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As song says, educator went out 'his way'

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan said he's not singing "My Way" a la Frank Sinatra, but in retiring Friday as the CEO of the state's fourth-largest school district he's going exactly that - finishing up on his own terms.

"I've never left a superintendency - four years in Reed City, seven at Lansing Waverly and six years here - where the very last day I didn't look around, walk out and say I did the best I could," said Ryan. "I'm feeling a sense of satisfaction from the work we did over the last six years in partnership with the Board of Education, my team, administrators, teachers and the community.

"I hope I'm walking out - not being carried out - at the top of my game," he added.

When Ryan became interim superintendent in July 2002 he took over after Kathleen Booher, who had alienated many administrators, teachers and parents, resigned under

As Ryan tells the story, members of the Board of Education walked into the deputy superintendent's office and "asked the fat guy down the hall" if he would like the job. Ryan said he originally told the board "no," but then took the position with the stipulation that trustees "root like hell for me." Six months later the interim tag was removed.

From the beginning of his tenure, it was had to be.

"Thank God the goal was to improve relationships with the community and staff, because I think that's what I do best," said Ryan, whose self-deprecating humor is an automatic ice breaker. "You just show people how proud you are to be the superintendent.

"I'm not amazed it worked that well," he said. "It's how you treat and work with people."

Jill David, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Council - comprised of parent representatives of each school in the district - said Ryan always appeared humbled when he attended their meetings to give an update on the district.

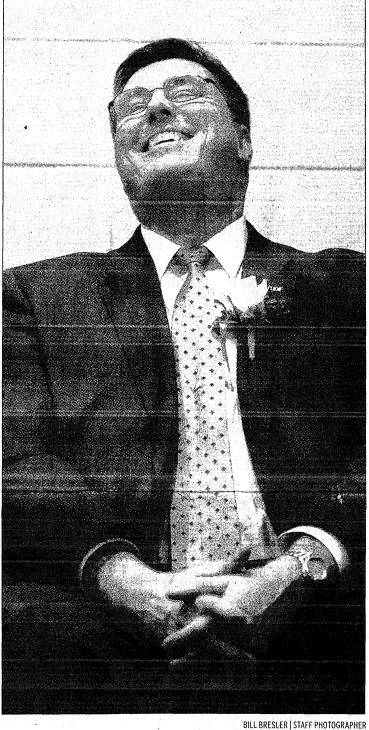
"He always made us feel so important, like he wouldn't be where he was today if it weren't for all the parents in the district," said David, of Plymouth Township. "Very genuine and sincere. We'll miss him."

Ryan's demeanor can be summed up in one word, one that he wears on his suit coat lapel, "Attitude".

"Our number-one goal was to improve student achievement, and I think we're showing that," he said. "On time and under budget bond issues, we're the best in the state at it. Six unqualified audits in a row. And, we met the board mandates (on smaller learning communities) at the Park."

Board President Judy Mardigian, the longest-serving current board member, said it's been a great ride.

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One of retiring Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent Jim Ryan's strengths was his ability to laugh, even at himself, as he did here at his going-away party.



Dr. Jim Ryan gets a hug from his wife. Kathy, at a recent party celebrating the superintendent's retirement.

Town hall touts toxin education

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ami Nienus of Livonia walked Monday into the Plymouth Community Church of Christ in Plymouth Township armed with a bag of toys and a lot of questions.

The toys belonged to her children; the questions were hers, about the possibility of her kids' toys being tainted with lead. And she was in the right place for the answers: A "Toxic Toy Town Hall" meeting hosted by a variety of environmental groups including The Ecology Center, Clean Water Action and The Blue-Green Alliance.

"I'm concerned about my kids' well-being and safety," said Nienus, who admitted to having a second bag of toys in her car. "It's scary to think they

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City outlines \$1.8M road plan

Bond will pay for street program

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners have given the go-ahead to spend more than \$1.8 million for infrastructure improvements on four neighborhood streets this summer.

Road improvement projects for the foreseeable future received new life after voters in November approved the issuance of up to \$10 million in bonds for up to 12 years to repave city streets.

Plans for this summer include a total rebuild of Auburn from Penniman to Junction, Arthur from William to Junction, McKinley from Ann Arbor Trail to Sheridan and Sheridan from Sheldon to McKinley.

"I'm glad to see it finally coming, it's long overdue," said Steve Rapai, 40, who has lived on Sheridan for nearly 12 years. "The potholes are the big thing. They're pretty nasty.'

City engineer Shawn Keough said his office will be bidding out the projects by the end of March, with construction to start sometime in May.

"We've identified wate improvements on Auburn and Arthur," said Keough, vice president of WadeTrim, a municipal engineering consulting firm in Taylor. "This year's program will include some minor storm sewer improvements on each street. The main storm sewer line is generally in good condition, based on video inspection.

"We've looked at a couple of places along Auburn and Arthur where the street is not uniform with steep driveways," he added. "Our design has been

ON THE BLOCK

Here are the projects included in this summer's Plymouth road improvement

- Auburn, from Penniman to Junction
- Arthur, from William to Junction McKinley from Ann Arbor Trail to
- Sheridan, from Sheldon to McKinley

worked out to improve those steep slopes. We've done that with other streets."

City Manager Paul Sincock said the passage of the road bond by voters was instrumental in keeping infrastructure repairs ongoing.

We've seen the fruits of our labor with the amount of money we've put into our roadways and the underground sewers and water system," Sincock said. "The result is not as many water main breaks, which saves us a lot of money and keeps residents 🆪 from having their water supply dis-

Like a house, you have to constantly maintain your streets and infrastructure," he added. "It's one of the positives toward housing values." Keough has identified the five-

oad improvement plan through 2012. Next year, plans call for an entire rebuild of Maple from Sheldon to Harvey and Adams from Farmer to Junction; resurfacing is planned for Park Place from South Evergreen to McKinley and Evergreen from Penniman to Elm.

We can obviously adjust or move these up if, for example, we experience a major water main break that becomes a main issue," Keough said.

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Student-run radio station faces cash crunch

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When it rains it pours. The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park radio station, WSDP FM, last week spent \$3,500 to install a new cable between the transmitter and antenna. The defective cable, believed to be the original from 1972, forced the high school radio station at Salem High School off the air for about a week before resuming programming Saturday.

However, the money problems didn't stop there.

The two circular antenna near the top of the tower also need to be replaced," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Right now, it does get our signal out. But, there's some concern there may be some water damage, which may be causing our problem with power reflecting back to the transmitter. We've gotten a good 30 years out . of them, so that's pretty good."

However, the student-run station operates on a subsidy from the school district budget, radiothons and donations. Another \$3,000 is a financial hit that will be difficult to handle.

"It's definitely taking a dent out of our savings, but hopefully we'll keep it as minimal as possible," said Keith. "Maybe it's a chance for alums and supporters of the station to step up and help us out.

"I had one alumnae member donate money after stopping in and talking about the expenses related to the cable," he said. "The next day, there was a check in the mail for a portion of the expense. Hopefully, some other folks will step up, too." Donations to WSDP can be

made by calling Keith at (734) 416-7732, or with a credit card on the station's Web site at 881TheEscape.

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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

'Black Coffee' auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth conducts Auditions for the group's Spring mystery, Agatha Christie's Black Coffee, 7-9 p.m. March 3-4 at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Roles are available for nine males and three females, with character ages ranging from late 20s to early 60s. Auditioners should bring a resume/headshot and a prepared monologue (if available). There will be cold readings from the script.

For more information call Craig at (734) 582-9688 or check out the Barefoot Productions Web site at

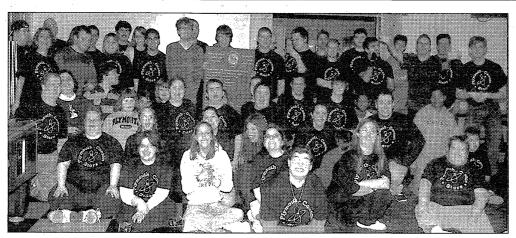


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Special bowling

For over 30 years, the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club has sponsored Special Olympics Bowling. Some 45-60 enthusiastic bowlers can be found every Tuesday from 4-5:30 at Plaza Lanes on Plymouth Road through March 25. Special Olympics coach and program organizer, Maria Welgosh, announced that Plaza Lanes will also be the site for the Area Games to be held on April 26, with some 400-500 bowlers expected to participate. For more information, call (734) 459-1896.

www.justgobarefoot.com Performance dates are Mother's Day weekend, May 8-11.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an applicaevent to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich.

The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should

tion to exhibit at the fourth annual visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Last year, over 1500 attendees visited the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

> Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Council on Aging

■ The Plymouth Council on Aging will host Sanford Burr, president of the Plymouth Historical Society, who will deliver Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan

a presentation on "The History of Plymouth," 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

On Friday, March 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. the Plymouth Council on Aging will host "Oil Painting by Sharon Dillenbeck," who will present a demonstration using oil and water colors.

This demonstration takes place at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to register for this free demonstration. Space is limited.

Newcomers' craft party

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a kids craft party 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 15 at Michael's Crafts on Ford Road in Canton.

Kids will enjoy a snack, beverage and treats while creating an Easter craft to bring home. The cost is \$12 per child payable at the event in form of cash or check (payable to Plymouth Newcomers). This fee includes the non-refundable room charge and supplies.

This event is suitable for kids 4 years and older. Parents are welcome to stay and join in the fun. Please note that Family Fun event volunteers will not be responsible for items left behind.

RSVP to Amy Hoover before March 8 at info@plymouthnewcomers.com or visit the Web site at www.plymouthnewcomers.com.

McCotter staff

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District 11) will conduct office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that

they might have. Congressman McCotter's staff will be available Thursday, March 6, from 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District

Library. McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Bowling fund-raiser

Students from East and Pioneer middle schools in Plymouth and Marshall Middle School in Westland are raising money for the People to People Student Ambassador Program, which sends students to other countries as Student Ambassadors to meet and learn from foreign students and representatives of other nations.

The students - Richard McCutcheon of East Middle School, Abbey Jarrett of Pioner Middle School and John Puterbaugh and John Hollenbeck of Marshall Middle School - had to qualify for the honor.

The Bowling Fun Raiser will be at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Tickets are \$15 and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a soft drink.

For tickets or more information, call Roy McCutcheon, (734) 398-5676 or (734) 748-5803.

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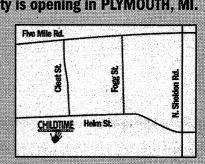
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Former Plymouth mayor is remembered for civic service

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Former Plymouth mayor and city commissioner Beverly McAninch died Friday in Dearborn. She was 81.

Born Sept. 12, 1926 in Cleveland, Mrs. McAninch was a graduate of Detroit's McKenzie High School, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from Wayne State University.

Mrs. McAninch was active in city government, having served on the Plymouth City Commission (1971-1979), including a term (1973-1975) as mayor.

"Like many of the people who serve, Bev was very civicminded," remembered Dave Pugh, himself a former city commissioner who served with McAninch toward the end of her tenure. "She was supportive of the residents, and she loved Plymouth."

Mrs. McAninch was also active in community service, having been a long-time



the Michigan League of Women Voters. including a stint (1981-

1985) as that organization's

president. But before and after that,

according to Paula Bowman, current president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, McAninch was active both in Livonia and the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area.

During McAninch's term as state president, Bowman said, the LWVMI launched their "Citizen Information Center" which, triggered by a toll free call, was a non-partisan reference resource for Michigan citizens and organizations in search of factual current information about Michigan government.

Also during her term, Michigan hosted the National League convention which brought nearly 2,000 delegates from around the country to downtown Detroit.

"Beverly was energetic and passionate about the mission of the League to provide nonpartisan information to citizens and to encourage citizen involvement in their government," Bowman said. "She was a dedicated volunteer and her name is still attached to many projects and studies in which she participated. She will be missed.'

A memorial service was conducted Sunday at the First Unitarian-Universalist Curch of Ann Arbor. Donations can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan or to the Michigan League of Women Voters.

Mrs. McAninch is survived by her husband of 56 years, William; children Karen (Steve) Markovits, Barbara (Matthew) McMullen, David (Jackie) McAninch and Brian (Gayle Gleason) McAninch; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Redford Township Deputy Clerk Betsy McRae, shown here running through ballot steps with election workers during a class, will be among the "Women in Black" protesting the Iraq war in Plymouth next week.

'Women in Black' to stage Plymouth war protest

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When war protesters gather in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth one Saturday next month, Betsy McRae, a Redford Township resident and the township's deputy clerk, will be among them.

"We've made a horrible mess of it," said McRae, who added she was against the invasion of Iraq from its start nearly five years ago. "I knew that there was no one from Iraq that carried a box-cutter on 9/11."

The silent vigil protest, of the Iraq war and violence elsewhere in the world, is scheduled for noon on Saturday, March 8. It is sponsored by the Detroit area chapter of Women in Black; men, women and children are expected to participate.

"It makes people aware that (war is) here. It gives them

a visual, and it offers them the opportunity to stand up and stand with people" who oppose it, McRae said of the protest. "It allows people to have their say.

McRae said the war "never should've started" and that it was pitched to the country on the basis of falsehoods.

"It's just very frustrating that the people who did not do their jobs before 9/11 to protect us were allowed to take us to where we're at today. And everyone has paid the price, even if they don't have a family member" serving, she said.

"I don't understand why more people aren't appalled," she added.

McRae participated in a Women In Black protest earlier this month in Hamtramck. "It was amazing how the people responded," she said. But the protest didn't get media attention, she said.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus

McCotter, R-Livonia, supports the effort in Iraq but said he nevertheless understands protesters' frustration. "No one likes war," McCotter said Friday from Washington, D.C.

But despite past mistakes, the current approach in Iraq is working, McCotter said. Reconstruction is proceeding, and McCotter expects reconciliation among Iraqis to

"We all have felt the pain and the frustration ... but the worst thing now would be to take such sacrifices and make the situation worse when it is actually getting better," McCotter said.

The argument in Washington now, McCotter said, is about finding a responsible way to bring troops home, and some have already started to return.

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Poole gets 20-35 years for murdering child

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In the moments after his wife was sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison, Alan Poole took off his coat, balled it up in his lap and sat alone in the sixth floor hallway of Third Circuit Court.

Judge Ulysses Boykin sentenced convicted murderer Carol Poole of Canton to 20-35 years Wednesday afternoon in the death of Allison Newman, the Poole's 2-year-old foster daughter. In addition to the sentence for the murder conviction, Poole will serve a concurrent sentence of 10-15 years for her first-degree child abuse conviction. Boykin set aside sentencing on Poole's involuntary manslaughter conviction saying it would have constituted double jeopardy with the murder charge.

With about a dozen people upporting her Wednesday Carol Poole, 42, addressed the court and expressed remorse for the actions that led to Allison's death in September

"I will never forgive myself for failing Allison," said Poole, who sobbed throughout most of the proceedings. "I cannot believe I did not take her to the

hospital right away." The state maintained that Poole intentionally killed the child and had been abusing her since July 2006.

Poole, a management recruiter, has admitted she used bad judgment in offering police and doctors multiple explanations for Allison's head trauma, but claimed that she and Allison were playing a twirling game on the secondfloor of her Emily Court home when the child fell 12 feet over a balcony.

"I loved my daughter," Poole said, while slightly tilting her head back for emphasis. "I absolutely loved her."

While Poole's attorney Mark Satawa pushed for leniency with the sentencing, Jerry Dorsey IV, assistant prosecutor, asked Boykin to go above the maximum sentence in order to send a "message to foster parents."

In the end, Boykin said he decided stay within the parameters of a second-degree murder conviction. He could have sentenced Poole to life in prison.

The Pooles had Allison in their custody for nine months. Carol Poole's supporters have



At right, prosecuting attorney Jerry Dorsey explains what will likely happen at the sentencing as an interpreter signs for Kenneth Newman, father of Allison.

maintained that she was a loving mother who adored Allison and was patient with the child who was once described as 'dramatic."

Allison's paternal family, ho have been a constant p ence at Poole's court appearances, said they deal with the grief of Allison's death every

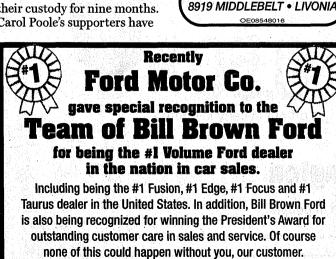
The child's father, Kenneth Newman, as well as her grandmother, Debbie Newman of Westland, each addressed the court before Poole was sen-

Debbie Newman said it's . been a struggle to keep her family together but said she's determined to do so because "if I fail, Carol Poole will have taken more than one life."

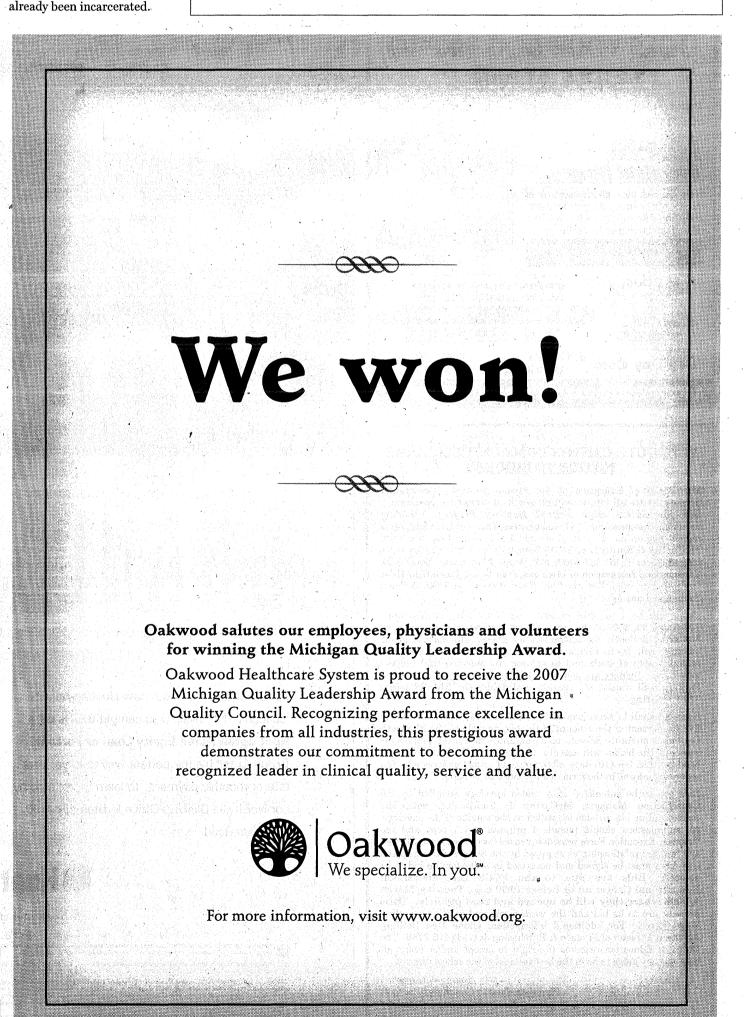
Poole, who will be eligible for parole in 20 years, will get







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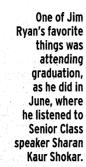


"We have a feeling of labor peace, a period of calm and good relationships in this district, Mardigian said at Tuesday's board meeting, Ryan's last as superintendent. "You are a natural leader, an irresistible personality. This district is in a much better place now, you definitely have made a huge contribution."

Rvan said some of his best and worst moments as Plymouth-Canton superintendent have ties to bond issues.

"I think I'll always look back at the passage of the 2004 bond ... we did renovations to every single building except, unfortunately, Central Middle School," said Ryan. "And our new buildings, Plymouth (High School), and Dodson and Workman (elementaries). The Workman dedication meant a lot to me because Mr. (Tom) Workman was able to

attend. Ryan said the failure of two





bond issues in 2007 will "weigh heavily" on him.

"I will always feel bad that I wasn't able to explain to the community that it was only a half mill, and it would help us by putting a second middle school in Canton and help us make some very needed adjustments at Central," said Ryan. "We were 250 votes away from doing some great things, which now will have to wait for

years." Ryan said he'll always miss the daily interaction with employees and students. However, while reflecting on his tenure, he admitted there were some things that

began to wear on him.
"The board meetings got harder, the fear of the unknown," he said. "Like who's coming at citizen comments and who's going to pound on you, (negative) feedback from doing your job."

The continuing struggles with Lansing for funding and subsequent budget cuts didn't help.

"I don't build cars, I can't shut the second shift down at the plant if we're not selling enough cars," Rvan said. "We build student achievement.

Despite dealing with \$12 million in budget reductions over the past five years, Ryan has always

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Ryan ■ Position: Retiring Plymouth-Canton Schools

superintendent On the job:

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■ Previous iobs: Superintendent in Reed City and Lansing Waverly

■ Family: Wife, Kathy: children Mike and Amy; six grandchildren: Liam, Shannon, Nora, Owen, Abigail and

been reluctant to cut programs, opting instead to make up the money in other areas.

"It's easy to cut more, it's hard to cut less and get scolded for deficit spending," Ryan said. "This board has never had a cut and slash policy, they hung tough with us. I just think the best years are ahead for this district."

After a career that's spanned 37 years, Ryan said he's confident he's spent his last days in education.

"I don't think I'll ever do anything in K-12 education again." he said. "Maybe there will be something else in my life that I'll be able to do and enjoy. If I don't think I

can enjoy it as much as I did my 17 years as a superintendent, then retirement will be in my longrange plans."

His wife, Kathy, who retired two years ago after 30 years as a special education teacher, said with all the energy Jim has for his job, she's concerned how her husband will make the transition to retirement.

"Every day is a Saturday, it's awesome," said Kathy Ryan. "You have time to do everything you've ever wanted to do."

However, if Jim remains restless, Kathy has an idea. "There's always plenty of house projects to be done," she said.

Jim Rvan said he doesn't want to hear that he won't know what to do with himself in retirement. He's got a plan.

"I'll be 60 this summer and I want to regain my health, that's my number one priority," Ryan said. "We'll have a lot of time to see the grandkids. I want to walk the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day and go to Mt. Rushmore, which has been a life-long dream.

"No tie, no alarm clock and I'm never coming home from up north on Sunday ever again," he said. "If you're true to yourself and you know what's in your heart, I think you know when your time has come. And, I just think my time has come."

Taking some 'swings' in retirement

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BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting - his last as superintendent - Jim Ryan received accolades and well-wishes from trustees as retirement loomed only a few days away.

Ryan, who occasionally plays golf, was given a gift basket of golf items he could use while on the links during retirement. It included a shirt with "Attitude" and his initials embroidered on it, as well as special golf balls to help his game.

We know there are times you wanted to take a swing at us, so we have personalized golf balls with our pictures inserted on them," said Trustee Dianne Gonzalez in presenting the basket to Ryan.

After a few laughs, board President Judy Mardigian quipped, "Who's he going to hit

To which Vice President Barry Simescu wondered, "Which one will go farther?"

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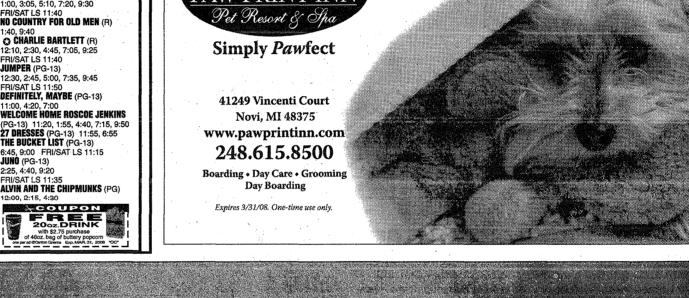
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

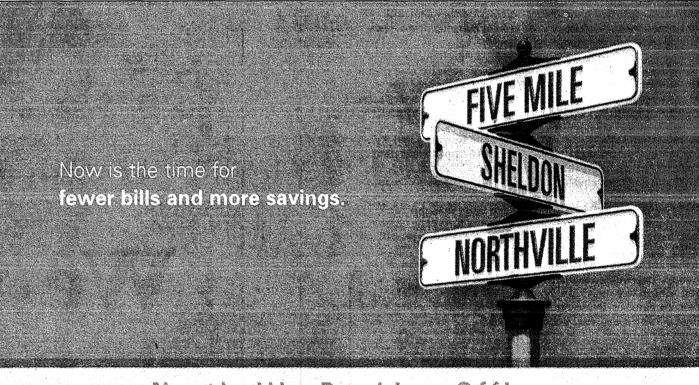
There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for Bid Division: #109: Roofing.

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

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope: All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Steven Sneideman, Šecretary

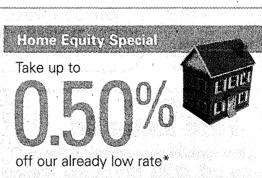
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Suspect nabbed in home invasion

Commerce Township faces a preliminary hearing Friday on charges of seconddegree home invasion in connection with incidents in Plymouth Township.

Kilgore was arrested after Plymouth **Township Police Officer Brian** Rupard responded to a report of a home invasion.

Rupard responded and found footprints in the snow leading to a potential suspect. Rupard developed and followed leads in the case and,



Jonathan Kilgore

of the Western Wayne **Community Response** Team, took Kilgore into custody.

Kilgore was arraigned in 35th District Court and was housed in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

He is charged with seconddegree home invasion, larceny within a building and as a habitual offender.

According to township police, a second person is also wanted for questioning in the

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that of pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicles (s) will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Towing, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Thursday, February 28th, 2008 6:00 p.m.

VEHICLES:

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2000	Pontiac	4D	Bonneville	1G2HX54K5Y4241195	08-0597

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Koval, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 734-453-1234 Ext. 536

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Crop for a Cure

An all day scrapbooking event, Crop for a Cure, will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium at the Maplewood Community Center. 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch, dinner, beverages and snacks. Pay by March 20 and receive five free prize tickets for a raffle of scrapbooking and non-scrapbooking related merchandise. A Close to My Heart consultant will be on site with some cash-and-carry stock and limited supplies for purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable. First come, first serve. For more information, call Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or contact her by e-mail at downt@comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the 2008 Michigan 3-Day Breast

Cancer Walk. Mom2Mom sale

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom2Mom Sale, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 30, at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, just north of Schoolcraft. Tables are still available by calling Jean at (734) 261-2161 or (248) 615-1080. There will be a large item room, with furniture and baby equipment and a bake sale and hot dogs for sale to benefit the YMCA. Admission is \$1. Strollers are allowed after 3 p.m.

Preschool open house

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. The preschool offers 3- and 4-year programs. Potty training not required. Certified teacher. For more information, please contact (734) 459-6689 or visit us at www. academicpathwayspreschool.com.

Board of Education

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

could be coming in contact with things that could be unhealthy."

That was the point of the town hall meeting — educating residents about the dangers of toxins not only in toys, but other household products.

Mike Shriberg, policy director for the Ecology Center, headquartered in Ann Arbor, pointed out the center had recently done surveys on a number of products and found many of them to contain high concentrations of lead.

"The good news, if you want to call it that, is that 28 percent (of tested products) showed no levels of lead," Shriberg said.

"(But) 35 percent of the products we tested had detectable levels of lead."

The Consumer Products Safety Commission, Shriberg pointed out, calls 600 parts-per-million of lead "acceptable," a standard recent Michigan legislation has adopted. However, pediatricians

recommend lead levels be kept to 40 ppm. Even though the new Michigan law cites the higher levels as acceptable, Shriberg said, at least Michigan did something.

"Michigan is one of three states that have taken any action at all," Shriberg said. "It's a good first

Christy McGillivray, senior organizer for Clean Water Action, said town hall meetings like Monday's are an important step to getting the word out about the dangers of lead and other toxins.

'We care about the health and safety of children, and we want to cut down on the number of toxins," McGillivray said. "A lot of this travels by word-of-mouth (so) we work on a face-to-face, person-to-person basis.

"We're working at the community level," she added. "It's the best way to get our message across."

More information can be found on the Ecology Center's Web site at www.ecocenter.org

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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 $3:00~\rm p.m.$ to $9:00~\rm p.m.$ Monday, March 10, 2008 from $9:00~\rm a.m.$ to $6:00~\rm p.m.$ 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

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 District Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance Coverage.

Specifications, bid forms, and "pre-bid" meeting information can be

obtained by contacting the District's health insurance consultant

Susie Roble of Gallagher/Raines at (248) 502-1138. Sealed bids are

due on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to the PCCS E.J

McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attention: Dan Phillips (Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance

Bid). 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

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, March 13,

PURCHASE OF FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAILER

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

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12 p.m. -"Faux" Finish Your Walls

Home Depot How to Install Brick Pavers - Patios & Walkways 1 p.m. -

Michigan Pete Landscaping

2 p.m. -How to Install Ceramic Tile

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Electrical Updates and Safety Tips for Your Home 4 p.m. -Van Buren Electric

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Going Green with Plymouth Nursery 12 p.m. -

Plymouth Nursery

1 p.m. -Ponds-Installation and Maintenance Michigan Pete Landscaping

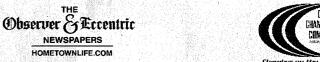
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Home Depot 4 p.m. -How to Install Ceramic Tile Home Depot

For more information call: 734/394-5200







Not an easy thing: Workshop tackles the topic of divorce

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Mediation is the new gentler divorce, says Eudora Adolph, and the smarter way to go not only because of finances but family matters.

As a financial planner with AverTrust Advisors in Farmington Hills, Adolph has seen the results of a messy divorce. That's why she founded Money Caretakers Forum to help people so they don't end up in a costly court room battle. On Monday, March 3, Adolph will be joined by experts in the areas of law, tax and psychology for a divorce management workshop sponsored by AverTrust

DIVORCE MANAGEMENT: HOW TO MAKE IT AMICABLE

What: Panel discussion with experts in the financial, legal, tax, and psychology fields address the issues of money, law and family When: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 3

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Cost: \$20, payable at the door. For reservations, call (248) 553-320,Ext. 3109

Advisors, a holistic financial consulting and planning company.

