian, Feb. 11; Mediterranean Mezza, April 14; Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Fiesta, May 12; Flavor and Fire: Hot Off the Grill, June 18. Cost is \$120, \$75 dinner only. Call Leslie Jacobs at (248) 646-4517.

### Whole Foods Market

Chinese New Year cooking class, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19, \$15, you must pre-register at customer service counter no later than

Feb. 15, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

### Market tour

Learn ins and outs of label reading, where to look for hard to find foods and how to incorporate soy into your diet, call Stacy Goldberg at (248) 563-2920 to reserve a place on the tour, 3 p.m. Feb. 24, Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

### Healthy Cooking Classes

Macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson has moved out of her apartment and into a house so there's more room for students and better parking. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. at Wilson's new home in Westland, visit the web site or call (734) 722-4553 for more information.

# Appliance news from around world

Each day on my computer I can travel many miles with the flick of a fingertip and the constant instructions I receive from my darling Valerie. She says that I am getting much better and asking fewer questions.

My travels to Mexico reveal that Whirlpool is cutting 750 jobs at its Reynosa plant

and plans to increase production at the Ramos Arizpe plant and add 600 employees by mid-year. Over in LaVergne, Tenn., Whirlpool is closing a refrigerator factory, laying off 500 workers and

moving production to Fort Smith, Ark.

This plant is expected to gain another 250 employees by the end of this year. Whirlpool has an employment enrollment of around 73,000 and the above numbers are just a drop in the bucket. Whirlpool is providing a severance package to these folks to I'm sure ease the upheaval they must go through.

Cut across Michigan from Benton Harbor to Greenville and take a look at the work going on at the Gibson

Manufacturing factory. This 1.7 million-square-foot plant is being torn down and removed from the face of the earth.

Built in 1877 by Frank Gibson, it has made products such as wood cabinets, bomber wings and aluminum gliders for the military of World War II, and modern refrigerators that have garnished the American home with food preservation.

This demolition project began in April of last year and will be completed some time this spring. Life as they knew it in Greenville is certainly not the same, and that is a shame.

Flying in my computer flight simulator I travel over the 401 highway heading east to Guelph, Ontario to visit the headquarters of W.C. Wood Company.

If you have purchased a freezer in the last 10 years then most likely it was built by Wood, no matter what brand name you see on the front.

Newspapers in Canada point out that W.C. Wood has been purchased by Red Diamond Capital, a private investment firm based in New York. W.C. Wood has been controlled by the Wood family since it was founded in 1930. Red Diamond is an affiliate of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan's leading trading company. Freezer production in the U.S. is just about non-existent today; I hope they

can keep it up in Canada.

In my computer travels I picked up a story with the headline: Liebherr to Introduce 36-Inch Refrigerator at K/BIS. The French-door model will be appearing at the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show in April in Chicago.

This product will have two separate compressors with ability to produce 3.5 pounds of ice in 24 hours and capacity to store seven pounds of cubes. The glass shelves are strong enough to hold 180 pounds. My hopes are that the appliance will be able to cool the refrigerator section down to around 35 degrees.

By the way, I must search out something on my computer. I haven't heard about this Liebherr brand name before this story. I don't know if they're from Canada, Mexico, Benton Harbor or Greenville. Time to find out!

Stay tuned.

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

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# Keep comfort in mind when outfitting a guest room

Kelly of Redford asks: "I'm decorating a guest room and I don't know where to begin. I already have an office, so this room will be a guest room, only."

How lucky you are to have enough space to allow for a permanent guest room! First, you need to evaluate the needs of any potential guests, space plan everything on paper, and then go shopping.

Normally, a guest room has at least one full-size bed or two twin beds. If a queen bed fits, that's even better. If you have regular guests staying at your home, you need to evaluate how long they typically stay and try to anticipate their needs while at your house. Will they need a dresser? Probably not. A few drawers in a large nightstand should be plenty, but be sure to allow for ample closet space to hang clothing. A folding luggage stand is a great piece to have and pull out when guests arrive.

If your guests are technologically connected, a writing desk and chair is a nice addition. They will have a horizontal surface to set up their lap-

top, or simply charge their cell phone. Wireless or cable connection should also be considered.

A television set in the guest room is a worthwhile investment, too. It doesn't have to be large or fancy, but some people like to wind down alone and watch their favorite shows or catch up on the news.

For space planning, you will need to draw out the room in 1/4" inch scale and make sure these furniture items all fit in the room. Once that is decided, it's time to shop.

Establish a color scheme by selecting your bedding first or a dramatic piece of art work. A bed-in-a-bag set is fine for the guest room and there are deals to be had if you shop around. You can choose your paint color after you've selected the bedding and art.

Don't forget the alarm clock, a reading light, and a nice, full-length mirror. Enjoy the process of designing your guest room ... your guests will appreciate it.

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

# Ticket winners off to the show

Nine area residents are ticket winners to the "Valentine Rock and Roll Spectacular" show at the Ford Performing Art Center in Dearborn. The winners were part of a random ticket drawing in a contest sponsored by the *Observer*

& *Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers*.

The Feb. 16 show features The Reflections, The Diamonds, The Vogues, Sonny Turner and Jack Scott.

Winners are Bob Magary of Auburn Hills, Beverly Tack

of Royal Oak, Margo Tellish of Livonia, Barbara Bellaire of Canton, Larry Michalski of Farmington Hills, Michael Kromirs of Farmington Hills, Nancy Radzwion of Westland, Joyce Hudy of Livonia and Joyce Costanza of Canton.

# Toast skirts promise to warm up winter days

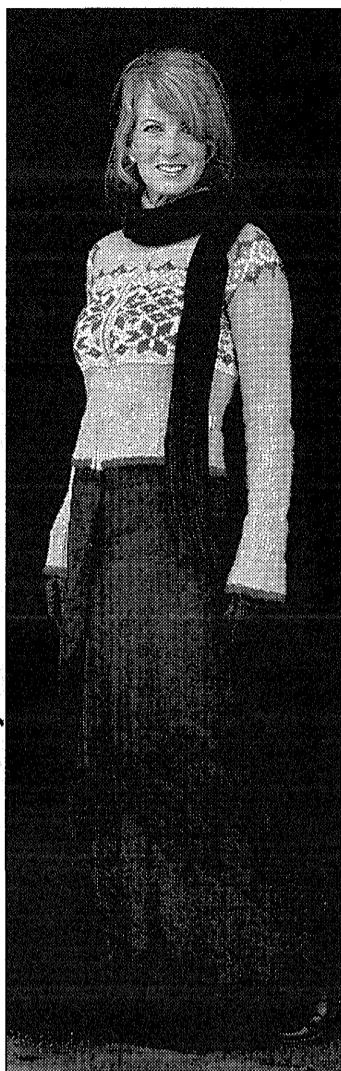
Bring on the chilly temperatures — the long, dragging Michigan winter coated in snow. Vivian George won't shy from it. The Harper Woods resident and musician — who splits her time between metro Detroit and Toronto — has invented a fashion-forward solution to the frigid weather. She crafted a down-filled full-length snow skirt she calls Toast.

And it's unlike any other piece of outerwear we've seen.

"You feel like a superhero," she said. Toast's stylish superpower provides protection against the harsh elements. "My aunt came up with (the name)," said George. "It keeps you warm as toast."

The invention was derived from necessity. After years of working on film sets in Toronto, George learned a thing or two about keeping warm. Working on the set of *Road to Avonlea*, she noticed the actresses wearing large, flannel skirts didn't mind the weather. It sparked an idea. Her Toast prototype began with a visit to a Detroit thrift store. She found a down feather coat and experimented by slicing off the sleeves and neck, and fashioning it around her waist. "Down keeps you warmer than any other material," she said.

Over the past six years she's worked with three manufacturers who couldn't quite get it right. Then Canada Goose took the reins and helped George perfect her product. They modeled it after the technology used on their own Expedition Parka, favored by the National Science Foundation during South Pole expeditions. "The



Vivian George created the ultimate skirt for cold climates, called Toast.

quality is unparalleled," said George.

It is versatile enough to be worn as a skirt or used as a snugly blanket or even a pillow. With a double-zipper and snaps for wearability, Toast is perfect for people who work outside 10 hours a day or those who just walk their dogs, George said. The skirt, which is surprisingly light-weight, is coated in Teflon. It can get wet without being damaged — and the down will never escape. Each skirt comes with one Grabber Mycoal Heat Treat that can be inserted into a back

pocket for extra warmth and comfort.

It's durable and simple to clean. "You just wipe it with water," said George. "There is no need to dry-clean it."

The skirt runs from extra small to large. It comes in black, though George has added various colors of lining — in hot pink, white or polar blue satin.

George is currently working toward wider distribution. While the skirts are available for sale online and in stores in Boston, New York and Toronto, she recently added a local shop to the list — Excelsior, at 23900 Woodward Ave. in Pleasant Ridge.

