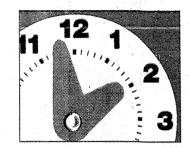
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La Shish's end could open the door for others

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Since the closure of metro Detroit's 11 La Shish restaurants Saturday night, Darren Frankel has been a busy man.

"It was just reported and I've already had calls from people interested in (taking over the eatery's locations)," Frankel said Monday. "I don't anticipate too much downtime."

Frankel's company, the Stuart Frankel Development Company, leases three of the Middle Eastern restaurant's locations, including one in the Centre Village Plaza at Canton Center and Ford roads. The others are in Livonia and Farmington Hills.

'I had someone call that wanted all three," he said, adding that he believes the locations will be revamped under a new name.

La Shish had been in Canton since 1999 and Frankel said the company was a good tenant.

"We never had an issue," he said.

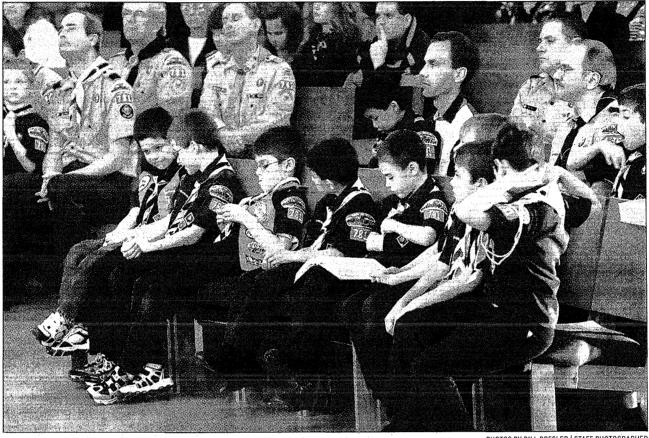
The well-known restaurant chain, which employed about 300 people, has faced a flurry of negative press in recent years involving its owner Talal Chahine, who fled his Plymouth Township home and is considered a fugitive in Lebanon. He has been accused of supporting terrorists.

A sign on the padlocked glass door of the Canton location thanked patrons for their "all along loyalty" for the past 19 years and called the closure necessary "due to the financial struggles." According to published reports, the restaurants and their assets will be sold to recoup outstanding tax debts.

On Monday, Kristine Quinn, a 21-year-old Canton resident approached the eatery in anticipation of grabbing some lunch.

"What happened now," she gasped, adding that she used to work at the restaurant and knew about Chahine's legal woes. "I didn't think they would close because that stuff happened years ago. (La Shish) was shady, but it was good food."

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Cub Scouts and adult leaders from Our Lady of Good Counsel celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pack 781 in a Saturday afternoon Mass at the church, which was followed by their annual Blue and Gold banquet.



Steve Monaghan has been involved with Scouting for 44 years.

Pack-ing them in

Scouts celebrate 50th with record numbers

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In this age of technology with computers, video games and cable television giving kids plenty of options for their time, it's even more amazing that one old standby organization continues to help lead the pack when it comes to old-fashioned learning and

Cub Scout Pack 781, chartered by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The occasion was made even more special at the pack's recent awards banquet as five Webelos received the Arrow of Light award, given to Scouts who completed at least 20 achievements a year from first through fifth grades, moving through the ranks as a Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and two years in Webelos.

"I think it's an honor to be with a unit that has been in existence for 50 years," said Steve Monaghan of Plymouth Township, Pack 781 cub master. "It's a great testimony to the charter organization (OLGC) and the parents who have been involved and kept it going. You don't see too many organizations that have been around that long."

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Symphony seeks new director

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

As the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton seasons draw to a close within the next month, it will also end the three-year run for Jennifer Philpot-Munson as executive director of Plymouth Canton Symphony Society.

Philpot-Munson said she'll be leaving in June and moving to Indian Village in Detroit, where she and her husband, David Munson, plan to restore their new home, complete her dissertation from the University of Chicago and "hopefully start a family.

"It's been a very difficult decision for me because I love this organization," said Philpot-Munson, 36, who resides in Plymouth. "I couldn't say enough how much I appreciate the amazing board members I've had the opportunity to work with, the outstanding staff and our patrons and donors who are so generous and have made such an impact at a time when we've really needed their help.

Philpot-Munson, who has a background in anthropology and lived in Guatemala for two years, said she'd like to expand on her interest and experience in human rights.
"Maybe I'll use my Spanish and

work with the immigrant community in southwest Detroit," she said. "I'll also work on my disser-

Please see SYMPHONY, A8

THE PHILPOT-MUNSON FILE

■ Who: Jennifer Philpot-Munson

■ Age: 36

What: Executive director, **Plymouth Canton Symphony** Society

■ Started: February 2005 ■ Final event: PSO Dinner Dance/

Auction, April 25, Laurel Park Manor in Livonia

Salem High School senior Taylor Abbey, who has performed the national anthem at home wrestling meets this season, will sing it at the state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills Saturday.

Salem senior sings way to wrestling meet

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Salem High School wrestlers Kevin Hayter and Jeremy Epley qualified for the individual state wrestling tournament which begins today at the Palace of Auburn Hills, but they won't be the only Rocks making an appearance.

Before wrestling starts Saturday morning, Salem senior Taylor Abbey of Plymouth Township will kick things off with her rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner.

Epley's excellent adventure, page B1.

Epley (41-4, 160-pound weight class) earned his spot with a second-place finish at last week's individual regional at Southgate Anderson. Hayter (36-6, 130 pounds) was fourth in the same tournament.

Abbey, who crooned the national anthem at Salem home meets this season, earned her way via an audition tape to Ron Nagy. a wrestling referee who is also the State Finals Tournament manager.

Nagy heard Abbey do the

anthem at a home meet in December. He told her he was looking for people to sing during the state tournament, and suggested she send him an audition tape.

He liked what he heard and signed Abbey up.

"I've always wanted to sing it, and this year I started singing at football games, I sang at Homecoming, did some at volleyball games," said Abbey, who is also a member of the Park Players theater group at P-CEP. "I've always been in church choir, the middle school choir. I love being on stage."

On Saturday, Abbey, the daughter of Brian and Deb Abbey of Plymouth Township, takes to the biggest stage of her life, before thousands of wrestling fans at The Palace. Is she nervous?

"I'm not so much nervous right now as I am anxious to do it, because it's going to be a big rush," Abbey said. "I've never really had stage fright (but) that's going to be the biggest place I've ever sung at. I'm hoping (stage fright) doesn't happen Saturday."

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Marching band meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2008 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students

will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2008 summer/fall season. Musicians and future color guard members welcome.

Parents and students are asked to attend the open

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For more information, call band director Marc Whitlock, (734)582-5666.

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-

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The Plymouth District Library will host the U.S. Postal Service in a business seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 13.

Postal training will cover all facets of doing business from home to include printing postage, purchasing mailing supplies, arranging package pick-up and buying and selling with eBay

Intended for business or personal postal use, this free, program requires registration - contact the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

Celebrating Town Baseball

The Plymouth Historical Museum's monthly meeting on Thursday, March 13, will feature Raymond Rolak discussing "Celebrating the Spirit of Town Baseball." The meeting, free to the public, is held at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 7:30 p.m.

The talk coincides with the Museum's current exhibit, "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball," which will be open until June 1. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 5-17, and \$10 for families. For more information, contact the museum at (734) 455-8940.

Evening of excellence

The Educational Excellence Foundation hosts its fourthannual "Evening of Excellence" Friday, March 14, at the Village Theater in Canton. The event includes a strolling dinner, performances by **Plymouth-Canton Community** Schools' students and champagne afterglow. Guest Master of Ceremonies is Laurel Hess, host of CNN's Comcast Newsmakers.

Evening of Excellence is a benefit to support the projects and programs of P-CCS' Educational Foundation. Profits from last year's event



Chiefette excellence

In a field that included more than 60 high school and collegiate pompon teams from throughout Michigan competing in the Junior Varsity, Varsity and Collegiate Divisions at the Mid-American Pompon 29th-annual state championship at Eastern Michigan University, the Canton High School varsity team placed third in the Class A Varsity Division and Canton High School junior varsity earned second in the Junior Varsity Division. The routines featured athleticism, visual effects, rhythmic timing, showmanship and outstanding kicklines. Teams were judged on 10 categories by a select group of pompon experts. There was a guest performance by the Mid American Studio Senior All Star Team, comprised of elementary and middle school students.

were used to fund a \$500 donation to each of the 11 student groups that performed, as well as funding a portion of the Elementary Summer Academy for students needing extra help with math and reading. Three local elementary schools also received a donation ranging from \$250-

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are not available at the door. Prices: Dinner/Performance/ Afterglow, \$100 each; performance/afterglow, \$50 each (adult) and \$25 each (student). A portion of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation to the Educational Excellence Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

LWV scholarship

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will award a \$1,500 scholarship in June to a qualified United States citizen, male or female, college undergraduate. Applicants need to meet the following criteria: Reside in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne or Westland; attend a Michigan college or university; major in government, political science or public policy; and be entering the third year of undergraduate studies.

Additional information can be found, and the application can be downloaded, from the league's Web site at www. lwvnww.org. Click on 2008 Scholarship Application.