"Mediation is kind of like arbitration," said Eudora Adolph, a financial growth engineer for AverTrust **Advisors in Farmington** Hills. "It doesn't go to trial and is cheaper, easier. One of the attorneys will speak on

this, another attorney on traditional divorce. A psychologist is speaking on family issues, how can you still be a good parent after divorce."

Generally, says Adolph, her clients come to her for advice when it's too late.

"From a tax and financial standpoint it's like a business. You have people blend-

ing their entire financial picture. People need to take certain steps and plan to make it the least painful," said Adolph. "Try to put emotions aside. It's like a business breaking apart. It's a big change. It's emotional but there's certain things you can

Financially, Adolph advises clients to look at the whole picture.

'You need a clear view of what all the assets are. If a couple married 20 years, what is the 401k picture, the house, credit cards, retirement plans, how do you go from we to me," said Adolph. "All of this acts together. Think about this from a

legal aspect. An attorney is not going to know the ramifications. Once all the tax ramifications hit it may not be equitable anymore. Lots of times people get hung up over something inconsequential, sometimes it may be the house. She thinks she wants the house. She may not be able to afford the house. What do you do when you're selling a house in a market that is declining? When you marry you're throwing all assets together. After divorce you're going to have two separate households. The separate households might not be as luxurious as one 1 household. Now you have a financial loss as well."

Adolph says that from an emotional standpoint many people don't have a realistic view of finances and this leads to fighting between the parties.

"Attorneys make more money the more you fight," said Adolph. We're going to have a psychologist discuss the many family care issues, what makes the divorce easier? The perfect divorce works out the business issue and then has the attorneys make it legal. We want to help people with this and see how holistically it fits together."

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It's time to tap the sap as spring nears

few weeks have passed since Punxsutawney Phil, the Seer of Seers. the prognosticator of prognosticators, cast his eyes on Pennsylvania's Gobble Hill and proudly proclaimed his wisdom, "As I look about me, a bright light I see and with a shadow beside me six more weeks of winter it will be."

So said that famous tophatted old groundhog. You may know the groundhog as a woodchuck. Same animal, two names, but once they emerge from hibernation, probably another month, they will be dreaming of your future garden greens. Thinking spring? You bet.

That's one forecaster of spring's approach. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's **National Center for Environmental Prediction is** a bit more high tech than the babble and antics of rotund media-seeking rodents. NOAA has the super computer of super computers to monitor our nation's climate and weather and forecast daily outlooks, hazard assessments and long term seasonal out-



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter billion observations per day and makes 14 trillion calculations per second. NOAA provides that information to federal, state and private meteorolo-

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gists; all well and good for weather fanatics and those who need to know. And more often that not the science of weather forecasting gets it quite right. And NOAA told us quite correctly of the past few week's freezes and thaws, snow and ice storms.

But sometimes you don't need a weather man or a groggy groundhog to know which way the wind is blowing, especially when looking for seasonal trends. Mother Nature has other forecasting vanguards of spring. I'm watching the maple trees. Look to their broken twigs and you can't miss a fact: Some already sparkle with drops of sap. As a matter of fact on sunny days when the temperature climbs about the freezing mark, and is preceded by a night below freezing, the sap flows in collectable amounts.

When afternoon temperature drop rapidly below freezing, small sparkling fascicles hang from these fractured twigs. What's this all mean? Forget the snow we have and the storms to come and remember the great Michigan tradition of sugaring. Michigan remains the sixth largest producer of this sweet pancake drowning natural wonder.

Public relations spokeswoman Denise Semion of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority may not be a naturalist, but she is sweet on sap, and reminds us now is the time to mark calendars for "Maples Sweet Story" at the Kensington Metropark Learning Center and "Maple Sugaring" at Indian Springs.

Both parks have excellent interpretive programs. (Explore other Metropark maple programs and winter events at www.metroparks. com. "Maples Sweet Story" is held every Saturday and

Sunday in March. A hot breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon precedes the trek down to the sugar bush to watch the boiling of the sap from noon to 3 p.m. (The art of sugaring is a visual and taste bud treat not to be missed. I hang a few buckets up on my Ortonville maples, a passion I developed many waning winters ago back in Plainfield, Vt., when as part of a work-study college job I spent many nights in the sugar house.) Registration is not required for the Kensington weekend programs. If you want to partake in the sweetness with an organized group appointments can be made for weekdays. Full information: 800-477-3178 or (248) 685-

"Maple Sugaring" at Indian Springs, near White Lake, is on Saturdays and Sundays on March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 29 and 30 and includes sap boiling and the history of maple sugaring. Registration is required. Times and full details. 800-477-3129 or (248) 625-7280.

Might as well take heed of the weather forecasters and enjoy the waning days of winter. It's over soon. Daylight



An eastern bluebird trumpets in the sap season.

already battles darkness at 6:30 a.m. and lingers to 6:30 p.m. Spring signs are everywhere: Bluebirds warbling. Owls breeding. Icicles dripping. Under ice crappie are moving to shallows. Lake ice groans. Red squirrels restless. Spring fashions bloom in Birmingham window displays. Skunks are out and about mating. Raccoons in hormonal frays. Chickadees and crows full of song. And one day in that not too distant future the red winged blackbirds return. Don't wait for robins to mark

springs return. They never left. But with the tease of spring here, it's time to tap and sap. For me. And why not for you. The other choice: Sit about indoors blissfully ignorant and unplugged from the wonders of winter. A real shame when nature's way is so assessable in Oakland County. At least that's the way I see it.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. He can be reached at Oaknature@aol.com.

Lending a helping hand: Zonta events are for and about women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Judy Lombardo is looking forward to shopping till she drops at the Farmington/Novi area Zonta Club's annual fashion event 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. She'll not only be able to purchase clothing and accessories at a 20-percent discount, but support First Step programs to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lombardo and her Zonta sisters put on Stepping Out in Style as part of the international organization's mission to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. Each club chooses its own philanthropy projects to reflect the interests of its executive and professional women members. Lombardo and the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area, which includes members from Livonia and Plymouth, dreamed up the evening of shopping, culinary offer-

ings from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers, live entertainment, and raffles for \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree. Advance tickets are \$25 until March 3, or \$30 at door. Call (734) 414-0553 or send e-mail to hbrenke@comcast.net. For information, visit www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org.

Since it was begun 14 years ago, the event has raised over \$300,000 for First Step. Lombardo would like to see more women become involved so the club could help even more women through a variety of projects. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call Lombardo for details at (248) 982-9740 or (248) 349 - 6246.

Zonta is derived from a word in the Lakhota language of the Native-American Sioux peoples. It means honest and trustworthy, and symbolizes the club's mission to work together for service and world understanding.

shaped pillow to go around the patient to support the arm on the mastectomy side. We give them to hospitals, the American Cancer Society, anyone we hear about that's had surgery. We're doing the sewing, the cutting and meet once a month on a Saturday," said Judy Lombardo who retired in 2005 after 31 years as an industrial relations manager. "We're also a very social group and like to get together with one another. We have a district conference once a year and international conference every two years that's been in Australia, Japan.'

Women can take their pick of these two events to learn more about Zonta. At

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, the Southfield Club hosts a **Membership Information** Night for women interested in joining one of the 10 Zontas in the tri-county area. The event takes place at the John W. **English Administrative Center** (Southfield Public Schools), 24661 Lahser. Call (248) 346-5262 for information or send e-mail to zontasouthfield@ comcast.net.

Zonta Southfield recently held their Glass Slipper Ball to benefit the Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners program (SANE) which provides advanced training for registered nurses so they can conduct compassionate and comprehensive

forensic examinations of sexual assault victims.

"We want to attract young members, women actively engaged in employment, professional business women, any age who have the willingness to devote time and effort," said Amy Maple of Zonta Southfield. "We're a volunteer organization and we require commitment to the causes. There will be representatives from tri-county clubs to answer questions and share information about what makes their club unique. The Detroit club is involved

with Alternative for Girls. The Southfield club has scholarship initiatives and has supported the OCC women's center and Detroit Demolition (a women's football team)."

Maple has been involved with Zonta for almost 20 years. In addition to helping others, Zonta helped hone her leadership skills when she was given the opportunity to chair committees.

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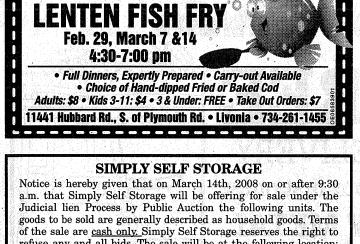
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What are you waiting for? Cash in Savings Bonds

recently met with a new client who has a substantial number of U.S. Savings Bonds. The majority of the bonds had already matured, which means they were no longer paying interest. This is a problem I see with many

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individuals. They put the bonds in a drawer and forget about them or they don't want to cash out because they would have to pay taxes.

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paid \$1,200, \$800 would be subject to ordinary income tax. Between state and federal income taxes. it will cost most people

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between \$200-\$250. After taxes, you'd be left with approximately \$1,800. Someone who does not cash out U.S. Savings Bonds because of the tax consequences is losing \$1,800.

Another issue with matured U.S. Savings Bonds deals with the Internal Revenue Service. Under federal law, when a bond matures is when the income — whether the bond is cashed in or not — should be reported. If the IRS decided to be aggressive in enforcing this provision, it could cause many taxpayers to pay interest and penalties.

When U.S. Savings Bonds mature, cash them out, pay

the taxes and then focus on what to do with the rest of the money.

One mistake people make with U.S. Savings Bonds is that they think the bonds are all the same. That is not the case. The maturity of the bonds and the interest paid has changed dramatically over the years.

When I was a kid, you bought a bond for \$18.75 and down the road it was worth \$25. In today's world, some U.S. Savings Bonds pay a substantially higher rate than other bonds. Some U.S. Savings Bonds pay a fixed rate throughout the life of the bond, while others have an interest rate that adjusts.

If you own U.S. Savings Bonds, know what the bonds are worth and what interest rate is paid. One online resource is the U.S. Treasury at www.publicdebt.treasury.

I am often asked about U.S. Savings Bonds as an investment vehicle for a child's or grandchild's college education. U.S. Savings Bonds are

a patriotic investment and that is why people should purchase them. However, there are better ways to save for a child's college education. Unfortunately, the rate of return on U.S. Savings Bonds does not keep up with the increased cost of a college education. I recommend other investment vehicles, such as the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP).

Most U.S. Savings Bonds have a 30-year maturity. Therefore, if you purchased U.S. Savings Bonds before the late 1970s, there is a good chance the bonds have matured. Instead of giving the government an interestfree loan, a better alternative would be to cash out, pay your taxes and put the money to work for you.

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

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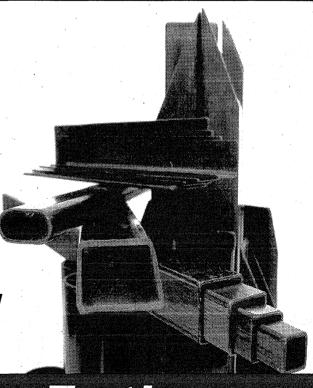
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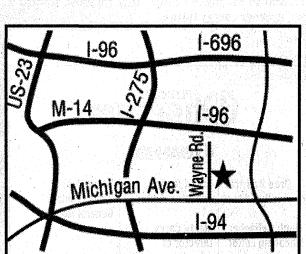
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Every little bit helps businesses

Business owners in the area of the Sheldon Road underpass project probably think Wayne County officials are moving agonizingly slowly in getting some help for their businesses, declining since the closing of Sheldon Road more than a year ago.

But at least things are moving.

The county is adjusting its own Web site to include information or actual Web links to businesses in the Five Mile and Sheldon area, and is seeking input from retailers as to what sorts of information would best benefit them on the site.

The plan, although it hasn't happened yet, also calls for variable message boards along both east- and westbound M-14 letting drivers know the area is open for business, with additional signage around the intersection itself promoting those businesses.

Local government officials are also trying to help. Sherrie Pryor, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said the DDA's Web site includes directions to downtown Plymouth and a detour map.

In a recent e-mail blast to residents, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said, "Sheldon Road at Five Mile includes banks, a grocery store, gas station, car dealership, dry cleaners and several options for dining ... While this area is not as easily accessible during the Sheldon Road underpass construction, please consider supporting these Plymouth Township busi-

He's right; it's certainly not as easy as it used to be to get to some of these businesses. But it's not impossible, either, and the hope obviously is shoppers will find those businesses well worth the effort.

One businessman said people's perception is that the Five Mile/Sheldon intersection is closed. We don't think it's quite that bad, but the feeling among retailers in that area is understandable.

To be fair, it might not necessarily be the county's responsibility to ensure the viability of those businesses. But county officials, especially Assistant Executive Alan Helmkamp, recognize the hardships placed on these businesses by the closing of the road and then the subsequent lack of actual work being done until recently.

It was nice to see Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox finally get involved, although she's coming a little late to the party. Still, any help she can provide would be beneficial.

It's tough to know, especially since the plans haven't been executed yet, how much these ideas will help. But at least, by implementing them, officials are trying to recognize, as Helmkamp said, "those who have made the biggest sacrifice" in this whole deal.

Green consensus forming on state's energy future

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been in Washington, D.C.. this week at the winter meeting of the National Governors Association on a mission to promote alternative energy and energy research.

Michigan, other state governments and the federal government have all been wrestling with ways to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, cited by many as the major factor in global warming. In a volatile global political environment, we are also trying to find ways to decrease our reliance on foreign oil.

Granholm and other state leaders have long touted alternative energy as a growth industry for Michigan, an industry that would build on Michigan's engineering and manufacturing history. In addition to finding alternate methods for fueling automobiles, the state is working on developing a workable renewable energy portfolio standard to partially replace coal-generated electricity with alternate renewable energy sources (wind, solar, biomass,

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chairman of the state Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee, has been taking testimony from the state's "energy stakeholders," everyone from the two dominant utilities, DTE Energy and CMS Energy, to environmental groups, to alternative energy companies, to the Big Three auto companies, to property rights groups. While there seems to be a growing consensus on the need for alternative energy, how much and when are still major issues. Also at issue is the role of nuclear energy and whether it is still necessary to proceed with new coal plants.

Patterson is confident that an acceptable energy bill will emerge, but it won't be easy. Still, it is encouraging that everyone on all sides of this issue understand that it is critical to Michigan's future that we move toward a cleaner, greener energy future.

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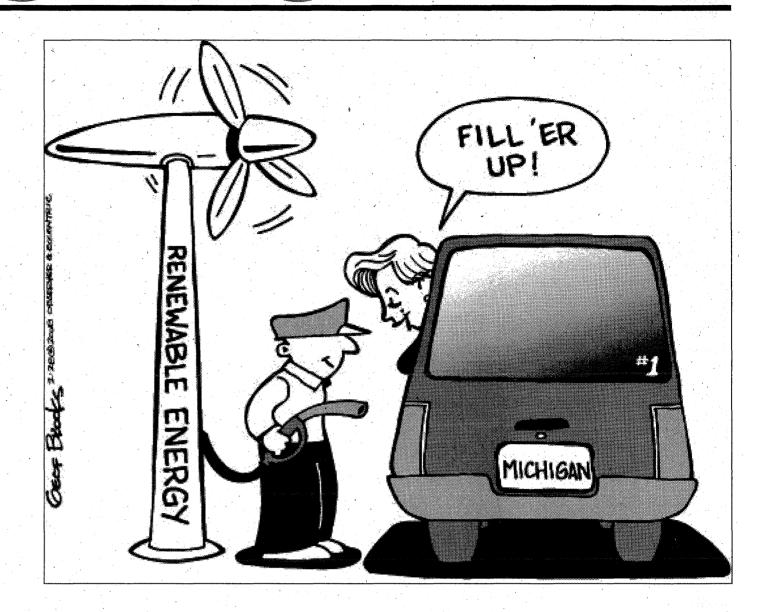
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Appreciate police

As with many police departments I am sure that the news you often hear about your staff and department is more negative than positive.

I would, however, like to share with you a positive observation I had Feb. 10 around 11. As you may recall, (it) was extremely cold, perhaps the coldest day we have experienced this winter season. While looking out of my front window I noticed a patrol car with the lights on with a car stopped in front.

I thought that it was probably a "routine" traffic stop; to my surprise I noticed one of your officers pouring gas from a can into a stranded motorist's tank. Even though a gas station was (nearby) and the lady wasn't in the middle nowhere, it was a very refreshing sight to see and I am certain that the lady was as appreciative as I was of the officer's deed.

I have known for some time that the township motto of "People: Our Priority" is more than a saying by all the wonderful things that have occurred since I made it my home. Keep up the great work and please let your officers know that their service is appreciated.

> **David Johnson** Plymouth Township

(Note: According to Police Chief Tom Tiderington, to whom the letter was originally addressed, the officer involved was Officer Steve Coffell.)

30 great years

I was talking with a friend the other day and he congratulated me for practicing dentistry for 30 years. That's when it hit me just how fortunate I have been to enjoy a successful dental practice with a dedicated staff and loval patients - not for 10 years or 20 years, but for 30 great years. To think - my practice is now starting its fourth decade!

It got me thinking that this would be a great time to thank this great hometown community of Plymouth and Plymouth Township for their loyalty and support over the years. It has been an amazing run and for that I am appreciative.

Later this spring we will be hosting a 30th anniversary party to thank the community, our patients and staff. I hope on May 8 many of you will stop by to join us in this celebration. We will pass along more details later.

It seems like just yesterday that I was receiving my diploma from the University of Michigan and showing up for work on my first day as a dentist. How time flies! When you enjoy what you are doing, it makes for some great memories. This is a time to sit back and thank everyone — the community, patients, staff and colleagues who have helped me pursue and be successful at my profession.

Thank you, Plymouth. You have been kind to me. In this hectic life most of us lead we need to pause, step back and occasionally acknowledge what is good and to express appreciation. Thank you to this great hometown. We enjoy being a part of the vibrant business community and great place to work and play.

Dr. Gary Feucht Plymouth

Bad tax choices

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Tax decisions such as those recently made by our Legislature and that described above will only exacerbate the migration to other states. And they will not serve to beckon new people and manufacturers to our state.

> **Tom Shipley** Birmingham

No right to work state here

Back in the fall of 1971, I bought a new Ford Mustang. In the spring of 1972, I went to Georgia to visit family. Even though I was employed, I decided to job hunt in Atlanta.

I went to an employment agency in Atlanta, and the interviewer made three appointments for me. I don't remember the first appointment at all. The second interview turned into a nightmare, as the salary was less than my monthly car payment. When I mentioned the low salary, I was told, "Women don't make much here."

The third interview was for the position of art director for a well-known insurance agency. I could have been hired here. Again, this super position was for less than I was making in Michigan. I bargained for more money, and wanted to know about advancement in the company. "That's it," was the reply.

I came back to Michigan and retired from DTE Energy after 47 1/2 years of ser-

No right to work state for me.

Dolores Kapanke Garden City

Hope for Obama

The media and Obama's chief strategist David Axelrod have packaged and promoted Barack Obama as a Lincolnesque, black (yet flawless) JFK as the best person to lead the U.S. during these crucial times. The campaign has stressed character and inspiration instead of policy, issues and experience in leadership skills.

With Oprah as his chief "lobbyist" and using quasi-religious allusions in messianic messages, Obama has embodied the hopes of dreams of all Americans. We have lived with lies, fear, loss of personal privacy, an illegal, unjust war, and have watched our country lose respect throughout the world since 2000.

Yet, his tenure in the Senate has not been notable. He has voted "present" rather than yes or no.

If he is the Democratic nominee for president, let us hope his conciliatory views are not overcome by confrontational views and tactics. Let us hope he can survive real, bitter, personal negative attacks from the opposition. Let us hope his youth can compete with and overcome McCain, the experienced elder statesman.

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Grateful for generosity

I am writing on behalf of the 30,000 children who received holiday gift packages from the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit this past Christmas. The Detroit Goodfellow organization is extremely grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the metropolitan Detroit community.

Our thanks go to the generous individuals who purchased a newspaper from a Detroit Goodfellow member or a Detroit police officer on our Sales Day. We also appreciate the individuals, corporations, churches and foundations, which made contributions through the mail or on our Web site, www.oldnewsboysgoodfellows.

Their donations enabled us to surpass our goal of raising \$1.375 million for 2007 and helped to ensure our 93-year pledge of "No Kiddie without a Christmas."

We are truly grateful for the continued support and generosity of the residents of metropolitan Detroit especially during these difficult economic times. On behalf of all of the children in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck who benefited from your generosity, thank you, thank you.

Peter W. Waldmeir

president, 2007, Detroit Goodfellows

Experience a concern

Hope is not a presidential platform. In reading The Audacity of Hope, I grew very concerned at a potential Obama presidency. This light, uplifting but low-calorie book screamed of a lack of experience.

One can hope that he will not make the same mistakes of a JFK (Bay of Pigs, escalating the arms race, venturing into Vietnam, sex scandals, the Cuban missile crisis, etc.) due to his lack of experience or others' perceptions of that actual lack, should he become president. Here's hoping.

> Edward A. Johnson Jr. Royal Oak

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"We've done very well the first few months, we've always got people in here ... We're really excited about being here. We chose Plymouth because of all the activities that happen here, the lovely downtown and all the shops and restaurants." - Carol Uber, co-owner, Home Sweet Home, on why Plymouth has made a successful new home for her business

Merger between 'legacy' airlines would be promising for Michigan

here are lots of reasons the much-anticipated merger between Northwest and Delta Airlines would be good — very good — for Michigan. But as happens all too often when a good idea comes along, it's met by noisy objections from Washington.



Phil Power

Both Northwest and Delta are "legacy" airlines, survivors of the companies that dominated the industry before government deregulation in 1978. Many of their sisters — Pan American, Eastern and TWA, to name a few - no longer exist, vic-

> aggressive competition. Both Delta and Northwest recently emerged from a brush

with bankruptcy. But both are still relatively high-cost companies, pressed on one side with more and more expensive jet fuel. and pressed on the other by new, vigorous and low-cost competitors like Jet Blue, Spirit and Southwest. Both economics and competitive pressures are combining to push Northwest and Delta together, and both managements are serious about trying to make it work.

So far, the biggest hangup has been getting pilots to agree on a combined seniority list. But that shouldn't prove insurmountable.

Why would a merger be good for all of us? Well, a merger could play to Northwest's Michiganbased crown jewels: the magnificent airport hub at Detroit Metro and the airline's profitable and rapidly growing routes to China, Japan and the rest of rapidly booming Asia.

Combining these with Delta's excellent trans-Atlantic routes would make Detroit the premier gateway to Asia and a tremendously attractive hub for travelers to Europe and South America.

That can't but help the proposed "airport city," a consolidated passenger and freight logistics center that would include Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the east, Willow Run on the west and some 27,000 now relatively undeveloped acres in between.

Airport City represents one of the very few possible economic development projects on the drawing board with the potential to produce thousands and thousands of jobs in southeast Michigan. So what's the problem?

Much of it is political, in the person of U.S. Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He tore into the proposed merger a couple of weeks ago in a piece in $\ensuremath{\textit{Business Week}}$ that ended, "We should just say no. Hell, no!"

Oberstar is threatening a hearing on what he sees as the evils of the merger, mainly "further consolidation in the airline industry, further reductions in choice for consumers, and probably fewer flights, fewer jobs and higher fares."

Naturally, alert readers will remember that all politics are local — and realize that Oberstar is concerned about what it would mean to Minneapolis if Northwest's corporate headquarters jobs vanish as a result of the merger. Moreover, organized labor is grumbling about possible job losses; Northwest is

heavily unionized, while Delta is mostly non-union. (The pilots, however, are union at both airlines.)

Oberstar also misreads the economic history of the airline industry. Despite the raft of consolidations that have taken place since the Airline Deregulation Act was passed in 1978, the inflationadjusted cost of air travel has dropped by half, from eight cents per mile to four. Not only that, but a look at the route structures of Northwest and Delta shows very little overlap, which suggests service reductions from a merger would be slight indeed.

But the real potential problem for the merger is not going to be overtly political, no matter how loud Oberstar fumes. It's antitrust law, which puts the matter squarely into the hands of the Department of Transportation and the antitrust division of the Justice Department. The legal issue is whether the merger in and of itself will tend to suppress competition and, thus, increase prices for customers.

One important part of antitrust doctrine has to do with something economists call "ease of entry," which addresses whether a merged company gains sufficient power to deter potential competitors from entering its market. That hasn't been the case so far.

Instead, what's striking about the airline industry is how relatively easy it is for competitors to get into the business - witness the new, low-cost and successful airlines like Jet Blue and Spirit. They're eating the old established carriers' lunch. In economist-speak, the airline industry offers low barriers to entry.

And because those barriers to entry are so low, big and established airlines find it tough to sustain high prices in a given market without attracting new, cheaper competition.

Back in the 1980s, the airline industry began to discover that the revenues of all airlines are hostage to whatever pricing strategy the lowest-priced competitor decides to adopt. If Jet Blue offers cheap fares from Detroit to Chicago, for example, Northwest — or, say, Northwest-Delta — will find it hard to compete successfully on that route without matching that low fare.

Over the years, legacy airlines tried to establish pricing power by setting up "hub and spoke" route systems, all feeding into big hub airports which they could dominate. The strategy worked for a while, but the economic structure of the industry — ease of entry and pricing transparency — doomed the idea. Northwest says that today, low-cost carriers serve all the legacy airline hubs and successfully put downward pressure on airline fares.

Undoubtedly the cut-rate carriers will have a different view. All these arguments will take considerable time (and very high legal bills) to play themselves out before the scrutinizing eyes of the Justice Department. Such scrutiny is important, but at the end of the day the regulators would be wise to approve the Northwest-Delta merger. And folks in Michigan should jump for joy at the prospect.

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Doug Fraser worked tirelessly to improve all Americans' lives

e lost a good man. Doug Fraser, the retired president of the United Auto Workers from 1977-83 and distinguished professor of labor studies at Wayne State University, died Feb. 23. He was 91.

Doug Fraser was a measuring stick of goodness. There was a sense of decency and integrity that seemed to permeate his very being.

There was never a time that I had the oppor-



Tom Watkins

tunity to be with him that \boldsymbol{I} did not walk away feeling good about the world and knowing that I had learned and grown from our conversation. This happened recently as we bumped into each other in our hometown of Northville. We talked about state and national politics and how there is a need for leaders, at every level, to realize the economic

anxiety and stress that many working people are under in Michigan, America and across the globe and the need to take action to help.

Doug, as he liked to be called, lived a long and productive life. Born Dec. 18, 1916, in Glasgow, Scotland, he spent his life working — and looking out — for the working people of this country. He understood that America's success was built on the blood, sweat and tears of the American worker.

Today, America is a better place because of labor leaders like Doug Fraser. Yet, in that brief encounter standing in the doorway of a Northville restaurant a month or so ago, Doug Fraser lamented about how it seems we have lost the shared sacrifice and common good of what has woven us together as a country.

"A great country extends a ladder, a helping hand, to those below and helps lift them up; this is slipping away," he bemoaned as he took a deep breath, inhaling oxygen from his portable respirator, a remnant of a lifetime of

Doug had a room-illuminating smile and a quick wit. His roots and rooting for the working man began in the working-class neighborhood of Glasgow, were varnished during the struggles of the Great Depression and were cemented in the auto plants in Hamtramck and Detroit. He was a tough adversary during labor negotiations. He carried out his role with integrity that earned the respect of his members and management alike.

He was a leading American trade unionist and advocate for civil and human rights around the world.

As a Ford Rouge Plant employee, I knew of the legendary Fraser and his fight to save Chrysler Corp. from bankruptcy in 1979. With then-young congressman and later Gov. James Blanchard, they successfully lobbied Congress

Upon retirement from the UAW in 1983, Fraser began a second career as a distinguished professor of labor studies at Wayne State University. It was there that he shared his wisdom and experience with students who were growing up in the 'irrational exuberance' of the past 20 years. I recall seeing the young students gather around the gray-haired old labor leader on the WSU campus as he spun a labor or political tale and challenged them to get involved in the struggles to make America the best it could be for all.

and President Jimmy Carter to support \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees. I admired the work Fraser did not only to save a company, but also the lives and livelihood of many working people. This should never be forgot-

Further, as a life-long Democrat, he proudly marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. He was a strong champion for the auto industry to recruit more minorities and women.

I met Doug Fraser during the first Blanchard for Governor campaign, where I served as deputy campaign manager. The awe and admiration only grew from there.

His wife and partner, Dr. Winnie Fraser, a psychologist, shared Doug's passion for people and remains a strong advocate for the weakest among us, the mentally ill.

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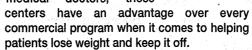
The former UAW president is now in heaven organizing the angels, doing what he has done here on earth, focusing his energies on improving the economic and social well-being of working men and women everywhere.

Doug Fraser was a good man and he will be sorely missed.

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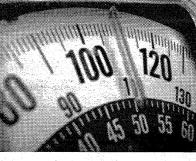
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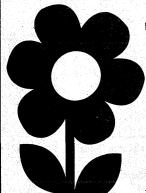
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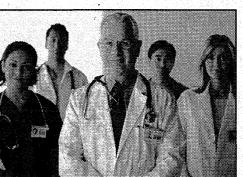
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Several 'Cats contribute to 65-58 win over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Most high school basketball teams turn to a star to lead them in the post-season.

Plymouth turned to a galaxy of stars Monday night in a first-round Class A District showdown against Salem at Novi High School.

The Wildcats received double-digit scoring efforts from four players — and a dynamite blue-collar effort from a fifth - on the way to a thrill-aminute 65-58 victory over the

Senior point guard Brandon Roberts led the winners with 17 points, but he had plenty of help from fellow seniors Garrett Rebain and Navraj Sandhu (12 points each); Mike Hanchett (11); and David Harvey, who only scored five points but was as valuable as anyone on the court with his eight rebounds, five steals and never-ending hustle.

"This was definitely a team effort tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Our role players did more than just their role, and that's what made the difference.