Owner Patti Brock-Sklar had the skirts in stock for one day and two customers had already tried it on. A down coat can look "very Michelin Man" she said, whereas a Toast skirt adds glamour. "You can wear whatever you want underneath," she said.

Toast isn't limited to women. Men wear it, too. "Wearing the skirt forces heat up," said George. While it can be paired with any sort of winter coat, often a sweater is all that's needed. "It regulates to your body heat," she said.

And beyond the utility of the skirt, it's a slimming head-turner. George can't step outside without hearing the question "where did you get that skirt?" It literally sells itself. Women have offered to buy it right off of her, she said, adding that: "The skirt makes a scene in a snowstorm."

For more information or to order online, visit [www.toastskirts.com](http://www.toastskirts.com).

**Stephanie Angelyn Casola** is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty trends, fashionable finds and shopping tips for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Got an idea suitable for *Shop Around the Corner*? She can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com).

## HOME CALENDAR

### IKEA Events

Bring your Valentine to IKEA Canton today and receive a free entree when you buy one at equal value, and enjoy intimate live music 5-9 p.m. in the restaurant. During "American as Cherry Pie" Feb. 16-18, get a piece of cherry pie for 25¢ with purchase of an herbed chicken entrée for \$5.49. On Presidents' Day, Feb. 18, bring your oldest dated penny to IKEA Canton 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Owners of five oldest pennies will win \$100 IKEA gift cards. Every person entering a penny, no matter how old it is, will be entered to win one \$500 IKEA Gift Card.

### Cottage & Lakefront Living

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Feb. 28-March 2, will include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, sand art demos by Big Wave Dave, and seminars about family kayak adventures and 'green' lake practices. Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 2-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10

a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; children 5 and under free. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit [www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com](http://www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com).

### Green Exhibitors Wanted

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.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 10 a.m.-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. Highlights include: 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).

### Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions on Tuesday evenings or

Wednesday mornings beginning March 4. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, green-house management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

### Home & Garden Show

The Michigan Home & Garden Show, March 7-9 at Ford Field, will feature all aspects of landscapes, gardens, lawn care, plants, trees, garden tools, renovation advice, room additions, furniture, spas, fireplaces, floor covering and more. HGTV's Frank Fontana will present "Let's be Frank! Secrets of High Style, Low Cost Design." Show hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; free children 5 and under. Children 6-14 are free on Family Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and special activities will be offered. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

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### Flower Arranging

Michigan Orchid Society member Rosie Kiley present "Flower Arranging Made Easy" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St. Free. Call (586) 416-1496.

### English Gardens Events

English Gardens will host a free presentation on perennial gardening 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at its retail stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. Learn how to create a colorful garden that will come back every year. All six locations also will host the 6th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 26, with displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids, along with free demonstrations and presentations on Feb. 16. Visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

### Schoolcraft Classes

Expert horticulturist and landscape designer Merritt Wolson will teach upcoming classes on garden design at Schoolcraft College in Livonia:

Design Your Outside World, 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 20-March 19; or 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, March 29-April 12.

Woody Trees and Shrubs, 9-11:40 a.m. Feb. 23-March 15. Perennial Gardening, 7-9:40 p.m. Wednesdays, March 26-April 9. Cost is \$75/\$60 for seniors, books and supplies included. Call (734) 462-4448.

### A Bit of Green

Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, will host a benefit for Shades of Pink, a Birmingham-based organization that helps women battling breast cancer. A Gardening Lecture and Luncheon 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 will feature lunch in the Event Greenhouse at tablescape decorated by local designers, along with lectures by local experts. A Wine Tasting and Tablescape Preview 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 will feature hors d'oeuvres by candlelight and a sneak peek at the tables. \$60 per event; \$100 per person to attend both. Call (248) 594-1249 or visit [www.goldnerwalsh.com](http://www.goldnerwalsh.com).

### Master Composter Classes

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will hold Master

Composter classes for environmental gardening enthusiasts beginning at 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton. The course includes six classes and a field trip to the SOCRRA compost facility. Cost, \$30, includes name badge, soil test and class notebook. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail [LFDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDean@aol.com).

### Hostas 101

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Hostas 101 at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. A Royal Oak gardener who has turned his back yard into a successful nursery business, will explain how to propagate and cultivate hostas at the free event. Call (313) 861-6579.

### Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its 54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16. Formerly at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the show will move to the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Programs for beginner, intermediate and casual growers of orchids; 30 vendors selling orchids, supplies and related items. Free. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Visit [www.miorchids.com](http://www.miorchids.com).

# THE HEALTHY PLATE: Recipe for Herb-Crusted Pork Tenderloin

BY JIM ROMANOFF  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usually when a food is described as having a golden, crispy crust, frying and plenty of grease are involved.

But it doesn't have to be that way. With the right ingredients and techniques, flavorful, crunchy satisfying results can be had without all the fat.

This recipe for pork tenderloin in a golden, herbed crust is loosely inspired by a classic Japanese preparation of breaded, deep-fried pork chops called tonkatsu.

But rather than pork cutlets, this dish uses pork tenderloin, which is as lean as white chicken meat.

Deep-fried crusts do have loads of flavor, so for this pork tenderloin we compensate with loads of added flavorings in the coating.

A crumb mixture is made with panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs), which have a crispier, lighter texture than most kinds of breading. Panko can be found in the Asian section of most grocers.

The panko is combined with chopped fresh parsley, thyme, rosemary and minced garlic to create a flavor that's more Mediterranean than Asian.

You can substitute any herbs you prefer as long as you keep to these quantities. Instead of buying individual bunches, which can be pricey, look for packaged fresh herb blends in the produce department, as well as in the freezer case.

The bread crumb mixture is moistened with a small amount of healthy, extra-virgin olive oil, which distributes flavors and helps the crust to brown during roasting.

To make the crumb mixture stick, a coating of zesty Dijon mustard is applied to the tenderloin, rather than the more common beaten egg. This adds an extra burst of flavor without any additional fat.

Roast the pork tenderloin just until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 155 F; the internal temperature will rise to 160 F while the tenderloin rests for 5. Overcooking lower fat meats is a surefire way to end up

with dry results.

To complete this healthy meal, try serving the sliced pork with pureed sweet potatoes sprinkled with toasted chopped hazelnuts and some steamed broccolini.

## PORK TENDERLOIN IN A GOLDEN, HERBED CRUST

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active)

Servings: 4

¼ cup panko (Japanese-style) bread crumbs  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1-pound pork tenderloin  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly oil a wire rack or coat it with nonstick cooking spray. Set the rack in a baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine the bread crumbs, garlic, parsley, rosemary, thyme, oil, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Use paper towels to pat dry the pork tenderloin.

On a piece of plastic wrap, spread out half of the breadcrumb mixture in a strip as long as the tenderloin. Coat one side of the tenderloin with half of the mustard.

Turn the tenderloin over and set it down on the crumbs so they stick to the mustard. Coat the remaining surface of the meat with the remaining mustard. Press the second side of the tenderloin into the remaining crumb mixture.

Transfer the tenderloin to the prepared rack. Roast until the crust is golden, the tenderloin is barely pink in the center and the internal temperature is 155 F, 35 to 45 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving: 245 calories; 8 g fat (2 g saturated); 74 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 1 g fiber; 435 mg sodium.

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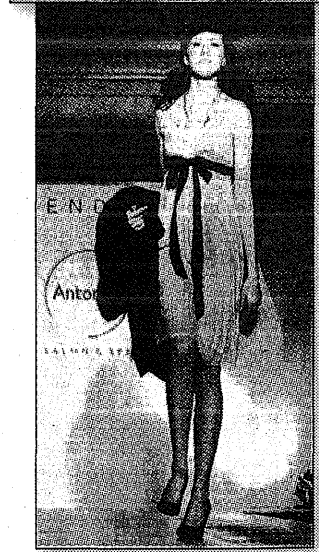
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## Tender at the Townsend shows future of fashion

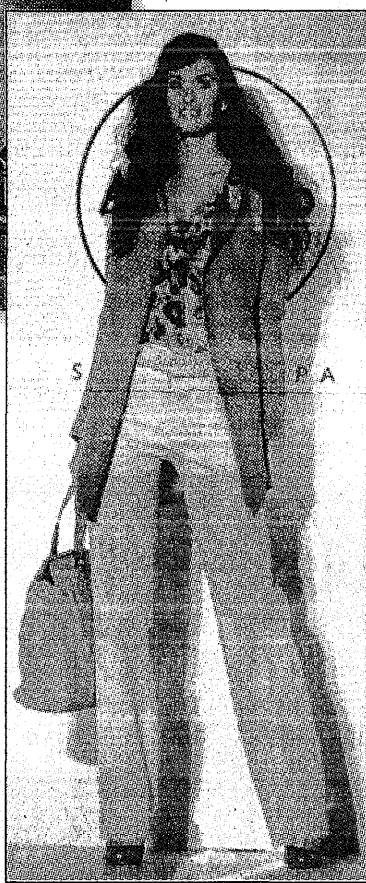
BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER



During 'Tender at the Townsend' a black pencil skirt and white ruffled blouse were punched up with a citrus green cardigan by Saverio Palatella.