Applications must be post-marked by April 18.

Music boosters craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB

to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/ arteraft 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.

Historical walking tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network host an historical walking tour of the Shattuck-Garlett House 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8.

Peter Fralick originally built this structure as his harness shop on Penniman in 1841. Join us for a tour of one of Plymouth's oldest buildings and learn about it's travels before it settled in its current location on Church Street.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the museum. \$15 per person for nonmembers; limit of 12 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's web site at www. plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Sarah Bloem is astronaut Mae Jemison, Morgan Kelm is McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, Jacob Grady is Milton Hershey, Justin Murray is Pele, and Katie Birecki is Dr. Seuss.

Students step into the shoes of their heroes for biography project

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tara Lipinski has probably never seen herself this way before: a felt face, false lashes, perfectly coiffed synthetic blonde tresses, a yellowish orange costume and a pair of sparkly pink ice skates.

Oh, and her body was fashioned from a plastic two-liter

The fourth-grade class at All Saints Catholic School, which is located on Warren Road in Canton, has completed a popular, two-month project that is known as "The Bottle People."

Each student was asked to come up with three choices for the biography project and then narrow it down to one person. In addition to creating a likeness of their subjects, the children also dressed up like their characters and wrote a report about their life.

"My daughter could hardly sleep last night because she was so excited," said All Saints librarian Shannon Birecki of her daughter, Katie, 10.

Katie chose Dr. Seuss for her project.

"I love his books and I wanted to find out more about him," said Katie, who worked on her bottle person for nearly a week. Other bottle people included football legend Barry Sanders, cookie giant Mrs. Fields and a horseback-riding John Wayne. A Cleopatra replica sported smoky eye makeup and a jeweled gold wrap, Jane Goodall's long, white locks were pulled back into her trademark ponytail and Carlos Santana seemed ready to work the stage in a bright ensemble topped with a pair of shades.

"Every one of these are so different and so unique," Birecki said, adding that the project's fun factor doesn't take away from its academic value. "They learn what a biography is, they learn outlining and then they have to prepare a presentation."

In addition to having their bottle person displayed in the library, the children also had an evening presentation for their parents. The students lined the perimeter of the school's gymnasium and gave their presentations to passers-by.

Taylor Smith, 10, chose Shirley Temple as her character and said she had been looking forward to the project since the start of the school year.

"I saw a Shirley Temple movie and I really liked it," she said, while cradling her bottle person, which featured yellow ribbon as the iconic child actor's famous spiraled hair.





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Adding to a legend

Ernesto's changes to keep up with the times

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes changes are needed to keep up with the times.

That's just what the owners of Ernesto's restaurant on Plymouth Road are doing. The upper floor of the famous Plymouth restaurant, which serves mainly Italian cuisine, will remain the same. However, the lower level – once a banquet room – has been converted to Fast Eddie's Grill and Pub, a sports bar.

"People are still going out for dinner, but I think they're going out to places that are more moderately priced," said Cheryl Bohde of Livonia, the general manager. "We absolutely knew we had to meet the demands of the economic conditions.

"I remember a time when all through the week we had three dining rooms packed, I'd be putting bills on the table for \$500-\$1,000 and people didn't blink an eye," added Bohde, who's been at Ernesto's for 18 years. "The days of spending \$30 for an entree, while they still exist, don't happen as frequently as they once did here."

Fast Eddie's has four flatscreen televisions and is catering to a more casual crowd. While Bohde said the average price for dinner at Ernesto's is \$22, at Fast Eddie's it's about



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Danielle Denski and Angie Wright are ready to serve patrons at Fast Eddie's, the sports bar that has opened in the lower level of Ernesto's restaurant.



George
Golematis
is executive
chef and
partner at
Ernesto's/
Fast Eddie's in

half that. But, oddly enough,

Fast Eddie's will be serving much of the same menu as Ernesto's.

"As a chef working at other

places, I came here trying to change things, and I can't," admitted George Golematis, executive chef and partner: "The uniqueness of Ernesto's is a legend, he had some wonderful Italian recipes. So, we'll have the items we have upstairs (at Ernesto's) for dinner down here, but at lower prices. We'll also have a lot of seafood, steaks, all high-quality food.

"The difference between a lot of restaurants and this one is the difference between the men and the boys," said Golematis.

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MILITARY NEWS

Naval aviator

Navy Lt. j. g. Benjamin J. Burnham, son of Katherine J. Burnham of Plymouth, Mich. and James R. Burnham of West Dennis, Mass., was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Squadron 21, Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

Burnham was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Burnham followed a training curriculum that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, and landings and takeoffs about an aircraft carrier.

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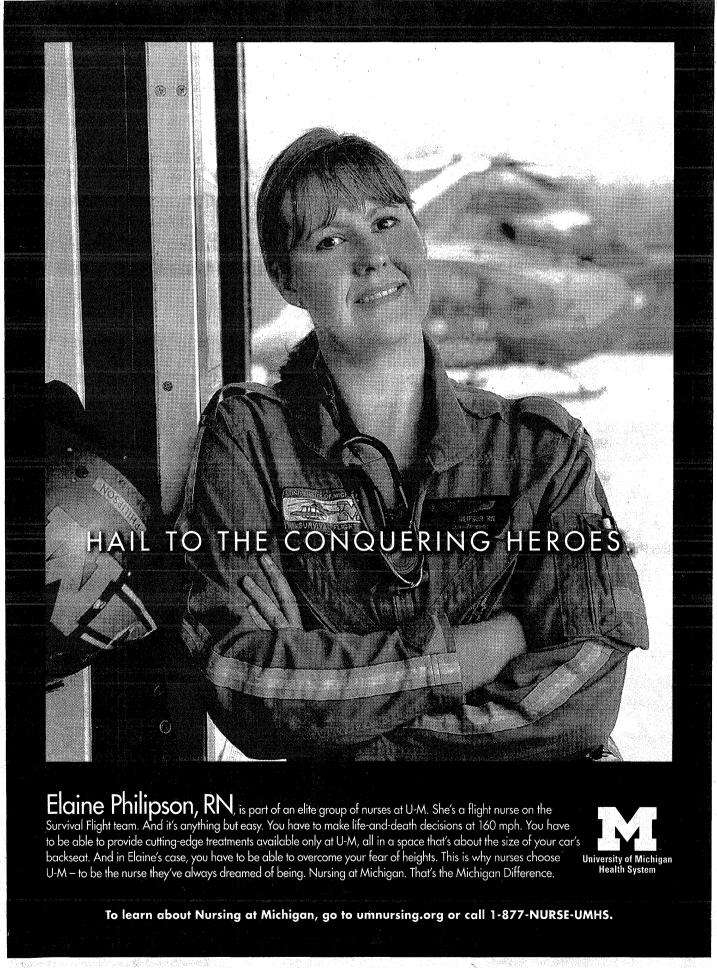
Burnham is a 1995 graduate

of James Madison Memorial High School of Madison, Wis. and joined the Navy in December 1998. He is a 2004 graduate of University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, Colo. with a bachelor's degree.

Reserve promotion

Nancy A. Hansen, U.S. Army Reserve, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. She returned from Afganistan where she served a one-year tour of active duty.

She is a 1982 graduate of Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of Richard and Dian Zylka of Plymouth, she currently resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband, Stephen, and daughter Stephanie.



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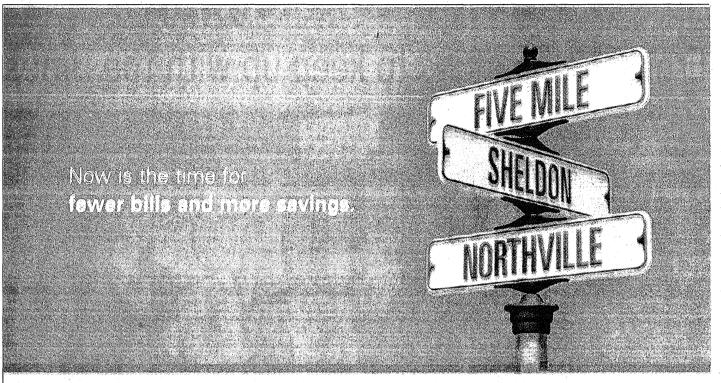
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Garage, eBay sales can have tax consequences

s tax deadline gets closer, more people are focusing on completing their 2007 return in order to qualify for the rebate that comes in May.

I recently had a conversation with an individual in regards to a variety of issues. One issue dealt with yard sales and the tax consequences.

Items sold less the cost of those items are considered profit and subject to income tax. The individual did not question me on whether technically the sale was subject to tax but rather how the government would ever find out.