'We've been playing a lot better during the second half of the season. We're digging in defensively and creating transition baskets. We're playing unselfish basketball and it's showing because we're getting more kids in the scoring column."

Plymouth will take an 8-13 record into Wednesday night's 5 p.m. semifinal clash against Detroit Catholic Central. Novi will take on Northville in the 7 p.m. semi showdown.

Salem finished 9-12 despite exceptional efforts from senior Grant Stone, who capped his stellar career with 19 points and eight rebounds, and junior Joe Posler, who finished with 16 points (eight in the fourth quarter) and five boards.

Van Wagoner said containing Stone was his team's biggest challenge.

"We definitely ran some extra people at Grant tonight," said Van Wagoner. "When he entered the post, we had someone come in early. A couple times we didn't get there quick enough, but overall we defended pretty well."

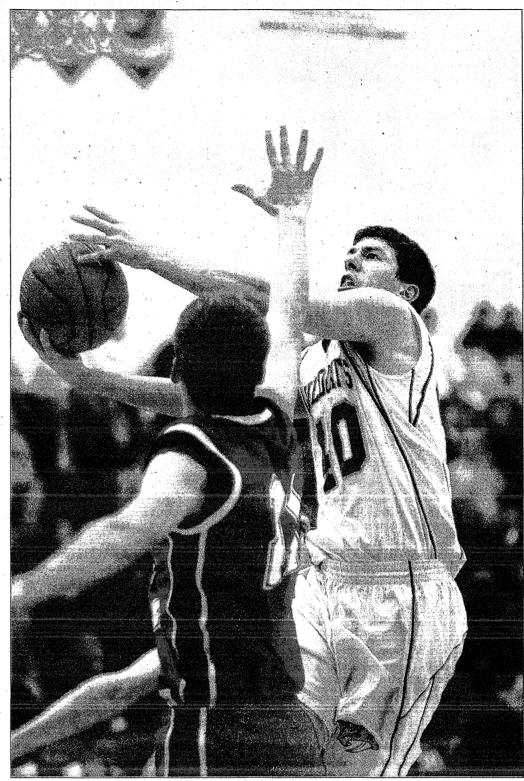
One of the game's pivotal plays turned out to be a dazzling missed dunk by the 6foot, spring-loaded Roberts on a wide-open fast-break opportunity with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

Following the near-miss slam, the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run to turn a 43-40 deficit into a 49-43 lead.

"The kids really care about Brandon and they knew he was just trying to make a special play, so they seemed to dig in after that," said Van Wagoner.

The Rocks battled back to

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Plymouth's Garrett Rebain elevates over Salem's Joe Posler for two of his 12 points in Monday night's 65-58 victory.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eat your heart out, Dickie V!

m not exactly sure how many high school basketball games I've covered since early December, but if each one was a grain of sand, I'm certain they'd fill up a decent-



Ed Wright

sized sand box. I've seen enough hoop games to make even Dick Vitale's head spin. The back of my

right hand has been stamped so many times that it now has a

permanent tattoo that resembles something you'd get if you crossbred a wildcat, chief, rock, patriot, viking/spartan/warrior and every letter in the alphabet.

Yes, I've seen a lot of hoop, and I've loved just about every minute

That said, none of the games has been more pulse-quickening, upand-down-the-court exciting than the two Class A District games I witnessed Monday night at Novi High School.

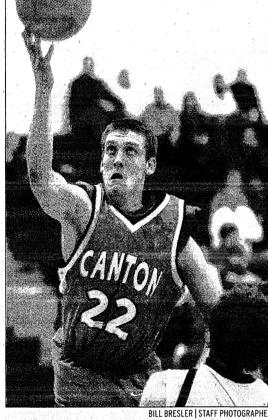
Talk about saving the best for

Non-stop highlights

From the opening tip of the Salem-Plymouth nail-biter to the final buzzer of the Canton-Novi cliffhanger, I saw more jaw-dropping spin-dribble drives, ohmy-gosh! fade-away three-point

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Canton's Dan Stoney goes strong to the hole during the Chiefs' down-to-the-wire 72-67 setback to Novi Monday night. Stoney, a junior, finished with nine points.



Canton's rally falls just short

Agape bounces Lutheran South. See Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton's conversion to "small" ball Monday night nearly resulted in a bigtime comeback in its first-round Class A District game against Novi.

With his team trailing 48-39 at the outset of the fourth quarter, Canton coach Dan Colligan inserted a smaller, quicker line-up that nearly could have qualified for a six-feet-and-under league.

The strategy almost worked as the Chiefs scrapped back to within 64-63 on a Chris Bailey put-back with 50 seconds left before eventually falling, 72-67, to the host Wildcats.

The season-ending loss left Canton with a 7-14 mark. Novi, which earned a berth in Wednesday's semifinal game against Northville, improved to 16-5.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team right now," said Colligan. "They battled, didn't give up and kept working. We told them all week to play in the moment don't worry about the past or what's ahead — and I thought they did that.

"Who knows — if we get a couple more breaks or the ball bounces the right way one more time, we may have been looking at a win. My hat's off to Novi, though. They did an outstanding job tonight." The Chiefs reached their most dire

straights with 30 seconds left in the third quarter when Novi's Brandon Bradford rolled in a driving layup to put the Wildcats up, 48-36. However, Canton's Dan Stoney deliv-

ered a sign of things to come when he swished a long triple to bring his team to within 48-39 at the close of the third quarter.

At the 7:47 mark of the fourth quarter, Canton's 6-foot Donald Haron did an impression of a 747 when he soared high to challenge Novi's 6-9 Caleb Dean, who was moving in for a potential slam.

Haron was called for a foul on the blocked shot, but the play sent a charge through his teammates and the Chiefs' cheering section.

After Dean misfired on both free throws, Canton freshman guard Dietrich Lever canned a pair of freebies to bring the Chiefs to within 48-41.

With 1:50 left and the Chiefs trailing 61-59, junior guard Marlan Glenn stole the ball at mid-court and attacked the basket before delivering a behindthe-back pass to a trailing Neil Sharma, whose potential game-tying layup rolled around the rim and out.

A second later, Sharma committed his fifth foul, which sent him to the bench after a sterling 14-point, six-rebound effort. Chris Bellamy drained a pair of free throws to give the Wildcats a 63-59

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Haburne's a star on ice, in class

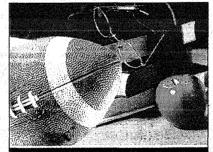
BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If you think Salem's 6-foot-4. 200-pound hockey defenseman Mike Haburne is talented, productive and intimidating with a hockey stick in his hand, you should see him gripping a No. 2 pencil.

Judging by his 3.8 grade-point average, the Rocks' ultra-successful defenseman has never met a test or an essay he couldn't con-

Haburne is a shining epitome of the term student-athlete: The senior National Honor Society member excels as much on the ice as he does sitting at a desk — so much so that he has earned Academic All-State recognition.

When I was named coach before this season, it was a foregone conclusion that Mike was going to be one of the captains," said first-year Salem coach Ryan



Ossenmacher. "He's one of those kids that excels off the ice, on the ice and in the community. He's just a well-rounded kid.

"As a captain, Mike's more of leader by example than a screamer. But when he does speak, everybody on the team listens."

More than numbers

Heading into Tuesday night's pre-Regional contest against state-ranked Livonia Churchill, Haburne had compiled two goals and 11 assists. Although the numbers are solid for a defenseman, they fall way short of describing Haburne's contributions to the team.

"Mike's one of the top defensemen around," said Ossenmacher. "He logs a ton of time and he always plays close to half the game. He provides a good mix of offense and defense.

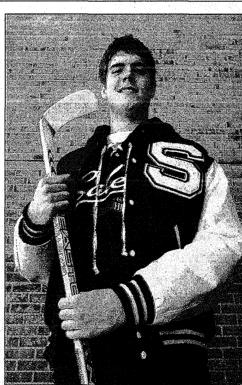
"He's a big, imposing figure out there on the blue line. Guys will shy away from him when they see he's in their path."

Young achiever

Haburne's passion for hockey started burning a short time after he laced up his first pair of skates at the age of "4 or 5."

"I like the sport because you never know what's going to happen every time you step on the ice," he said. "Everybody's never in

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Mike Haburne excels on the ice and in the classroom at Salem. The defenseman carries a 3.8 grade-point average.

MHSAA honors two Wildcats

Two Plymouth High School student-athletes earned the Michigan High School Athletic Association's most-distinguished honor recently when they were named recipients of its Scholar-Athlete scholarships.

Seniors David Harvey, who competes in basketball and baseball, and Pam Bhullar, who excels in cross country and track, were among 14 studentathletes from Class A-sized schools to receive \$1,000 scholarships from the MHSAA.

Harvey and Bhullar, who were chosen for the honor based on their academic, athletic and community-service achievements, will be honored at halftime ceremonies of the Class C boys basketball final game at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 15.



Pictured are the projected Canton starters for Friday afternoon's Division 1 quarterfinal match against No. 1-ranked Davison: (left to right) Waleed Faraj (103 pounds), Connor Johnson (112), Carl Lucke (119), Donnie Watkins (125), Jeremy Filippelli (130), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Braden Price (145), Keith Zech (152), Pat Durocher (160), Rodger Kropp (171), Adam Powers (189), Dan Wanson (215) and Luke Konsitzke (285).

'Elite Eight' appearance

Canton grapplers pumped up for No. 1 Davison

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BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton's wrestling team will be doing more than looking out for No. 1 Friday afternoon in Battle Creek.

The Chiefs will be looking to knock off No. 1 when they tangle with topranked Davison — the winner of seven of the past eight Division 1 team wrestling titles — in an "Elite Eight" quarterfinal match set to commence at 5:30 p.m. at Kellogg Arena.

Canton coach Casey Randolph said his 26-7 team respects the 31-1 Cardinals, but it doesn't fear them.

"We know they're the No. 1 team in the state and we know their only loss came to St. Edward's in Ohio - the No. 3-ranked team in the country — but we really think we have a chance to beat them," Randolph said. "The great thing about Friday's match is that we'll be wrestling right after the weigh-in, which helps us because we don't cut weight.

"Hopefully, we're fresh and they're a

The Chiefs have been on a month-

long roll after stacking together firstplace showings in the Observerland Tournament and the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships,

While the Chiefs' entire roster is formidable, its line-up from 119 pounds to 140 is comparable to a super-charged buzz-saw. Of the five wrestlers that fill that stretch, one - 119-pound Carl Lucke - is a former finals in 2006. individual state qualifier and three others - Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140) earned berths at the Palace of Auburn Hills next week.

before handily seizing District and

Regional crowns.

Although the Chiefs have competed in just one other state final meet (2006), they're far from strangers to the "Cereal City" in late-February.

'We've always taken our team down there to watch the finals so that they can get used to the atmosphere," said Randolph. "They know where to weigh in. how everything works.

"Even though we're young, I expect our senior leadership to help calm the young guys' nerves. I expect our guys

to be very business-like before the match — kind of like the calm before the storm."

Canton competed in the Davison Dual Tournament earlier this season, but the Chiefs didn't square off against the Cardinals.

"We've scouted them and broken down their tendencies," said Randolph. "They're tough, top to bottom. They're a senior- and juniordominated team.'

Randolph said his team's goals have accelerated since that first trip to the

"We want to do more than just get there now," Randolph said. "We've set our goals higher. We want to wrestle on Saturday (when the semifinals and finals are held) now

"We want to wrestle in the Final Four and wrestle for a state championship. The kids deserve that — they deserve to find out what that kind of success is all about — after all the work they've put in this season."

The Chiefs' bus will depart from the Phase III parking lot at 10 a.m. Friday. The "March of Champions" is set for

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8 P-CEP grapplers Palace-bound

Eight P-CEP wrestlers advanced to the Division 1 Individual State Meet set for March 6-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills after finishing in the top four in their respective weight classes at last weekend's Regional tournament at Southgate Anderson High

Two Salem grapplers — 130-pound Kevin Hayter and 160-pound Jeremy Epley — moved on along with six Canton matmen: Waleed Faraj (103), Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Rodger Kropp (171) and Dan Wanshon (215).

Epley will carry an impressive 41-4 record to the Palace after finishing second to Temperance Bedford's Alex Ortman at the Regional. Epley opened with a 16-5 major-decision win over Dearborn's Alex Eklem. He then dominated Bedford's Ian Kohlhofer, 10-0, in the semifinal match.

Hayter earned his first trip to the Palace by placing fourth on Saturday. He opened with a hard-fought 10-8 victory over Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens before dropping a 17-2 decision to Bedford's Billy Osborne.

Hayter (36-6) defeated Northville's Evan Bentley, 15-10, to advance.

Faraj, a sophomore, dropped his opener, 4-3, to Monroe's Derek Davidson, before storming back through the consolation brackets with wins over North Farmington's Jordan Russell (5:32 pin) and John Glenn's Steven Wakeford (8-1).

Watkins (40-9), a two-time state qualifier, placed third at 125 thanks to impressive wins over Garden City's Devin Ashley (pin at 3:39), Livonia Stevenson's Tom Myshock (6-2) and Southgate Anderson's Mike Roberts.

Cox improved to 43-3 by winning the Regional title at 135. His road to gold was paved by wins over Garden City's Justin Johnson (pin at 3:53), Lincoln Park's Jason VanWasshenova (pin at 5:29) and Wyandotte Roosevelt's Dario Farrugia (pin in

The 43-4 Winekoff took top honors by ousting John Glenn's Dan McCahill (pin in 2:20), Bedford's Aaron Jeffrey (15-5) and Belleville's Jacob Losen (12-4)

Kropp (33-17) continued his seasonlong ascension to the sport's upperechelon by finishing runner-up to Livonia Franklin's Dan Woodall. He advanced to the final with wins over Woodhaven's John Schneider (pin at 4:32) and Monroe's Devin Duncan

Wanshon (38-12) moved on fueled

by wins over Bedford's Jacob Szych (5-2) and Belleville's Kaare Cigan (2-0)
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103 pounds: Ryan Jones (Monroe) decisioned Anthony Pavlich (Westland John Glenn), 2-1; 3rd place: Derek Davison (Monroe) dec. Waleed Faraj (Canton), 6-2. 112: Leon Shannon (Wyandotte) dec. Jared Pieknik (Livonia Franklin), 7-4: 3rd: Justin Fleeson (Belleville) won by major dec. over Michael Fobar (Livonia Stevenson), 13-3. 119: Paul Hancock (Dearborn Fordson) dec. Chris Schneider (Belleville), 13-7; **3rd:** Jonny D'Anna (Northville) dec. Isaac Morisett (Southgate), 9-8. 1**25**: Zac Stevens (Monroe) pinned Jeremiah Austin (John Glenn), 1:40; 3rd: Donnie Watkins (Canton) dec. Mike

130: Christian Cullinan (Wyandotte) dec. Billy Osborne (Temperance Bedford), 9-6; **3rd:** Jared Stephens (John Glenn) dec. Kevin Hayter (Salem), 9-4. 135: Steve Cox (Canton) p. Dario Farrugia (Wyandotte), 3:17;

3rd: Jason VanWasshenova (Lincoln Park) dec. Andrew Murray (Livonia Churchill), 6-2. 140: Brent Winekoff (Canton) won by major dec. over

Jacob Losen (Belleville), 12-4; 3rd: Aaron Jeffrey (Bedford) p. J.P. Gaffke (Churchill), 5:39. 145: Steve Coak (Belleville) dec. Dain Taylor (Monroe), 12-5; 3rd: Brian Bagian (Northville) dec. Raz Markosiar

152: Ryan Thomas (Novi) won by major dec. over Matthew Washelewski (Woodhaven), 14-4; **3rd:** Patrick Nusbau (Bedford) dec. Khodor Hoballah (Dearborn), 2-0. 160: Alex Ortman (Bedford) dec. Jeremy Epley (Salem), 6-2: 3rd: Ziad Kharbush (LS) won by void over Brian Householder (Romulus). 171: Dan Woodall (Franklin) dec. Rodger Kropp (Canton),

12-5; **3rd:** Devin Duncan (Monroe) dec. John Schneider (Woodhaven), 8-5.

189: Nick Whitenburg (Bedford) dec. Ryan Ridenour (Novi), 7-3; **3rd:** Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) dec. Jabreel Naser (Fordson), 3-1. 215: Marcel Dubose (Oak Park) p. Jacob Moore

(Southgate), 1:23; **3rd:** DiMarco Scarber (Oak Park) dec. Dan Wanshon (Canton), 3-1. 285: Alex Doman (Birmingham Brother Rice) p. Adam Love (Garden City), 1:52; **3rd:** Mason Cole (Bedford) p. Travis

Brown (Southgate), 1:19 MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

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Creuse North (50-4).

112: Jarek Pieknik, Sr., Livonia Franklin (48-8) vs. Cody
Robins, Soph., Davison (41-7); Michael Fobar, Sr., Livonia
Stevenson (34-17) vs. Terrance Frank, Sr., Grand Blanc

125: Jeremiah Austin, Sr., John Glenn (50-1) vs. Michael Dibble, Jr., Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (44-13); Donnie Watkins, Soph., Canton (40-9) vs. Tyler Bunting, Jr., Rochester Adams (39-15).

130: Jared Stephens, Jr., John Glenn (43-7) vs. Alex Popp, Jr., Clarkston (38-3); Kevin Hayter, Sr., Salem (38-8) vs. Josh Houldsworth, Soph., Holly (54-2).

135: Andrew Murray, Sr., Livonia Churchill (29-9) vs. John Houseman, Sr., Grand Haven (33-0). 140: Brent Winekoff, Soph., Canton (46-4) vs. Richard Newbill, Sr., Utica Ford (36-21); J.P. Gaffke, Sr., Churchill (33-10) vs. Robert Nash, Jr., Roseville (46-7).

145: Steve Coak, Sr., Belleville (33-3) vs. Evan King, Soph., Clarkston (32-25); Raz Markosian, Jr., Stevenson (38-14) vs. Jeremy Bommarito, Sr., Hartland (55-2).

160: Jeremy Epley, Sr., Salem (41-4) vs. Mike Wranosky, Jr., Macomb Dakota (29-8); Ziad Kharbush, Sr., Stevenson (43-2) vs. Fadi Moosa, Sr., Sterling Heights (48-9). 171: Rodger Kropp, Sr., Canton (35-18) vs. Kyle Summerfield, Jr., Hartland (35-7); Dan Woodall, Sr., Franklin (54-2) vs. Max McGoldrick, Sr., Holly (43-10). 189: Emanuel Onwuemene, Sr., Stevenson (31-11) vs. Seth

Holt, Sr., Grand Haven (44-1). 215: Dan Wanshon, Sr., Canton (38-12) vs. Jarrett Lintz, Sr. L'Anse Creuse (54-2). **DIVISION 4** 152: Stephen Kemp, Jr., Lutheran High Westland (47-3) vs. Casey Rickli, Sr., Martin (46-18).

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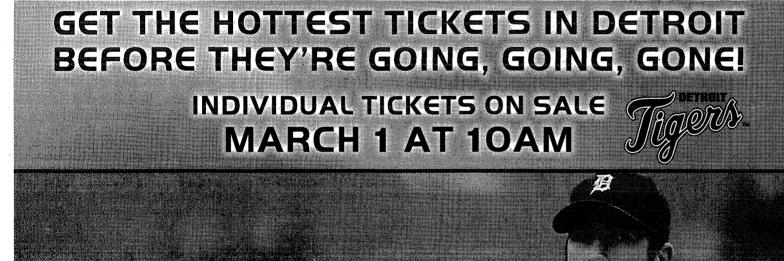
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cut their deficit to 51-49 with 5:45 to play on Ross Davis's put-back, but Plymouth countered with a 5-0 run on a Hanchett free throw and baskets from Harvey and

Posler kept Salem in the hunt with eight points over the final 2:50, but the Wildcats hung on thanks to clutch free-throw shooting from Roberts (4-for-4) down the stretch.

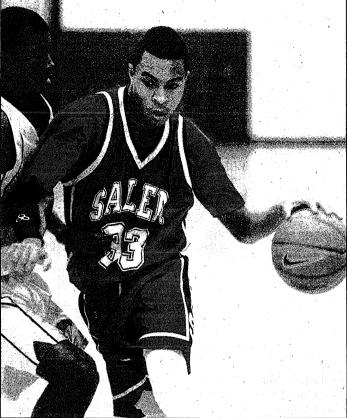
Salem led 14-10 after one quarter before the Wildcats rallied to grab a 29-28 half-time lead on Rebain's jumper with 1 tick left

with 1 tick left.
Plymouth led 46-43 heading into the fourth quarter.

Led by Harvey's eight boards, the Wildcats outrebounded Salem, 29-28.

"Along with rebounding, playing great defense and just scrapping, David does a great job of leading these kids, too," said Van Wagoner. "He may not be our best basketball player, but he has the heart of a lion."

Davis finished his outstanding career at Salem with 10 points and three rebounds. Junior Jim Dexter also played well, contributing six points



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The brilliant high school career of Salem's Grant Stone (with ball) ended Monday night with the Rocks' 65-58 loss to Plymouth. Stone, guarded by Chris Daniels above, finished with 19 points.

and three rebounds in a reserve role.

Plymouth hit 22-of-49 field goals (44.8 percent) and 15-of-25 free throws (60.0). Salem was 22-of-52 from the floor (42.3) and 11-of-19 from the line (57.8).

Plymouth committed 12 turnovers; Salem registered 17 miscues.

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WRIGHT FROM PAGE R1

swishes and get-that-weakstuff-outta'-here blocked shots than a basketball junkie has a right to see in one four-hour

Here's how wild Monday night was: I saw a dunk and a near-miss dunk — and the near-miss dunk was more breath-taking.

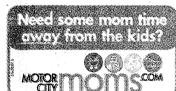
What was amazing was that all of the pressurized shots and highlight-reel passes that unfolded on the Novi High School court Monday night were performed by kids who were

barely old enough to shave.
(O.K., the Novi players with
the freshly cut mohawks were
definitely old enough to shave
– or, at least their friends are
– but there were only four of

On several occasions, I thought to myself: Are these guys too young to realize that 16-, 17- and 18-year-old kids (and in Canton freshman guard Dietrich Lever's case, 14-year-old kid) should be firing up rimbending jumpers and throwing the ball into the fourth row of the stands with their team's season on the line?

son on the line? Leave it to Lever

Apparently, they were —



especially in the case of Lever, who sank 10 of 12 free throws just a few days after getting promoted to the varsity.

During one dead-ball moment when Lever was standing next to Novi's 6-foot-9 center Caleb Dean, I thought somebody's little brother had wandered onto the court.

A few seconds later, Lever dribble-drove through about four Novi players — including Dean — and converted an acrobatic layup.

At that point, I realized, no, that's nobody's little brother—that's a future star.

What's up, MHSAA?

I'd like to interrupt this 99 percent positive column with a mini-rant: In this age of shrinking crowds at high school sporting events, why would the Michigan High School Athletic Association require the Novi gym to be emptied after the first game of Monday's doubleheader so that anyone who wanted to watch both games would be required to pay twice?

I could almost understand it if it were a Public School League District and the crowds were standing-room-

only huge.
But the attendance was so

low at the beginning of the

first game, I think I knew everyone in the gym on a firstname basis.

Quick goodbyes

Before I close, I'd like to give props to two incredibly talented players who capped their high school careers Monday night: Salem's Grant Stone and Canton's Neil Sharma.

Stone finished up as the Rocks' fourth all-time leading scorer — a feat he accomplished in just three years on the varsity. I always looked forward to watching Salem play because I knew — sooner or later — Stone was going to pull off a move that made you go "WOW!"

When it came to players who combined tenacity, talent and smarts, Sharma was among the best. When he was a sophomore, he played with the poise of a senior.

And in this, his senior season, he played like a junior

— a college junior.

The best news for basketball fanatics like myself is that March doesn't even start until Saturday.

I'm not sure how much more I can take — but I'm more than ready to find out.

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Agape cagers sprint past Lutheran South

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team threw a large helping of pressure defense, several scoops of pinpoint perimeter shooting and a dynamite fast-break attack into the blender Monday night and came away with an impressive 74-50 victory over Lutheran South in the opening round of the Division 4 District tournament at Wyandotte Mt. Carmel High School.

The Wolverines improved

to 14-7 and moved into Wednesday night's semifinal round against Taylor Light & Life.

Agape excelled from the opening tip and raced to a 20-7 advantage during the opening eight minutes.

The Wolverines' lead was cut to 30-19 at the half before they stretched the margin to 55-231 with eight minutes to play.

"Our pressure defense was outstanding," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We forced a lot of turnovers with it and it stimulated our fast break. We also shot well from three-point range. Ty Majeski had three by himself."

Majeski topped the winners' scoring ledger with 19
points. Other key contributors included Mark Mullett
(13 points), Jared Miller (six
points, eight rebounds and
three blocked shots) and Kevin
Reith, who added seven points
in a reserve role.

"And Daniel had an excellent game," Anleitner noted.
"He had nine points and nine rebounds, and really played well defensively."





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Plymouth icers edge Chiefs in showdown

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth and Canton hockey teams have met numerous times over the past few years, but never were the stakes higher than during Monday night's Division 2 pre-Regional showdown at Eddie Edgar

Clutch goal-keeping by senior Christian Blick and senior forward Colin Rolfe's second-period goal combined to make the difference in the Wildcats' 3-2 triumph.

The victory earned Plymouth (14-9-2) a berth in Wednesday night's pre-Regional final against WLAA rival Livonia Franklin, which received a first-round bye.

The opening face-off is set for 7 p.m. at Edgar Arena.

The Wildcats are 1-0-1 against the Patriots this season. They won the first encounter, 4-2, before battling to a

5-all draw last month. Visit www.hometownlife. com Thursday morning for results of Wednesday night's

Justin Gilliam put the 'Cats on the board first three minutes into the game when he scored off a nifty pass from senior captain Ricky Cigile.

The Wildcats doubled their lead to 2-0 three minutes later on a goal from Jake Jossey that was set up by slick pass from

"We came out a little flat in the second period and Canton scored the first minute in," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender.

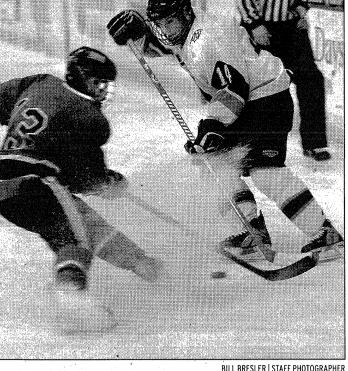
Rolfe scored on a 2-on-1 with four minutes to play in the second period to make it 3-1.

The Chiefs made a strong run in the third period, cutting their deficit to 3-2 with just under four minutes left, but the Wildcats managed to hang on.

"Canton must have had 17 shots on goal in the third period alone," Fassbender noted. "Christian did a great job of covering up the puck and not giving up any rebounds."

Fassbender said he could see his team maturing before his eyes Monday night.

"One example was our sophomore Noel Aspinwall," he said.



Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, notched the game-winning goal in Monday night's 3-2 victory over Canton in a Division 2 pre-Regional contest at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"Noel's never been thought of real highly defensively; he's always looking for his points. But with about eight or nine minutes left Monday night, he was the one making sure they didn't get the puck in deep and making sure we had a third guy high. And when he was on the bench, we was constantly reminding his teammates to get the puck out of our zone.

"This is a great experience

for our entire team because we're so young."

The Wildcats are one victory away from setting a new school single-season win record.

Zane Birchler played well in net for the Chiefs, Fassbender

Details of Canton's goals were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

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Churchill skaters power past Salem

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An accurate gauge of the Livonia Churchill hockey team's adrenaline level Tuesday night was scattered in a thousand tiny pieces just beyond the west boards prior to its Division 1 pre-Regional game against Salem.

There lay the remains of a section of Plexiglass a Charger had shattered with a pre-game warmup shot.

Adrenaline reading: high. Following a 13-minute glassreplacement delay, the No. 2ranked Chargers shattered the Rocks' hopes of a long post-season run by skating to a dominating 8-2 victory.

Churchill will take a 20-5 record into Thursday night's pre-Regional final against cross-campus rival and No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson.

"We broke one at practice last week Thursday, so something you can go a lifetime without seeing we saw twice in a week," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said of his team's recent Plexiglass-breaking

"I thought we played with a great sense of urgency tonight after the delay. The second half of the first period I thought we really played to our speed. We had a lot of guys going to the net and we kept things

Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said his team was done in by its own penalties and its opponents' high skill level.

"Overall, I thought we played well when it was 5-on-5," noted Ossenmacher, whose squad finished 7-17-1 in his first year behind the bench. "It was 2-2 in the third period, which was the period we played 5-on-5 the most.

"We just got beat by a better team. I think they have as good a shot as anybody to win the whole thing.

The Chargers led 3-0 after one period thanks to power-play net-finders from Joshua Proben (from Travis Satkowiak and Daniel Bostick) and Cody Atkins (Stefan Kubus and Mitchell Carpenter); and an even-strength lamp-lighter from Atkins, who was assisted by Bostick and Kyle Burke.

Churchill started the second

period with a two-man advantage after the Rocks were whistled for a charging penalty when Charger goalie Derrick Daignaeu was slammed into the boards from behind while corraling a loose

Salem quickly learned the following lesson: Never charge a Charger.

Thirty-one seconds later, it was 5-0 in the wake of power-play goals from Nathan Milam and Kyle Burke, who banked a shot off the back of Salem goalie Mark Barkoff's pads.

"If anything, I think the (charging) penalty got the kids excited because it gave them a chance to go on the power play, which has been pretty good for us all year," said Mazzoni. "I think the hit was more coincidental than intentional."

Kubus made it 6-0 at the 11:23 mark of the second when he scored off a pass from Burke.

Despite its large deficit, Salem remained feisty and scored the first two goals of the third period.

Rock junior forward Nick Gennety buried a slick pass from Ian Barnaby with 7:24 left and Joel Cheesman followed suit less than three minutes later when he banged the puck home after securing a rebound shot off the stick of Sam Ott.