Feminine and flowing dresses are the key to style this spring and summer. Accessorize with a chunky necklace and the look's complete.



Neutral colors and wide leg trousers are great for work or weekends. All clothing available at Tender Birmingham.

**Accessories:** You might not wear neon green, thigh-high fishnets with a little black dress like Daskas showed on the runway, but the point is to use accessories to make a splash. Tie a patterned silk scarf around your hair, put on some prim purple gloves, or carry a handbag covered in silk roses. Large

— and you're good to go.

**Lauren sunglasses** lend instant glamour, and don't forget the shoes.

**Shoes:** Jimmy Choo platform cutouts in brown and fuchsia suede. Lanvin pumps in black satin with wood heels and big bows. Valentino platforms of rhinestone mesh. Sound wild? They are, but if you invest in statement shoes this season you can take your old look to a new level. For something that goes with almost anything, try a nude colored shoe, like Derek Lam pumps in buff.

**Hair:** Runway beauty is always exaggerated, but Anthony Marsalese said the average woman can take a cue from the over-the-top styles he and his team at Antonino Salon & Spa in Birmingham concocted for the show. Models sported smooth hair on top that expanded into voluminous curls on the bottom. Deep side parts and curled-under, clip-on bangs evoked the 1940s. For an everyday translation, Marsalese suggested bangs with straight hair, or loose, tousled curls. "It's not overly done, not too perfect. It's like doing a hairdo then undoing it," he said. "It goes really well with the clothing, feminine and textured."

**Makeup:** Runway makeup also blended retro and modern feel, according to Genna Gibson, a makeup artist at Antonino. The look was simple: a heavy sweep of dark eyeliner, complemented by high-shine lips in hot pink and red. "Heavy eyeliner and juicy looking lips are really in right now," she said. The lightest touch of rose blush — and perhaps a sweep of sheer eyeshadow

Tender is located at 271 W. Maple in Birmingham. Call (248) 258-0212 or visit [www.tenderbirmingham.com](http://www.tenderbirmingham.com). Antonino Salon & Spa is located at 191 Townsend in Birmingham, (248) 258-5990 and 39590 W. 14 Mile Road in Commerce, (248) 669-0900. Visit [www.antoninosalon.com](http://www.antoninosalon.com).

## pink picks

By Wendy

### Wear It!

Hanky Pankies (try red for Valentine's Day)

### Don't Wear It!

Too casual on casual Fridays (try a blazer with jeans)

### Tivo It!

Lipstick Jungle

### DVD It!

The Brave One

### Mane It!

Profound Beauty haircare systems at Antonino Salons, Birmingham and Commerce

### Smell It!

Chloe's new signature scent exclusively at Saks

### Shop It!

Zoe's Lace, new to The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield

### Kick It!

Christian Louboutin Sometimes lace-up sandals

### Tote It!

Old Navy printed raffia beach totes.

### Face It!

Nubian Heritage beauty products, new to Macy's

### See It!

Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert movie

### Click It!

[www.OrganicStyle.com](http://www.OrganicStyle.com)

### Do It!

Remember your mom on Valentine's Day

### Drink It!

Chocolate Dipped Cherry martinis

## Malls and Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at [wvnb@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvnb@hometownlife.com).

### Kohl's Holds Job Fair

Kohl's will host a job fair Feb. 17 - 21 to fill 150 full- and part-time positions for its Canton store, opening in April. Billed by BusinessWeek as one of the "Best Places to Launch a Career," Kohl's will hire associates for cash register operation, department service, customer service, early morning stocking, truck unloading, housekeeping and evening signage/pricing updates. The job fair will be held at the Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Dr. in Belleville. Call (877) NEW-KOHLs or visit [www.kohls-careers.com](http://www.kohls-careers.com).

### Zoe's Lace Discounts

Through Friday, Zoe's Lace will donate 5 percent of all purchases to the The Francee and Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Sheryl Freedland, longtime owner of Ruby's Balm, opened Zoe's Lace at The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield to offer beautiful lingerie, yoga and lounge-wear in all sizes. Look for Cosabella, Chantelle, the Intimates line from Elle Macpherson, Mary Green and Kashwara, a line of cashmere soft products without the cashmere price. Visit the store at 6907 Orchard Lake Road or Call (248) 932-5223.

### Gifts of Love in Royal Oak

Spend Valentine's Day in Downtown Royal Oak as the Downtown Development Authority presents Gifts of Love. Participating businesses will offer special dinners for two, salon packages and gift items at all price points. Highlights include a champagne dinner for two and "Singles Mingle" party at Bastone; flowers for ladies who dine at Sangria; a Valentine Love Contest at Lily's Seafood; 10 percent off candles through February at Shine; 20 percent off Valentine's Day gifts at Dale & Thomas Popcorn and Godiva chocolates and Cheesecake Factory treats at Barnes & Noble.

### Bellanina Beauty Event

Bellanina Day Spa will host an evening of beauty tonight to celebrate its 10th anniversary. From 6:30-9 p.m., guests can indulge in champagne and chocolate, complimentary chair massages, chocolate paraffin hand treatments, and Bellanina facelift massage, as well as enter to win a one week stay at the Bellanina Mountain

Retreat in the Smokey Mountains and other prizes. At 6:30 p.m., Keith West-Harrison, master esthetician to stars like Gwyneth Paltrow, Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, will offer skincare tips and unveil the new Bellanina Naturals line. At 8 p.m., Dr. Michelle Segar will offer "Essential Steps" for women over 40. Bellanina Day Spa is in Ann Arbor's Historic District of Kerrytown at 201 North Fourth Ave. Call (734) 327-1000 or visit [www.bellaninadayspa.com](http://www.bellaninadayspa.com).

### Nahil returns to Margot's Spa

Margot's Euro Spa in Downtown Birmingham is pleased to announce Nahil Gebara has rejoined the staff. Gebara brings several specialty services to Margot's including permanent makeup, laser hair removal, electrolysis, skin tightening (ReFirme), skin rejuvenation (IPL), VelaSmooth cellulite treatments. Margot's is located at 101 Townsend in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-3770.

### Native West Closeout Sale

Native West announces its End of the Trail Sale on unique Southwest jewelry and art Feb. 15-April 12. After 18 years, Native West will close its doors after a sale that begins with 20 percent off for two weeks, increasing by 10 percent each week after that through April 12. Merchandise includes sterling silver jewelry, Painted Pony collectibles, rugs, pottery, artwork, Indian reproductions, dream catchers and more. Visit 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth or call (734) 455-8838.

### Retail Strategies Session

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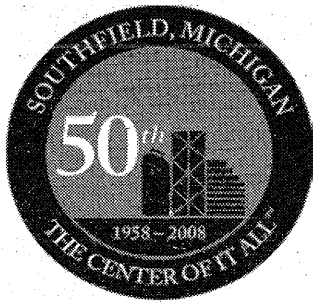
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# Snuggle up with a romantic flick

So it's Valentine's night and you've opted to stay in, maybe pop open a glass of red wine, sink into the sofa and re-live one of those classic, unforgettable onscreen romances. Whether you're

staying in or going out,

there's nothing quite

like love in the mov-

ies. If you've got a

date by your side

or you're going

solo, it's hard not

to get nostalgic at

the mere sight of

these films. *Filter* has

compiled a few timeless

favorites spanning the past five decades.

All are all suitable for the candy heart

season:

### 'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S'

Truth be told Truman Capote didn't quite envision the same sort of romance between his characters socialite Holly GoLightly and aspiring writer Paul "Fred" Varjak but it was utterly adorable to watch Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard parade around New York City, trying so hard not to fall for each other. In one iconic role Hepburn made us all fall in love. And that sentiment never fades in Blake Edwards' 1961 gem.

### 'ANNIE HALL'

Sure it's Woody Allen playing Woody Allen but *Annie Hall* is more than an intimate, nostalgic glimpse at a romance gone awry, it's among his many love letters to New York City itself. And for fans of Woody's work, well, this 1977 film tends to weave its way to the top of the list. What's more lovely than a film starring his one-time real-life love Diane Keaton in the title role?

### 'PRETTY IN PINK'

Molly Ringwald was the It girl of the 1980s and this was the movie that made every teen daydream that some sweet shy Andrew McCarthy-type would come sweep her away. Sure, a case could be made for countless other Brat Pack flicks but in 1986 John Hughes captured the angst of high school romance as sidekick Duckie pines after his best pal Andie even as "richie" Blaine catches her eye. It culminates in that oh-so-80s kiss amid the headlights of Blaine's BMW, set to the sounds of *If You Leave* by Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark.

### 'WHEN HARRY MET SALLY'

Can a man and woman really be "just

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So many loving events this Valentine's Day.

## Dirtbombs celebrate their calling card at the Magic Stick

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The Dirtbombs, from an outsiders perspective, are so Detroit.