Yes, the IRS does have mechanisms to make sure that certain information is reported accurately, such as requiring employers to complete W-2 forms or banks and brokerage houses requiring that dividend and income be reported on a year-by-year basis. However, most of our tax laws are selfenforcing. For example, when you make a charitable contribution even though you may receive some documentation from the charity, the IRS has



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Even on stock transactions, it is up to you to properly report the cost basis on the sale of stock and the only time you are required to verify that

number is if you were audited. Even though the IRS has increased the number of audits, the chance of being audited is small. According to the IRS, in 2007 it increased audits on individuals by 7 percent. That was the highest number of audits on personal returns since 1998. However, the total number of returns audited in 2007 was approximately 1.3 million which is a fraction of

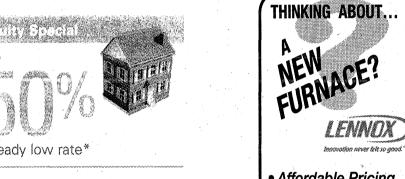
the number of taxpayers. Holding a garage sale is a taxable event and the taxpayer should report the income.

Although garage sales are not as popular as they used to be, one thing that has gained in popularity is the sale of merchandise on eBay. Individuals who sell on eBay also have to include profits on their tax returns.

The issue many people struggle with when it comes to selling on eBay is whether you are a business. The tax consequences are different for the casual seller vs. a business. Unfortunately, there are no set rules that define the difference, but a couple of factors the IRS does consider are the amount of time spent selling and whether

you advertise your products. The bottom line, whether you are selling at a garage sale or on eBay, is there are tax consequences.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com.

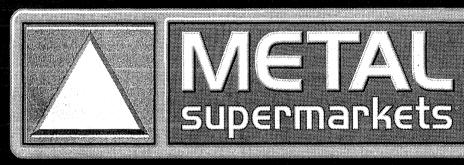


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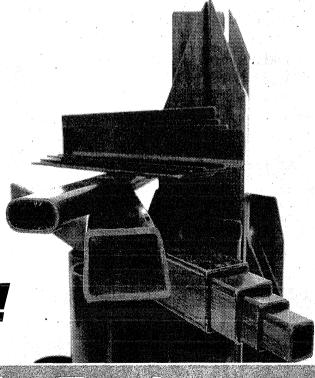




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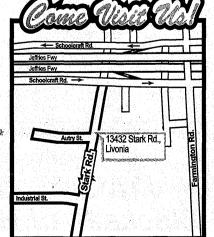
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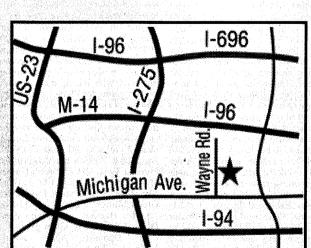
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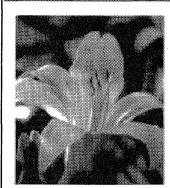
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waterford, formerly of Birmingham. March 3, 2008 at 99 years of age. Born June 9, 1908 in Detroit to the late David C. and Mary (Coulton) Pomeroy. He married Margaret Trout on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1932. She preceded him in death in 1997. He graduated from Detroit Northwestern High School in 1925. Then, in 1928 he graduated from Detroit Commercial College. He then began a career that spanned 68 years at New England Life. He became the ongest tenured employee/agent in the history of the company. He was nvolved in numerous civic organizaions including being past president of the Birmingham Community House, past president of the Old Newsboy Goodfellows, Trustee of Kalamazoo College and was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. Dear father of Kay (Donald) Beaudry, Mary Lu (Mack) King, David (Bonita) Pomeroy and Robert (Peggy) Pomeroy; also survived by nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and his nephew Ralph; brother of the late Robert and Luna May Pomeroy. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Chapel of Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford. Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund at Canterburyon-the-Lake. Envelopes will be available at the service. Arrangements were entrusted to Coats Funeral Home,



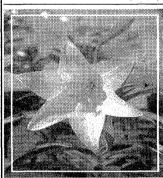
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JEANNE TERRY

Suddenly, February 28, 2008. Age 67. ongtime resident of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Dr. Gino for 45 years. Loving mother of Gino (Meg), Amy Ostdiek (Eric) & Cara Penoza Andy). Dear grandmother of Michael, fulia, Owen, Parker, Zachary and Leo. Sister of Maureen Guerrero and Renee Harris. Aunt of Anthony, Brian, Tricia & Lori. Funeral services and burial have taken place. Memorial tributes to American Heart Association, Karmanos Cancer Institute or Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

A.J. Desmond & Sons (248)362-2500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



KATHLEEN H. FALLON

Age 76 went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior on March 2, 2008 after a short struggle with pneumonia. Born in Detroit on 4-1-1931, she is preceded in death by her Mother and Father, Marion and Fredrick Close, her husband Eugene Fallon, her brother Fredrick Close II, her nephew Alex Brown, and her best friend Patricia Van Buren. She is survived by her 3 children Mary Fallon, Charles Fallon (Janice), Michael Fallon (Kathleen). as well as her grandchildren Jordan (Samantha), Joshua, Caleb, Gabriel, Christine, Micah, Elijah, Bridget (Eugene), Shannon, and April (Noah) and 7 great-grandchildren. Kathleen was a 1949 graduate of Immaculata High School in Detroit, and a graduate of the Providence Hospital Nursing program in 1952 where she became a registered nurse. She married Eugene Fallon in 1956 and lived in Lake Orion for 38 years. She was a devoted Mother, Grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. Widowed for 32 years, she was faithful to the Catholic church and to her family. She loved to travel, have Sunday dinners with her family, walk the mall, go to her grandkids sporting events, and spend time with friends. She was lovingly known as "Mrs. Fallon" to the many patients she saw while working for Doctor White. She was well loved and will be missed by many. She had a good life. Services were held at the Sparks Griffin Funeral Home in Lake Orion on Wednesday March 5. Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lake Orion on Thursday at 11am. Friends may visit at 10am until the time of the service. Dinner will be served at the church after the service. Contributions can be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which held special meaning to Kathleen. Memorial reflections can be sent to: www.sparksgriffin.com



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(nee Means) Of Farmington Hills, died March 2, at age 84 under the loving care of her son, Rick (Ronna) Earnest, daughter Wolford, grandchildren Michael Wolford and Jordan Earnest, and son-in-law John Wolford. Predeceased by her beloved husband James, Nov. 1991. Dear sister of Rex (Betty) Means of Spring Hill, LA and the late Anna (Tom) Miller, and Rusty (Chris) Means both from her beloved state of Arkansas. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Born in Woodbury, Arkansas, on Sept 4, 1924, daughter of the late Huey and Abbie (Porter). She graduated from Hampton High School as valedictorian in May, 1943. As this was during World War II and the government was in great need of typists and stenographers, she accepted a war appointment to the Pentagon. After she and James were married in Dec. 1945, they moved to Odessa Texas where their two children were born. In May, 1954 her family moved to Detroit, and subsequently to Farmington, Southfield, and then to Farmington Hills in 1992. In Aug, 1987, Lois retired with 30 years from Ford Motor Company, Dearborn. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, with viewing Wednesday March 5 from 2-8pm. She will be flown to Hampton Arkansas, with viewing at Benton Funeral Home on Friday, March 7, from 2-8pm with graveside service at Means netery on Saturday March 8 at loclock. Her faith in the Lord was ever strong. Memorial Contributions



may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

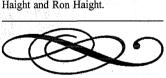
MAJORIE H. HITCHCOCK Age 89, of Livonia, Michigan, passed

away on Monday, March 3, 2008 at

the Wapello Nursing and Rehab Care

Center. Funeral services will be held

on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia, Michigan. Rev. Mark Miller will officiate the services. be in Glen Eden will Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Strike Foundation in memory of Mariorie. Sympathy notes may be left for the Hitchcock family www.lewisfuneralhomes.com Arrangements by the Geo. M. Wittich-Lewis Home for Funeral and Cremation Services of Muscatine, Iowa and the Fred Wood Funeral Home of Livonia, Michigan. Marjorie Hilda Haight was born on August 9, 1918, in Cortland, New York, the daughter of Floyd and Vivian (Potter) Haight. On August 17, 1941, Marjorie was united in marriage to Donald S. Hitchcock. Marjorie was a school teacher in the Detroit Public Schools for thirty-five years, retiring in 1981. She enjoyed traveling, going on vacations to the cabin in Michigan and watching the Detroit Pistons and CNN. Marjorie will be deeply missed by her two sons, Donald S. Hitchcock, Jr. of Livonia, Michigan and Richard R. Hitchcock, Sr. and his wife, Louise, of Flint, Michigan; two grandchildren, Richard R. Hitchcock, Jr. and his wife, Audie, of Letts, Iowa and Jeffrey A. Hitchcock and special friend, Katie of Romulus, Michigan; four grandchildren, Alex, Olivia, Jeff, Jr. and Joey; and one sister, Betty Milliman of Walcott, New York. She



was preceded in death by her parents,

husband, and two brothers, Jim

SARAH ANN KAUFMANN HAAS

Age 91 of Munson Twp., OH., died March 4, 2008. She was a K-1 teacher in Plymouth, MI. for 27 years. Married to John Henry Haas on May 30, 1941 in Bement, IL., Sarah graduated from Fort Scott High in 1934, graduated from Fort Scott Junior College in 1937 received a B.S. in Commerce from Northwestern University in 1939, Masters in Education from Eastern Michigan University in the late 1950"S, life member of American Association of University Women and several professional associations, instituted with others, many innovative programs for Plymouth, MI. area adults and children. Sarah, along with others, worked for the fulfillment of their dream that would one day become Schoolcraft Community College near Plymouth, MI. Survivors are Daughters: Barbara (T) Parkinson of Munson Twp., OH. Elizabeth (James) Marzonie of Littleton, CO. Brother: Mayer Day Kaufmann of Topeka, KS. Grandchildren: David Parkinson, Jennifer (Kevin) Kraus, and Mark (Karen) Marzonie. Great-grandchil-Danielle, April, Megan Makinzie, Spencer, and Mitchell. Great-great-grandchildren: Jakob and Cooper. Parents: Marx Mayer and Violet Audrey (nee: Day) Kaufman are deceased. Husband John Henry Haas died: April 10, 2004. The family has suggested donations be made to the Haas Family Memorial Fund, Corrine Dolan Center, University Hospitals. 12340 Bass Lake Road, Chardon, Oh. 44024. Private family gathering.