Churchill capped the scoring with late goals from Tyler Cotter (from Proben and Nicklaus Harakas) and Keith Yackley (unas-

The Chargers outshot the Rocks,

"I thought guys like Cody Atkins and Travis Satkowiak had real good games tonight," said Mazzoni. "I was pleased with the way our grinders played tonight."

Daigneau stopped all three shots he saw in the first period before getting replaced by Aaron Crouse. who notched eight saves over the final 30 minutes.

Barkoff and Eric Fiorentino split time between the pipes for the

Ossenmacher said his team made strides as the season wore

"I thought we made a lot of progress over the course of the season." he said. "We have a very young team, so we have a lot of guys coming back."

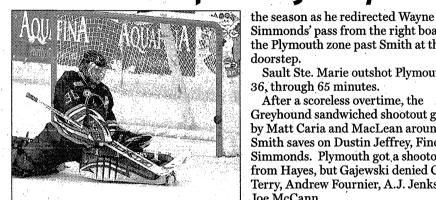
Whalers come 'Soo' close to upending Greyhounds

The Ontario Hockey League playoffs do not start for another month, but the Plymouth Whalers and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds played a game with a playoff atmosphere Saturday night before 3,211 at Compuware Arena.

Brandon MacLean's shootout goal gave the first-place Greyhounds (38-15-2-4, 82 points) a 2-1 victory over Plymouth, which slipped to 32-22-2-3.

There was no scoring through the first two periods as Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith and Sault Ste. Marie Kyle Gajewski hooked up in a netminder's duel. In the end, Smith was the game's first star in stopping 46-of-47 shots (including Matthew Lyall's penalty shot at 13:00 of the second period) and Gajewski the second star in stopping 35-of-36 shots.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 10:18 of the third period on Vern Cooper's 17th goal of the year. Gajewski stopped Ryan Hayes' shot from the right wing and Cooper bat-



Plymouth goal-tender Jeremy Smith stopped 46-of-47 shots Saturday night against Sault Ste. Marie.

ted home the rebound into an empty net from the left circle.

Michael Fine tied the game at 11:21 of the period with his eighth goal of

Simmonds' pass from the right boards in the Plymouth zone past Smith at the right doorstep. Sault Ste. Marie outshot Plymouth, 48-

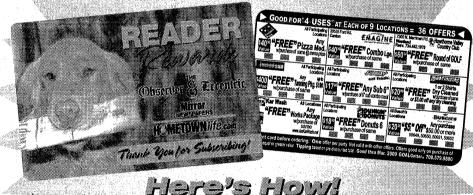
36, through 65 minutes. After a scoreless overtime, the

Greyhound sandwiched shootout goals by Matt Caria and MacLean around Smith saves on Dustin Jeffrey, Fine and Simmonds. Plymouth got a shootout goal from Hayes, but Gajewski denied Chris Terry, Andrew Fournier, A.J. Jenks and Joe McCann.

After playing in Sarnia on Friday, Plymouth returns home Saturday against Belleville at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday against Saginaw at 2 p.m.

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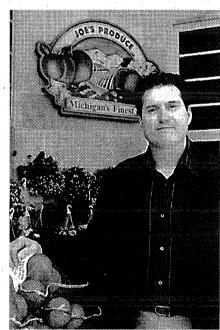
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Spartans' late surge nips Northville in WLAA meet

BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saturday marked the last chapter of the 25th and final Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim meet at Salem High School.

And the finish did not disappoint as Livonia Stevenson stormed back for the win in the final three events to unseat defending champion Northville, 652-643, for the title. Walled Lake Northern took a distant third with 378 points followed by the host Rocks (254), Canton (237) and Plymouth (225) in the top six.

The Spartans, who along with the other 11 WLAA members, will merge next year with the Kensington Valley Conference and two schools from Waterford to form the Kensington Lakes Conference.

They washed away the stain of a 98-88 dual-meet loss to the Mustangs in January and did it the hard way, overcoming a clerical error in the 1-meter diving event, which disqualified Stevenson's top two divers, including the leader after eight attempts.

Stevenson, the Lakes Division champions, spotted the Mustangs 43 points in the event, but clawed back and eventually regained the lead following the 100-yard breaststroke, 612-595.

'We knew we had a lead to play with, but they (Northville) were coming fast," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "It was a shame for the divers, we should have won by a 100."

Shoemaker credited the performance two days earlier in the prelims as the catalyst.

"You don't swim for the regular season, you swim for the championship meet," he said. "The playoff season" is where it's at. We swim so well on Thursday. That's the best (prelim) swim overall we've had in a championship meet."

Several P-CEP excelled on Saturday, including Plymouth's Mike Conger. who placed second in the 200 IM and fourth in the 500 freestyle. Conger also joined forces with teammates Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder and Chris Wilson to lead the Wildcats to a fourth-place showing in the

200 medley relay. Salem's Adam Seroka excelled in the 200 IM (fifth) and 500 freestyle (third) while his teammate, Kevin Smith, took second in the 1-meter diving competi-

Rock senior Sida Chen touched second in the 100 breaststroke with a clocking

of 1:03.04 in the finals. Canton's standouts included Richard Zhang (fifth in the 200 freestyle), Chris McGinnis (fifth in the 50 freestyle) and Kevin Karlinski (fifth in the 100 breaststroke).

Stevenson captured just three events, including a victory in the 200 medley relay as senior Robert Luke, junior Joey Wingett, junior Mike Cruce and junior Ryan

Bailey's put-back with 50

seconds left pulled Canton to

within 64-63, but Novi hit 7-

seconds to seal the win.

and-kick action with the

of-8 free throws in the final 37

We got some good drive-

smaller lineup in there," said

Colligan. "That lineup also

played great against Novi's

16 points and 13 rebounds.

Bailey put the icing on an

outstanding senior season with

Lever, who was playing in

his first varsity contest, came

and nail 10-of-12 free throws.

Kyle Biega and Stoney both

off the bench to score 12 points

pressure defense."

advantage.



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state meet (in 2006). To go

One WLAA record was

Brody Blickle captured the

200 IM in 1:55.76, besting

the mark of 1:56.51 set by

Westland John Glenn's Matt Martin in 1991. Blickle also

captured the 100 backstroke

in 52.66 with Luke finishing

Northville's Jon Bardsley

was a double winner as well, taking the 200 freestyle

(1:44.92) and 500 freestyle

Cruce, who clocked a

4:49.33).

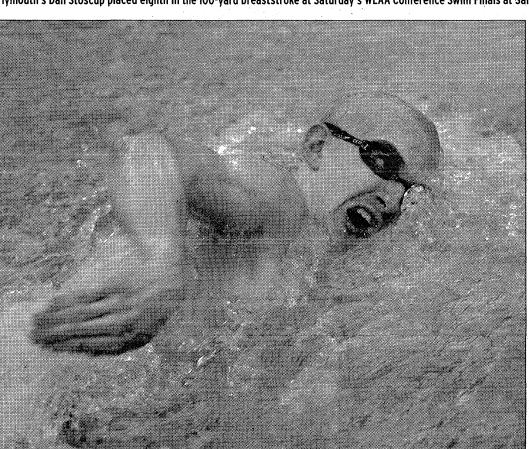
eclipsed as Northville's

you can't beat that.'

runner-up in 53.99

out and win that last one . . .

Plymouth's Dan Stoscup placed eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke at Saturday's WLAA Conference Swim Finals at Salem.



Canton's Chris McGinnis placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle at Saturday's WLAA Conference Swim Finals at Salem.

Scott combined for a time of

Luke added a victory in the 100 butterfly (53.63), while Wingett took the 100 breaststroke (1:00.8).

Shoemaker, however, pointed to the unsung performances turned in by Chris Behler, Kyle Hermann and Bryan Bielicki as meet deciders.

Behler, a junior, placed third in the 200 freestyle (1:49.56) and added a fifth in the 100 freestyle (50.46), while Hermann, a senior. collected a state cut time of 22.55 in the 50 freestyle en route to a third place and contributed a fourth in the 100 freestyle (50.07).

Bielicki, meanwhile, chipped in with a third in the 100 backstroke (56.91)

contributed nine points. Dean led the Wildcats with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Bellamy added 15 and

Bradford chipped in with 14.

from the field (38.7 percent).

Canton was prolific from the

charity stripe, canning 22-of-

26 (84.6) while the Wildcats

made 26-of-37 from the line

The Chiefs committed 14

turnovers while the Wildcats

"I loved the way this team

worked from day one," Colligan

emphasized. "They were a

pleasure to be around. I can't

thank them enough for allow-

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ing me to coach them."

turned the ball over nine

times.

Both teams were 19-of-49



Salem's Adam Seroka placed third in the 500-yard freestyle at Saturday's WLAA Conference Swim Finals at Salem High School.

and an eighth in the 200 individual medley (2:0.6.88).

We had to hit on all cylinders to beat Northville

way," said Shoemaker, now in his eighth season. "This ing for me except our third (place) at the (Division 1)

is probably the most gratify-- everything had to go our PLYMOUTH WHALERS VS BELLEVILLE BULLS SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 7:05P.M Maggie Moo's - "Moo or Go Home PLYMOUTH WHALERS VS SAGINAW SFIRIT SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2:00P M. BRUNCH & SKATE WITH THE WHALERS **TICKETS Call 734-453-8400**

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FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Mike Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:39.81; 2. Northville, 1:43.09; 3. W.L. Northern, 1:43.47; 4. Plymouth, 1:44.66; 5. Salem, 1:45.39; 6. W.L. Central, 1:49.79; (B Heat): 7. Canton, 1:50.68; 8. W.L. Western, 1:53.67; 9. Franklin, 1:55.91; 10. Churchill, 1:59.99; 11. Wayne, 2:03.2; 12. John Glenn, 2:05.84. 200 freestyle: 1. Jon Bardsley (N), 11. Wayne, 2:03.2; 12. John Glenn, 2:05.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Jon Bardsley (N),
1:44.92; 2. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 1:45.69; 3.
Chris Behler (LS), 1:49.56; 4. Nate Lunn
(N), 1:49.6; 5. Richard Zhang (C), 1:50.56;
6. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:50.58; (B): 7.
Aaren Marecki (LS), 1:50.46; 8. John
Blickle (N), 1:52.84; 9. Nicholas Anthony
(LF), 1:52.89; 10. Daniel Schoff (LS),
1:53.3; 11. Ben Schoenek (N), 1:53.42; 12.
Dan Darga (N), 1:54.56.
200 individual medley: 1. Brody Blickle
(N), 1:55.76 (meet record, breaks mark

(N), 1:55.76 (meet record, breaks mark of 1:56.51 held by John Glenn's Matt Martin set in 1991); 2. Mike Conger (P), 2:00.71; 3. Cruce (LS), 201.47; 4. Greg Sheppard (N), 1:01.51; 5. Adam Seroka (S), 2:03.08; 6. Brian Carter (WLN), 2:05.04 (B): 7. Kellen Schoff (LS), 2:06.76; 8. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:06.88; 9. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 2:08.23; 10. Scott Geverink (LS), 2:08.62; 11. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:08.79; 12. Brendan Schoff (LS), 2:13.62.

2:13.62.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 21.94; 2. Kyle Adams (N), 22.51; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 22.55; 4. Ryan Scott (LS), 22.93; 5. Chris McGinnis (C), 23.41; 6. Shane Shelton (LF), 23.5; (B): 7. Jereme Pesta (LS), 23.11; 8. A.J. Aquinto (N), 23.58; 9. Clay Malloure (N), 23.59; 10. Evan Cole (WLN), 23.69; 11. Jordan Holland (WM), 23.86; 12. Nathan Spala (S), 23.87.

(5), 23.01. **1-meter diving**: 1. Kevin Bain (N), 300.45 points; 2. Kevin Smith (S), 276.30; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 270.45; 4. Kevin points; 2. Kevin Smith (S), 276.30;
3. Travis Holt (LC), 270.45; 4. Kevin
Courtney (N), 269.85; 5. Tyler Esmacher
(WLC), 264.15; 6. Chase Boothby (WLN),
250.15; 7. Matt Figlewicz (C), 245.15; 8.
Joe Nodge (WLC), 240.80; 9. Matt Funni
(WLC), 2410.10; 10. Andrew Richards (LC),
237.60; 11. Christian Orsorio (P), 232.00;
12. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 229.35.
100 butterfly: 1. Luke (LS), 53.63; 2.
Riley Cole (WLN), 53.88; 3. Joe Kargula
(N), 55.01; 4. Lunn (N), 55.68; 5. Anthony
(LF), 56.13; 6. Pesta (LS), 57.19; (B); 7.
Geverink (LS), 56.78; 8. Malloure (N),
57.42; 9. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 57.76; 10. Sida
Chen (S), 59.43; 11. Adam Dabkowski (LS),
59.65; 12. Jake Lane (N), 1:00.81.
100 freestyle: 1. Zavislak (WLN), 47.5; 2.
Gerber (WLN), 48.16; 3. Adams (N), 49.42;
4. Hermann (LS), 50.07; 5. Behler (LS),
50.46; 6. John Lubisco (N), 51.44; (B);
7. Chris McGinnis (C), 50.94; 8. Marecki
(LS), 50.97; 10. Scott (LS), 51.45; 11. Spala
(S), 51.65; 12. Aquinto (N), 51.94.
500 freestyle: 1. Bardsley, (N), 4:48.46;
2. Cruce (LS), 4:49.33; 3. Adam Seroka
(S), 4;50.12; 4. Conger (P), 4:56.31; 5.
J. Blickle (N), 5:05.47; 6. Wingett (LS),
5:35.9; (B): 7. D. Schoff (LS), 5:03.02; 8.
Chris LaFayette (N), 5:03.07; 9. Schoenek
(N), 5:06.58; 10. K. Schoff (LS), 506.78;
11. Adamowicz (N), 5:07.5; 12. Matt
Collingwood (S), 5:19.84.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville
(Adams, Kargula, Bardsley, B. Blickle),
1:29.09; 2. W.L. Northern, 1:29.17; 3.

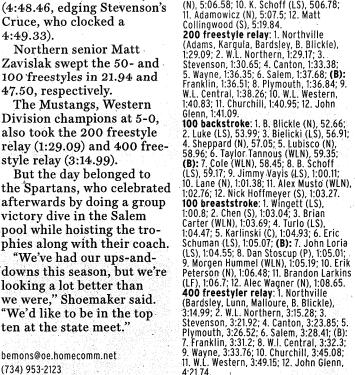
Northern senior Matt Zavislak swept the 50- and 100 freestyles in 21.94 and 47.50, respectively. The Mustangs, Western Division champions at 5-0,

style relay (3:14.99). But the day belonged to the Spartans, who celebrated afterwards by doing a group victory dive in the Salem pool while hoisting the trophies along with their coach.

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"We've had our ups-anddowns this season, but we're looking a lot better than we were," Shoemaker said. "We'd like to be in the top ten at the state meet."

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Haburne graduated to travel hockey at the age of 9 when he made the Plymouth Stingrays' Mite-A team.

"I have great memories of those days," he said. "I remember traveling around a lot to different places — we went to Toronto a lot. We'd play mini-sticks hockey in the hallways in the hotel rooms. It was a lot of fun."

Haburne went the travel hockey route until his 10th-grade year when, on the advice of a fellow classmate, he joined the high school ranks.

"I heard how fun (high school hockey) was from Joel Cheesman," said Haburne. "One of the reasons I switched was that I wanted to play in front of more than just parents and grandparents. We get some pretty good crowds at our high school games, especially when we play Canton and Plymouth."

High school hockey: No. 1

Haburne countered the notion that travel hockey is a more-skilled version of the sport than the prep offering.

"Personally, I think high school hockey is a faster, more physical game with deeper teams," he said.

Haburne has not let a pre-season knee injury slow him down this season. If you couldn't see the brace he wears to help stabilize a re-attached torn miniscus, you'd never know he was hurt about a week before the season started.

"The doctors were surprised I was able to come back as fast as I did," he said. "I was a little apprehensive at first, but once I got used to the brace, I was fine. It hasn't slowed me down at all.'

An academic future at Western Michigan University awaits Haburne in the fall. He plans on majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing.

"I'm going to try out for their club team, but from what I understand it's pretty com-

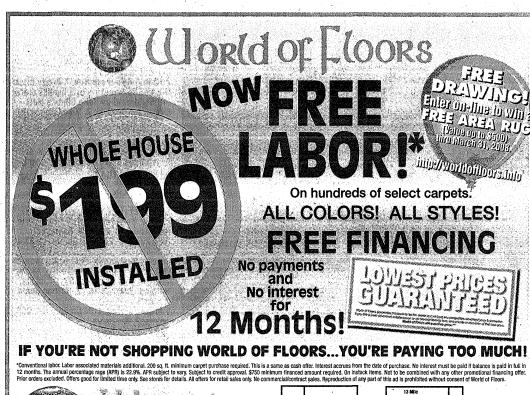
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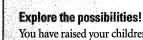
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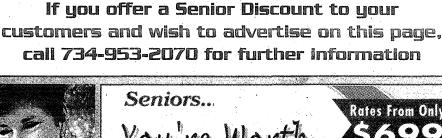
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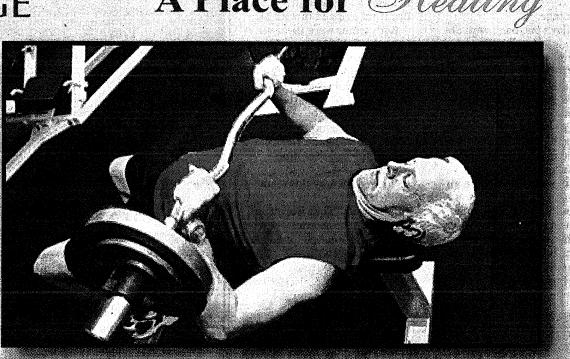
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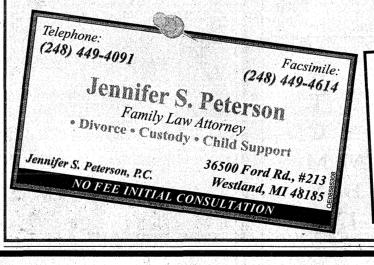
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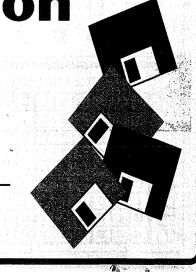
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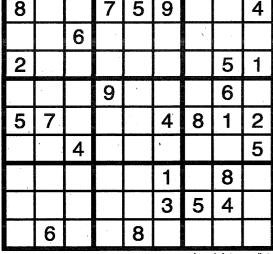
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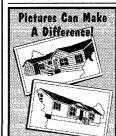
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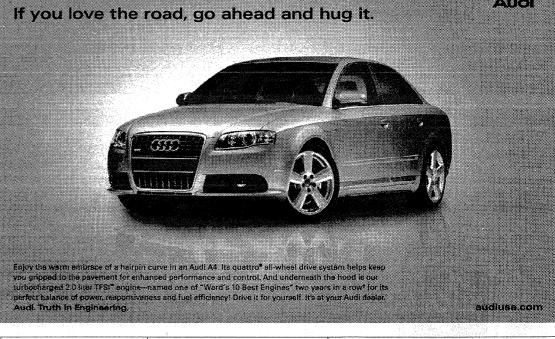
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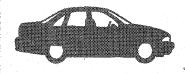
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Back in the good old days -- when an engine was still an engine and not some fuel-sipping mockery of locomotion -- Chrysler dusted off its Hemi tradition, gussied up a powerful new V8 and wrote a great chapter in sub-branding history by promoting its robustness. Consumers went nuts from 2002 through 2006 selecting the 5.7-liter option and turning "That thing got a Hemi?" into a cultural

What a difference three years and \$3-a-gallon gasoline can make. Nowadays, Chrysler still touts the Hemi. But it is repositioning the iconic engine brand into a platform for powertrain diversity that notably includes a version that boosts fuel economy by shutting down half of its cylinders at cruising

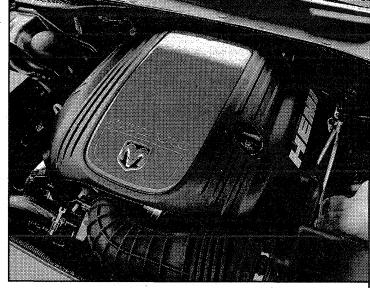
"It was a very unique opportunity for us," said Mike Accavitti, director of Dodge marketing and communications for Chrysler. "Now consumers say, 'It's got a Hemi,' but they don't necessarily think of

it as a gas-guzzling engine."

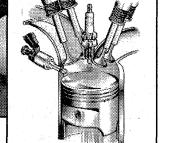
Automakers are attempting more of these marketing sleights of hand these days as American consumers increasingly hang – or bounce – between their continued desire for ample engine power and the gnawing imperative to obtain greater fuel economy in their new wheels. For some buyers, the answer is to pony up a few thousand dollars more for a hybrid or clean-diesel powertrain, or to wait until fuel cells and other cutting-edge propulsion concepts make their way out of concept cars and into showrooms.

But to help the vast majority of auto buyers solve their current dilemma, car companies are squeezing more power and up to 20% better mileage out of the traditional internal-combustion engine with direct-injection technology, turbo boosting and other means. Then they're building marketing positions around their innovations, usually only hoping that they can attain the same kind of success in the new era that Chrysler did a few years ago with the Hemi.

Ford's gambit may be the most ambitious from a marketing perspective. The company announced in January that it is introducing EcoBoost, which it calls a new "affordable engine technology" that it will deliver 20% better fuel economy on half a



A schematic of Ford's EcoBoost technology.



The Hemi engine in a 2006 Dodge

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million Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles annually during the next five years, beginning with the new Lincoln MKS sedan in 2009.

The EcoBoost family of four- and six-cylinder engines features both turbo charging and direct injection, boosting fuel economy, the company says, without hurting performance. "EcoBoost is meaningful because it can be applied across a wide variety of engine types and vehicles, from small cars to large trucks - and it's affordable," said Derrick Kuzak, Ford's vice president of global product

Ford isn't yet saying exactly how much extra an EcoBoost option may cost a consumer. But it says that a purchaser could expect to recoup an initial investment in a four-cylinder EcoBoost engine through fruel savings in about 30 months. That compares with an average of seven years with a diesel in North America and nearly 12 years with a hybrid, Ford said, given equivalent miles driven and Hemi has become the success case study in this

genre over the last several years. Chrysler did such a good job of reviving its Fifties performance brand in new pieces of hardware a half-century later that the redneck "Hemi Boys" are still gracing TV-advertising viewers with their presence. But over the last couple of years, spiking consumer worries about fuel economy have rapidly caught up with their appetite to have a ravenous Hemi that would

impress on the basis of raw power alone. So when Chrysler recently began fielding its Multi-Displacement System (MDS) on the 5.7-liter Hemi to offer consumers a fuel-saving option, it

faced a marketing dilemma: create a new brand for the technology or somehow make the Hemi image also fit this new attribute? Chrysler dabbled with the idea of creating another engine brand but quickly settled on flexing Hemi.

"To come up with a different name, we'd have to

explain to consumers what it is and give them yet another new message," Accavitti said. "That would be a lot to swallow. We could have done it, but we would have had to spend a lot of money.

So instead, Chrysler has focused on trying to expand Hemi's personality to include a mileage-friendly aspect. "Because Hemi has so much equity we didn't have to spend a lot of money and effort explaining what the Hemi is, and we have been able to dedicate that time in our advertisements speaking to the MDS - that consumers could have Hemi power when they need it and that the engine deactivates four cylinders when they don't need them," Accavitti explained.

Consumer research shows the approach has worked. "People believe they can have their cake and eat it, too, with the Hemi," Accavitti said. "Hemi awareness is high, and consumers associate Hemi with power and performance, which is great – but not necessarily with poor fuel economy, which is also great.

In fact, Chrysler is even unapologetically planning to attach the Hemi name to the new hybrid powertrain that will first appear on the Dodge Durango later this year. "We'll market that as the best of both worlds to people who need torque and power but who also are looking for a greener solution," Accavitti said.





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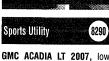
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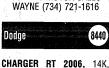
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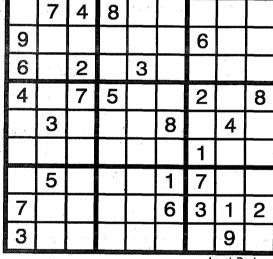
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Heat up winter with catered organic

BY LANA MINI O & E STAFF WRITER

veryone, it seems, is so over winter and dreaming of warmer lands.

Wensdy Von Buskirk, editor . (734) 953-2019 . wvonb@hometownlife.com

Here's an idea to escape the blahs: host a dinner party with Caribbean recipes — spicy dishes to heat both the body and spirit.

Fried plantains. Apple Cinnamon Empanada. Stir-fries with island spices and coconut plus a garden winter soup with tortilla toast, and seasonal vegetables like squash, asparagus, carrots,

Metro Detroit is packed with secrets the rest of the country isn't aware of, and that's lucky for us.

For example, there's actually a catering business, based in Rochester Hills, that specializes in Caribbean food.

Amazingly, it's also organic. Maria LeMay Erlandson is the owner of OrganiKiss, a catering company that serves corporate events, weddings, summer BBQs, winter house parties, non profit groups and more. Erlandson's catered meals reflect several themes. There's the Italian-inspired menu of Italian stew with gnocchi; and a Japanese-themed party menu that includes Teriyaki Vegetables with battered tofu. *The Bambino* kids parties include organic items like pizza bagels and Neapolitan Ice cream with melon balls. After the Sports Game Parties feature battered ravioli and A Night in Acapulco includes black bean tamales.

There's also the Night At the Chocolate Party with lick-able wallpaper and daffodil shaped cups with a main course example of "Luxury Nut and Seed Loaf" with cranberry, apple and brandy sauce. The meal ends with desserts like a chocolate fountain and personalized organic candy

Whew! That's a lot of party ideas! For now, let's focus on the islands.

Erlandson relocated to Michigan from New York just recently. Her business there was strong and now she is launching it in the metro Detroit

She tries to be as organic as possible.

"Domestic vegetables, grains and produce are 100 percent organic," she said. "Imports like manl plantains are not always organic. Poultry is sometimes organic, always free range and hormone free."

Erlandson specializes in world fusion cuisine. "Which means I use and mix techniques and flavors from Caribbean, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Puerto Rican, Mexican, and of course American cuisine."

Her training?

"Life," Erlandson said. "My mother was a chef. She inspired my love for cooking. Also, I've moved around a lot. I spent four years living with a girl form Taiwan and learned about Chinese cuisine from her. I lived in California, and while there I learned a lot about Indian cuisine. I'm Puerto Rican, so all of my Caribbean food knowledge comes from my upbringing. I also took Gourmet Cooking, Food Safety, and Catering certification

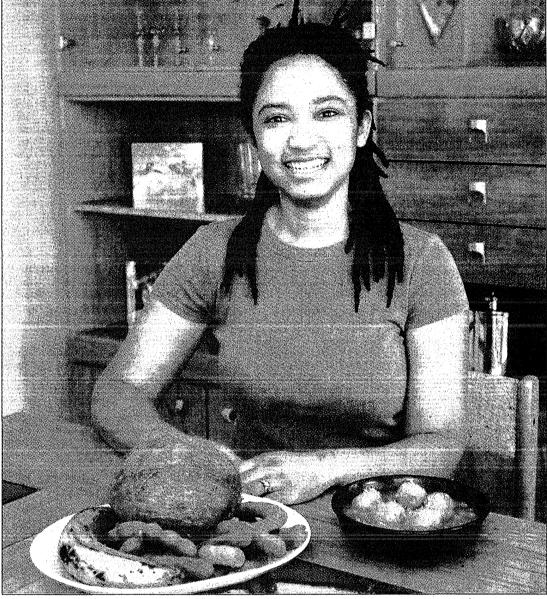
She's been an unofficial caterer since childhood, when she would help her mom cook for

"After moving out on my own I continued doing the same. I just love cooking and watching people eat food I've prepared. That may sound semicreepy but it's true."

Her reason for going organic is because she wants to serve her clients foods that are healthy, but also at their optimum flavor.

"Looking a little deeper at current day conventional agricultural practices is disturbing," she said. "The effect that pesticides, hormones, etc. have on our ecosystem: Pollution, destroying our planet in a way that will eventually lead to our own extinction. It all just sounds crazy to me.'

For more information visit www.organikiss.com



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maria LeMay Erlandson strives to use organic ingredients in her catering company that focuses on a variety of themes from Caribbean to Sushi bars.

CARIBBEAN STIR FRY

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 yellow plantain (If you can only find green plantains, place green plantains in paper bag and let sit in a cool dry

place for about a week or until they fully 5 ounces firm or extra firm tofu

½ teaspoon Sofrito (can be found in most major supermarkets with an international or ethnic foods isle)

1 tablespoon soy sauce salt to taste

head of broccoli (cut into florets)

In a wok, heat the oil on medium high for 3 minutes. Peel and slice yellow plantain. Single layer plantain slices into wok and let

fry for three minutes each side. Once the plantain is slightly browned on both sides, add tofu, soy sauce and Sofrito, and salt. Stir to distribute seasonings evenly and let simmer (covered)

for 10 minutes Add broccoli, cover and let simmer for another 5 minutes. Serve warm.

TAMARIND COCONUT PLANTAIN BALL

Sweet, Tangy, and HOT. Can be served over rice with a side of vegetables. Used as a substitute for



Organikiss' Tamarind-Coconut Plantain ball soup.

meatballs in tomato sauce and served over pasta. Or, add in your favorite vegetables and turn it into a vegetable stew.

20 tamarind pods or 5 tablespoons of tamarind paste (the paste may be in the Thai food section of your local grocer)

1 large coconut 1 yellow bell pepper

1 red pepper

1 orange bell pepper juice from ½ lemon or 1 teaspoon real lemon juice.