The sound of the new album is what drummer Ben Blackwell described as "urban paranoia."

The photo on their Web site homepage is a shadowy image of the band standing in an empty auto plant off I-75 in Detroit, a location that's now their practice place.

And their new CD, *We Have You Surrounded* celebrates the hip-hop



The Dirtbombs have played to loyal following in Detroit for years. After their show at the Magic Stick this weekend, they'll continue to play nationwide and then in Australia.

and electronic sounds that originated in Detroit. Still this is a rock album.

If you've never heard of The Dirtbombs, a band that has released 23 albums and has a staunch loyal following in The Motor City, *Surrounded* is a good place to start.

"It's what a fan would expect from The Dirtbombs," Blackwell said.

The new CD, released nationwide

on Tuesday, Feb. 19, will be available at the band's CD release party this Saturday, Feb. 16 at The Magic Stick in Detroit. The music and the emotion it creates is a good representation of The Dirtbombs' rock sound.

"Urban paranoia is something that (band's singer/guitarist/founder

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Looking for a last-minute idea for this evening's Valentine's Day fun? We've got some suggestions.

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Le Normandie is a French pastry shop owned by Cecilia Mercante, and it's located

## Make something out of nothing: The art of improvisational quilting

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

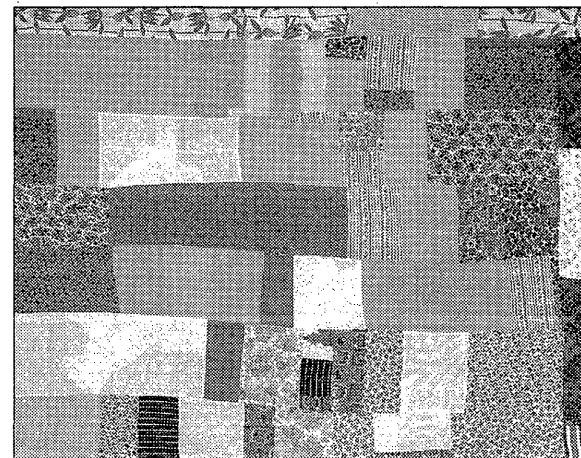
The Henry Ford continues a tradition of showcasing the art of quilting in a new exhibit in time for Black History Month. *Quilting Genius 2: The Improvisational Quilt of Susana Allen Hunter* encompasses 30 quilts as well as other tell-tale belongings representing the quilter's life in rural Wilcox County, Alabama.

Her bed, sewing scissors, thimble, meager four-board quilting frame, clothing and a washtub are also included in the exhibit.

"We were offered the collection in 2006 and acquired it in November of that year," said Jeanine Head Miller, curator of domestic life at The Henry Ford and a Plymouth resident. "Since it's a new acquisition for us, we are anxious to have people see it."

Susana and her husband, Julius, were sharecroppers in the South. They grew cotton and corn, tended a vegetable garden and raised hogs, chickens and cattle. Rural quilters like Hunter, who was born in 1912, took pride in designing "something pretty out of nothing." She made hundreds of quilts by hand before her death in 2005.

"They lived a rather low-tech lifestyle, even in the 20th century," said Miller. As late as the 1970s the Hunter family still resided without heat and elec-




This multi-colored quilt, created by Susana Allen Hunter, will be featured in a new exhibit at The Henry Ford.

tricity. The quilts she made served as an important source of heat. It took four to six quilts per bed to keep family members warm through the winter, Miller noted, so they were necessities.

"They were done in an improvisational style," said Miller, adding that the tradition derived from quilters with few resources and those who were more

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**PURE PICKS FEB. 14-18**

**14** It's a Valentine's Day special at Campus Martius Park, located on Woodward Avenue between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue in the heart of downtown Detroit. From 6-10 p.m., is the annual Valentine's Day Party. A great time for romance under the city lights. Cost is \$20 and includes ice skating for two, skate rental, shoe storage, pizza and soft drinks. Guests will leave with a complimentary rose. Parking is available for \$5 after 6 p.m. at the Compuware (HDS) Parking Garage.



It's cold out but you can snuggle on skates at Campus Martius for Valentine's Day tonight or this weekend.

**15** Popular singer/songwriter Martin Sexton appears at the Royal Oak Theatre for one night only. Showtime is 9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22 and \$27. All ages are welcome. Call (248) 645-6666. The Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. Fourth St.

Detroit (313) 887-8500 [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).

**16** It's the *History of the Word* featuring poet Saul Williams and several local spoken word artists, Saturday at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7-\$12 and on sale now at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 and the Music Hall office. Saul Williams is a gifted young poet who is opening up this literary art form to a new generation of readers. The show contains a fearless mix of connecting rhythms and vibrant image. Located at 350 Madison Avenue,

**17** U.K. indie band Super Furry Animals play the Magic Stick at 8 p.m. with guests Times New Viking and Jeffrey Lewis. The show is open to all ages. Located at 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com).

**18** Want to relax with friends? There's always an upbeat scene at the Woodward Avenue Brewery, and Monday nights the food is half off. Located at 22646 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, Call (248) 546-3696 for information.

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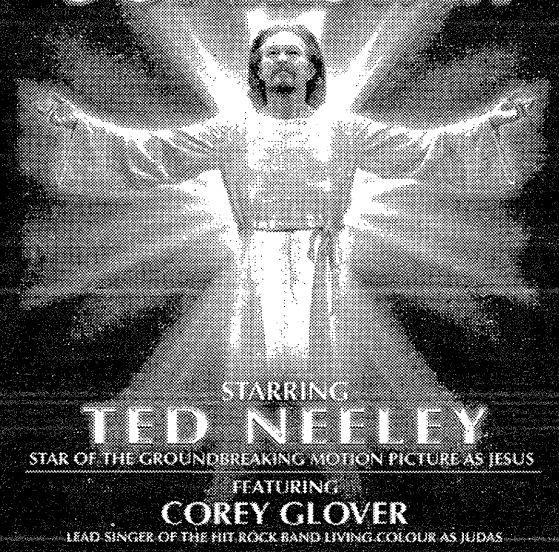
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# No one is more romantic than 'Psychos in Love'



**Beyond Bad**

Greg Kowalski

All right, you lovebirds, it's time to snuggle up with your sweet one in front of the TV and pop a film in the old VCR to get into the mood for Valentine's Day.

And what could be more romantic than *Psychos in Love*, a tale of two kindred souls who find they share a love for mayhem and a hatred of grapes.

Joe owns a bar, and in the space of

the first one minute of this film kills no less than three women (two strangled, one stabbed). You would think that such a person would be doomed to a solitary life, but even he manages to find a partner in Kate, who by her own admission, is a manicurist and psychotic killer.

After their first date at the drive-in is such a hit, Joe confesses to Kate that he is a psycho killer who "cannot

function in the norms of society."

"Me too," Kate gleefully admits.

And so they become a couple, sharing their lives together and still pursuing their "hobby." He slices and dices and she uses her manicure set to good advantage.

Eventually they come to realize that all they want is to be together and that hacking and slashing people is boring, after all.

They get married (isn't that sweet).

But after a whirlwind honeymoon visiting slaughter houses, "they get the itch" again only to decide that it isn't fun anymore and "retire" once again.

Unfortunately, their plans are complicated by another serial killer-cannibal-plumber who comes to fix their sink and eat them. Well, you can

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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

**W**orried that the restaurants will be too crowded tonight to give your lover a romantic atmosphere?

There are so many other ways to swoon your mate this Valentine's Day, or this weekend.

Jill Luscombe of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills suggests swing dance lessons tonight, followed by a dance party where guests are encouraged to wear red, white or pink.

And you can attend if you're single.

"You don't need a partner to dance at our studio," Luscombe said. "Our private and group lessons are set up so that if you don't have a partner, one of the instructors is your partner, so no one is ever left out."

The Fred Astaire event begins tonight at 8:30 p.m. with a 30 minute jive (swing) dance lesson, followed by the party from 9-10 p.m. that includes performances from the staff. Those participants who are new to dance can get a 45-minute private lesson. Appetizers plus wine and champagne are included. Admission is \$20 for a single or a couple. Located at 2510 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visit [www.fadsmichigan.com](http://www.fadsmichigan.com) for more information.

### LOVE LETTERS

StarBrite Dinner Theater's presentation of *A.R. Gurney's Love Letters* begins tonight and runs through May 18 at the Uptown Eatery in Southfield.

Gurney's play of two actors reading letters they've exchanged throughout their lives seems simple, but the complex words pack an emotional punch.

"The actress opposite me is always an 'X' factor. Every evening is a different performance entirely," said actor Robert W. Papineau of Livonia, who is one of several actors who plays Andy, one of the letter exchangers.

StarBrite artistic director Randy Magner, of Royal Oak, chose to further vary the pace and emotion of the play with a rotating cast of actors playing the roles of Melissa and Andy during the course of the play's three-month run.