For more information please call: 440-285-2327

RUTH F. GRANDAHL

Age 78, February 29, 2008. Wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Paul H. (Mary), Stephen T. (Joy) and Kirsten Grandahl-Wells. Dear grandmother of Angelica, Donald II, Neil (Zoe) Jones, John Jones, Courtney Wells and the late Donald Jones. Great grandmother of Olivia Jones. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, ivonia. Burial at Parkveiw Memorial In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church or to the American Cancer Society in Ruth's honor. Condolence may be made to the family at

harryjwillfuneralhome.com



SR. LOUISE HIRNER, FSM Died March 1, 2008, at St. Mary of the Angels Convent, Richmond Heights, MO. She was 96 years of age. Sr. Louise was born Louise Caroline on September 28, 1911, in Hannibal, MO, the fifth of seven children born to Melchior and Angelique (Becker) Hirner. She entered the congregation now known as the Franciscan Sisters of Mary in 1936. Sr. Louise (also known as Sr. Bonaventure) professed her final vows in 1942. She earned her RN nursing certificate from St. Anthony School of Nursing, Oklahoma City, OK, her BS in Home Economics from Marymount College, Salina, KS, and her Master's in Dietetics from Saint Louis University. Sr. Louise ministered at St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, OK, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Hannibal, MO, and at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, and Mount Alverno Convent, Maryville, MO. Sister was a member of RAPT, the Renewal and Process Team who worked with both the OSF and SSM traditions through the process of the congregations' reunifi-cation/refounding. Sr. Louise is survived by one sister, Rose White, of ivonia, MI, and two brothers, Herman Hirner, of Paris, MO, and Paul . Hirner, of Lewistown, MO. Visitation for Sr. Louise will be held Monday, March 3, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m at St. Mary of the Angels Convent, 1100 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond Heights, MO. A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Convent, with bur-



ial to be held at Resurrection

Cemetary. Memorials may be made to the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Tribute

Fund, 1100 Bellevue Avenue, St.

WILLIAM B. FLETCHER

Age 79, March 1, 2008. Beloved husband of Ruth. Loving father of Terry (Vivian) Fletcher and Dawn (Matthew) Black. Dear grandfather of Timothy and Tonya Fletcher. Brother-in-law of Lorna Hanenburg. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Saturday at 11 AM. Visitation Friday 1 – 8 PM.



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MARCH

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 6, organist Kevin Bylsma perform music by Bach, Pachelbel and Vierne, 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 Avenue at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/ equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing and 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.

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.

Lenten Fish dinner

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 7 and 14, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Choice of baked cod or salmon with your meal. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children, under age 3 free. No dinner on Good Friday.

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, March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 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.

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.

'Seven Last Words of Christ' sung The St. Robert Bellarmine Choir

presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore Dubois at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the church, on the southeast corner of West Chicago and Inkster, Admission is free. For more information, call 313-937-1500.

Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, March 9 and April 13, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$4 adults, \$4

children age 10 and under. **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.

A guide to your spiritual journey

RELIGION CALENDAR

Discover the Seven Aspects of Spiritual Awakening 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at St. Irenaeus Church in Rochester. No charge. For information, call the church at (248) 651-9595 or Creative Books and Music at (586) 996-8660, or visit www.CreativeBooksAndMusic.com. 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.

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 marthanaul@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.

Lenten programming

Soup and salad bar 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 (\$5 donation to cover cost of dinner), followed by inspirational music by David Berriman at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Childcare available 6:30-7 p.m. A grand opening and dedication of the church's new Fellowship Hall is 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 15. The community is invited.

Lenten services

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

Wednesday Lenten services

7 p.m. Wednesdays 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 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday, March 23. Holy Communion second, fourth 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 a.m.

Lenten services

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

Mid-week worship

Continues 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-0211. Evening begins with worship followed by a simple meal of bread and soup, and concludes with fellowship and mission projects.

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, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events.

Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

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.

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) 495-0035.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734)

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, 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.

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.

Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479.

Spiritual healing Free lecture on spiritual healing based

on the teachings of Bruno Groening 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Church of Today West, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. For information, call Arsen Darnay at (313) 882-7946 or Sabine Goltz at (248) 593-9091. To learn about Groening, visit www. bruno-groening.org/english.

UPCOMING

Blended family workshop 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but last minute

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walk-ins welcome.

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

rational novels.

Day of Reflection Bethany Central Board is offering a Day of Reflection hosted by the Rochester Bethany 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. This Mini Conference will have two topics: Social Security Benefits for Divorced People and the Catholic Annulment Process, There

is no cost for conference and lunch will be served. For details, call Audrey (248) 613-5461.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services

A new series of sermons on the Doctrines of Grace is being preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or email Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net. **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 perclass. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www. orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

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

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

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

Tai Chi class

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

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video

series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-

ENDOW St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages

of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south-of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

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SYMPHONY

tation, which is on the effectiveness of the peace process in Guatemala."

Conductor Nan Washburn, who recently signed a threeyear contract to remain with the orchestras, said she's sad to see Philpot-Munson leave, but thrilled she's getting a chance to move on to a new adventure.

"She just made a huge impact on the organization and it's been wonderful working with her," Washburn said. "Her love of the community and the connections she's helped us make have been incredibly invaluable in areas such as board development, donor development and audience development. The groundwork she laid will help

in many more years to come."
Philpot-Munson became
widely known in the Plymouth
community for her efforts in
starting Friends of the Penn
to save the historic downtown
theater from the wrecking
ball.



Jennifer Philpot-Munson (center), shown here at a Friends of the Penn event, will leave her post as executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society following the PSO's dinner auction next month.

"Public speaking was very foreign to me and I remember holding a Sharpie (marker) in my hand and it was shaking," Philpot-Munson said of the group's first meeting in February 2005 at the Coffee Bean, where 50 people showed up to listen. "Angels started falling from the sky. People

with expertise in business plans, Web sites, designing and marketing came out to help. It was a community-wide effort."

Plymouth Canton Symphony Society President Steve Alexandrowski of Plymouth said Philpot-Munson succeeded in keeping the symphonies moving forward, a task he called "enormous."

"It's the complexity, two orchestras, nine concerts and the educational program in Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland schools," Alexandrowski said. "On the outside looking in, it doesn't seem like much to do. But when you have to coordinate all those programs, and have people in the right place, it's tough to do without a large staff. She did a great job and we are very sad to see her

Alexandrowski said the PCSS has already begun the search for a new executive director, which will be its fourth in the past nine years.

"Ideally, we'll have a candidate in the next couple of weeks," Alexandrowski said.
"It takes a lot of energy to bring a new person up to speed. It's a steep learning curve the first year, which means the board and staff has to work that much harder to keep the organization running smoothly."

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SCOUTS

Monaghan says the popularity of Pack 781 is in the numbers, with the pack growing from about 40 to 60 Scouts—the largest ever—from the Plymouths, Canton and Northville.

"Scouting is a very consistent and well-rounded opportunity for boys to be involved in," Monaghan said. "More than just athletic field team work and sportsmanship ... outdoorsmanship, appreciation and respect for the environment, patriotism and faith. Scouting has a centralized focus in the importance of a strong faith formation ... you don't see that much anymore."

Den Mother Jennifer
Lipinski of Canton Township,
whose son Alex, 11, was one
of the recipients of the Arrow
of Light award, said it's been
rewarding watching as the five
fifth-graders prepare to move
on to the Boy Scouts.

"They've been together since the first grade, developing friendships and just having good times," Lipinski said. "I've seen them grow in their respect for being a citizen and as an American, which can sometimes get lost in day-today life. It's an opportunity for them to learn skills they might not otherwise learn."

For Alex, it's been a chance to meet other boys his age and continue his education outside the classroom.

"It's really fun because there's a lot of nice kids, and you can make really good friends," Alex said. "We work on stuff you wouldn't do in everyday life, like camping, learning how to fix a tire, folding flags and learn great leadership.

"I think it helps you become a more mature because you're forming all these skills that really help you become a better person," he added. "Like teamwork and working as a community and building a lot of friendships."

Christine McCarthy of Plymouth Township said her son, 10-year-old Alec — also an Arrow of Light award recipient — has always been a "helper" and the Cub Scouts have helped to reinforce that.