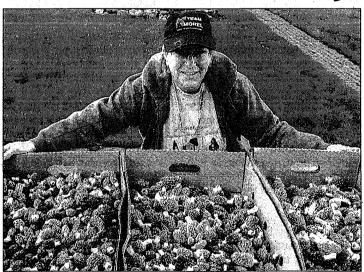
½ red onion

3/4 cup raw cane sugar 3 green plantains

Bring 6 cups of water to a boil.

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Morel hunter highlights our favorite fungi



Theresa Maybrier, a morel mushroom hunter from Missouri, appears at Outdoorama Feb. 28-March 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

It's time to look beyond the icy sidewalks and snow shovels, and think about the outdoors, with a little warmer temperatures, thank you very much.

Outdoor sport enthusiasts can attend the 36th Annual Outdoorama Feb. 28-March 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The show is a popular destination for hunters, anglers, campers, boaters, hikers, conservationists and canoeists.

Show attendees will have a chance to think more about spring with seminars from Theresa Maybrier, a morel

OUTDOORAMA

Dates: Feb. 28-March 2 Hours: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Where: Rock Financial Showplace,

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Admission: \$9 adults; \$4 children 6 to 14; free for children 5 and under.

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mushroom hunter from Missouri. Maybrier will speak at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) and Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Other hunting and fishing seminars will be conducted by Greg Abbas, Denny Geurink and Mark Martin, along with special appearances by Michigan Outdoors hosts Jimmy Gretzinger and Kelly Gotch and MUCC magazine editor Tony Hansen.

"Big Buck Night," "Wildlife Encounters," a daily fish fry, and Milt Wilcox's "Ultimate Air Dogs" are among many special features. Kids' activities include a trout pond and beach play area. The show will be held in conjunction with the first annual Cottage and Lakefront Living Show, providing the public with

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'BROWNIE POINTS'

Greyston Bakery recently launched a new line of Do Goodie brownies. Profits from the Do Goodie brownie sales help the Greyston Foundation, which supports jobs, child care, health care and housing for the underprivileged. The bakery was founded in 1982 in Yonkers, N.Y. and produces baked goods and desserts for many of New York City's top restaurants.

The Do Goodie is made with Belgian chocolate and all natural ingredients. Flavors range from the original Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Walnut Fudge, Espresso Bean Brownie and a Brown Sugar Blondie.

Locally, the Do Goodie brownies are available at Good Foods East, 74 W. Maple, in Troy; Plum Market, 3675 W. Maple in Bloomfield Township and Westborn Market, 14925 Middlebelt in Livonia, and 27659 Woodward in Berkley.

HELP THE HOMELESS

For three more days, Kroger customers can help the homeless. Kroger will help feed hungry families within the Detroit metropolitan area by donating a loaf of 24 oz. Bread to the Salvation Army Bed and Bread program for every 24 oz. of Kroger White Buttercrust Bread that customers purchase.

According to Rick Going, president of Kroger's Michigan Division, more than 80 stores in the greater Detroit Metro area are participating in the program with a goal to donate 15,000 loaves of bread to the Bed and Bread program. The donation period will continue through March 1.

IT'S CRUNCH TIME

Time is running out to get your Girl Scout Cookies. Cookie booths throughout Wayne and Oakland counties will be set up through early March, selling old favorites as well as two new flavors for 2008 — Lemon Cremes and Sugar Free Chocolate Chips.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with wonderful treats. Through voluntary participation in this comprehensive leadership program, girls ages 6-17 gain experience and expertise in finance, marketing, and public speaking. Troops that sell Girl Scout Cookies earn money to fund their troop's activities, with additional proceeds benefiting the troop's council. Financial aid, tutoring, diversity awareness, drug abuse and teen pregnancy prevention programs, leadership, creative arts, science and technology programs, and camp maintenance are among the council programs and activities funded in part by the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

To find cookies in your neighborhood, visit www. girlscoutcookies.org.

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two shows for one admission. Visit www.outdoorama.com for more information.

Maybrier educates the public about morel mushroom hunting, sells books, morel collection bags, crafts and souvenirs related to morel mushrooms.

In 2003 she and her husband, John, officially formed Team Morel. They self published a hunting guide and created a mesh mushroom collecting bag with safety colors on the storage pouch in addition to guiding weekend mushroom hunts and giving seminars throughout the Midwest.

The Maybriers offered two recipes, listed below, for morels.

SAUTÉED MORELS Prepare morels: clean and pat dry, cut into ringlets, separating caps from

Use a 8-10" skillet on medium high heat. Melt 2-3 tablespoons of butter with 1-2 tablespoons of canola oil or extra virgin olive oil (regular olive oil is too strong in flavor). Start with stems, they take slightly longer to cook, add: in the caps. Give a shake of granulated garlic. Save salt and pepper until the end. Do not overcrowd the skillet. Stir occasionally, turning over the morels. The butter and oil will get soupy, then the butter/oil will clarify. Shortly thereafter the morels will start to pop like bacon. That is when they are done.

Serve in a pool of the butter/oil. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Good with everything, or serve alone

MOREL QUICHE

1 pound morels ¼ pound bacon or ham ½ cup chopped red onion

½ cup chopped green, yellow or red

½ cup cooked asparagus tops 1½ cups shredded Swiss cheese 3/4 cup Bisquick mix Shake of pepper Shake of granulated garlic

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Chop ham or bacon, cook to sizzle. Spoon out the meat, leaving the fat. Add morels, cook to sizzle. Spoon out the morels, save 2 tablespoons or less of fat.

3 eggs

In a bowl combine the Bisquick, eggs, pepper and garlic.

Use a quiche dish or 10inch glass pie pan. Put the morel meat mix in first, spreading out the fat.

Add all the vegetable ingredients. Pour the egg and Bisquick mix with seasoning on top. Bake 35-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Serve hot or cold.

GINGER BEER

Serves 16 or more 1 pound organic ginger

juice and peel of 1 organic lime

4 cups organic granulated sugar or to taste 1 organic cinnamon stick

4-6 organic cloves

Wash, remove skin and grate

Place in a large bottle with about 8 cups of water and juice and peel of 1 lime.

Leave in the sun for 1 day. Next day, drain and sweeten. Pour in clean bottles and place in the refrigerator.

Allow to settle for 2 days. If too strong, dilute with club soda or water.

Source: Organic Caribbean Cookbook by Rachel Valentin

Design academy hosts annual green conference

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Troy's International Academy of Design and Technology plans to paint the town green during its fourth annual design conference. Coordinator Barbara Marini believes this year's Campus Green event will break fresh ground.

"The mission originally was to introduce students to the concepts of environmental design and sustainability but has shifted over the last year or so," she said. "Now our goal is to reach out to students, design professionals, and this year, the public to promote green design as a way of life, not just

a design concept." This year's event features nationally-known keynote speaker Penny Bonda. She is founding chair of the US Green Building Council committee for LEED Commercial Interiors and the American Society of Interior Designers Foundation's Sustainable Design Council. During Campus Green, Bonda will introduce REGREEN, a program set to launch March 14,

Marini described REGREEN as "a framework for practice guidelines and education for residential renovation projects."

According to those guidelines, she said, over the last 10 years nearly 30 million homes have undergone renovation. "With the high cost of energy

IADT CAMPUS GREEN ANNUAL INTERIOR DESIGN CONFERENCE

What: Hear Featured Speaker Penny Bonda discuss ReGreen, an environmentally-friendly residential remodeling program developed by U.S. Green Building Council and the American Society of Interior Designers

When: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29

Where: The International Academy of Design & Technology, 1850 Research Drive, Troy

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and other environmental and health concerns, the interest in improving the quality of the interior environment is growing," Marini said. "There is a definite need to approach interior design from a holistic perspective and integrate other disciplines - contractors, suppliers, builders, engineers, and architects — in our approach to solutions that best serve our clients."

Marini said organizers are hoping for a large turnout thanks to Bonda's participation. "That will indicate an interest in learning more about green design, for the home as well as in the workplace," she said. "Ms. Bonda can speak to both issues with a high level of expertise."

While the REGREEN presentation is considered a primary focus of Campus Green, the event serves as a place for students to showcase their work, network with industry professionals and compete in

a community based Design Challenge. It also draws attention to the school. "It's amazing that after nearly five years, many people don't know who we are or where we are located," said Marini.

The academy offers careeroriented degree programs in Interior Design, Graphic Design, Game Design, Fashion Design, and Digital Media. Classes provide hands-on training and a real-world perspective courtesy.

"We hope that attendees will learn that designing responsibly does not have to cost more and that there are creative ways to implement green design at many levels, said Marini. "As an educational institution, we teach environmental design and sustainability in our interior design program, but the impact across design disciplines is much greater."

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Using tamarind pods: As the water heats, peel tamarinds. Make sure to remove all of the exterior shell and the strings. Place in a bowl. Pour bowling water over pods, cover and set aside for 15 minutes.

Using a large bowl and a strainer, strain liquid. Use your hand to make sure you get as much of the tamarind as possible to go through the strainer. Set juice aside.

Using tamarind paste: Place paste into a bowl and pour boiling water over it. Set aside.

With either the paste or pods, while using a nail, jab a hole into the eyes of the coconut, drain juice into bowl and set aside. Also grate about 1/4 cup of coconut flesh, set aside.

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Grab your blender. Chop peppers and onion. Place them along with lemon juice and coconut juice into the blender. Switch it to the high or liquefy setting

Let that run until it looks like juice.

Meanwhile, peel plantains. Using a grater, grate the plantains into mushiness.

Season with salt, black pepper, and/or cayenne to suit your taste buds.

Add grated coconut. Combine tamarind juice, pepper juice, and sugar into a 6 quart pot and bring to a boil.

One tablespoon full at a time, roll plantains into balls and gently drop into boiling tamarind/ pepper mixture. Once you've gotten all of the

balls boiling, simmer (covered) for 15-20 minutes.

Source: Maria LeMay-Erlandson of www.OrganiKiss.biz

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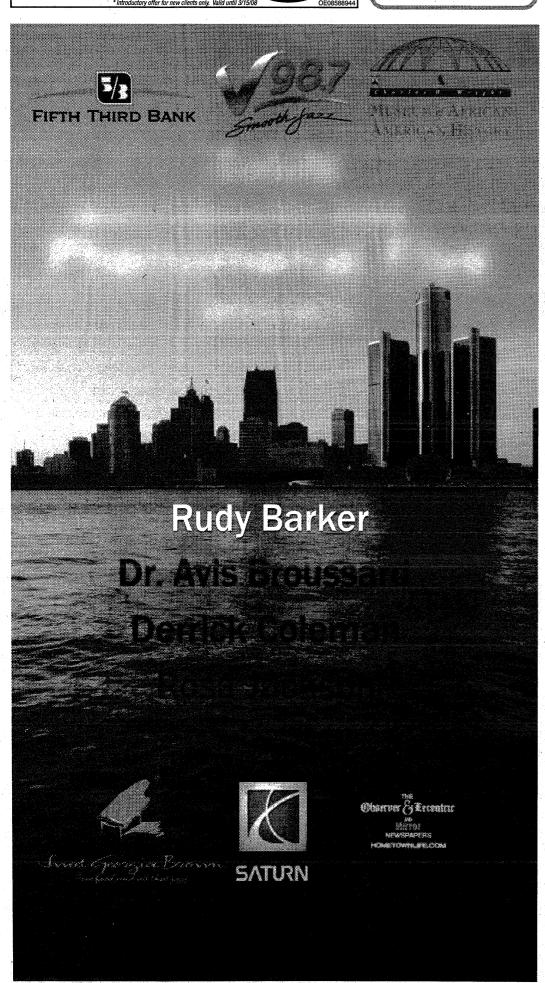
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HOME CALENDAR 18th-Century French Furnishings

Dr. lan Wardropper will present Renovation of the French 18th-Century Wrightsman Galleries



at the Metropolitan Museum of Art 2 p.m. March 1 at the **Detroit Institute of** Arts. Wardropper, the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor chairman of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the Met, will

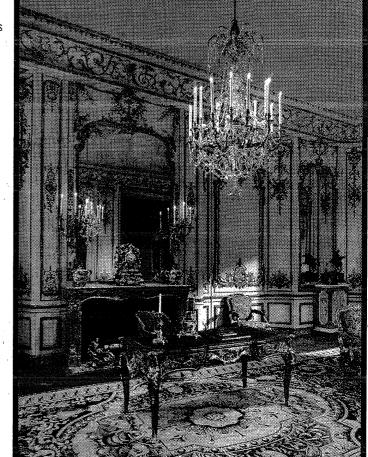
discuss the 18th-century French period rooms that house the Met's renowned collection of French furniture and decorative pieces created for Louis XV, Louis XVI, and Marie Antoinette, among others. Admission: \$8, adults; \$6, seniors; \$4, youth 6-17; DIA members, free. Call

(313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org. Cottage & Lakefront Living

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Feb. 28-March 2, will include log 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: 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: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.cottageandlake-

frontliving.com. **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: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5; children 6-14 free on Family Day, 10 a.m.noon Saturday. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com.



The renovation of French 18th-Century Wrightsman Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Ian Wardropper at 2 p.m. March 1 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Art Van Seminars

Steve Piersall and Michael Kirby of Huntington House, will share how to update a single room or entire house with the latest colors, styles and fabrics, 6 p.m. March 11 at the Warren store; and 6 p.m. March 12 in Royal Oak. Amelia Ellenstein, Art Van Furniture's Director of Visual Merchandising, will share trend information and design solutions for the season at 6 p.m. March 13 at the Novi store; and 6 p.m. March 27 in Westland.

Refreshments will be served, and The Kids Castle will offer a free, supervised play area. Call (888) 619-2199 for a free

reservation. **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. For information, call (734) 259-2983 or visit www.greenstreetfair.com.

An ottoman can stand in for a coffee table

A coffee table is generally

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As long as space allows, a coffee table or an ottoman are a wonderful addition

to a room. They both are beautiful and functional, too.

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more formal and wood surfaces can become damaged. Since this is a family room, I would strongly urge you to go towards the ottoman idea. You know that whatever you put there, your teenage children will be putting their feet up on it, setting plates of food on it, and sitting on it. A coffee table will get destroyed. Why put yourself through that torture?

Purchase a piece of furniture that works for the way you live. A nice ottoman with appropriate upholstery is a great-addition. Have the top surface made of leather or good imitation leather. This way, you can wipe up the spills and the dirty shoe marks.

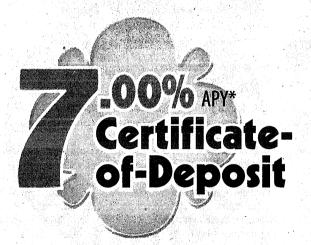
Place a nice, large tray on the

ottoman to serve as a writing surface or dinner tray. This will hold drinks and bowls of popcorn while catching any spills.

An ottoman with wheels is also an option worth considering. This way, it is easily rolled off to the side to serve as extra seating or pushed closer to the sofa for a game of Scrabble. There are many storage ottomans available, too, and this is a great place to store an extra blanket or pillow for the couch.

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.









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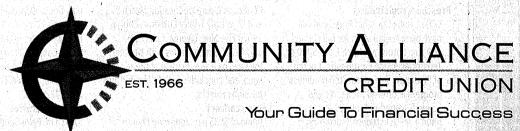
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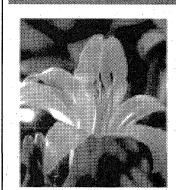
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LORRAINE M. BOYNE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away Friday, January 11, 2008, at Chateau Nursing and Rehab Center in Willowbrooke, IL. She was born October 4, 1923, in Detroit, MI, and was the daughter of John and Anna (Sartor) Katzler. Lorraine attended Detroit Schools graduating from high school in 1941. She worked several years for National Bank of Detroit in their management training program. The former Lorraine M. Katzler married Thomas L. Boyne on June 22, 1946 and he preceded her in death on February 6, 2007. She was a longtime member of Good Council and St. Catholic churches in Plymouth. She volunteered for many years as a hot dog lady and fluoride aide at Good Council Grade School. Lorraine loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and gathering her family around her to celebrate yearly events. She is survived by her children: Thomas J. (Elaine), Ronald A. (Judy), Gail A. (Paul) Meeks, Gary A. (Carol), Janet M. (Dave) Doty; her grandchildren: David, Karen, Taylor, Garrett, Morgan, Mackenzie, and Samantha. The funeral Mass was celebrated January 14, 2008, at St. Isaac Joques Church in Hinsdale, IL, with internment at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. Arrangements were made by Gibbons Ellisten Funeral Home in Hinsdale, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd. Suite 1015, Skikie, IL 60076.

FRANKLYN W. PHILLIPS

CONCORD , NH -90, formerly of Eastman, NH and Wellesley, MA , died Monday, February 18, 2008. Born in Cleveland, OH, he was the son of A.Edward and Pearl (Updegraf) Phillips and grew up in Cleveland and Birmingham, MI. He was a graduate of General Motors Institute and M.I.T. He worked as a researcher at the Langley and Lewis Research Centers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as a Research Manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as assistant to the first two NASA Administrators in Washington DC, as Secretary to the National Aeronautics and Space Council, as the organizer and Director Northeast Office, and Director of Administration at the NASA Electronics Research Center in Cambridge, MA. After his career with NASA, Mr. Phillips worked as Vice President of Administration for the University of Massachusetts in Boston until his retirement in 1973. He met his wife Patricia (Bjorklund) while working at the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. They were married in 1945 and lived in the District of Columbia, Falls Church VA, and Alexandria, VA before moving to Wellesley, MA in 1962. They became residents of 1962. They became residents of Eastman, NH in 1978. His wife predeceased him in October 2001, and he to Havenwood/Heritage Heights in Concord, NH in 2006. Mr. Phillips was active in parishes of the Episcopal Church throughout his life. most recently in the New Hampshire Diocese at Grace Church in Concord, and immediately prior to that at St. Thomas Church in Hanover. He is survived by his two children, Marianne P. Leonard of Woburn, MA and Andrew W. Phillips of Amherst, MA; three grandchildren, Michael J. Leonard of St. Louis, MO, and Robert L. and Amanda M. Phillips of Amherst, MA, and one great-grandchild, Cypher Nartowicz, also of Amherst, MA. Memorial donations may be made to the Havenwood/Heritage Heights Resident Fund, 145 East Side Dr., Concord, NH. 03301, or to Grace Episcopal Church, 30 Eastman St., Concord, NH. 03301. A memorial șervice will be held at a later date. The Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is in charge of the arrangements

FILOMENA CORRIDORE

Originally from Pianola L' Aquila, Italy. Passed away February 23, 2008 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Mrs. Corridore is the beloved wife of Rinaldo, married 69 years. She is the dear mother of Carmela (Lorenzo) Centi, Enrico (Phyllis) Corridore, Frank (Mary) Corridore, the late Nazzareno Corridore and the late Enrico Corridore. Dear grandmother of Marco (Donatella) Centi, Danielle Centi, Andrea (Eric) Daniel, Michael (Cindy) Corridore, Marco (Celina), Corridore, Anthony (Maria Andrea) Corridore, Nicholas (Kimberly) Christian Corridore, (Shannon) Corridore, Lisa (Leon) Letter, Paulo and Lucas (Angie) Corridore Corridore. Dearest great-grandmother of 19. Dear mother-in-law of Theresa Corridore-Fox. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 26, 2008, from St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Arrangements were entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.
To leave a condolence visit:

www.schrader-howell.com

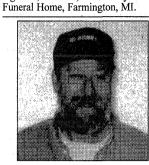


CHARLES W. DIETRICH

Age 60, of Livonia, MI, died suddenly on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at home after a brief illness. He was born in Detroit, MI, to Willy A. & Charlotte Dietrich on March 4, 1947. He attended Bentley High School in Livonia and went on to earn a degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan and a Masters of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. He retired after a career as an Engineer for the Ford Motor Company. Survivors include his sister Isla Jean Markl of Florissant, MO, brother William Dietrich of Naples, FL, nephews tepehen Markl of Florissant, MI, Mark Dietrich of Dewitt, MI and Alan Dietrich of Livonia, MI and cousin Carl Eggers of Sterling Heights, MI. At Chuck's request, no funeral or memorial services will be held.

MARTHA E. HOOKANA

Age 90, Detroit, MI. Thayer-Rock



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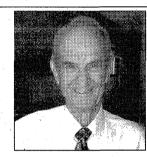
June 8,1952 - Feb.26,1998. We greatly miss your Smile, your Laughter, your Words of Wisdom and your Sunday Breakfast! Our Love Always, Mary, Rachael, Jessica, Joshua, Grandkids, Family and Friends.

PAUL E. KELLY

Age 79, W. Bloomfield, MI, passed away Feb. 25, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

DANIEL MATHEA

memorial service will be held for Daniel Mathea who passed. Retired master plumber, loved by family and friends for his kindness and humor. ervice will be held at Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile, Redford Twp. on Sunday, March 2, 2008 between 2-4pm.



STEPHEN PITUCH

February 22, 2008, age 79, of Redford Township. Beloved husband of Jaunita "Nell". Loving father of Kathryn (Steve) Thompson, Larry, and Dr. Stephen Pituck. Dear grandfather of Nick, Jaimie, and the late Adam. Brother of Mike, Victor, Nick, Betty, Mary and preceded in death by Thomas, Wally, and John, Leonard. He will be dearly missed by his many loving friends and relatives. elebration of Life Service, Thursday :00PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Wednesday 2-9PM.

"BILLIE" RILEY/SAND

Wilma "Billie" Riley passed away in Bozeman, Montana on Feb 1, 2008. She was born July 26, 1923, in Sioux City, Iowa to William and Pearl (Herring) Peak. Billie grew up in Galesburg, III. and graduated from high school with a secretarial course. Her first job was a legal secretary in Galesburg. She also often helped her beloved father, William Peak, in his photography studio. She married her high school sweetheart, Darrel Sand, who soon left for the Philippines to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers. After the war, they moved to Michigan where Darrel attended GMI and later worked for General Motors as an engineer. Together they raised four children, Roger Sand of Kokomo, Ind., Deborah Purcell of Georgetown, Texas, Joy Ames of Bozeman, Mt. and Vickie Smith of Vista, Calif. The family lived in the small town of lymouth, Mich. She was preceded in death by her second husband. Jim Riley. Billie is survived by her four children and nine grandchildren; her first husband Darrel; and her older sister, Patricia Bullock. Billie was a kind and wonderful mother and will missed by all who knew her.

BETTY RAE SHERMAN

Beloved wife of the late Douglas Sherman. Dear mother of Philip (Suzanne) Sherman. Loving Grand-mother of Brian (Emily) Sherman. Also survived by Alexander and Harriet Ornstein, other loving relatives and friends. MEMORIAL SER-VICE 10;30 AM., THURSDAY, FEB-RUARY 28, 2008 (TODAY) AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL.

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TODD R. STANAWAY

Age 36 of Warren, MI passed away February 24, 2008. Todd was born July 7, 1971 in Lansing, MI. Survived by his wife Julie; daughter, Samantha Stanaway, Warren, MI; grandfather, Lee Hubbard, Mancelona, MI; father, Thomas (Loretta) Stanaway, Lansing, MI; mother, Vicki Hubbard, Lansing, MI; father and mother in-law, Michael (Sandra) Belz of Warren, MI Brothers and sisters, Mike (Kimberly) Betts, Mason, MI; Toni (Mike) Lauria, Haslett, MI; Bill Betts, Bath, MI; brother in-law Michael Belz, San Diego, Ca; stepfather, Jerry Betts, Perry, MI. Mr. Stanaway was a resident of Warren and a Firefighter with Westland Fire Department. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Edward Swanson & Son Funeral Home, 30351 Dequindre, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Visitation Tuesday 4-9pm and Wednesday 2-9pm; services Thursday 10:30am at Funeral Home. Burial at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, MI. Memorials to Westland Firefighter Scholarship Fund.

FREDERIC W. TAKALO

Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Feb. 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



SHIRLEY JANE TRUSS

Age 53, born March 9, 1954. Passed away on February 22, 2008. She is survived by her son Scott B. Shevrovich, daughter Natalie N. Shevrovich, sisters Sue Truss, Donna Cavallo and Sally Johnson and brother Eddie Truss. She was a thirty year loyal and dedicated employee of the Karas House of Redford and Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Livonia. Those make a memorial contribution in Shirley's name are asked to consider The Children's Home of Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI. 48073.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

The International Christian Education

Association presents its 42nd preview

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at

Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty,

church's summer program by viewing

workshops on organizing, planning and

administering summer programs, also

make and take puppetry and teaching

techniques, morning refreshments and

lunch included in registration fee. The

event is non-denominational and open

Mass with contemporary music 11:30

a.m. Sunday, March 2, at St. Aidan

Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington

Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call

(734) 425-5950. Come join us in Liturgy,

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Begins with a potato dinner and movie

night 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2, with

to support the Society of St. Andrew

project to feed the hungry, showing of

Facing the Giant film (PG) at 6:30 p.m.;

second program is soup and salad bar

success in the restaurant business 5:30

p.m. Sunday, March 9 (\$5 donation to

cover cost of dinner), at St. Matthew's

United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six

A grand opening and dedication of the

church's new Fellowship Hall is 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 15. The community is

10 a.m. Friday, March 2 (registration

at 9:30 a.m.), at Smith Chapel A.M.E.

Church, 3505 Walnut Street, Inkster

hygiene and paper products for First

Step. World Day of Prayer program by

I believe! 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at

200 E. Main. Concert showcasing the

Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs,

Chorale. No tickets needed. Free will

offering. For more information, call

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday,

March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran

Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme

is The Places of Passion. Holy Week

Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30

p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter

The public is invited to attend an open

house to learn more about St. John

Open Arms, a program that teaches

families and children to cope with grief

following the loss of a loved one due

to illness, accident or violence 5:30-8

Aquinas Church, 5780 Evergreen. For

more information, visit www.stjohn.

Wednesday Lenten services

p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at St. Thomas

7 p.m. preceded by Lenten dinners 5:30-

6:30 p.m., at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran

Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Call

(313) 937-2424. Holy week services 7

p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 21, and 8:30 a.m. and

fifth Sundays of month. Regular worship

services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays.

Bible study and Sunday School at 9:45

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services

7:30 p.m. March 5 and 12, Holy week

services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March

16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March

20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections

on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae

Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9

p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m.

and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at

30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For informa-

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church,

tion, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship

services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery,

Adult Learning and Sunday School at

9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services

during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are

Continues 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734)

and 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

464-0211. Evening begins with worship

followed by a simple meal of bread and

soup, and concludes with fellowship and

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten

Services of Holy Communion which

begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 6,

Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's

Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking

for services in the Ford Underground

Garage with entrance on the median on

Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Civic Center at the entrance to the

organist Kevin Bylsma perform music by

Bach, Pachelbel and Vierne, at Mariner's

11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday, March 23.

Holy Communion second, fourth and

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16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy

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FEBRUARY

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, organists Kevin Bylsma and Kenneth Sweetman with members of the choir of Mariners' Church and trumpet player Kiri Tollaksen perform music by Bach, Handel, Reger, Hadley, Peeters, Leighton, and Casals, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and 1-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

Fish fry

Our Lady of Loretto's Famous Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. all Fridays of Lent, in the family center, Six Mile and Beech Daly. Carry outs available.

Lenten fish dinners

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

Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www. livonfaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes Orchard United Methodist Church

is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www. orchardumc.org.

Lenten services

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Divorce recovery

The winter/spring workshop meets 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 13, at Ward Church, Northville. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and includes materials and refreshments. Free childcare provided and financial help is available if needed. Deadline for registration for current session is Feb. 7, call (248) 374-5920.

World religions

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Farmington First United Methodist Church offers a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Classes began 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 7, and 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

UPCOMING Preschool registration

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will have open registration for fall classes at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at 45000 N. Territorial, inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth, A kindergarten readiness program is offered for 3's, 4's and young 5's Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Five to 1 student/teacher ratio. Spanish and sign language, field trips, portfolio books, and conferences. Call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716

Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/ games/equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing & baby items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, Grab bag noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$1 per person. Garage sale 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.

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Spring concert

The Calvin College Orchestra kicks off its Spring tour with a concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Conductor Robert Nordling leads the 80 piece ensemble in a program featuring works by Beethoven, Strauss and Wagner. Admission free; an offering will be received. Reception to follow concert. Call (248) 374-7400 for information.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include dinner and movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, Plymouth, call Bruce at (734) 459-7235. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Bethany Suburban West

Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburgh 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.

Daniel, Darius & DeLions

A musical drama by the Voices of Praise Chorus 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 9, during the Sunday School hour at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0211.

Blessing of the fleet

11 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage (entrance on the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward). For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Concert

An evening with the Blackwoods 5 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at New Life Metro Church, 20320 Superior, Taylor. Cost \$10 advance, \$15 at door. Paid child care available, Pre-registration requested. Call (734) 287-8838.

Workshop

Liturgy of the Hours Workshop, learn about the manner in which the passage of time has been made sacred by Christianity, evening prayer experience takes place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. at Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia, No charge, To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Special night of worship

With Men of Grace 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one block east of Beck at McClumpha, Plymouth. For more information or a map visit www.risenchrist.info. This free event offers an evening of spirituals, hymns, traditional and contemporary, original music, and arrangements performed by Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope (Pontiac). Free will offering will be taken. They are a living example of how a life can be transformed from addiction, abuse and violence to one filled with meaning, hope and faith. The group has been honored to sing for President Bush, the Detroit Tigers, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events.

Easter season worship 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March

16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia: noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia and 7 p.m. Good Friday, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia (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.

Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16;

7 p.m. Thursday, March 20 The Last Supper, and noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Easter services are 7 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia, and 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Please see RELIGION, D5

New pastor installed at Christ the King

The Rev. James Fogle was a call to hospital chaplain installed as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church ministry. He finished his in Livonia on Sunday. Feb. 24. The Rev. Bishop John Schreiber, Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presided. Fogle was born and raised in Marion, Ohio. He attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio followed by employment in a variety of settings including as a prison guard, hospital registration supervisor, business manager, at a drug and addiction recov-

Ohio. While working at Grant Medical Center in Columbus he was mentored by the hospital chaplain. It was there

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that he first contemplated undergraduate degree at Ohio Dominican University, and immediately began studies at **Trinity Lutheran Seminary** in Columbus. He spent his internship year at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Delaware. Ohio, where he determined he felt called to parish ministry. rather than hospital chaplaincy. He graduated with a Master of Divinity in May 1999 and was ordained June

Fogle's first call was to the Upper Peninsula. In addition to his parish, he was involved in many activities including president of the Marquette Ecumenical Clergy Council, instructor for the Northern

Great Lakes Synod Lay School for Mission, chairperson of the Synod Worship Committee, on the board of Northern Michigan University's Lutheran Campus Ministry, a member of the Marquette Arts and Culture Commission, and as an on-call hospital chaplain.

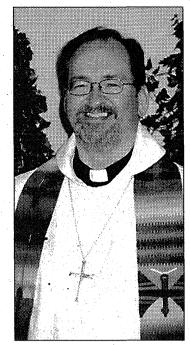
While in Marquette, he assisted in the development of a national ELCA support system for after-pastors (pastors in parishes where the previous pastor was removed for inappropriate activities.

Fogle participated in the first two After-Pastor conferences giving the opening speech, writing and leading the closing worship service, and serving as a chaplain at his second conference.

Fogle was called to the

Southeast Michigan Synod in March 2003, serving as a called pastor for two years and as an intentional interim pastor for the past three. While living in the Flint area, his local and cluster involvement has included serving as president of the local Kiwanis, vice-president of the Greater Flint Council of Churches, and has been an on-call chaplain at Hurley Medical Center. He has also served as dean of the Flint Cluster and as a member of the Southeast Michigan Synod Council and the synod Worship Committee.

Fogle married Heather Burke April 1994. It was a church choir romance. They and their 10-year-old dog Melody plan to move to Livonia after Easter.



The Rev. James Fogle was installed as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Livonia on Sunday,

Holy Week schedule

The Last Supper, Revelation Along the Way 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Expiration Along the Way Good Friday service at noon and 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship March 21; Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, and Sunrise Service Celebration Along the Way at 7 a.m., and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival worship with Holy Communion and special music of Holy Trinity's various choirs and instrumentalists Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-0211.

Easter week services

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and Good Friday, March 21, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 22, at Historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. For information, call (734)

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Don't miss the O&E's pull-out Wedding Guide in today's newspaper!



Barnett-Asche

Andrea Diane Barnett of Rochester Hills met her husband, Jan Albert Asche of Essen, Germany, while serving an internship overseas. They were wed April 7, 2007, in a candlelit ceremony at Woodside Bible Church in Troy. The bride's brother, Rochester Hills mayor Bryan Barnett, performed part of the ceremony. After a limo drive through downtown Rochester and a snack at Red Knapp's, the reception was held at Club Monte Carlo in Shelby Township.

Hometown Love Stories

e asked local newlyweds to submit photos for our 2008 Wedding Guide. The response was so overwhelming, we couldn't fit them all! Here's a look at some of the happy hometown couples. For more, check out the Wedding Guide, a pull-out section in today's Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers.

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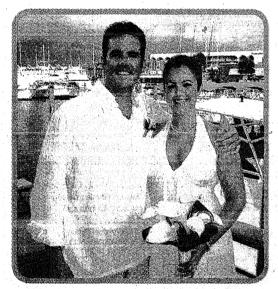
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Christien Garden and Jeffrey Brow were married May 5, 2007, aboard the Marco Island Princess in Marco Island, Fla. The couple met on a blind date and were engaged exactly a year later. Jeffrey is a sergeant for the City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety, and Christien works at Main Street Bank in Plymouth. They live in Redford Township with their Black Lab Felony.



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Fahner-Alexander

Julie Fahner and John Alexander, both of Garden City, were married Sept. 28, 2007, at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton. Their theme was a black and white wedding, accented with red roses. Before the reception at Burton Manor in Livonia, the couple took photos at Heritage Park in Canton. Then, they jetted off to Hawaii for a 12-day honeymoon in paradise.





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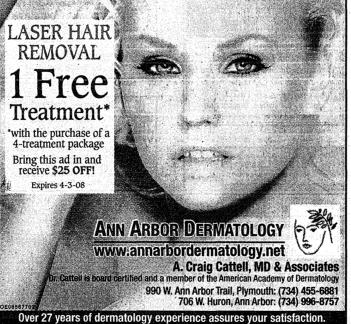
Melissa Jablonski of Garden City and

John LeAnnais of Livonia were married

was performed by Rev. Brian Tuttle.

on Sept. 1, 2007, in the back yard of their

Green Oak Township home. The ceremony







Haglund

been a whirlwind for Kirsten Haglund, of Farmington Hills, who was crowned Miss America

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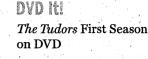
The Other Boleyn Girl with fab actresses Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman

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Dream It!

Don't sit and dream. Get out and make it happen ... You can start by making sure you VOTE this year.

Malls & Mainstreets

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Ashka Salon Recognized CANTON - Ashka Salon, owned by Lisa

and Steven Curry, recently was named one of the 200 fastest-growing salons in North America by Salon Today magazine, a top business publication for salon and spa owners. The magazine's eleventh annual Salon Today 200 profiled the selected salons in its January issue. The magazine honored the applicants who posted the highest increases in gross sales between 2005 and 2006, and who were on track to increase sales significantly in 2007. Ashka Salon & Spa is located at 6529 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 414-9980 or visit www.ashkasalon.com.

Macy's Suit Event

DEARBORN - Macy's Fairlane will host a Suit Event 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Career Suit Department. Check out the latest suit styles for fall, meet with vendors from favorite brands, receive a special gift with purchase, and get free alterations up to \$50 with any suit purchase of \$150 or more during the event.

Prom Party with CosmoGirl NOVI - Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall

will host a pre-prom party 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, on the first floor. Join Macy's and CosmoGirl magazine to check out the hottest gowns for Prom 2008. Get glamorous makeovers and enjoy live music, great gifts with purchase and exciting giveaways, plus save 15 percent on regular priced gowns purchased during the event.

Upscale Garage Sale **GROSSE POINTE WOODS - The Junior**

League of Detroit will host an Upscale Garage Sale 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the University of Liggett Upper School in Grosse Pointe Woods. Thousands of donated items, as well as crafts and new merchandise, will

be available to the public at very low prices. Admission is \$1 and parking is free. The event raises money for the League's community programs, primarily focusing on childhood obesity, nutrition and literacy. The University of Liggett School is located at 1045 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Visit www.jldetroit.org. **Spring Fever Fling**

BERKLEY - Nikeeta Williams, owner of Evolutions Salon & Spa, will celebrate her first anniversary in business with a "Spring Fever Fling" 8 p.m. March 15. The community is invited to enjoy entertainment, sample spring beauty products and services and wish Williams a happy anniversary. Williams aims to break down the barriers between black and white beauty at her multicultural spa, located at 3257 W. 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 336-

Nordstrom Partridge Creek Gala CLINTON TWP. - Nordstrom will kick off the opening of its third Detroitarea store with an evening gala on Wednesday, April 16. The new Nordstrom at The Mall at Partridge Creek will open on Friday, April 18. Guests at the gala will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, cocktails, live entertainment and the first chance to do some shopping in the new, 118,000-square-foot store. Doors open at 7 p.m. The event will be entirely underwritten by Nordstrom. Tickets \$75 per person, are expected to raise more than \$90,000 for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Henry Ford Macomb

Easter Bunny Hops into Novi NOVI - The Easter Bunny will hold court at Twelve Oaks Mall's Central Park Garden, decorated for spring, March 1-22. Photos are available for purchase. Each child who visits will receive a free gift. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.shopt-

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Michigan Opera Theatre takes on Neverland

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

O&E STAFF WRITER

Canton native Dawnell Dryja has been dancing since she could walk - courtesy of lessons from her mom. Now the Grand Rapids Ballet Company dancer takes on the magical role of Tinkerbell in



Drvia

the childhood classic *Peter Pan*, coming to the Detroit Opera House.

The show follows on the heels of 2007's successful *Where the Wild Things Are*. The company will perform a limited

two-show run in which fairies like Tinkerbell will soar through the sky.

Currently in her sixth season with the Grand Rapids Ballet, Dryja moved back to Michigan after working with the Tulsa Ballet. "I wanted to be closer to home," she said. "It's a smaller company. There are a lot of performances."

PETER PAN

What: The Grand Rapids Ballet Company presents "Peter Pan." When: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Tickets: \$15-\$35, call (313) 237-SING (7464).

Ballet Class: Dancers ages 10-13 can register for a special ballet class at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, in the 5th floor dance studio of the Ford Center for Arts and Learning at the Detroit Opera House. Cost is \$15.

More information: Visit www. MichiganOpera.org.

Dryja performed in a two weekend run of *Peter Pan* in Grand Rapids. "It's been wellreceived," she said.

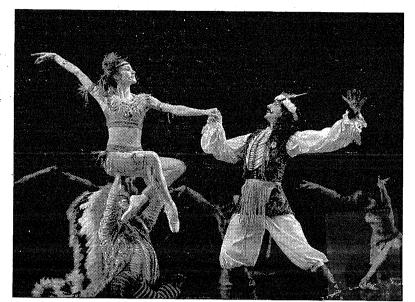
This is the first show Dryja's done that requires flying. Her costume is just elaborate enough to hide the harnesses, she said.

"Having to wear a harness is not very conducive for ballet. But we make it work."

The story, originally penned by Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie, is meant to appeal to all ages. Michigan Opera Theatre General Director Dr. David DiChiera called the ballet "timeless" and "something both kids and adults can enjoy."

Dryja, who also teaches dance, said the show is not only appropriate for young audiences, it includes young cast members. The Grand Rapids Ballet Company has cast 10 children from the metro Detroit area to perform as Lost Boys. Dryja's nephew, 9-year-old Ian Smith of Grosse Ile, will be among them. She's looking forward to seeing family and friends in the audience as well.

While the story is familiar, the show - crafted by artistic director Gordon Peirce Schmidt - is new to Detroit audiences. It includes music like Rossini's William Tell Overture, Gounod's Funeral March for the Marionettes, and Saint-Saëns' Samson and



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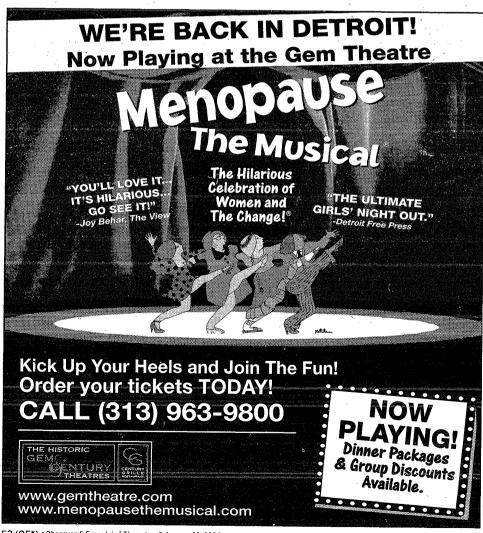
The Grand Rapids Ballet brings characters like Tigerlily, Smee and Hook from 'Peter Pan' to the Detroit Opera House March 1.

Delilah.

Those who attend the 2 p.m. matinee performance are welcome to join in the Peter Pan Parade, and audience members can meet the entire cast.

"It's a classic," said Dryja of Peter Pan. "I hope (the audience) enjoys it as much as we enjoy doing it."

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Pathe Jassi performs at the Black Lotus in Clawson on Tuesdays.

World Music Experience

Pathe Jassi crosses literal, musical boundaries

BY LANA MINI 0&E STAFF WRITER

Jazz musician Pathe Jassi is recognized on the streets of the metropolitan area of Dakar, Senegal

PATHE JASSI AND THE WORLD MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Genre: Senegalese with Latin and jazz

Where: Black Lotus Brewing Company, 1 E. 14 Mile, Clawson, (248) 577-1878

When: 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays Band members: Pathe Jassi, singer and bass player; Wesley Renolsrey, keyobardist; Jeff Canady, drummer; and Tom Stoetker, guitarist Here in metro
Detroit, as Jassi
unloads his musical equipment in
the parking lot of
Clawson's Black
Lotus Brewery,
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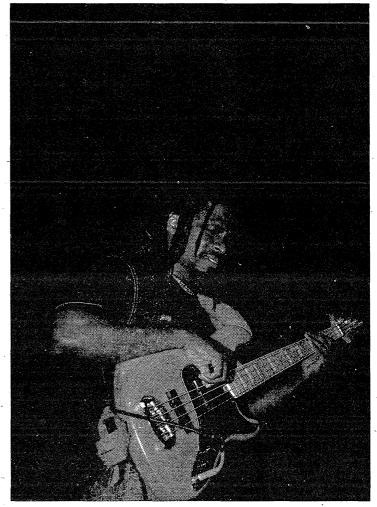
2.5 million) by

strangers.

Unfolding on Tuesday nights over the last three weeks at Black Lotus is a new chapter in Detroit's rich jazz history.

Jassi is a bass player who has toured and recorded with West Africa's greatest musicians such as Youssou N'Dour, mainstream Africa's most celebrated singer; and Cheikh Lo. In Detroit, Jassi plays along side the big jazz names here - trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, clarinetist and saxophonist Wendell Harrison and guitarist Sean Blackman.

The Senegalese-born and raised musician, residing in the Motor City for just six years, is emerging onto Detroit's jazz forefront, finally as a



Pathe Jassi tours and records with West Africa's most well-known musicians. Now he performs regularly in Clawson, leading his new band.

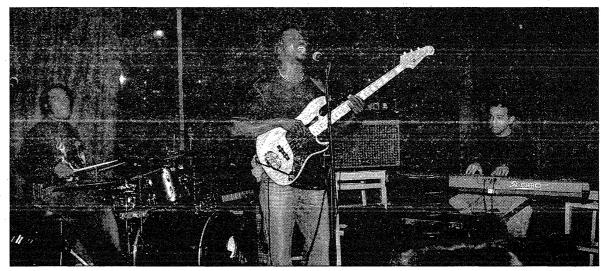
frontman in his newly created band, Pathe Jassi and the World Music Experience.

He sings and plays bass in the quartet. The music is a joyous, jazz blend of influences of Latin/Cuban/Detroit jazz and Senegalese.

Word-of-mouth is spreading about Pathe Jassi and the World Music Experience at Black Lotus. Jassi takes to the stage at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, and many don't leave until the show ends at 11 p.m.

"For me it's all about the groove," Jassi said enthusiastically with a thick accent. Although his lyrics are in Senegalese

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The band's members hail from the Dominican Republic, Senegal and Detroit and those origins add elements into the music.



Gogol Bordello

SEE THEM LIVE

When: 7 p.m. Monday, March 3
Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318
W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980
Genre: A multi-ethnic gypsy punk
band with most members from
Eastern Europe. The band is known
for its highly energized, unique gypsy
rock shows and extremely loyal fan
base.

Admission: \$20 in advance or \$23 at the door.

Hear them:

www.myspace.com/gogolbordello The song "Start Wearing Purple" is becoming the band's anthem.

Eastern Europe meets punk rock

BY LANA MINI O&E STAFF WRITER

One of Kristen Doyle's favorite recent memories was singing side-by-side with Gogol Bordello's frontman Eugene Hutz before she stage-dived into the audience at the Majestic Theatre.

Doyle, 17, of Bloomfield Hills, is a diehard fan of the band Gogol Bordello, folkloric eastern European sounds fused with punk rock, an emerging musical trend of gypsy punk rock. The fan base for this genre is rapidly growing as Bordello, a band that appears gypsy-like as a constant touring tribe, returns to Michigan for its second show in less than a year.

On Monday, March 3, they play at the Royal Oak Music Theatre and just a few months before, they played soldout shows at the Majestic Theatre. The venue size increases each time Bordello rolls into town.

Today Gogol Bordello has become so influential that Hutz is the inspiration behind Gucci designer Frida Giannini's Fall 2008/2009 collection. Gucci's collection is reminiscent of gypsy folklore fused with rock and avant garde antiques - as branded by Gogol Bordello.

For Doyle, Bordello shows aren't just concerts, they're events to celebrate. She attended the band's shows several times in Detroit and has "road-tripped" out of state to catch them.

"Their music just emits this energetic weirdness that's unheard of anywhere else," Doyle said. "Also, the obvious influences of Romani (the traditional term for gypsy), Eastern European, and other cultures make their entire sound so much more intense and memorable than anything else I've heard."

Doyle had the pleasure of meeting the band after their last show.

"We walked out late and there were frontman Eugene (Hutz) and (violinist) Sergey sitting in the parking lot," Doyle said. "Both of them were so welcoming and energetic, despite the fact that I'm sure they get fans swamping them all the time. Sergey wanted to give me his jacket because he thought I looked cold.

"Eugene has this twinkle in his eye, and his gold tooth, that just embodies the entire gypsy-punk culture. I also met bassist Thomas Gobena at the Cleveland show and had an interesting conversation with him about Ethiopian politics."

The band members are from Ethiopia, Florida, Russia, Ecuador, the Ukraine and Asia. Their influences are The Clash, The Pogues and Romani.

"Gogol blasts this energy of 'amazingness' (sic) at everyone, Doyle said. "Hutz is up there dancing like a mad man and sweating until it looks like he just jumped into a pool. "Drummers and dancers Pam Racine and Elizabeth Sun add their crazy percussions, and then you see an older bearded violinist, wearing a Slayer t-shirt. The crowd is so into that everyone is just in this huge pit of love. I've been to so many shows were people throw punches, trample people, get in fights, and knock each other's beers over. At Gogol its different, there's none of that stuff.'

Bordello is also featured in Madonna's new upcoming film Filth & Wisdom. The tour promotes the band's critically hailed CD Super Tantra, earning a No. 14 spot on Rolling Stone's Top 50 Albums of the Year in 2007.

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Outl at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information. For an extended calendar listing, visit the Filter section online at www.hometownlife.com.

ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors: Juried Art show March 2-30, reception 2-4 p.m. March 30, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (313) 885-2368.

Plymouth Coffee Bean: "You Are What You Eat," pop art by Plymouth resident Tony Hope, through March, artist meet-and-greet, 8 p.m. March 7, 884 Penniman Ave., (734) 454-0178, www.myspace.com/plymouth-coffeebean.

Waterford Cultural Council: "Quiet Moments," group exhibition of Oakland County painters, Feb. 29-April 3, opening reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 29. WCC's de la Ferriere Gallery, 2303 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 618-7529.

ART GALLERIES

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: "Take a Look Inside the BBAC" through Feb. 29, free. "2008 Michigan Fine Arts Competition," largest all media competition in Michigan, March 14-April 11; opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 14, free. Competition juror Brian Rutenberg will give a talk 11:30-12:30 p.m. March 15, free. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter. org, (248) 644-0866.

Clay, Etc. Studio and Gallery: Tea Time at Clay, Etc., through March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Visual Music by Frances Cocagne, March 5-29, opening reception 6-9 p.m. March 7, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www. lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: Winter Solstice: Paintings, group exhibition, through April 12, 1274 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery. com.

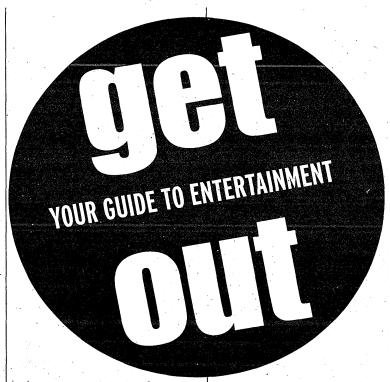
Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Winterfresh, Brian Mahoney, through March 1, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com. The Print Gallery: 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield www. EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

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4th Avenue Gallery: Good-bye to winter party, refreshments and live music, 7-11 p.m. March 7, 210 S. 4th St., Ann Arbor. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Winter workshops: Portfolio Development for the Fashion Designer, 12:30-4:30 p.m. March 1, high school students welcome, \$30, members/\$70 guests, \$10 materials; Digital Photography, 7-10 p.m. March 3 & 12, \$115/\$155, \$25 lab fee; Flower Painting Workshop, 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. March 8, \$60/\$100; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Spring break art camps, grades 1-8, March 24-28, 1516 Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham, (248) 644-0866. www.BBArtCenter.org.

classes for teens 11 and Acrylic painting classes for teens 11 and up, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays; register for 18th Summer Art Camp "Wild Things"; free portfolio consulting for college bound art students. 8491 N, Lilley Rd., Canton, \$24, (734) 453-3710, www. dmartstudio.com.

Janice Charach Gallery: Arts Events Lecture Series with David Morrison and Lisa Van Allsburg on "Carpets of Israel from the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W.



Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: An Artful Affair: Mod, 18th Annual Dinner Auction, 60s era costumes optional, 6 p.m. March 7, Laurel Manor Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, \$85 (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

BALLET

Detroit Opera House: "Peter Pan," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 1, \$15-\$35, 1526. Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Henry Ford Museum: Quilting Genius 2: The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Hunter; Minds on Freedom, call for times and dates; Montgomery Bus Boycott Tribute Walk, Made in America, Your Place in Time, Rosa Parks Bus, special food offerings at the Michigan Cafe, visit www.thehenryford.

org for information.

Rackham Symphony Choir: Michigan premiere
of Donald McCullough's "Let My People Go!
A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground
Railroad," Feb. 29-March 1, choir performs
with the Marygrove College Choir and
Memorial Bach Choir, Marygrove College
Liberal Arts Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols,
(313) 404-0222, www.rackhamchoir.org.

CHORAL

Madonna University: Voice master class for high school students, chance to win prizes and perform at March 30 public recital, class is March 1, \$20, to register, call (734) 432-5715, www.madonna.edu/pages/music.cfm

CLASSICAL

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: Fuze the Muze - A Celebration of Musical Expression, with the Arts League of Michigan, 7 p.m. March 2, Christian Tabernacle Church, 26555 Franklin, Southfield, guests are asked to donate a bag of non-perishable food, (248) 559-2097, www.greatlakeschambermusic.com.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra: Marching into Spring concert, 7:30 p.m. March 8, Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt. Livonia, (734) 421-1111, www.livoniasymphony.com.

Macomb Symphony Orchestra: "The World's Greatest Melodies," 3 p.m. March 2, (586) 286-2222, www.macombsymphony.org.
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Michael Feinstein, March 1, Ticketmaster and Music Hall box office, 350 Madison, Detroit, www. musichall.org, (313) 887-8500.

University Musical Society: Orion String Quartet, 8 p.m. March 5, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

CLUBS

Edison's: The Push, Feb. 28; Bazooka Charlie, Feb. 29-March 1; 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150

(248) 645-2150. **The Magic Stick:** SIA, March 1; Tapes n' Tapes, April 12, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700

The Majestic Theatre: Yellowcard, March 13; 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

The Park Bar/Unterpark Theater: Doop & The Inside Outlaws, March 1, 2040 Park Ave., Detroit. \$7.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Mark Sweeney, Feb. 28-March 1; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com. Fox Theatre: Chris Rock, Feb. 29 and March 1, \$65.50-\$99.50; Frank Caliendo, March 8, \$42,75; at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Holly Hotel: Norm Stulz, Feb. 29-March 1; Don

Reese, March 7-8; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

The Second City: Sex and the Second City, opens March 6; 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

The Ark: Concert Series to honor program director Dave Siglin's retirement, March 6-9, featuring Arlo Guthrie, Anne Hills, Barry O'Neill, David Jones, John Roberts & Tony Barrand, and Michael Cooney, along with Cheryl Wheeler, Chris Smither, John Gorka and Susan Werner, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 763-TKTS, www.ticketmaster.com. Coho Arena: Rockstar Taste of Chaos Tour with Avenged Sevenfold, Atreyu, Bullet For My Valentine, Blessthefall, Mucc, D'espairsray, The Underneath, March 8, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: Chevelle and Finger Fleven March 5: 2115 Woodward. Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Jill Scott, March 21; O'Jays with The Whispers, March 22; Marvin Winans with Tye Tribbett, March 23; 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Majestic Theatre: Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag, April 18; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700

Michigan Theatre: Steve Earle with Allison Moorer, March 5, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Three Days Grace, March 21; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22; Lynyrd Skynyrd and Hank Williams Jr., April 19; (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Nofx, March 6, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 645-6666.

St. Andrew's Hall: Blind Melon, March 16; 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Ignition Dance Team: The Spark will hold a dance clinic March 8 for ages 7-18 at High Velocity Sports, Canton. Participants will perform at the Detroit Ignition soccer game 4:35 p.m. March 9 at Compuware Arena, Plymouth. \$55 includes game ticket. Register by March 3, www.detroitignition. com, (248) 304-2855 ext. 1355.
University Musical Ensemble: Leila Haddad, March 12, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

FAMILY

Campus Martius Park: Skate at the rink through March 16, (313) 963-9393 or visit www.campusmartiuspark.org for hours and admission prices, Woodward Avenue between Forst Street and Michigan Avenue. Outdoorama: Feb. 28-March 2, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14, www.Outdoorama. com, (800) 328-6550.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice Presents: "High School Musical The Ice Tour," Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

FIIM

Detroit Historical Museum: "Art in the Stations: The People Mover," part of winter film series, 1 p.m. March 8-9, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Movies at the Marquis: "To Catch a Thief," March 1; "Some Like It Hot," March 8; "Casablanca," March 29; doors open 7 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville, www.downtownnorthville.co. Penn Theatre: "A Hard Day's Night," Feb. 28;

Penn Theatre: "A Hard Day's Night," Feb. 28; tickets S3; free tickets at Michigan Made & More, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Hands On Leather (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

FOOD AND WINE

Downriver Council for the Arts: The Art of The Brew, 5-8 p.m. March 2, fund-raiser for council, Fort Street Brewery, 1660 Fort St., Lincoln Park, (734) 287-6103 or e-mail dc4arts@downriverarts.org.

JAZZ

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Detroit Windsor Jazz Club: Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Dave Tatrow and Friends, March 1; Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars, March 15; Ragtime Rick, April 5; Dave Bennett Quartet, April 19; Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Band, May 3; Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.

Ecumenical Theological Seminary: Jazz Vespers, concert worship services, 6-8 p.m. March 9, 2930 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 831-5200, Ext. 209, www.etseminary.edu. Southfield Public Library: Jazz & Blues series with Gary T. Winslow, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

with Gary T. Winslow, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road, www.southfieldlibrary.org (248) 796-4224. University Musical Society: SFJAZZ Collective, 8 p.m. March 13, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

MORE MUSIC

Mario's of Troy: Expedition, March 7, 1477
John R, just south of Maple, Troy,
Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society: Michael
Chapdelaine, 7:30 p.m. March 1, 22331
Woodward, Ferndale, www.fingerstyle.org.
Palmer Woods Concert Series: Violinist Jannina
Barefield, March 15; Straight Ahead Trio,
April 26; A. Spencer Barefield & Donald
Mayberry, May 24, tickets \$25 per concert
or \$100 for the series, (313) 920-4864.

MUSEUMS

Arab American National Museum: Ferndale's White Rabbit Resources will host six, free, daily hour-long meditation sessions to ease stress, sessions open to the public, 6:15 p.m. Feb. 28 to March 4, at the museum, 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, (313) 582-2266.

Cranbrook Art Museum: "Richard Knight:
Photographing Saarinen," through March
22; "From Frank Lloyd Wright to George
Nakashima: Uncovering the John Bloom
Bequest," through March 22, "William
Massie: An American House," March 7-Sept.
14, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills,
call (877) GO-CRANBrook (1-877-462-7262)
or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: The PGA
Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, May 23-July 30,
museum's west entrance building, free
with museum admission, 39221 Woodward,
Bloomfield Hills (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts: MonicaBlaire performs 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 29; "Julie Mehretu: City Sitings" now through March 30; Nelly McKay performs 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. March 7; March 9 is Target Free Family Sunday; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," March 2-May 25; Guided tours in January, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

The Henry Ford: "With Liberty and Justice for All," through Feb. 29; Alan Axelrod discusses Edison's inventions, March 1, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org. Plymouth Historical Museum: "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" exhibit open through June 1, at 155 s. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday. Admission \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Thursday Tea at Two, 2 p.m. Feb. 28, learn to crochet with Cherie Rolfe, \$4 admission; \$5 for supplies, or bring your own hook and yarn. 60 W. Wattles, www.troymi.gov/museum, (248) 524-3570

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Holy Hip Hop!" with paintings by Alex Melamid; "ReFusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" exhibit featuring 40 items designed by founder of Comme des Garcons: See the film "Johnny 316," 7 p.m. March 1; Harold Koda discusses the work of Rei Kawakubo, 7 p.m. March 6, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-6622. Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

DPERA

Detroit Opera House: "Giselle," March 14-16; "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

La Marsa restaurant enjoys steady crowd

ichigan's struggling economy doesn't make the area a hotbed of activity for restaurant openings, but La Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine newest location is thriving.

The restaurant, which just opened a second location month ago in Bloomfield Township, attracts crowds because of its reasonable prices (a hearty rice almond salad is \$6.99), fresh dients and smoothies.

Talle

La Marsa serves the traditional Middle Eastern fare such as Tabouli salads; charred eggplant Baba Ganoush appetizers, Stuffed Grape Leaves, and traditional Hummus, smoothies with strawberries and banana; fresh-Hanning squeezed fruit and vegetable juices

But the eatery also spices things up with options such as hummus spiked with jalapenos, and desserts beyond standard baklava.

Run by restaurateur Fadhel Gannouni, La Marsa is named after a city in Tunisia. "We're doing very well," Gannouni said, "It's the recipes and the freshness."

The original La Marsa is located on Grand River in Farmington. The menu was created by Gannouni's friend, partner and award-winning chef Adel Ahmed. Ahmed worked for the prime minister of Egypt before coming to America and becoming a restaurant chef.