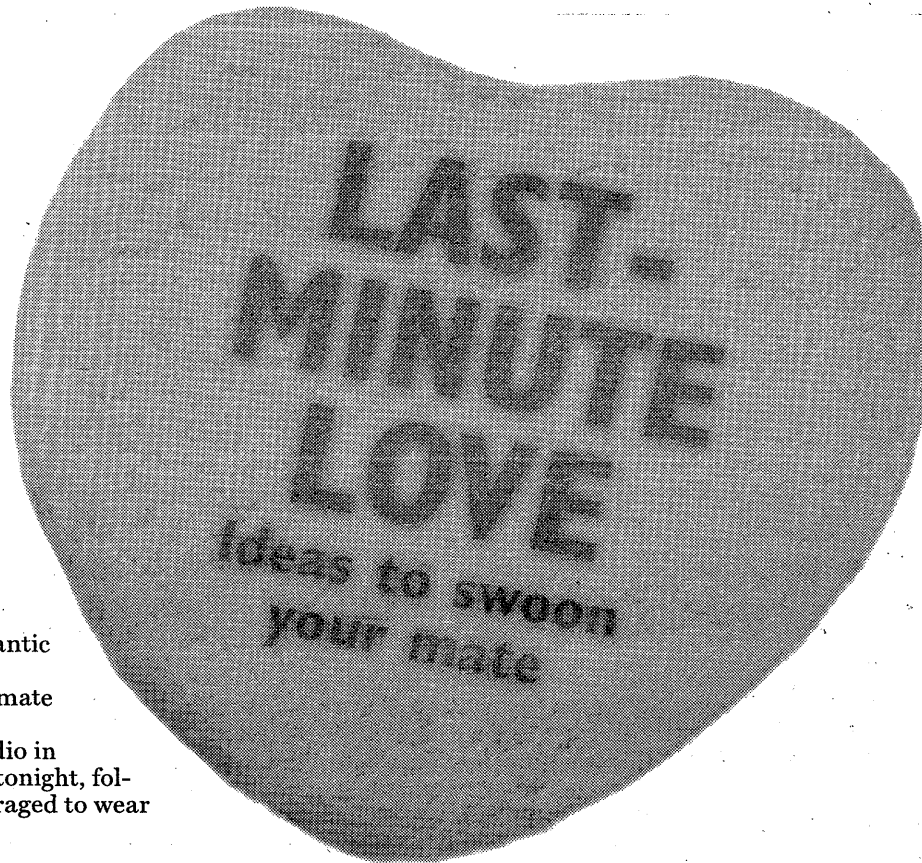
Other actors include Arlene Pollock of Clawson, Vanessa Grayson of Troy, Elizabeth Moen of Harper Woods, Lauren Allen of Royal Oak, Laura Ross of Beverly Hills, Vikki Gasko of Livonia and Sandra Menzel of St. Clair Shores, who play Melissa. Magner, Papineau, Wayne Bibbs of Clinton Township, Mike Morgan of Flat Rock and Jovan LaRocque of Detroit take turns playing Andy.

Magner, Pollock and Papineau also share directing duties.

"The most interesting challenge in the script is that I age from about 7 to 60 years old in front of the audience," says LaRocque, a newcomer to StarBrite's stage.

Opening weekend shows are Thursday (tonight), Friday, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Cocktails and dinner are at 6 p.m. and curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for evening shows. For Sunday matinees, doors open at 1 p.m. and curtain time. There is a three-course meal and theater, including tax, for

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## The DSO jazzes up your Valentine's weekend

Each year the Detroit Symphony Orchestra plans a romantic program to coincide with Valentine's Day. "What could be more romantic than sitting next to a special someone being serenaded by one of the world's greatest orchestras?" asked Keith Koppmeier, marketing director for the DSO.

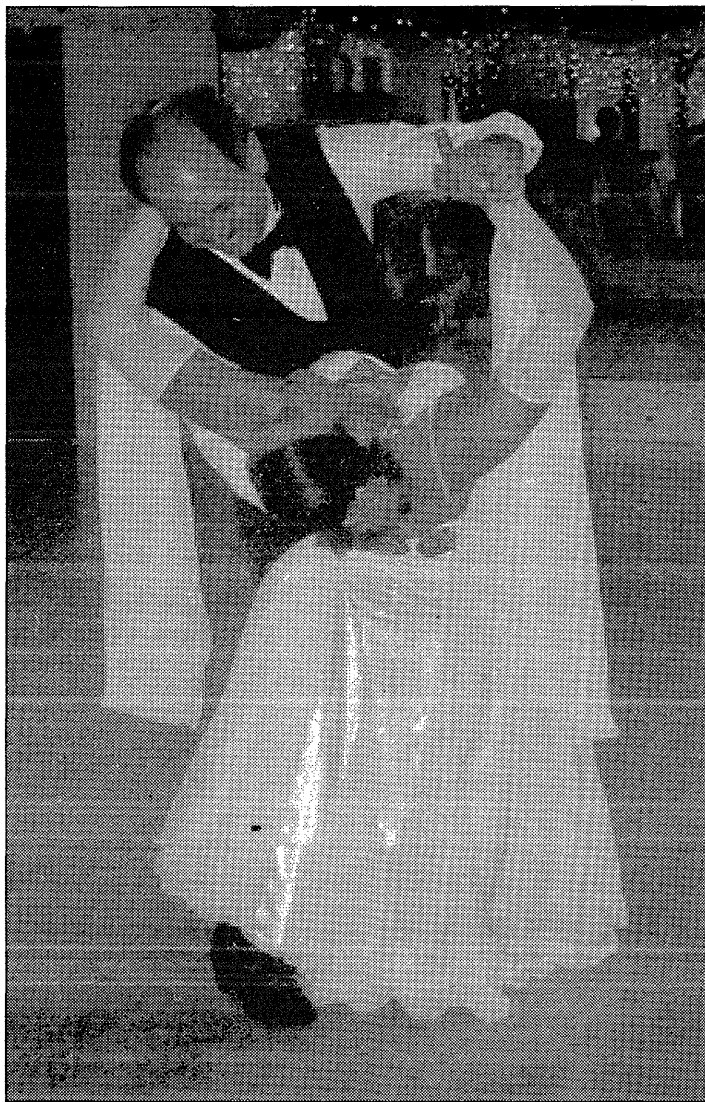
This year the DSO welcomes jazz singer and songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway, probably best known as the voice behind the theme song for TV's *The Nanny*.

This won't be a first appearance for Callaway at the Max. She opened the center's Jazz Club with sold-out performances.

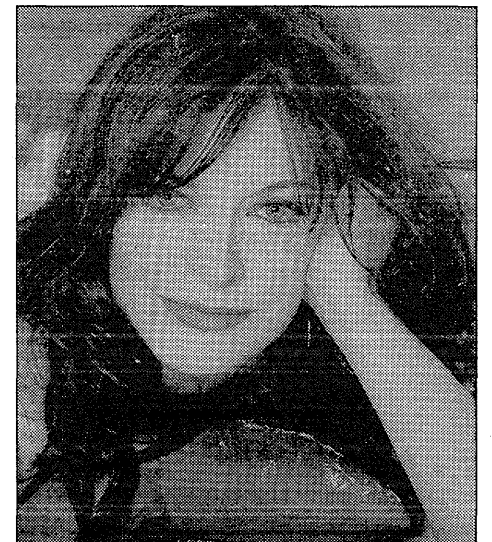
This time though she will collaborate with Conductor Erich Kunzel for a 2-hour show, titled *A Funny Valentine*, featuring some of the most romantic songs from her own catalogue as well as well-known standards. Listen for songs by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers - and of course the show's namesake tune *My Funny Valentine*.

Koppmeier said Callaway has a "phenomenal voice" and is "always charming." Her sultry song style blends elements of blues, jazz and pop. Most

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Student Richard Cornell and instructor Olga Agafonova perform at a Friday Night Party at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. Learn to dance there tonight for Valentine's Day.



Ann Hampton Callaway



Conductor Erich Kunzel

## DSO

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recently she could be seen performing in the film *The Good Shepherd*.

*A Funny Valentine*, part of the DSO's Pops Series, appeals to all ages. Koppmeier expects it will draw crowds of twenty-somethings on up. "If it's

### A FUNNY VALENTINE

**What:** "A Funny Valentine" featuring jazz songstress Ann Hampton Callaway and conductor Erich Kunzel.

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- Ravi Coltrane and Roy Haynes, 8 p.m. March 20
- The Beat Goes On, featuring music of the Baby Boomer Generation, March 27-30

Valentine's Day and you're looking for something to do, it's a wonderful place to take your date," he said.

Be sure to arrive early on Feb. 14, as the Atrium Bar will offer happy hour specials beginning at 6 p.m. The show runs through the weekend.

Stephanie A. Casola

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\$49.95 per person for Valentine's Day. The Friday and Saturday dinner shows are \$39.95 for and tickets are \$36.95 for Sunday brunch shows. Reservations are strongly recommended. Visit [www.starbriteprod.com](http://www.starbriteprod.com) for information or call (248) 423-1452 for reservations.