"He's always enjoyed helping with doughnuts after Mass, raking leaves around the community and helping with the canned food drive every year," McCarthy said. "Those are some of the greatest things he's gotten out of it."

Alec said he's looking forward to joining Boy Scout Troop 781 at OLGC.

"Being in the Cub Scouts has taught us about respect and just treating people fairly, not being mean to other people," Alec said. "It keeps a balance in your daily life. I've met a lot of new friends, and they will probably be for a long time."

The other recipients of the Arrow of Light award were Sean Kelly of Plymouth Township, Matthew Westemeier of Canton Township and John Harrison of Northville.

OLGC has to re-charter Pack 781 each year, and there to help with the process is Bernie Papay, 71, of Canton Township, the self-proclaimed "oldest kid in the pack." Papay has 40 years in the Cub Scouts, starting as a cub master in Ohio in 1968 and then with Pack 781 when his family moved to Michigan in 1973. The retired General Motors engineer has stayed on long past his son's days in Cub Scouts, and is a committee member for the pack's religious awards.

"They keep me young," said Papay, who also conducts uniform inspections and a cake baking contest for the boys and their dads. "I've had an awful lot of fun.

"The whole program is set up for the parent-child relationship, and for many of the events — like camping and Whalers games — we bring the siblings along. I think that's why it's successful, it's because the boys get more out of it when the parents participate."

Monaghan said while the number of boys in the program is up, so is the number of adult leaders, which is now at 27.

"We don't make scouting a full-time job, which has helped get parents involved," Monaghan said. "We recognize kids are pulled in a lot of different directions and have a lot of choices. That's why most of our dens meet once a month in a formal meeting and then some other kind of outdoor activity on the weekend once a month, and one pack meeting a month to give out awards.

"Because we don't have as many meetings, it becomes more incumbent upon the parents to help in the many achievements to get an advance in rank and get the next badge," he added. "If the parent is active, they and the boys are more likely to keep involved in the program."

Nationally, the Boy Scouts showed a modest 1-percent loss in membership, while the western Wayne County area had a 4.4-percent increase.

"Our (Pack 781) retention level is 80 percent," Monaghan said. "When kids join our pack in the beginning, it's a good, safe bet that four out of five boys will stay with the program and graduate. That's not very typical."

Rick Williamson, chief executive officer of the Boy Scouts' Detroit Area Council, said it's very unique for an organization that started in 1930 to have a pack that is 50 years old.

"They have an outstanding chartered organization in Our Lady of Good Counsel, have had outstanding leadership over that time period and great parental involvement," Williamson said. "It's a great base for a program that continues to grow."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-FEBRUARY 26, 2008 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township

of Canton was held Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-13 Appointments of the Canton Tax Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen S Non

Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen=s Non Agenda Item Comments: A number of citizens and parents spoke in support of the proposed expansion of the National Heritage Academies, Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment Motion carried unanimously. of, the bills as presented. RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE FOEGE. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution in recognition of Catherine Foege. Motion carried unanimously. Catherine Foege has served as an original member of the DDA since 1984 (24 years). Ms. Foege was also past president of the Canton Chamber in 1985. Ms. Foege is a lifetime resident of Canton and past business owner. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE - CARRY OVER 2005 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment to carry over funds from the 2005 JAG (exp. 9/2008): Increase Revenues: Federal #207-000-507-0000 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment \$2,720. This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$15,257,327 to \$15,260,047. Increase Revenues: Federal Grant-LLEBG/JAG #207-000-507-0000 \$2,720 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$2,720. This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$15,257,327 to \$15,260,047. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR TAKAO AMERICA CORP. INDUSTRIAL ACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for March 25, 2008, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Takao located at 7075 Haggerty Road. Motion carried unanimously. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUMMITECH

ENGINEERING, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for March 25, 2008 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Summittech Engineering, Inc. for new personal property at their facility located at 47440 Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE CARRYOVER OF FY 2007 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the budget amendments in the 2008 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. HOUSING REHABILITATION - ROOF REPLACEMENT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award a contract in the amount of \$4,630.00 (Affordable Housing Contingency, 274 666 972 2007) to Leak Pro for a new roof at the housing rehabilitation project on Bellingham. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. PURCHASE DIGITAL SCANNER, PRINTER, COPIER

AND FAX MACHINE FOR FINANCE & BUDGET, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ITS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio MP3500SPF in an amount not to exceed \$7,927 (101-223-977-0000 – Copier Replacement) from Ricoh through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. UPGRADES TO IRRIGATION SATELLITE CONTROLLERS AND IRRIGATION HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to support the purchase of face Town LTCC.

authorize the purchase of four Toro LTC Satellite Boxes for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Spartan Distributors, 1050 Updyke Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 in the amount of \$9,975 to be taken from Account 584-756-971-0000, Capital Outlay-Land & Improvement. I further move to authorize the purchase of a Toro NSN three year service/ equipment agreement for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Toro NSN, P.O. Box 3339, Abilene, TX 79604 in the amount of \$6,429 to be taken from account 584-756-977-0000, Line Item #4, Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. AUTHORIZATION INDEPENCENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY SPONSOR SALES. (CLS)

AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY SPONSOR SALES. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the contract agreement for a term of one year with auto renews for up to two additional years with a sixty day non-renewal notice with Advantage Marketing located at 38777 Six Mile Rd, Suite 110, Livonia, MI 48152. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2008 MUNICIPAL

Item 6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2008 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR WATER, SEWER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2008 Municipal Services Department Capital Improvement Program as shown in the Budget

Worksheets for 2008 and the projects tentatively scheduled for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PO

Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PO 67216 TO BEST ASPHALT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,564.36. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase PO 67216 to Best Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$13,564.36 (account No. 246-750-970-0000, Community Improvement Fund — Pavement Management) for additional work performed for the Summit Sidewalk Entrance and Drainage Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MANHOLE ENCAPSULATION SYSTEM FROM HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS FOR SANITARY SEWER STRUCTURES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$11,288 plus a 10% contingency of \$1,129 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,417 from Account #592-441-935-0000 to HD Supply Waterworks to purchase the manhole encapsulation system supplies for placement around the sanitary sewer structures being adjusted as part of the 2008 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Item. 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO PURCHASE ORDER 61732 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,271.02 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED DURING THE CANTON CENTER/GEDDES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase PO 61732 in the amount of \$10,271.02 (account number 403-506-969-0000) to John Carlo, Incorporated for additional work performed for the Canton Center and Geddes Intersection Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID TO THE SPRING 2008

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the award of bid for street tree planting and watering for the Spring 2008 Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery Inc. for a total of \$89,843.00 plus a 5% contingency for maintenance of \$4,492,00 for a total purchase order of \$94,335.00 (account 101-285-970-0000, Tree Fund Planting). I further move to approve the award of bid for trail tree planting and street tree mulching for 2008 to Nature's Garden Center for a total of \$14,700.00. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON STREET TREE MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING ON COUNTY ROADS WHEREAS; street tree maintenance and planting on county roads is a community priority; and WHEREAS; Wayne County has agreed to allow streetscape maintenance and improvements to be performed on county roads within rights-of-way provided the community agrees to maintain and indemnify Wayne County relative to installation of the plantings: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Charter Township of Canton agrees to: maintain the tree planting at no expense to Wayne County; indemnify and save harmless Wayne County and its employees against all claims, suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE \$6,000.00 INVOICE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CANTON'S STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Canton's Storm Water Discharge Permit from account number 101-445-928-0000, Storm Water Permit Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. CONSIDER CANTON FUTURE LAND USE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Comprehensive Plan, including changes to the policies in the Future Land Use Element and changes to the Future Land Use Map, as depicted on the maps. 1. Amend Policy 1.2.1a and create Policy1.2.1b relative to the establishment of the "Office Residential" land use designation in the Future Land Use Element. 2. Amend Policy 1.5.2 and Policy 1.5.3 relative to the "Mixed Use" land use designation in the Future Land Use Element. 3. Amend the Future Land Use Map for parcels currently designated as "Local Shopping-Office Recommended" to "Office Residential" as shown on Map 2. 4. Amend the Future Land Use Map on the south side of Michigan Avenue west of Haggerty Road from "Light Industrial" and "Community Shopping" to "Mixed Use" as shown on Map 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the appointments of Lindsay Marie Hill, Gordon Johnson, Norman Mackay and Natalie Mosher to the Canton Board of Review for a two-year term effective March 1, 2008 to expire March 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will a Study Session on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. The Canton Township Home Improvement Expo will be March 1 & 2, 2008 at the Summit on the Park. Hours will be Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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I think I can: Conference for girls Saturday at Schoolcraft

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're a girl age 9-17, or a parent of such a daughter, a Saturday conference is for you.

"Be the Girl You Wanna Be!" will be held this Saturday, March 8, at the VisTaTech Center of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. It will be held 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for girls 9-17, moms, dads and professionals.

There will be a keynote speaker, two workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. Mistress of ceremonies is Fox 2's Fanchon Stinger. Keynote speaker is Gail Perry-Mason, first vice president of Investments, Oppenheimer & Co.

The conference is presented by Girls Matter, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides the annual conference for girls, their parents and professionals working with girls.

'I think there's something powerful in bringing that many girls together. It also reaches a lot of girls who otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to come to something like this.'