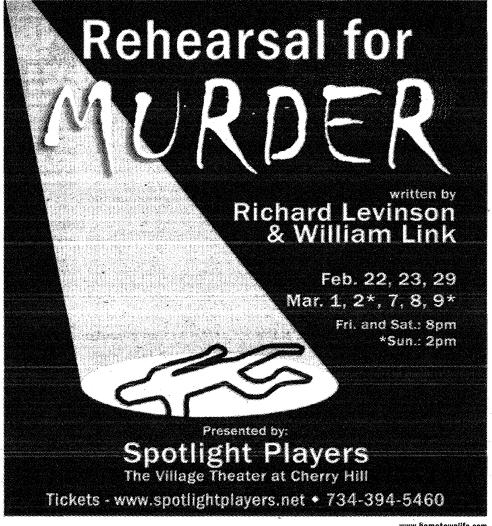
Ahmed's wife Samia, makes desserts like handmade Omo Ali

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A sampling of La Marsa food includes chicken shawarma salad, fresh baked pita bread, crushed lentil soup and hummus.





LA MARSA

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- French bread cooked with sour cream and honey with mixed nuts. Or try the rice pudding or cream caramel. Try the Cobra juice - a blend of carrot, orange, beet,

radish and apple as a beverage.

You can order a traditional Fattoush (Romaine lettuces topped with toasted feta, tomatoes, cumbers, parsley and more) or have the Spinach Fattoush Feta, a

LA MARSA MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Where: The new location is located in the Kingswood Plaza at Square Lake and Woodward, 43259 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Township. (248) 858-5800. The original location is 35558 Grand River Avenue, Farmington in the Muirwood Square Plaza. (248) 615-1900 Cuisine: Mediterranean

Web site: lamarsamediterranean.com

remodeled.

The restaurant serves the La Marsa Feast (for eight-10 people) and includes samplings of appetizers, salads, and entrees for \$110. There's daily lunch specials from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$10. A satisfying bowl of crushed yellow lentil soup is \$3.49.

Compiled by Lana Mini and Susan Steinmueller

different spin on

the salad. Other

traditional dishes

are the lentil and

layered-eggplant/

onion/pepper/ garlic Mousaka.

At la Marsa,

the pita bread is

oven, which was

installed when

the space was

made in the brick

cracked wheat Mjadra and the

Take a culinary tour of Detroit

Foodies are invited to join the American Table Culinary Tours for an in-depth exploration of Detroit.

Laboring Over the Stove: A Working
Definition of Detroit Cuisine (scheduled
for June 26-28) will focus on the distinct
culinary tradition that sprung up alongside America's auto industry, shaped
by generations of workers drawn to
Detroit by the promise of a decent wage.
Tourgoers will delve deeply into the contributions of the immigrant groups that
manned the city's assembly lines and savor
the homespun foods they pioneered, from coney
dogs to Faygo pop.

By the end of the adventure, participants will have parsed paczkis with Hamtramck's top bakers, tossed Buddy's pizza dough with a former employee of the legendary pizzeria and earned a nuanced understanding of the city the New York Times called one of 53 places to go in 2008.

"We're very excited to have this opportunity to showcase one of the country's most unjustly neglected cities," American Table director Hanna Raskin said.

"In addition to being a terrific amount of fun, this tour will allow Michiganders and non-Michiganders alike to discover delicious Detroit."

Laboring Over the Stove features UAW

vice-president Jimmy Settles, who will preside over a coney dog showdown; Detroit Tigers outfielder Curtis Granderson delivering a primer on dugout

eats, and The Detroit Almanac co-author Bill McGraw conducts a tour of historic houses of worship, complete with social hall snacks.

The event also includes presentations by Ari Weinzweig, who will provide commentary for a special Zingerman's Roadhouse dinner in honor of the Kentuckians who found their way north, and Margaret Thomas, author of Detroit's

Eastern Market, who will lead our trek through the city's most notable shopping district.

"Very few culinary tourists are privy to this sort of introduction to the communities which have written Detroit's collective food history," Raskin said.

"These speakers represent the breadth of knowledge, enthusiasm and playful attitude toward eating on which we pride ourselves at the American Table."

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Joan Allen takes a memorable ride in 'Bonneville'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

OSE STAFF WRITER

Director Christopher N. Rowley crafts an unlikely road movie in the alternately dramatic and whimsical Bonneville. The film finds recent widow Arvilla Holden (Jessica Lange) in a silent battle to fulfill her husband's wishes. While she means to spread his ashes out into the world. Arvilla matches wits with his resentful, wealthy daughter Francine (Christine Baranski). Francine intends to bury the cremated remains of her father in Santa Barbara, alongside her mother - and threatens to sell Arvilla's home if she doesn't com-

With her friends - strong-willed Margene (Kathy Bates) and straightlaced Carol (Joan Allen) - at her side, Arvilla embarks on a roadtrip to deliver her husband's ashes. They set out from a small town in Idaho in his 1966 red convertible Bonneville, stopping all along the way to mark memories and the passage of time in a 20-year love affair.

Joan Allen's Carol serves as a sort of moral compass within the context of the film. It's a position she knows well. Allen's roles in movies like The Crucible and Ang Lee's emotional The Ice Storm have centered her as someone who would do what's right at all costs.

Allen said she didn't really know why that happens. "It's one of those mysterious chemistry sorts of things," she said, adding that it might have to do with her Midwest upbringing in a "very grounded, down-to-Earth family.'

Allen was drawn to the role by Carol's sensibility and the way she played off the irreverence of Bates's character and the sensitivity of Lange's. Of her character's own journey, she said, "She does seem to

be more rigid about what is acceptable and what isn't. She has

such a problem with Jessica('s character) getting rid of the ashes. But she comes to understand what it means to Jessica, Her connection to her as a friend is more important than any ideal." Over the course of the film, Carol is stripped from

her comfort zone, at home with her husband Arlo (Tom Wopat), and forced to truly experience wherever the journey will take them. When her purse is nearly stolen at a gas station, Margene and Arvilla come to the rescue. Despite the rather serious core of the film, it doesn't feel terribly heavy to watch.

From roadside diners to Las Vegas hotels to the Pacific Ocean, the scenic movie romances the very idea of love and cherishes the joy of friendship. It brought Allen to places she never knew existed - like the Utah Salt Flats, which she compared to the surface of the moon. and a houseboat on Lake Powell or a lonely gambling town in Nevada where, she said: "I couldn't even find a Target."

Allen chose to drive herself to most locations for filming so she could truly experience the places within the film. And the friendship between the actresses onscreen mirrored a real connection. "Considering we've all been around a while professionally ... we've done theater



Kathy Bates (from left), Jessica Lange and Joan Allen take to the road in the emotional "Bonneville."

... I loved the variety of personalities," Allen said, admitting she's less serious than her character, then adding that Lange could be quite serious and Bates quite bandy.

Allen said the message of the film is a simple one. "Take the ride and value your friends," she said. "Allow yourself to be surprised."

Allen's coming projects show her many sides. In Paul W.S. Anderson's Death Race she portrays a "diabolical warden" presiding over deadly car races. Then in the emotional true story Hachiko: A Dog's Story she stars opposite Richard Gere. "It's so much fun," said Allen.

"Every actor would say 'Give me more variety please.' I've gotten a lot of it in the past four or five years." For a star of the Bourne trilogy, the metro-Detroit based Mike Binder film, The Upside of Anger, and romances like The Notebook, she's spanned everything from blockbusters to indies - and that's just the way she likes it.

Tie on a headscarf and glasses. it's going to be a bumpy, joyful ride. Bonneville hits area theaters Friday, Feb.

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'Lost' gets better each week

Why, why why does Kate have Claire's baby Aaron?

Is Claire dead or did she decide she wanted to stay on the island?

Did Claire and Sawyer hook up? She seemed to want to serve him some coffee, and not just as a way to give him some alone-time with Kate.

And why won't Jack face Aaron - his nephew? Remember, he and Claire are half-siblings. And what, specifically, sends Jack off the emotional deep end?

And Locke, the man who seems most spiritually connected with the island, is seeming a little bit more like evil Ben each week. Is he ruining Utopia by trying to control his surroundings and the people near him?

Rather than try to teach his mates about the power of the island, he's keeping the knowledge to himself.

And what happened to the helicopter? The previews for tonight's episode tells

us something goes terribly wrong. Was it sucked it into magnetic Vortex that

caused the Oceanic airline crash? And, were the polar bear bones found buried in Tunisia from the same animal that was originally seen running on the island? Was that polar bear pulled into a vortex and relo-

And if so, does Ben know how to control that energy? And is that how he can get off the island?

cated elsewhere on Earth?

It would seem so.

Earlier in the season, questions were being answered. But now...what will happen is anyone's guess.

Send me your predictions.

My guess is that Ben's spy on the ship is

Write to lmini@hometownlife.com, subject line: Lost.

Lana Mini



Arts council throws dinner auction

BY LANA MINI0&E STAFF WRITER

When the economy is weak, donations to charitable groups decrease.

Like many other organizations dedicated to the arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council is feeling the hit this year.

If you've attended and enjoyed one of community's summer Music in the Park concerts, you may want to attend the Plymouth Community Arts Council's 18th Annual Dinner Auction, An Artful Affair: Mod Friday, March 7 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event is the group's most important annual event to raise money for arts programs.

"We are seeing a decline in the amount of the sponsorship and the donations," PCAC board president Ted Williamson said. "We're still seeing a large number of people donating, only the amounts have decreased steadily over the past year. It is obvi-

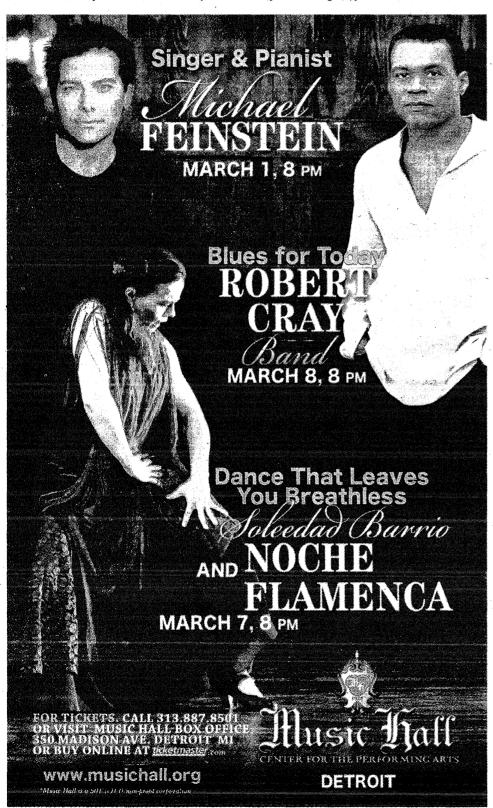
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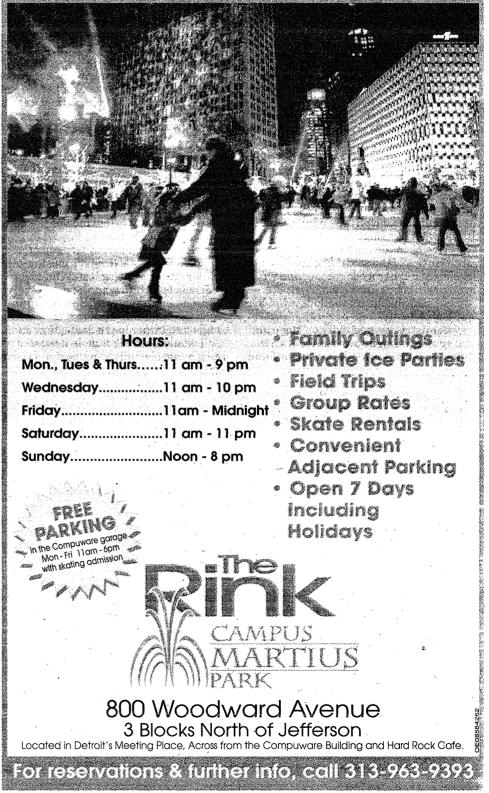
Without adequate funds, the caliber of the programs drop.

"None of the programs are specifically in jeopardy, but with the decrease in funding, both on the state level and private sponsorships, the quality of the programs are potentially in jeopardy," Williamson said.



The Plymouth Community Arts Council will throw a dinner auction March 7 to raise funds to maintain the high quality of children's and adults' arts programs in Plymouth.





Feinstein embraces American classics

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Michael Feinstein was a young man in his 20s when Ira Gershwin hired him to catalogue his extensive collection of phonograph records.

Feinstein spent six years excavating Ira Gershwin's home and the young pianist learned everything he could from the legendary American composer.

"It was the time of my life," Feinstein remembers. "He was a natural born teacher. He taught me most of what I know and how to interpret his songs. It was a highlight of my life."

Those early days stoked Feinstein's interest in preserving the legacy of George and Ira Gershwin, as Feinstein later recorded his first CD, *Pure Gershwin*, a collection of the Gershwin brothers' music, in 1986.

That work and subsequent collaborations and standards collections catapulted Feinstein to the title of premier interpreter



Feinstein

of American popular song. Feinstein will perform many of those classics Saturday, March 1 at the Music Hall for the Performing Arts.

"I like to perform popular songs with a contemporary twist," Feinstein said. He expects to perform selections by George

and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Harry Warren and others. He will be accompanied by a six-piece jazz band.

Feinstein was born in 1956 in Columbus, Ohio. At the age of five, he studied piano for a couple of months until his teacher became angered that he wasn't reading the sheet music she gave him, since he was more comfortable playing by ear. As his mother saw no problem with her son's method, she took him out of lessons.

After graduating from high school, he worked in local piano bars for two years, moving to Los Angeles when he was 20.

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

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Through the widow of legendary concert pianist-actor Oscar Levant, he was introduced to Ira Gershwin. That introduction enabled him to get to know next-door neighbor Rosemary Clooney, with whom he formed a close friendship lasting until Clooney's death.

Feinstein's repertoire includes many ambitious projects, in which Feinstein performed the music of a featured composer, and was accompanied by the composer.

These works included collaborations with Burton Lane (two volumes), Jule Styne, Jerry Herman, Hugh Martin,

Jimmy Webb and Jay Livingston/Ray Evans. Feinstein recorded two other albums of Gershwin music: *Nice Work if* You Can Get It and Michael and George.

His most recent CD, *Hopeless Romantics*, a songbook of Harry Warren classics, was recorded with jazz pianist George Shearing. Currently Feinstein is working on a tribute to Frank Sinatra, but it won't contain the most familiar pieces by him (like *My Way*, for example.) "There will be songs that were written for him that he performed in concert, but never put on an album," Feinstein said.

Feinstein believes American classics from the Gershwins, Berlin and Warren resonate with today's audiences. "These songs are relevant today, and the sensibilities are contemporary," Feinstein said. "All great art transcends the times.

"People relate to the songs. Music can heal your emotions, it is uplifting, and the lyrics are so brilliant."

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and Portuguese creole, his passion on stage somehow helps the audience understand what he's singing.

stand what he's singing.

"I sing about life and love, about women and respect," Jassi said. "I believe the reason for our existence is for love and sharing. If we learn to love each other, everything will be okay because love is the most powerful energy."

Jassi brings his positivity on stage and his head-turning improvisational style often stops the bartenders, waitstaff and sometimes even members of his own band in their tracks during performances.

"As a musician he has the capability of recording an entire album on his own. He plays piano, bass, percussion, sings and has a clear understanding of music theory," said Sean Blackman. "His improvisational skills are extremely powerful."

And Blackman should know - he's one of metro Detroit's best guitarists.

"His sense of rhythm is incredibly powerful," Blackman said. "His compositions and melodies are very strong. The music, the chord progressions are beautifully simple...and simple is a good thing. Some of the best-known songs are simple, but it's the lyrics and the melody that we remember most."

Jassi dreamed of coming to Detroit for years and said living here is his destiny. He credits his musical training to the late and legendary Detroit Jazz saxophonist Sam Sanders, the first American ever to be buried in Senegal (in 2000).

Musically, the connection between Senegal and Detroit is strong.

Jassi considers Sanders his father. They met in Senegal at a jazz festival.

"(Sanders) taught me everything about

music, everything about life," Jassi said.
"Every day, every morning, every night,
I went to him to study. Every day from
Monday to Sunday. No time with friends,
no going out, nothing. All I wanted to do
was play music. He told me there is no
excuse for mediocrity."

Before gaining the mentorship of Sanders, Jassi practiced his music secretly. He started working as a stagehand for a Senegalese band when he was just 13. With no instrument of his own he quietly took the band members' guitars late at night and began to practice.

"I would be in big trouble if these guys caught me playing their guitars," Jassi said with a laugh. "They would never let me play, I was just a kid. But, one day one guitarist was sick and they had a show to perform. I kept telling them 'I can do it, I know the songs.' They let me show them, maybe out of sympathy. . .and they were so surprised that I could do it."

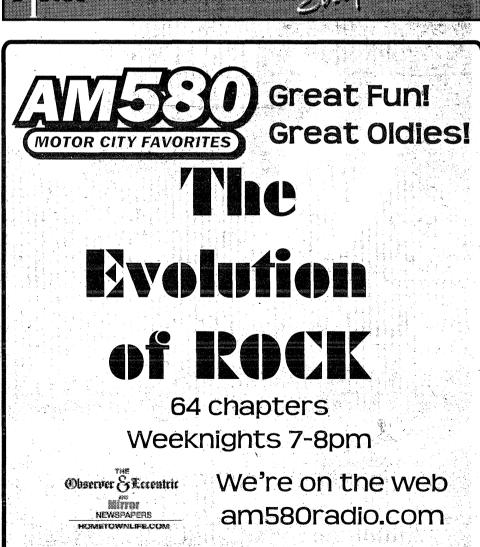
Over time in Senegal Jassi's reputation grew and he gained attention from the popular African musicians.

After Sanders' death, Jassi came to the U.S. with hopes for musical success here. In his first month, he landed a gigs with prominent Detroit musicians and it helped pay the bills for his family back in Senegal.

"I worry a lot about children, we have to make a better path for them. Today there's chaos in the world and it's the children who suffer most," Jassi said. "I sing about that and I say everybody in their circle can make a difference, but not just through words, also by showing them that you appreciate them and are proud of them."

Jassi's religion of Mouridism, a Sufi Muslim movement founded in Touba -Senegal's holy city, is centered upon work. Be productive, work hard on your passion and you will be rewarded.





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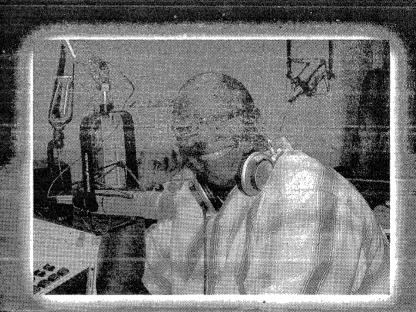
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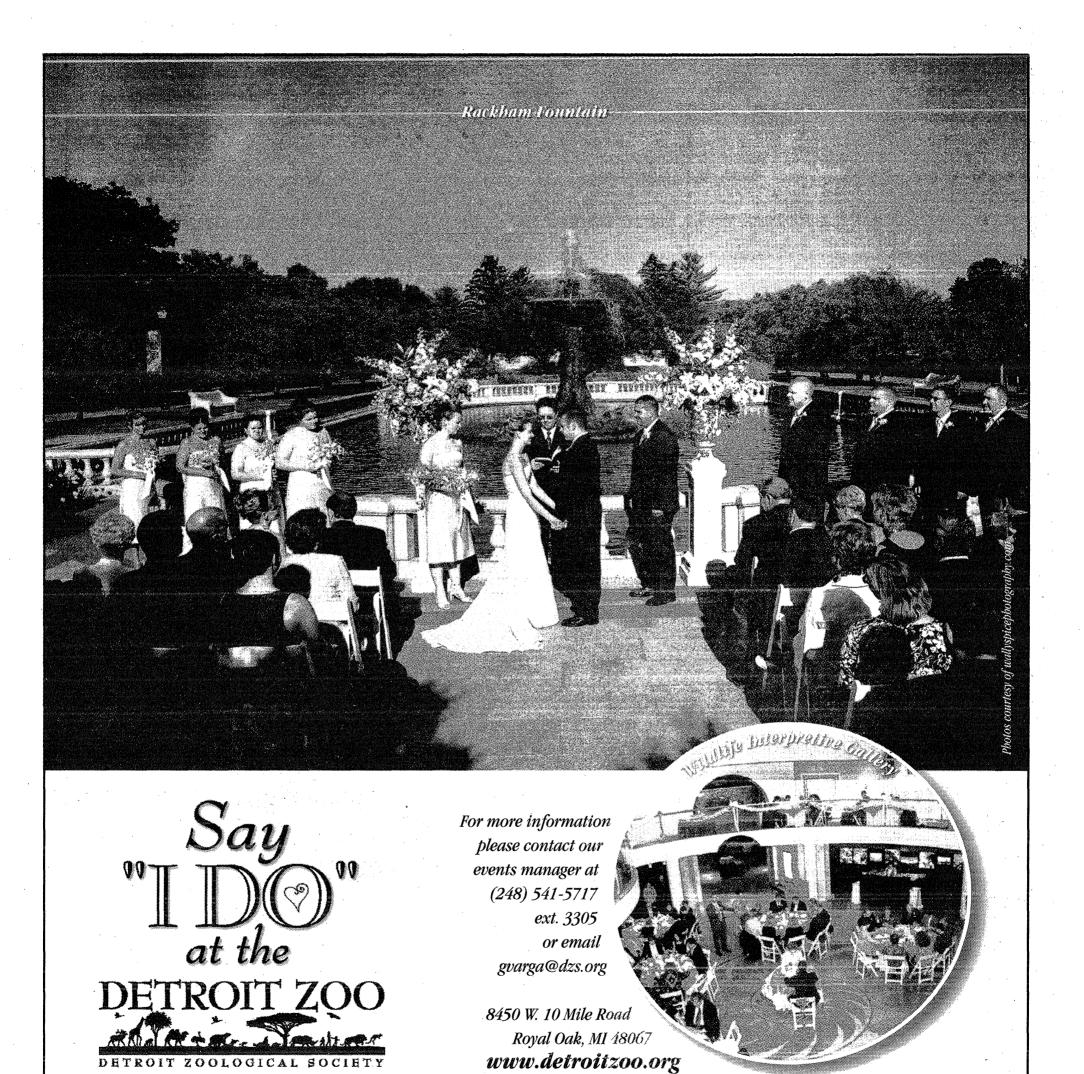
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Your wedding is your day

I wasn't a girl who pored over wedding magazines, dreaming of a fairy tale wedding. When Jeff and I got married, the planning was completely spontaneous and personal.

We decided to celebrate our hometown of Northville, where we had met eight years before, so we staged our cer-



Wensdy Von Buskirk

emony at the New School Church in Mill Race Village, and hired a horse drawn carriage to ferry us to the reception at Genitti's, just a few blocks away

just a few blocks away.

Jeff is an artist, so he created an oil painting that hung above the altar, and we printed small copies on canvas and rolled them up as scrolls for our wedding favors.

Since I am a reporter, our wedding program resembled a newspaper, and my band, the basements, played its last gig — with me on bass in my wedding gown — as I threw the bouquet.

There are so many ways to put your personality into your plans. Although we incorporated many long-standing traditions into our wedding and reception, we also made them uniquely ours. That's what today's couples do.

This edition of the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspaper's Wedding Guide is full of photos of hometown couples on their special day. I hope you love seeing what other couples wore, what kind of flowers they chose, and where they got married as much as I do.

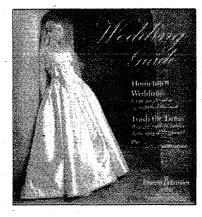
It's important to look at examples and talk to other couples to get ideas — as well as scan wedding magazines and Web sites.

But in the end, you have to listen to your heart to add those special touches that will make the event memorable for you, and everyone who witnesses your vows.

- Wensdy Von Buskirk, editor

Wedding Guide

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Callahan-O'Toole

Colleen Callahan of Livonia and Steven O'Toole of Cincinnati, Ohio, were married Oct. 5, 2007, at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. The wedding's theme, Michigan Vineyards, was carried through the reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth with wine bottles and oversized wine glasses full of flowers used as centerpieces. The bride and groom danced in bubbles to Garth Brooks "Make You Feel My Love." The newlyweds honeymooned in Jamaica and now live in Redford.



Davis-Carcone

Kelly Brianne Davis and Joseph Anthony Carcone, both of Redford, were married July 14, 2007, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. A reception for 200 quests followed at the Italian American Club in Livonia. The couple is making their home in Livonia.

$Kuczajda ext{-}Steil$

Lynn Kuczajda of Rochester and Bob Steil of Milwaukee, Wis. were married on Amtrak's Wolverine #355 from Pontiac to Dearborn on Feb. 16, 2008. The 1940s-themed wedding was officiated by Rochester's Mayor Stuart Bikson.

Invitations were designed to resemble a train ticket and

Conductors helped guests aboard the train car, adorned with boarding pass.

twinkle lights and flowers. All the guest seats were covered in white linen and tied with silk accent bows, and the train car was reconfigured so the couple could walk down the aisle to a draped candlelit dais where the ceremony was performed.

Music from the 140s was pixed through a portable cound Music from the '40s was piped through a portable sound

system, which also allowed the ceremony to be heard over the clickety-clack of the rails. Lynn's creme colored silk wedding gown, complete with its own train, reflected the elegance of

Each guest received an eyelet cut wedding gift bag that included a train whistle to blow instead of throwing rice. After the ceremony, the train stopped in Birmingham, and guests boarded a motor coach that whisked them to the reception dinner at Big Rock Chop House.



Bohr-Martin

Megan Bohr of Plymouth and Christopher Martin of Canton, were married Oct. 26, 2007, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. The reception was held at the Italian American Club in Livonia where Daryl Onderik and The Coachmen Orchestra entertained all 300 guests. After a honeymoon in Maui the couple settled down in Novi.



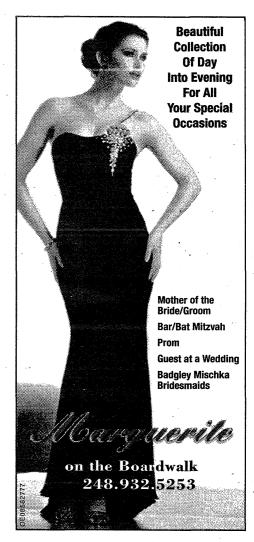
Merrill-Stone

Emily Merrill and William Stone, both of Livonia, were married Aug. 11, 2007, at St. Colette Church in their hometown. The couple now resides in Philadelphia where Bill attends law school and Emily works as a teacher at a virtual charter school.

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SamselAndrosian

Andra Lynn Samsel of Livonia and Jeffrey William Androsian of Dearborn were married July 7, 2007, at the Chapel at Ward Church in Northville. A reception followed at Lyon Oaks Golf and Banquet Center in Wixom. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and are making their home in Dearborn.





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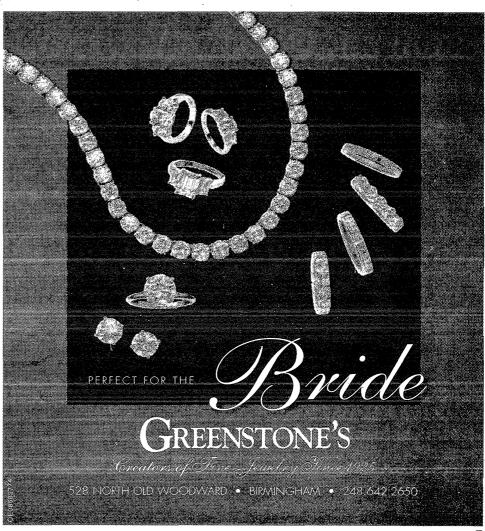
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Orozco-Reese

Liz Orozco of Livonia and Josh Reese of St. Clair Shores were married Oct. 27, 2007, at St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores. Before the reception at Metro Beach Metropark, the couple and their attendants visited their favorite spots in Detroit to take photos, including this one snapped in the rain at Belle Isle.



AT WALKER

Wilson-Staley

Cindy Lou Wilson and Zackary Staley of Canton Township married on June 30, 2007, at Detroit's Masonic Temple, where this photo was snapped on the front steps. After the reception at the Inn of St. John's in Plymouth, the couple spent their honeymoon enjoying a Caribbean cruise.



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Nagy-McLean

Kristen Nagy and Scott McLean were married in a sunset ceremony on June 6, 2007, in Maui, Hawaii. Attendants for the couple were close friends Katie Moelker and Bernie Combetta. The couple hosted a party for friends and relatives at Roosevelt's in Farmington Hills upon their return. They are currently residing in Garden City.



Haefner-Straith

Gail Haefner and James Straith, both of Birmingham, were married during an outdoor ceremony at The Otsego Club, overlooking the Sturgeon River Valley in Gaylord on Sept. 22, 2007. The groom wore a kilt in honor of his Scottish heritage. A bagpiper escorted the bride and groom down the aisle after their vows. The celebration continued with an informal reception at the River Cabin at Otsego.