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Showtimes are Tuesdays through Saturday evening at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. and Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50-\$73.50. Call (248) 645-6666, online at [www.BroadwayInDetroit.com](http://www.BroadwayInDetroit.com) or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the

Fisher box office.

### DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Put on your Prada and take your date for a night of clubbing. The Eagle Theater (formerly Industry nightclub) is hosting a Valentine's Ball beginning at 4 p.m. and going all night and it's all ages. Admission is \$12. Located at 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333

### HARDCORE LOVE

Tonight, check out the Hot Topic Sub City Take Action Tour featuring Every Time I Die, From First To Last, The Bled, August Burns Red and The Human Abstract. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30 at St. Andrew's Hall for this all-ages show. Tickets are \$18. Located at 431 East Congress, Detroit. Proceeds go to charity to help homeless teens, the environment and more.

<http://www.takeactiontour.com/charity.html>

### LOVE WITH LAUGHTER, LAID BACK STYLE

Thursday Night Brew & View at the Magic Bag tonight, features the comedy *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*. Doors are 8 p.m., the film is 9:30 p.m. and admission is just \$2. Open to ages 21 and over only. Located at 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991.



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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Searching for some sweets to give your loved one today or this weekend?

Sure, you can buy them a heart-shaped box of chocolates, but why not be a little more thoughtful and try treats inspired by one of the most romantic countries in the world: France.

The choices in quality French pastries are quite high in metro Detroit, where today a limited, yet strong handful of pastry shoppes and bakeries offer well-prepared flan, tarts, and Pain au chocolate.

The newest is located, of all places, inside a newer Middle Eastern restaurant in West Bloomfield.

Le Normandie is a French pastry shop owned by Cecilia Mercante, and it's located inside Noor Market, at 6263 Orchard Lake Road.

Noor's Middle Eastern food, by the way, is created with ingredients that are just as fresh and

authentic as the pastries created by Mercante.

Mercante also sells her pastries at the Flying Apron, located at Eastern Market in Detroit on Saturdays. But now, Le

Normandie is her permanent home and Noor's owner Mike Kaskorkis welcomed her with open arms.

Mercante was an attorney in France and after surviving cancer, she realized she wanted to spend her life giving ... through food. She also worked as a chef at The Lark.

Contact Mercante at (248) 538-7599 or visit [www.ceciliaspastries.com](http://www.ceciliaspastries.com).

Other fine pastry locales include Cannella Patisserie & Creperie, which reminds me of a specific French bakery that I visited every day in the Latin Quarter area of Paris. Cannella, at 300 Hamilton Row, in Birmingham, makes the best Pain au Chocolate in metro Detroit (think of a mild flaky croissant bread with a ribbon of rich dark chocolate paste on the inside).

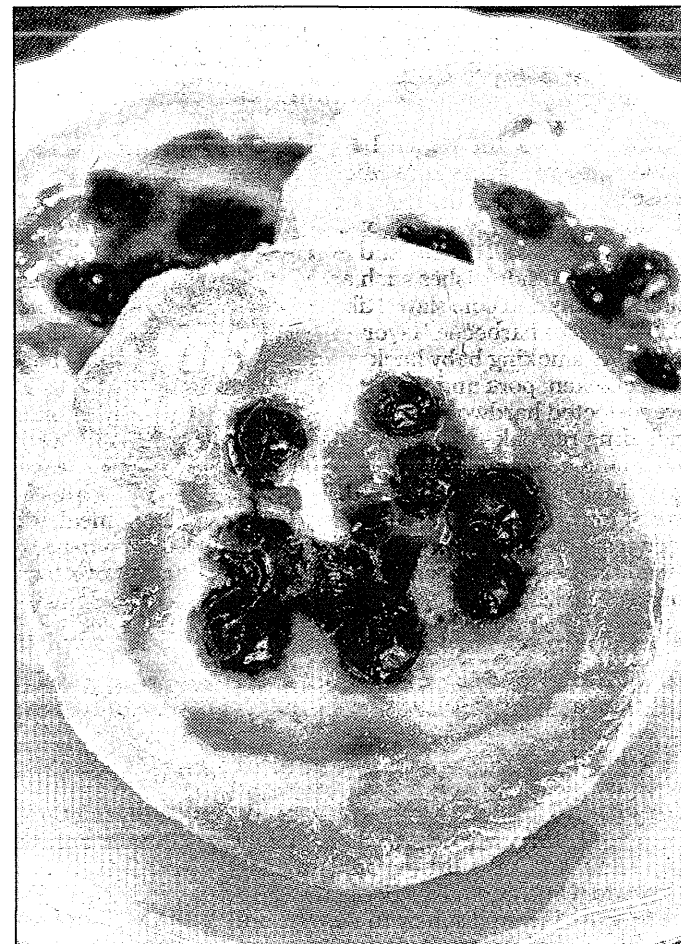
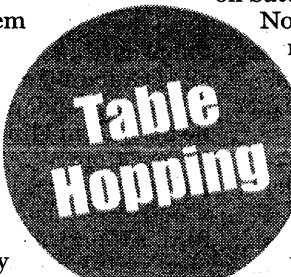
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Sugar Kisses Bakery, at 1025 S. Washington in Royal Oak, is known for its interesting concoctions that you can't find anywhere else. And it's wonderful for those with wheat allergies, or for vegans. Try the cayenne brownies (think Johnny Depp in the film *Chocolat*) or any of their mini pastries and delicate heart-shaped cakes. (248) 542-5622.

Other bakeries that offer European-flair treats include Astoria Pastry Shop, 320 South Main Street, Royal Oak, where the Greek owners never seem to miss a beat with their fruit tarts, rich eclairs and mini pastries. Phone: (248) 582-9220.

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And in Rochester, the Give Thanks Bakery has a European atmosphere and crowds line up for the eight-inch French apple tarts and chocolate croissants. The selection here is huge. It's located at 225 South Main in Rochester. (248) 601-1542.



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The location's operating hours will be Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Ted Evans is the local franchise owner. Founded in Fort Myers, Florida in 1989, there are currently 13 Rib City restaurants throughout Florida and 12 franchise locations throughout the United States including restaurants in Washington, Utah, Colorado, Ohio and now Michigan.

For more information or to view a complete menu visit [www.ribcity.com](http://www.ribcity.com).

## AMERICAN HARVEST HOSTS DINNERS

The Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts

program is taking reservations for dinner in its restaurant. Presented by second-year students under the direction of certified master chef Kevin Gawronski and certified executive chef Shawn Loving, the menu features American and International cuisine Monday through Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.

The specially-designed menu features an area of the world with a different service each night - from small plates, an elegant five to seven course meal, wine pairing and a buffet - allowing guests to sample foods in a distinctive setting and style.

Upcoming meals include American Small Plates, Feb. 19; American six-course, Feb. 20; American Buffet, Feb. 21; Korean Small Plates, Feb. 26; Vietnamese six-course, Feb. 27, and Chinese buffet, Feb. 28.

The American Harvest Restaurant is located inside Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4488.

## FLEMING'S AWARDED

*Wine Enthusiast* magazine has recognized Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar in Birmingham and Livonia with its coveted Award of Distinction.

The February 2008 issue, announcing the magazine's Restaurant Awards for 2007, is a list of the magazine's picks of the best restaurants in the world for wine.

The Awards of Distinction are selected by the magazine's panel of judges, which consists of wine experts, connoisseurs, and editors. According to Karen Berman of *Wine Enthusiast*, awards "are based on the quality of the overall wine program." "Selection, service, individuality and value are all considered," she adds.

With two locations, one at 323 N. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham and the other at 17400 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia, Fleming's is recognized for its innovative wine program that features the Fleming's 100 wines-by-the-glass program. Each year, 60 wines are selected through taste tests of thousands of wines to appear on Fleming's wine lists throughout the country. The remaining 40 wines are selected in conjunction with the local wine managers to reflect regional tastes.

For more information, visit [www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com).

## FIA HOSTS WINE EVENT

Those who know their wine won't want to miss the ninth annual Bacchanale celebration at the Flint Institute of Arts on Feb. 22.

"Guests will find the overall quality of wines to be higher," said event chair Ron

Krueger. "They will get to enjoy wines from all over the world, including some of Michigan's best."

The 2008 Bacchanale: Celebration of Wine, which will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wine was meant to be enjoyed with food, so guests can enjoy fare from VG's Food Centers, DaEdoardo North, Luca's Chophouse and Great Harvest Bread Co., all of Grand Blanc, the French Laundry of Fenton, Fandangles' of Flushing, Good Beans Café in Flint and Dale's Cheesecake Shoppe from Argentine. Guests have an opportunity to win a trip for two to a fabulous all-inclusive resort in Costa Rica, Aruba, the Dominican Republic or Mexico. Other prizes will be awarded. Raffle tickets are one for \$10, three for \$25 or seven for \$50.