KIMBER BISHOP-YANKE, co-chair

Kimber Bishop-Yanke of Birmingham is co-chair of the March 8 conference and president of Girls Empowered, an organization that provides program for girls on issues like self-esteem and communication. She's looking forward to the program.

"This is our eighth year," Bishop-Yanke said. "Last year, we had 900 parents, girls and professionals.

"I think there's something powerful in bringing that many girls together," she added. "It also reaches a lot of girls who otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to come to something like this."

The cost is \$25 for online registration, \$30 for walk-in per person. You can pay online with a credit card.

Girls will choose from a number of workshops, such as "Civilized Assertiveness," "How To Create the Life You Want" and "Managing Conflict."

"There's a leadership panel," Bishop-Yanke said, with women from different career tracks speaking to girls.

For parents, topics will include a session for fathers on daughters, along with "Turning Your Daughter Into a Solution-Seeker" and "Developing an Attitude of Gratitude."

"Basically it meets the mission of what I do," she said of the community outreach effort

"We're expecting to get a record turnout again. It's just a fun event for girls to learn about being themselves," Bishop-Yanke said.

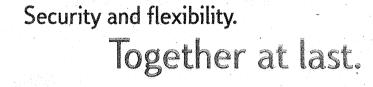
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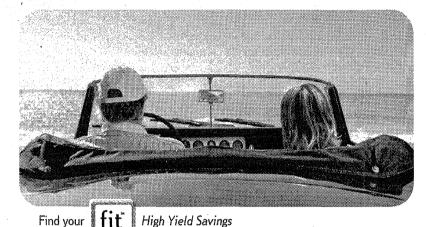
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OUR VIEWS

Don't misplace blame for bad news on taxes

Journalists know all about the phrase "don't shoot the messenger." It applies, sometimes, to the questions reporters ask and the stories that we write, when we need to remind people not to blame us just because the news isn't good.

The same can be said for the treasurer's office in Canton Township, which recently sent out residential property assessment notices. That office only delivered the assessment news, they aren't responsible for how bad that news is for some people.

While nobody wants to see home values decline residential assessments fell in Canton just as they did

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across metro Detroit - that fact is surely not a surprise in this economy and with the falling sales prices. That bad news, however, was compounded for those of us who have been in our homes several years. For many in that category, the decline in property value also comes with a tax increase.

Seems hard to believe, but it's a quirk of the state's tax system, which voters approved as Proposal A back in 1994. That system, which also altered our school funding system, set up a taxable value alongside an assessed value for every residential homestead property.

While assessments can continue to go up and down based around half of a home's market value, the taxable value can only increase 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The idea was to cap property tax increases to a reasonable level from year to year, and thus keep people (especially senior citizens) from being forced out of their homes by exorbitant tax hikes in high-inflation areas. When a home sells, the two values reset back to the same level.

If you've been in your home some time, your taxable value — the part by which they multiply your tax rate to set your tax bill — is probably lower than your assessed value. The inflation rate of 2.3 percent is pushing your taxable value and taxes you pay up by about that much, despite losing real value on your home. That could also happen again next year if the taxable value is still lower than your assessed value.

Of course, community officials could and should try to cut into those tax rates. But they're facing both increasing costs to provide services, along with declining revenues.

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'Spring forward' to help save a life

The weather outside still may be screaming winter, but it is time to "spring forward" when we go to bed Saturday night.

Daylight-saving time arrives at 2 a.m. Sunday. And while it might take a few days for our bodies to adjust, that feeling of losing an hour of sleep will quickly be forgotten.

Local fire departments again are urging the public to use the "spring forward" reminder to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, an exercise that if forgotten carries much more serious consequences than waking an hour late

Stories are reported every year both locally and across the country about lives lost in house fires. In many instances, a working smoke or carbon monoxide detector was all that stood between the homeowners' safety ... and life.

It may be a minor and temporary hassle to lose that hour of sleep Sunday morning, but taking the 30 seconds needed to put fresh batteries in our detectors will help guarantee we don't lose much, much more.

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Housing ills

First the good news. What a great time to be a (housing) buyer. The smart money is buying right now. It does not get much better and one needs not buy at the lowest point or sell at the highest peak to be a winner. Just being near the top on a sale and/or close to the bottom on a purchase is important.

Now the bad news if you own housing units in southeast Michigan. According to government statistics, the metropolitan area is suffering a 19.4 percent vacancy on nearly 2 million housing units of all types. For the first time in U.S. history, we have a housing excess. In SE Michigan, that means we have over 375,000 empty houses, apartments, manufactured homes and condominiums. That is why values have fallen and one cannot sell or rent that housing unit, at least not without big discounts from former values.

The statistics are these. From the U.S. Census Bureau estimates of American Housing Survey for the Detroit Metropolitan Area, there were 1,900,600 housing units in 2003. To that add the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments report on new permits for 2004 though 2008 of 42,975 and southeast Michigan has a grand total of 1,943,575 housing units.

Back to U.S. Census Bureau for the annual statistics 2007 and find that Detroit-Warren-Livonia has a vacancy rate in 2005 of 15.25 percent, with 2006 at a whopping 21.2 percent and 2007 (now) at 19.4 percent. The simple math of 19.4 percent on 1,943,575 is our 377,000 vacant housing units.

The inventory of excess housing has many ramifications, nationally, internationally, and most importantly, right where you live. All real estate is "local." When one talks to the social worker, the question is, "Why are there any homeless in a time of excess housing?"

When you talk to a developer of new housing, the question is, "Does your business plan included a demand/supply analysis for the final product?"

When talking to a lender, the question begs, "Why would you lend to a multifamily development of new units at a time when the lender's collateral asset is declining due to the oversupply?'

To the planning commissions, city councils and township boards: "Are we going to further detract from the value of our existing stock of housing by approving more housing stock to the excess inventory?"

To the new home builders: "Should you be looking at modernizing the existing stock of homes or revising your mission statement?"

> **Tom Goebel Plymouth**

Misplaced blame

I have noticed a few letters to the editor blaming Michigan's poor economy on the Democrats in office, both in the governor's mansion all the way down to our own city's representative. This strikes me as just so much political spin. Our entire country is going into another recession. In fact, this is the second recession where we have had the same man in the White House. That man is George W. Bush, a Republican.

Sure, Michigan is having a particularly tough time because of our ties to the auto industry. So are other industrial states like Ohio which had a Republican governor until last month. With the entire country in recession, I find it pointless to blame local governmental officials for this poor economic situation.

The last time our economy boomed, we had a Democrat in the White House. That was a good time. There were plenty of jobs, our 401(k)s bloomed; and the only thing we complained about was an affair, not an illegal war. This will be on my mind when I vote in November.

> Mark Reina Farmington

Get moving on Cobo

The expansion of Cobo Arena and retention of the North American International Auto Show are essential to southeast Michigan and Oakland County's economic health. The auto show alone pumps \$590 million into the local economy. Our region cannot compete for other major conventions because we lack adequate conference space.

This project has been studied and debated long enough. The latest plans have been considered and modified, considered and modified for two years. Gov. Granholm met with the elected executives of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties and Detroit last week without reaching a consensus. Brooks Patterson was going to boycott the meeting, but instead showed up late, bowing to public pressure. This was inappropriate grandstanding. Oakland County cannot be appropriately represented if it is not represented at the

Robert Ficano's proposal is an appropriate starting point, once the unnecessary frills are eliminated — \$35 million for a moving sidewalk on Jefferson Avenue is not a justifiable expenditure of public money. The governor and the elected heads of the three counties and Detroit need to set a self-imposed deadline when a plan will be approved and implemented, not just set another meeting.

Failure to adopt and act on such a plan not only jeopardizes the retention of the auto show, but signals to the business community that Michigan is incapable of cooperation in order to solve its problems. We cannot afford to let that happen.

Steven H. Schwartz Farmington Hills

Fair taxes needed

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

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

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

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

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

Paul J. Veselenak

Royal Oak

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"In Michigan, the communities that will be successful are those that will be able to grow their own businesses ... I'm impressed by the research and technology firms in the industrial parks, and while we'll be able to attract some business there, we've got to grow our own hometown heroes. They are the next superstars, and those who will be the most loval to the community going forward."

- Wes Graff, new director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, on the success of the downtown Plymouth business community

Granholm's latest budget again | Candidate finds little enthusiasm squanders a golden opportunity

he good news is that it doesn't look like we are one of our tragic disconnects in priorities: We are going to have a knockdown, dragged-out, controversial fight over this year's state budget. But in a way, that's bad news, too.

I'll explain in a minute. But first of all — have you noticed a monotonous "hum" coming from Lansing? That sound is the Legislature chew-

ing on the budget Gov. Jennifer Granholm sent it a few weeks ago. It covers the fiscal year that starts

That's a ways off, true, but it would be nice for once not to have to put off finishing the budget until the last possible moment. Unlike the previous budgets the governor has sent to our divided Legislature, this one was greeted by mild approval. Most experts

'rational" and "structurally sound." What the Legislature's priorities are was

praised it for avoiding partisan conflict by being

best expressed by state Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee: "We like no new fees and no new

The total budget, including federal aid and non-discretionary spending, comes to \$44.8 billion. That's up about \$1.1 billion, or 2.5 percent, from last year. It relies on \$1.4 billion in increased tax revenue, the product of the new Michigan Business Tax and income tax hikes that were passed last year after months of fierce partisan

That's how much money the system will produce, in theory, anyway. (If there is a shortfall, look for more cuts to come.)