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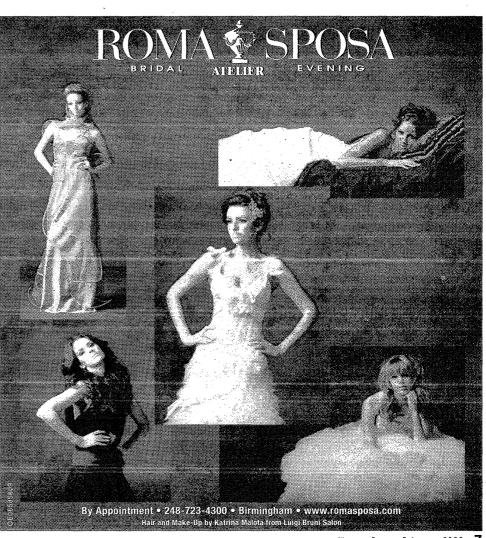
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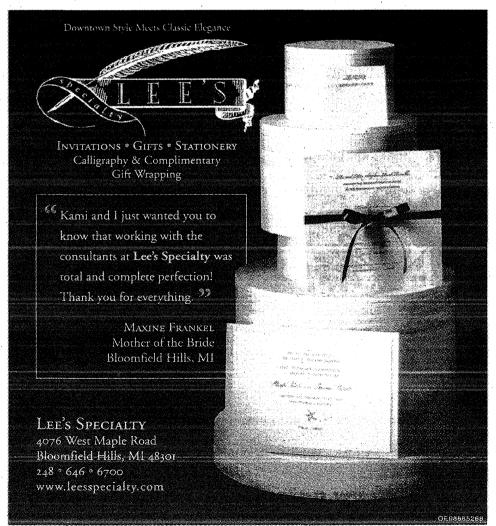
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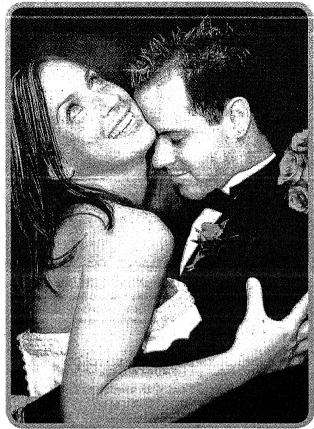
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Markiewicz-Brockway

Ewa Markiewicz of Szczecinek, Poland and Donald Brockway of Livonia met while Ewa was serving as a local au pair. They were wed June 2, 2006, at the Church of the Divine Child in Novi with a reception following at Park Place in Dearborn.



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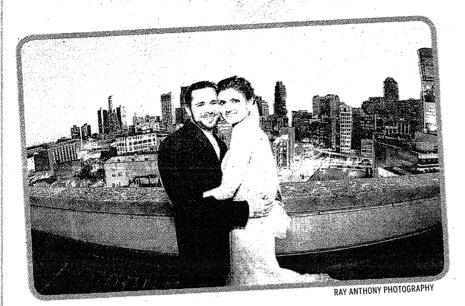
Hudeck-Swek

Melissa Hudeck and Michael Swek of Waterford were married at the Wedding Pavilion at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. on Oct. 13, 2007, in front of 35 family and friends. The fairy tale festivities included a horse and carriage ride, dessert party in front of the EPCOT fireworks, and a farewell brunch the morning after the wedding. During the ceremony, the rings were brought down the aisle in a glass slipper.



Clor-Daniels

Ann Clor and William Daniels, both of Garden City, were married Aug. 4, 2007, in Ocho Rios Jamaica on the beach, accompanied by 12 close family and friends.



Pettibone-LaPointe
Kelly Pettibone and Philip LaPointe had friends and family in from across the country for their wedding on Nov. 3, 2007, and wanted to give them a glimpse of Detroit. Here, the couple is on the roof of the Detroit Athletic Club, where they had their wedding and reception.



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Barber-White

Michelle Barber and Wayne White, high school sweethearts who met at Redford Union, were married Oct. 13, 2007. The ceremony took place in the backyard of the groom's parents in Howell, with a reception following at the Howell Elks Lodge. The couple's 2-year-old daughter, Ava, served as flower girl.



Duncan-Gorman

Katy Duncan of West Bloomfield and Adam Gorman of DeWitt were wed Oct. 27, 2007, the wedding anniversary of her late grandparents. The ceremony was held at Milford Presbyterian Church with a reception following at Lyon Oaks Golf and Banquet Center in Wixom. The couple now lives in Okemos.



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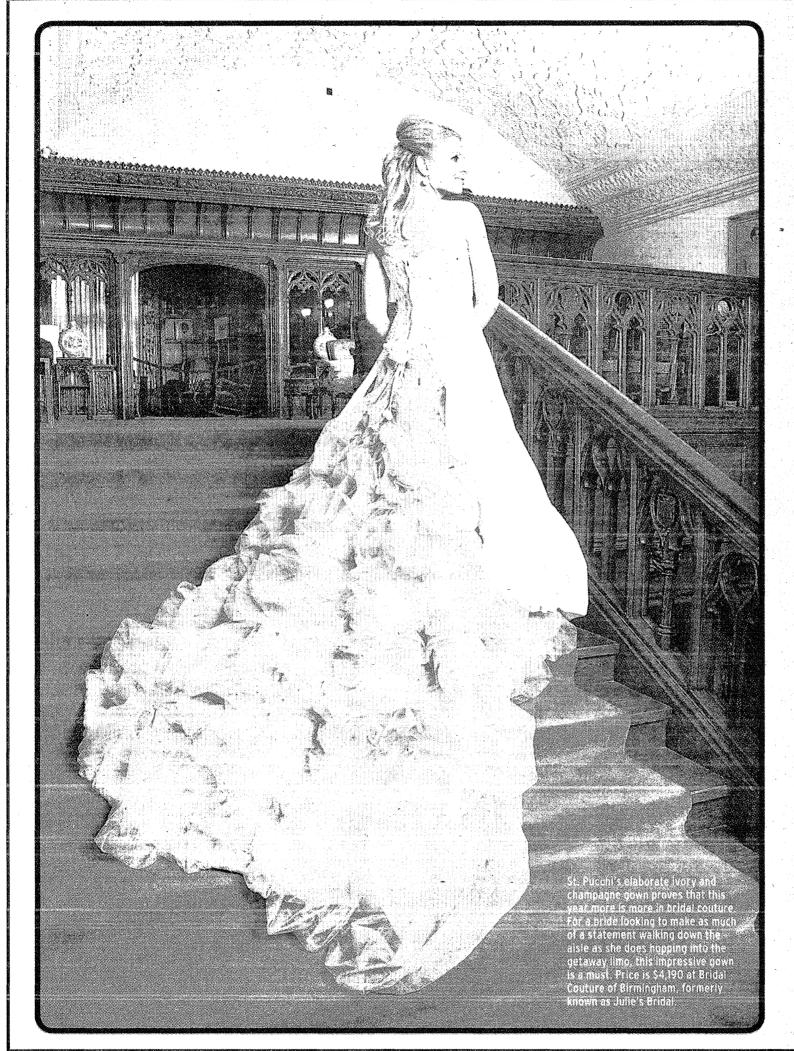
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The Bride: Kathleen Kennedy Resident: Berkley then Royal Oak

Her profession: Marketing director Her groom: John Ferris

His profession: GM project manager for f Coincidence: The two attended the same and in recent years lived just a mile apart.

Engaged: Feb. 14, 2007

Wedding date: Feb. 16, 2008

Wedding destination: On a terrace overla Photo Shoot: Feb. 7, MeadowBrook Hall. **Rochester Hills**

Photographer: Bill Bresler, staff photogra Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers

Gowns: Courtesy of Bridal Couture of Birr Bridal with a second location in Plymouth Birmingham.

Jewelry: Roma Sposa Atelier, Birminghan Shoppe, Berkley

Hair Jewelry, Veils: The Wedding Shoppe Makeup: Mariposa Beauty Boutique & Stu Hair: Andrew Marke Salon, Rochester Get the look:

Owner Monique Zafarana and Make Up Gamalski of Mariposa Beauty Boutique cra very wearable - wedding look for our mod Kathleen Kennedy of Royal Oak. Makeup enhance your beauty, Gamalski said. She c foundation, offering optimal coverage that proof and water-proof. "It's good for proble "It provides a lot of coverage without being

When it comes to color, Zafarana su, tell where one color ends and another ${\bf b}$ blue eyes with plum and smoky gray ton Kennedy's eyes in black kohl liner and ade courtesy of MAC Cosmetics.

Kennedy's cheekbones were emphasized er one for contour and a lighter "Cupcake" apples of her cheeks. For that killer smile, ten lips are beautiful." On Kennedy she out topped with a silvery pink gloss for a clean

For wedding-worthy hair, Stylist Voula I Salon crafted a look that would last. She pi thick blonde mane onto the crown of her h set into loosely cascading curls. It worked headpieces. Isakov said this spring brides set their hair lower on the neck. "It's simple of curls," she said. "It's more sleek."

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ed by Stephanie A. Casola



Roma Sposa Atelier in Birmingham is an exclusive carrier of famed wedding dress designer Monique Lhuillier's gowns. This strapless simple dress (\$8,390) showcases a major comeback for lace in 2008. Adorn it with a satin sash or keep it simple.

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Fingertip veils like this delicately-adorned style can shine when worn with a simple, lacy dress, like this one by Monique Lhuillier, available exclusively at Roma Sposa Atelier in Birmingham. Veil found at The Wedding Shoppe.

Unveiling personal style on your wedding day

BY STEPHANIE A. CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Michelle McFarland, owner of The Wedding Shoppe in Berkley, has an innate sense when it comes to pairing accessories with that dream-worthy wedding gown. "We listen very closely," said McFarland. Given the color and fit of the gown she can easily pair it with complementary accessories.

With the array of options — ranging from every length of veil to a bevy of sparkly tiaras and hair jewelry — the right headpiece can truly set off a bride's entire look. And it's typically the veil, McFarland said, that makes any bride-to-be first feel as though she's about to walk down the aisle. "That's when it all comes together," she said.

This Spring details are hot, and when it comes to wedding veils, McFarland said, it's all in the cut.

■ A face-hugging Russian net — like the Cynthia style — pairs perfectly for a high-fashion bride with a voluminous gown.

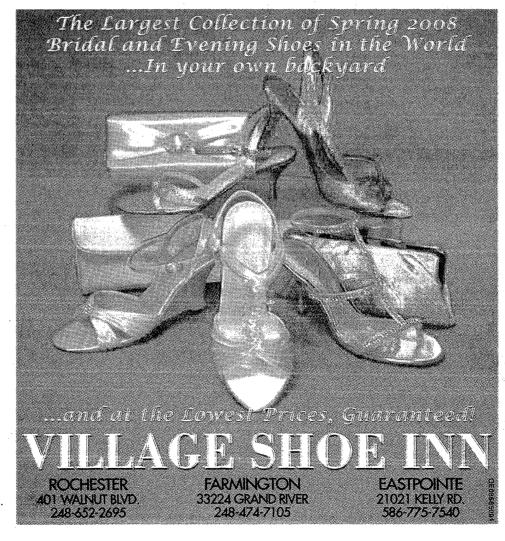
■ A cage veil — try the Gardenia — falls gracefully over the face and is best paired with a simple straight silhouette.

Please see VEILS, 13



Hair jewelry is all the rage. Simpler than a tiara and stylish enough to pair with a veil, combs like this one — at The Wedding Shoppe in Berkley — give a bride more bling on her big day.







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Fingertip-length veils work best on taller brides but, McFarland noted, the veil shouldn't compete with the gown.

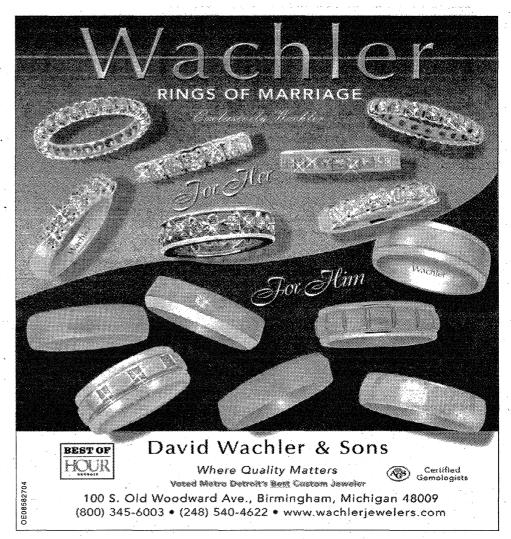
Fashion-forward brides are adding bling to their hair. Those who might've opted for a tiara a few years ago are discovering an array of clips, broaches, hair vines and decorative hair bands coated in jewels. They're sure to add sparkle in a modern way. McFarland noted that hair jewelry is quite wearable — and it isn't limited to just your wedding day.

Whatever the case, she said: "We definitely try to encourage brides that less is more."

The Wedding Shoppe, located at 27333 Woodward Ave. in Berkley, will begin selling gowns – in addition to its alterations services and already awe-inspiring array of wedding-related accessories – this April. Call (248) 541-1988.



It takes a special kind of bride to wear this minimalist Russian net veil. The "Cynthia" style is available at The Wedding Shoppe in Berkley. This bride knows exactly what she wants.





Always a bridesmaid: Tales from the dressed-alike

y life bears little resemblance Hollywood it-girl Katherine Heigl's. But when the blonde Grey's Anatomy bombshell took a starring role as the quintessential bridesmaid in 27 Dresses, our worlds inched ever so slightly closer.

That "always a bridesmaid" mantra is an easy one for many women to understand. We've all stuffed at least a few puffy taffeta gowns into the back of our closets. At least five by my count. They range in shades and styles, and cost somewhere between a steal and a fortune. No matter how many times your dear bride-to-be tells you — "You can have it shortened." or "You'll wear it again." — that's never the case.

But that's the cardinal rule of Bridesmaid loyalty — smile and agree. It's her day after all. We know that going in — the moment you take us to dinner and sweetly ask "Will you be my maid of honor" — we're armed with positivity and ready to help.

Wedding planning is no doubt an emotional time. Families are connecting — or colliding. Everyone from your mom to your florist probably has an expectation and opinion on where the wedding should be, what food you should serve



Stephanie Casola

'We've all stuffed at least a few puffy taffeta gowns into the back of our closets.'

and what music you should play. It's enough to turn any girl into Bridezilla.

Cue the bridesmaids — they're your sounding board, those who want the best for you, who will wear anything for you, and only expect that you'll return the favor on their day.

I've held the title of maid of honor twice now — once for my eldest sister and once for my best friend. The experiences were as different as the brides themselves. Still, each time I felt little pangs of nervousness and oodles of pride. I bought a how-to guide at the bookstore, started saving for and eyeing possible gifts, and plotting bachelorette parties.

Now, looking back, it's amazing how each of the bridesmaid gowns I wore represent so clearly the style and sass of the bride in question.

There's a classic-but-daring royal blue floor-length strapless number that still fits like a glove and makes me feel like a princess. It also reminds me of struggling through my speech as I held back tears.

And I still gush at the sight of a little strapless green silk faille dress shopped for via Internet while on the phone with my pal, the bride-to-be in Alabama. It proved perfect for her outdoor summer ceremony, and I can still see us all — her identically-outfitted pals — running barefoot on the beaches of Lake Michigan.

Most recently, an elegant mossy green A-line tea-length gown carried me from afternoon photos dodging lucky rainshowers straight through to a non-stop dance party reception. Wish I could say the same for those shimmery heels.

Maybe I'm lucky. Is it possible my friends and relatives are more fashionable than most? Whatever the case, I've never been stuffed into a gaudy gown.

This year bridesmaids can avoid the same by keeping in mind the current trends. According to Penny Little of Miss Kate's Maids, a Birmingham-based shop specializing in giving bridesmaids that special flair, the "it" color this year is grey. It's overshadowing last year's favorite, a rich chocolatey brown. And the top three best-selling dress designers, Little said, include Melissa Sweet, Charsa and Priscilla of Boston.

"I've also noticed that for awhile now the trend for the length of dress chosen had been knee-length but now brides are going back to the full-length gown options for a more elegant and dramatic look (on their bridesmaids)," added Little. And going into the busy 2008 wedding season she's noticed a penchant for vintage looks, which "can be found in the details of many of the dresses we carry — flowing fabrics, full skirts, broaches and pleating just to name a few."

See for yourself — when it comes time to buy that 28th bridesmaid dress — Miss Kate's Maids has relocated to 2121 Cole Street in Birmingham. Stay strong, my fellow always-a-bridesmaids — our day will come.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola, truth-be-told, loves any excuse to put on a gown and get her hair and make-up done. She writes about beauty and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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Local businesses share the latest in wedding trends

JEWELRY

Robert Greenstone, owner of Greenstone's Fine Jewelry in Birmingham, meets couples at a special time in life. When it comes to trends he said: "I find that brides are — more than ever — interested in delicate fine diamond wedding bands, small round diamonds set in a very brilliant but delicate look made to match their engagement ring." Grooms are opting for white gold or platinum bands wider in size and bold.

At **David Wachler & Sons** in Birmingham, rings by names like Christian Bauer and Diana are highlighted.

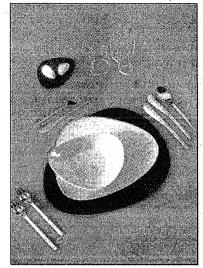
FASHION

Sonia Kadoo, an owner of **Bella Bridal** in West Bloomfield, noted that wedding dresses are simple and elegant this year — think Audrey Hepburn. "The most common style is the mermaid, it's also called fit and flair or trumpet skirt," she said, adding that "lace is back."

Brides who want to get married outdoors no longer have to tone down to tea-length dresses for the setting. Vanessa Brinker of the **Rochester Hills Museum** said some brides who opt to wed in the museum's outdoor gazebo wear full-tilt ball gowns, formerly reserved for the most formal of weddings. Of course, they may be barefoot under those layers of tulle. Brinker also said she's seen flower girls walk down the aisle in fairy wings — an adorable touch.

FOOD

"The hot thing is stations," said Meredith Martek, director of sales and events at the LaSala Banquet & Events Center inside Papa Joe's Gourmetrion in Rochester Hills. "Many couples are having the food stations set up later in the evening with sliders, pizza or mac and cheese in a martini glass. They want more of a club-type atmosphere. They want the guests up and walking around. It's completely different



Creative gift registry items, like this trendy tableware by Alessi, is available at ArtLoft in Birmingham.

from the traditional sit-down meal."

For entrees, couples choose chicken dishes and sometimes prime rib with a mashed potato station nearby.

BEAUTY

At the upscale Margot's European Day Spa in Birmingham the most popular trend for brides is also a long-standing one: French manicures and pedicures.

Manager Sherrie Perkins said that for brides-to-be, the second trend is in cosmetics.

"Women come to us to purchase cosmetics and to have us create their look on their wedding day," Perkins said.

That style is called "the bride look" with neutral, soft, glowing shades. No harsh dark liners or bold lips.

Both brides and now grooms often get facials to try and halt potential surprise problems that could arise on wedding day: namely blemishes.

"If they have problematic skin they should get their facial at least a week before to give the skin time to clear up," Perkins said.

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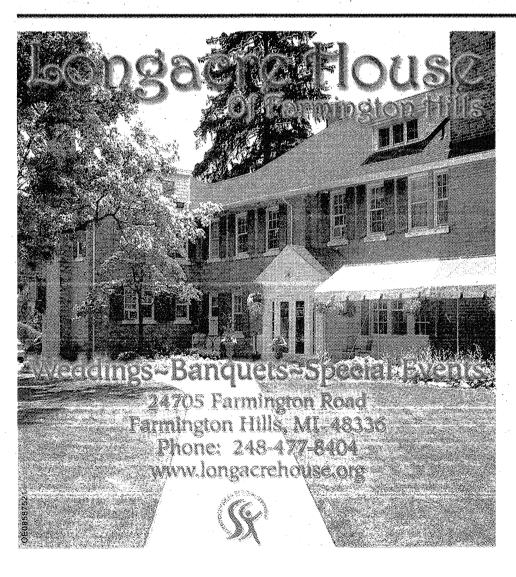
women can get permanent eye and lip liner, a common beauty improvement trend is called "scar camouflage."

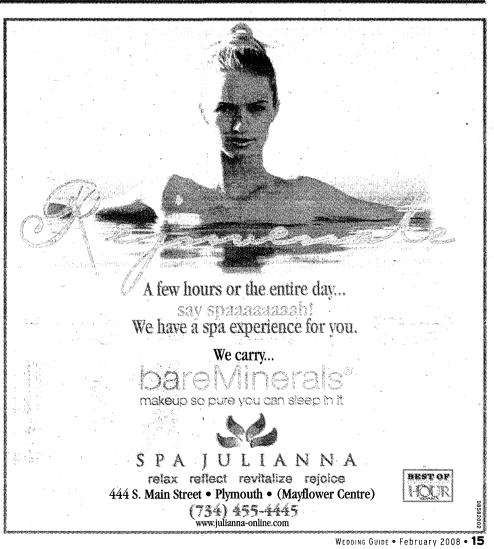
There, color is matched to the skin tones and applied to hide scar tissue.

GIFT REGISTRY

Couples are going beyond Bed, Bath & Beyond when it comes to registering for gifts. Rachael A-Woods, owner of ArtLoft in Birmingham, said many brides- and grooms-to-be already have fully stocked households, so they're looking to add pieces that are fun as well as functional, such as those by Alessi or Johnathan Adler. Artsy gifts for the bridal party and groomsmen also are popular, such as handmade compacts, business card cases, Hobo leather goods and flower votives.

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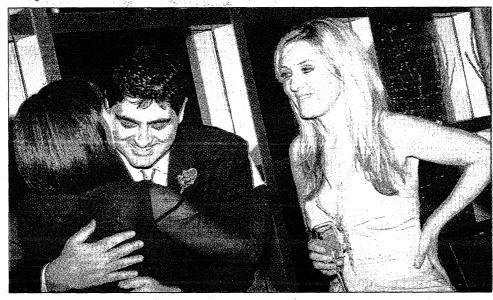


Second time offers second chance

oing things the second time around is an opportunity to do things differently and weddings are no exception. So for this, my second wedding, I couldn't wait to get started; I always regretted not doing wedding favors or having a live band. And, I never forgot the sinking feeling of not loving my wedding

Despite it being my "second marriage" (as my mother would say in hushed tones when she talked of the impending nuptials), I was even more into the planning this time around. Like most brides, the Internet became my best friend, yet I still yearned to feel, touch and smell the products I was looking for. I needed the bricks and mortar. Living and working in Birmingham, the city became integral in my daily search for all things wedding.

For guest favors, I had two criteria: something that people would actually use and something sophisticated. I splurged on Anthropologie's Illume Good Nature Candles (\$16) but with hip scents like Sweet Live Blossom and Edamame & Melon, and neatly packaged in contemporary yet pretty tins, they were everything I wanted. I also gave away gifts at the rehearsal party, a raucous affair complete with a Johnny Cash impersonator. The silver heart shaped key rings from Imelda's Closet (\$6, 10 percent discount for large orders) were a huge hit.



Maureen Evans Cameron wears a beautiful crushed silk gown from Nicole Miller during her wedding to handsome hubby David Cameron.

At Crimson Rose Antiques, I found the most beautiful vintage cake stand for our wedding cake, a milk glass number in a shade of pink so opalescent, you can't help but run your fingers over the surface. Whether perched on my kitchen counter or used to display holiday ornaments, it's a lifetime of happy wedding memories. Not bad

for a for a \$75 investment.

And known all over Metro Detroit for her fabulous brows, my trusted esthetician Dina Sukhomlina at Virtuoso Salon helped me achieve the ideal brow shape (you know, just the right amount of arch). Virtuoso has also started carrying a makeup line from Jane Iredale that's fantastic for brides, prod-



A pink cake stand from **Crimson Rose** Antiques (\$75) proves useful for the wedding and beyond.

ucts that are long-lasting yet feel and look dewy on your skin. My newest favorite is the multi-tasking In Touch Cream Blush (\$26) - use it on both your cheeks and lips, but here's the best part: one of the ingredients is pure cocoa powder, giving it a fragrance and aste that are, well, divine.

And in case you were wondering, I did find the perfect dress at Nicole Miller. When I put it on, it made me feel confident and sexy — the bride I always wanted to be.

Maureen Evans Cameron recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary with her husband David. Married in Nova Scotia where they both grew up yet didn't know each other, they met on a flight to Detroit where they discovered their mutual love of many things, including eventually each other.





BRIDAL CALENDAR

Whimsical Occasions Wedding Events

When: Sunday, March 2 Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth When: Sunday, March 16, 2008 Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 West Fourth St., Royal Oak What: Wedding exhibits, planning ideas, fashions and fun including A-list experts, runway

goodie bags. Tickets: \$8 online; \$10 at the door

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shows, tastings, decor, and

BLISS! Bridal Fest

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30

Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia What: Michigan's biggest bridal show of the season features wedding experts, fashion shows. mini-seminars, hors d'oeuvres. tastings, prizes and more.

Tickets: \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door Information: Call (800) BLISS-11 or visit www.blissbridalfest.com

Brides To Be Expos

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9 Where: American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16 Where: Glen Oaks Country Club,

30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

What: Michigan's "original" bridal show offers fashions, giveaways, samples, exhibits, experts, discounts and coupons.

Tickets: \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door

Information: Call (586) 228-2700 or visit www.bridestobeshows.net Pamper the Bride & Beyond When: Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 13

Where: PI Restaurant, 28447 Franklin Road, Southfield

What: The second annual expo will feature fashion shows, interactive workshops, live music, exclusive exhibitors, strolling appetizers, a Groom's Lounge, giveaways, champagne and pamper services including massages, facials and more.

Tickets: \$15; 2 for \$25. Information: Call (248) 747-3482 or visit pamperthebrideexpo.com.

Bridal Bliss 2008

When: Saturday, April 26. Where: Downtown Royal Oak and Farmer's Market

What: During this special shopping day, stores, salons and restaurants that specialize in all things bridal will offer deals, samples, promotions, experts and informal modeling. The event culminates in a Bridal Show at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market.

Tickets: Free

Information: Call (248) 414-4533 or visit www.downtownroyaloak.org



Shelley Jaye Millman of West Bloomfield and Mark Edward Milby of Keego Harbor were married May 5, 2007, at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

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Itash the Dress

Some brides are opting to destroy, rather than preserve, their gowns



Lisa Metelka and Anthony Cressey of Livonia were married June 29, 2007, at Delhi Park in Ann Arbor, with a reception following at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

Lisa Cressey got married in a beautiful A-line strapless satin gown, embellished with beads and costing upwards of \$1,000.

A few months after her wedding, she gleefully destroyed the dress.

No, she wasn't mad at her new husband. In fact, Tony Cressey helped her douse the dress in paint.

Cressey, 28, is part of a growing group of modern brides taking part in "Trash the Dress," an underground campaign in which photographers document women as they rip, shred, tear, soil and otherwise denigrate their gowns.

"The possibilities are endless depending on how creative you want to be," said Bryan Mitchell, a Northville-based photojournalist who shot Cressey's wedding and post-wedding dress trashing session.

Mitchell said he was surfing the 'net when he discovered www.trashthedress.com, a site that showcases artsy Trash the Dress photos and urges brides to do extensive damage to their frocks.

"Go ahead, you know you want to. Trash it. Get it dirty. Get it wet. Roll around in the mud. Drench it in the ocean. Totally trash it," the site reads.

Mitchell became intrigued and put out a call to recent brides who might be game.

"I got really excited about it,"
Mitchell said. "It's a departure from
what I normally do. I get to be playful
and creative. The girls enjoy it because
they get to dress up again."
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It doesn't matter how long ago a bride got married, as long as she still fits in her gown. Then again, it doesn't really matter if she rips the seams.

So far Mitchell has photographed brides dirtying up their dresses in creek beds and piles of fall leaves. He and Cressey executed their shoot

He and Cressey executed their shoot against a backdrop of graffiti in the Dequindre Cut, a stretch of railroad running from Eastern Market to the Detroit River.

"Her husband painted the back of dress, and while we were shooting three graffiti artists came down to





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From princess to punk — Cressey gets playful during her Trash the Dress photo shoot.

do some murals and we asked them to spray paint the dress," Mitchell explained.

The resulting high-fashion images are beautiful, but for many the question remains: Why trash a perfectly good — and sinfully expensive — wedding gown?

According to Trash the Dress, why

"You've made a commitment to your husband. He's your one and only true love, right? Then you'll never need the dress again," the Web site says. "And no, your daughter won't wear it in 20-30 years."

Like most brides, Cressey had planned to take her dress to a dry cleaner and get it preserved in a box. But trashing it seemed like much more fun.

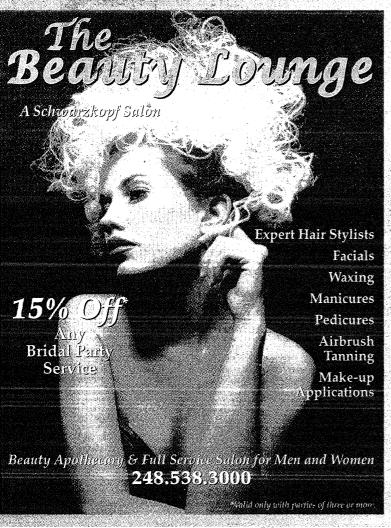
"I was never going to do anything with the dress after the wedding. There's no one to give it to. I probably was just going to keep it in the closet like anyone else would," she said. "Now I feel like I have somebody's piece of art on something that was important to me. It was a one-of-a-kind opportunity."

Cressey is thrilled with the results of her Trash the Dress collaboration. She loves the photographs and has thought about framing the dress itself. But so far, no evidence of her Trash-the-Dress experience hangs in the Cressey home.

"My parents don't know I did it," Cressey said. "My mom paid for the dress, and I don't think she'd be happy."

For more information, call Bryan Mitchell Photography at (248) 420-3488, visit www. bryanmitchell.com, or check out www.trashthedress.com.





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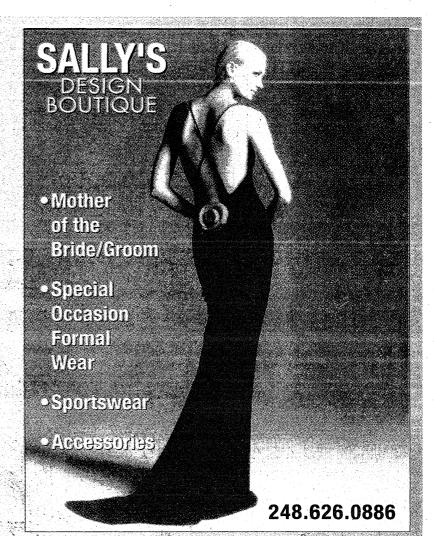
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