Sharon Kegerreis, co-author with Lorri Hathaway of "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries" (Ann Arbor Media Group), also will appear at the event. She will sign copies of the \$34.95 book, which guests can buy at the Museum Shop. Proceeds from the annual wine event support exhibitions and programming at the FIA, the second largest art museum in Michigan.

Tickets for the event cost \$60 for art institute members and \$75 for non-members. The FIA is located at 1120 E. Kearsley in Flint. Tickets can be reserved by calling (810) 234-1695.

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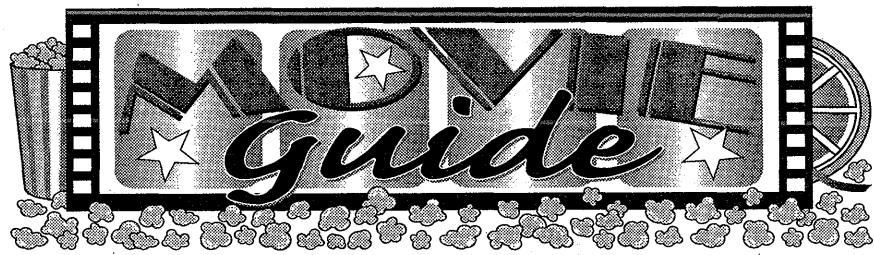
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# DIRTBOMBS

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Mick) Collins wanted to deal with on this album," Blackwell said. "Whether you live in Detroit or not, we all deal with abandoned buildings and that feeling by some people that sometimes they don't want to cross Eight Mile."

Many of the band's past CDs have held themes: odes to punk, soul covers and garage rock. *Surrounded* stands on its own but the urban paranoia theme is consistent on the CD.

The Dirtbombs were formed in 1995 by Collins of the garage band The Gories. They've had somewhat of a revolving door of Detroit musicians contributing to the lineup.

But since 2004 its members have been consistent with Collins on guitar, Troy Gregory on bass, Ko Melina on a distorted bass, and Ben Blackwell and Pat Pantano both on drums.

Their music has been heard on a Wal-Mart commercial (the song *Trainwreck*) and they've been hailed by *Spin* magazine as a band worth seeing live.

Blackwell, worth noting, is the nephew of Jack White and a longtime roadie of The White Stripes.

Expect a big crowd for their show at the Magic Stick.

"We're luckier than most bands right

## THE DIRTBOMBS

**What:** CD release party for new CD "We Have You Surrounded"

**Genre:** Rock (glam/electronic/garage)

**Where:** The Magic Stick, located above the Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com

**When:** Doors open 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, all ages welcome

**Admission:** \$10

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now in that we have been around for a while and therefore the law of averages means an increased crowd. And lucky for us, our audiences have always been really loyal and open-minded," Blackwell said.

And what to expect from a Dirtbombs show?

"Loud and fun," Blackwell said. "We feed off the energy of the crowd. If they're dancing, we will play music to fit that. If they're standing there with their arms folded, well we may step back and give them that energy. We feed off each other and it works."

One song particularly worth checking out on the new CD is titled *Leopard Man at C&A* and was written by graphic novelist Alan Moore (*V for Vendetta*), who also plays with Bauhaus member David J.

*Leopard Man* was originally written as a Bauhaus song, Blackwell said.

# DVD

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friends?" That's the question Rob Reiner posed in this 1989 romantic comedy. In it we follow the title characters - played unforgettably by Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal - through years of friendship, testing the waters of a relationship and finally diving in. One of the sweetest elements of this modern classic comes in the form of inter-splicing short sequences where various couples shared their own love stories.

## IF YOU'RE GOING OUT: 'ATONEMENT'

When it comes to sweeping love stories, this current Golden Globe winner spans time and space.

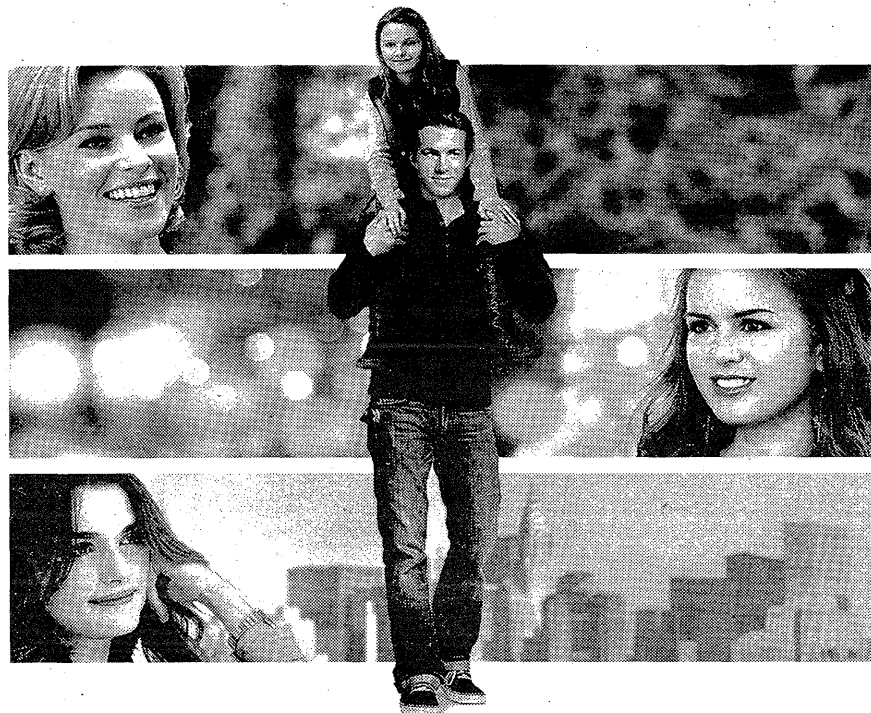
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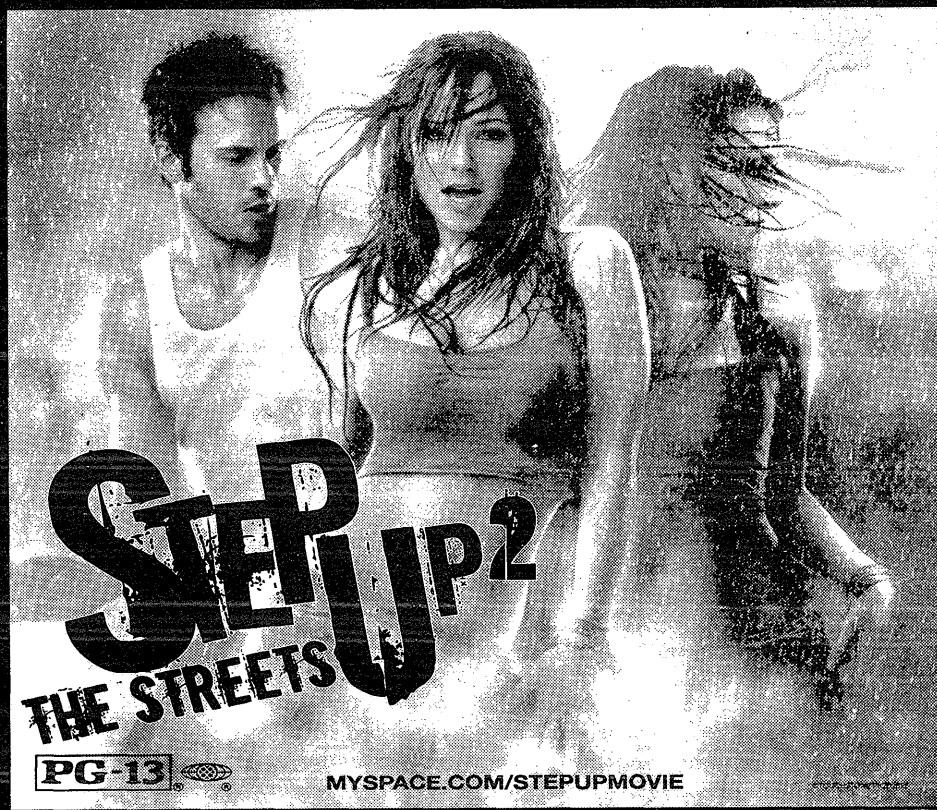
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## BEYOND BAD

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guess who ends up on the dinner plate.