Budgets are much more than toting up expenses and income; they are statements of our government's priorities. Ideally, these should arise from an overall vision of the future. And, true enough, there are some things to like about Granholm's budget. But as a shaped and disciplined expression of a vision for Michigan's future, it falls sadly

Michiganders are increasingly realizing that much of our future depends on our willingness to invest in human capital, whether in our schools or our colleges and universities. The budget calls for increased spending on education, including a 3percent increase in spending for higher education.

That's fine, as far as it goes. But Michigan has been leading the nation in the dismal and counterproductive exercise of cutting support for higher education. Even after the governor's proposed increases this year for our 15 public colleges and universities, we still are spending \$120 million less than we did in 2001, the year before she was elected.

Her fiscal 2009 budget proposes a \$50 million reduction in spending for state prisons, to be achieved by "reforms and efficiencies," though it isn't clear what those might be. Corrections spending has gobbled up ever-increasing slices of state

This budget ought to focus our attention on

spending more these days on putting felons in the slam than on educating young minds. Indeed, Michigan spends nearly 40 percent more on prisons than our neighboring states, even though our crime rate is just about the same. Isn't it time for a series of public hearings on corrections costs and results, complete with testimony from other states? I'd bet we have a lot to learn.

Most of us who understand this state also believe strongly in the distinctive competitive advantages Michigan has. We are, in fact, the country's "North Coast," a place of wondrous natural resources and a magnificent (and affordable)

For the first time in years, Granholm's budget proposes to increase funding for the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. That's OK, especially given that the DEQ is virtually out of money, but it's hardly the compelling or bold step we need to assure our future.

But perhaps the worst consequence of this "non-controversial" budget is that it puts off serious action on the kinds of far-reaching structural reforms that were proposed by the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel the governor convened more than a year ago. That panel included some of Michigan's most distinguished citizens, including two previous governors.

Their report was among the best of its kind. It pointed to a long-term financial crisis facing state and local government. It called for reforms in the tax system, but concluded that we should not just tax our way to responsible state spending. It urged structural reforms in the ways government is organized. That included changes in the fringe benefits of public employees, and suggested benchmarking what we spend — and what the state raises - against what happens in other states.

This report was disgracefully ignored while the governor and Legislature faced a budget crisis last fall. Serious reforms usually require a crisis to concentrate political will. We didn't have that will last year; in ducking the crisis then, our political leaders in Lansing missed a once-in-a-generation opportunity for big-time reform.

The EFAP's conclusions are still a valid recipe for financial survival: We need serious reforms in the ways we manage our state. Without these, we'll face a steady stream of enormous, long-term structural deficits.

Yet financial survival, important as it might be, is not enough. We still need a compelling common vision for Michigan's future that can shape and discipline the workings of our state. This year's budget may offer a few baby steps in the right direction. But we need to see a big picture.

And this budget doesn't even pretend to offer

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for campaign against McCotter

om Spencer is frustrated.

Despite an unpopular war, a crumbling economy and a national trend favoring Democrats, Spencer is finding it hard to get support for his campaign against incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter in the 11th

Congressional District race. Spencer, 55, a Methodist minister and veteran of 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, briefly suspended his campaign to resolve questions over his pension from the United Methodist Church. He recently restarted his campaign, but is finding little Hugh Gallagher

"I'm not sure how it's going," he said Tuesday. "The feeling I'm getting in the 11th District is that McCotter is so entrenched that people are not willing to provide the funding to fight him. Money is going to judges and county commission candidates.

He said he has been frustrated to read that Gary Peters has raised \$400,000 and Nancy Skinner \$300,000 in their campaigns to unseat 9th District Republican incumbent Joe Knollenberg. (Skinner recently withdrew

"I'm at zero. It makes it tough. I don't know how long it will last," he said.

In November, Spencer was the first candidate to announce against McCotter. Former Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, 66, announced his candidacy two weeks later. Spencer said he doesn't think there is a strong support building for Kriewall, either.

Kriewall is, however, more upbeat about his

"It's going well. I have my Web site up, I've been meeting with Democratic clubs in the area," he said Tuesday.

Spencer and Kriewall both entered the race because of their opposition to the war in Iraq. McCotter has been a supporter of the war in principle, though he has been critical of how the Bush administration handled the aftermath of the initial invasion.

"Everyone wants a change," Kriewall said. "It's good to make a change and I'm in tune

Spencer said he has been "plugging along," going door-to-door for petition signatures, but getting little response. He said he doesn't even have a staff.

"At this point I should have a staff and more money than I have," he said.

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He said there is a strong feeling that McCotter "doesn't represent the people."

McCotter has been criticized for his aloof manner, his staunch conservative ideology, his strong support of the war, his vote against expanding the state Children's Health Insurance Plan and yet he has never been seriously challenged. He has "voted his district" on trade issues and auto industry issues. He has moved to a leadership position in the GOP House caucus and has national party support and frequent national media expo-

The first time he ran, some pundits said he was running in a district that he helped carve for his benefit as a member of the Michigan Senate. It's a claim he vigorously denies. Still, the demographics have certainly been good for him over three elections. The first election was the only time he faced a wellknown public official, then Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley. In the last two elections, he has faced political novices, union leader Phil Truran and radio talk show host Tony Trupiano.

Certainly if there is a year when McCotter might be vulnerable, this is it. So why so little enthusiasm in the Democratic Party for taking him on?

Kriewall mentioned that he finally has his Web site up and running, kriewall4congress. com. Spencer has had a Web site for a while, tomspencer4congress.com. McCotter has both a campaign Web site and a congressional Web site, mccotter.house.gov and mccotterforcongress.com.

In the blogosphere, where apparently many people spend their time, two sites are devoted full time to "exposing" McCotter, madatthad. blogspot.com and mccottermonitor.blogspot. com. McCotter has his own blog site, repmccotter.blogspot.com.

It's a brand new world when it comes to politics, political discourse and even media coverage. Voters have an opportunity to surf the Web for every sort of fact and opinion on candidates. Project Vote Smart and the Washington Post both provide detailed accounts on how each member of Congress voted.

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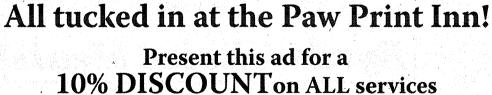
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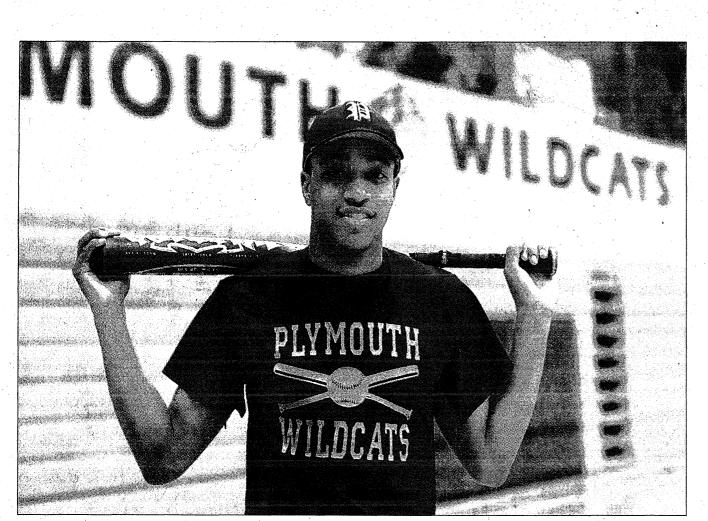
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Plymouth senior David Harvey has won a 2008 Michigan High School Athletic Association scholar-athlete award.

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Pair of Wildcats presented with MHSAA scholar-athlete awards

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Not many high school athletes in Michigan perform the demanding and time-consuming academics-athletics juggling act better than Plymouth seniors David Harvey and Pam

On March 15 in East Lansing, the pair of Wildcats will be presented with the 2008 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award Scholarship during halftime of the boys Class C basketball championship game.

Close to 2,000 students applied for the \$1,000 scholarship back in the fall, but only 32 were chosen — 14 from Class A schools — following a competitive selection process that took into account grade point averages, athletic achievement and a 500-word essay on sportsmanship each applicant was required to

write. The duo are the third and fourth Plymouth student-athletes to earn the honor the past three years. Chelsea Quinlan won last year while Alex

Mihelick received the award in 2006.

The honor was frosting on the scholarship cake for Bhullar, a cross country/track standout who has a 4.0-plus GPA. The day before she heard the good news from the MHSAA, the multi-talented Canton resident discovered she had been awarded the prestigious Air Force ROTC scholarship, which will pay for pretty much her entire college costs, including medical school.