*Psychos in Love* is filled with quirky moments, like when Kate brushes the microphone out of the scene, or when the film crew intrudes, spraying Joe and Kate with an overabundance of fake

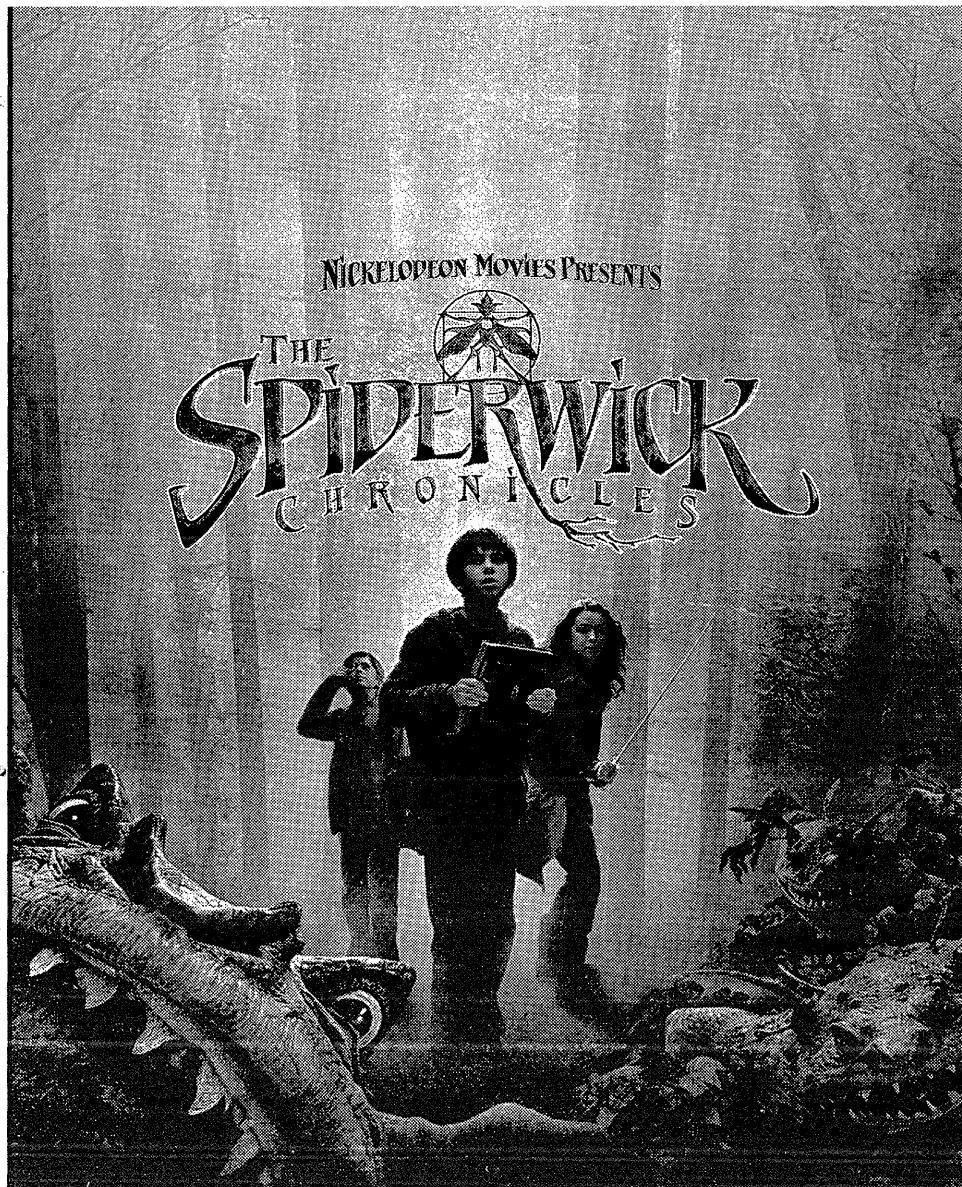
blood.

But there is a sweet love song sung by the leads Carmine (who?) Capobianco and Debi (who?) Thiebault.

If this doesn't move you to thoughts of romance I don't know what will.

*Psychos in Love* is available at Thomas Video in Clawson.

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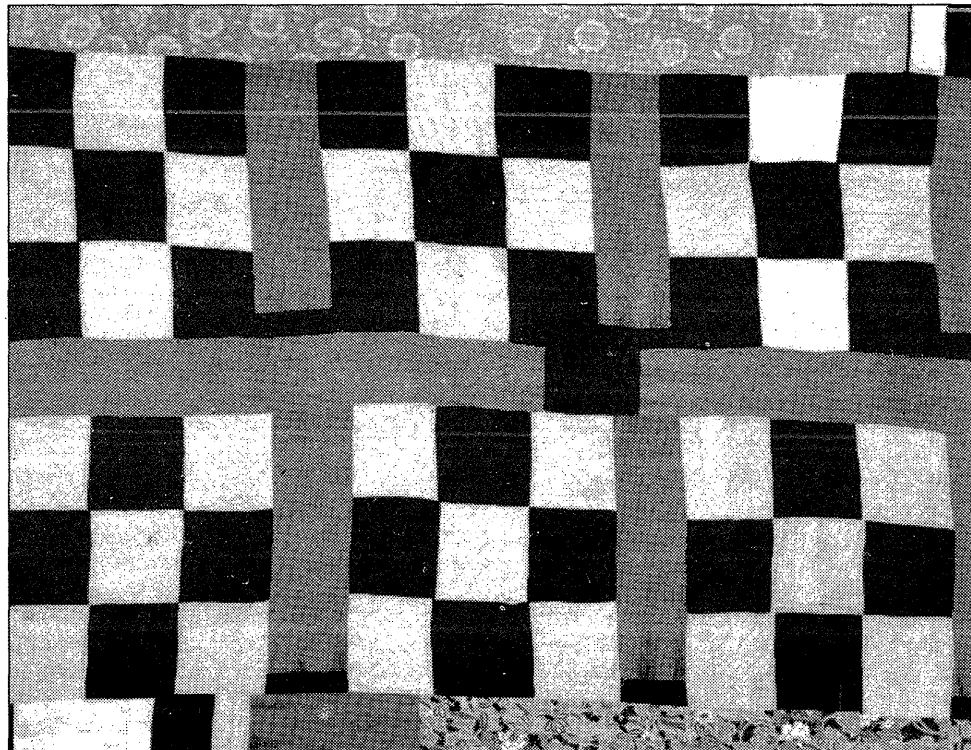
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This quilt is among those included in "Quilting Genius 2: The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter."

## QUILTS

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isolated in their craft. These quilters weren't influenced by ideas in books or catalogues filled with patterns. Instead they found inspiration in daily life and crafted their work out of scraps of cloth. For a lot of quilters, Miller said, it's a matter of making something beautiful out of what you have. The quilts are "much less structured," she said, and "quite asymmetrical."

Visual impact was most important to rural quilters, and size and shape were often determined by the scraps available at the time.

"You're planning the quilt as you go," said Miller. "You don't have a pattern." It's not just a matter of materials — there was also a lack of space in which to work and plan.

She considers this style of quilting even more of a challenge since it's difficult to envision what the final product will look like.

"Some quilts really do tell a story," said Miller. She noted that one denim quilt crafted by Hunter was made out of her husband's old work shirts, overalls and mule-feed sacks. It showcases the reality of tenant farming.

Having spoken to Hunter's grandson, Miller said, Hunter wanted each of her quilts — all made between the 1930s and 1970s — to look different. Some, Miller described as looking like modern art, while others give off a more "homey" feel. One features the logo for Daisy Girl Flour in a whimsical way. The colors she chose reflect the design.

"Susana was a woman ahead of her time," said Miller. "I think it will be thought-provoking to take a look at her

### QUILTING GENIUS 2

**What:** The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter featured in a new exhibit.

**When:** Feb. 15 – April 27.

**Where:** The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

**Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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lifestyle."

Families who lived in the South and moved to Detroit may find a familiarity in Hunter's work, or a connection to it.

"People will be impressed by her resourcefulness, and the beautiful things she turned out having fewer resources," said Miller. Her work might also inspire visitors to think about the items they use and what they discard. The concept behind these quilts very much fits into a "greener" lifestyle.

"She took what life gave her and made art out of it," said Miller.

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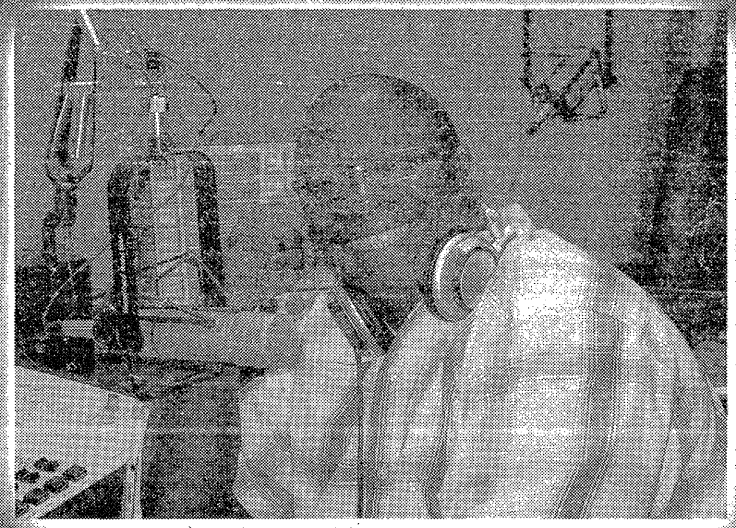
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