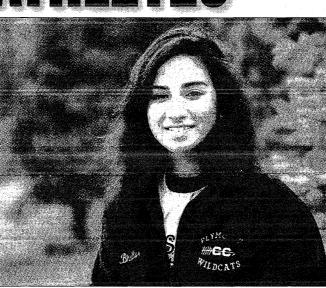
Bhullar's secret to academic success is multi-tiered.

"With all the extracurricular activities I'm involved in, things can get a little overwhelming," she admitted. "But I find that having faith, never giving up and finding a balance are the keys.'

An established long-distance runner, Bhullar has earned seven varsity letters — four in cross country, two in track and one in gymnastics.

More importantly, she has logged more than 300 community-service hours — many spent talking to cancer patients at the University of Michigan

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Senior Pam Bhullar has made a positive mark both in the classroom and on the running trails at Plymouth High School. A 4.5 student, she recently completed a stellar four-year career for the Wildcats' crosscountry team.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

One of the requirements for the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award Scholarship applicants was to write a 500-word essay on sportsmanship. Following are excerpts from Pam Bhullar and David Harvey's winning essays:

Pam Bhullar: "There is no quintessential definition of sportsmanship, rather it's a virtue that embodies all life is and all it can become with the right attitude." David Harvey: "Sportsmanship is all about respect. On the field

or off the field, you must show respect for your opponent, your teammates, your coaches, and most of all yourself. How you carry yourself is the first thing that gives off the impression of what kind of person you are."

High-flying Parkway ousts Agape

PCA falls to City; see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team didn't get outplayed by Sterling Heights Parkway Christian Monday night as much as it got out-jumped by the Eagles.

Doing most of the jumping for the victors in their 67-53 victory was junior forward Zurlon Tipton, an All-State running back with All-World hops

Tipton netted 16 points, 16

rebounds **BOYS PREP HOOP** and four steals to lead his

team into Wednesday's Regional final against Detroit City. "That young man looks like he

has a 35- or 40-inch vertical jump," observed Agape coach Keith Anleitner, referring to Tipton. "A lot of times we'd stop them, but he'd go up, get a rebound and put in the put-back. It kind of put a dagger through our heart.

The setback, which capped the Wolverines' season at 17-7, couldn't put a damper on Anleitner's feelings toward his team, which worked its way into the school's record books with a solid regular season and spectacular postseason.

"The boys played their hearts out tonight," said Anleitner. "We gave it everything we had and as far as I'm concerned, as a coach, that's all you can ask for. We left it all on the court tonight, but the better team

"They're a little down right now, a little exhausted. This whole tournament thing — playing a game one night and leaving it all on the court, then practicing the next day for an hour or two before doing it all over again the next night — is physically, emotionally and mentally exhausting.

"I'm real proud of this entire group. They've accomplished more than any other team at Agape and they're just a great bunch of guys."

Ty Majeski led the Wolverines with 13 points. Terrell Pierce added 11 points and four rebounds; Daniel Walker netted seven points and six boards while Joel Ruffin and Jared Miller both contributed six points.

Tipton was far from a one-man show for the Eagles, who also received strong efforts from Larry Houser III (15 points and five rebounds), Joe Peters (14 points and nine caroms) and Patrick Lubek, who twined 10 points.

Agape battled from the out-Please see AGAPE, B4

Compuware hosts prep puck finals

While the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers are on the road this weekend, the Michigan **High School Athletic** Association will host the boys state high school hockey championships today through Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Ticket prices range from \$6 to attend the semifinal games on Thursday and Friday to \$7 to attend the championship games on Saturday. Fans can buy an all-weekend pass for

The Division 2 semifinal games will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Division 3 semis are set for Friday at noon and 2:30 p.m. while the Division 1 semis will face off Friday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's finals will unfold at the following times: Division 2-11a.m.; Division 3-3p.m.; and Division 1 $-7 \,\mathrm{p.m.}$

Wolfpack tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack 14U AAU basketball team will be holding tryouts for the 2008 spring and summer season on Wednesday, March 12, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

The tryouts will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration starting at 5:30 p.m.

To be eligible, athletes must live within the Plymouth-Canton school district and have a birth date on or after Sept. 1, 1993. There will be a \$15 registration fee to participate in the tryouts. Registration forms and additional information can be found at www. plymouthcantonwolfpack.com. For more information, send an e-mail to cantonwolfpack@yahoo.com.

'Cat cheer team places 3rd

The Plymouth cheerleading squad placed third in the WLAA Western Division **Competitive Cheer** League meet held Feb. 23 at Northville High School. The first-year squad consists of two seniors, three juniors, eight sophomores and 10 freshmen.

Track fund-raiser

The Salem girls track team will hold a 5K/10K fund-raising race 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15, on the P-CEP varsity track.

The race-day fee for the 5K race is \$25; the race-day 10K fee is \$30. Shirts are guaranteed for all participants who register before March 8.

To register online, visit www.secondwindrm.com.

Tall order

Epley casts a long, impressive shadow on wrestling mat

Prep Profile

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A wave of memories is liable to wash over Salem's Jeremy Epley the moment he steps off a high school wrestling mat for

the Palace of Auburn Hills. When you dedicate four years of blood, sweat and summer

the final time this weekend at

vacations to becoming one of the best at your craft, it's hard not to get nostalgic when the end arrives.

Based on the senior standout's enviable work ethic and the remarkable senior season he's molded thanks to his impeccable technique and unparalleled mat smarts, the moment is likely to come sometime Saturday — very possibly in the early-evening's Division 1 Individual State Meet's 160-pound final — and the memories promise to be pleasant.

Towering target

At 6-foot-4, the angular Epley offers a tall target for his usually shorter, wider opponents. But it's a target that has been frustratingly difficult to catch as 41 of his 45 opponents this season have discovered.

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PALACE PARTY

What: Individual Wrestling State Meet; When: Today through Saturday;

Where: Palace of Auburn Hills;

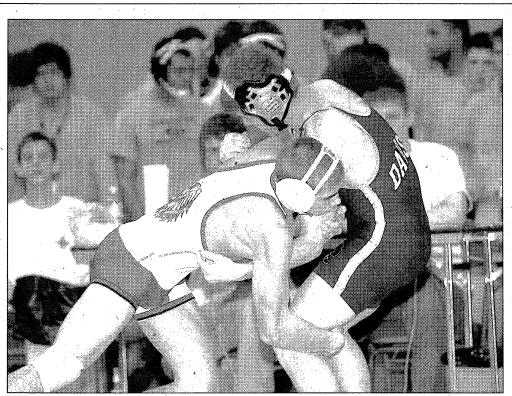
How much: Reserved seats are \$10; general admis-

What time: Round 1 starts at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday; Round 2 8:30 a.m. Friday; Round 3 11 a.m. Friday; Round 42 p.m. Friday; Saturday's finals commence at 4:45 p.m.

Local connections: Following are the eight P-CEP 'grapplers' first-round pairings - 103-pound Waleed Faraj (Canton) vs. Gary Cicotte (L'Anse Creuse); 125pound Donnie Wakins (Canton) vs. Tyler Bunting (Rochester Adams); 130-pound Kevin Hayter (Salem) vs. Josh Houldsworth (Holly); 135-pound Steve Cox (Canton) vs. Alex Ermatinger (Kalamazoo Central); 140-pound Brent Winekoff (Canton) vs. Richard Newbill (Utica Ford); 160-pound Jeremy Epley (Salem) vs. Mike Wranosky (Macomb Dakota); 171pound Rodger Kropp (Canton) vs. Kyle Summerfield (Hartland); and 215-pound Dan Wanshon (Canton) vs. Jarrett Lintz (L'Anse Creuse).



Salem's Jeremy Epley will take a stellar 41-4 record into today's Division 1 State Individual Wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The senior captain has 99 career wins.



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DOUG BARGERSTOCK

Battle for leverage

Canton's Brent Winekoff, pictured above competing in last week's Division 1 Team Wrestling Finals, will be one of six Chiefs wrestling in the Individual State Finals set for today through Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Jeremy's never been the biggest kid, but he's overcome that with his technique and intensity," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Size really has nothing to do with how well a kid does. It's all about hard work, technique and knowing what you're doing out there — all things that Jeremy excels at."

A victory over Macomb Dakota's Mike Wranosky in today's 160-pound first-round match would give Epley 100 career victories — a milestone not even approached by wrestlers who don't go above and beyond to achieve greatness.

Wrestling is imbedded in the Epley family DNA. Jeremy's dad, Randy, excelled at Livonia Franklin in the mid-'70s and his older brother, Randy, competed for four years at Salem.

"I've loved it ever since I went to the Salem wrestling room a couple times with my brother in eighth grade," said Epley, who carries a 3.6 grade point average into the waning days of high school. "I like the 1-on-1 part of the sport; knowing that you win or lose based on how well you execute.

"The hardest part about wrestling my freshman year was getting used to the longer season. It's five months compared to three for football, so I had to learn to stay focused over a longer period. I also had to learn how to come back after a loss."

Season to remember

Rebounding from losses hasn't been an issue this season as he's registered a 41-4 mark and top 10 ranking at his weight from Michigan

Grappler magazine. Included on his 2007-08

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

team's magical run through the

PCA, which finished 7-17,

stayed within striking distance

despite getting out-rebounded,

Junior Brent Zinn led the

out a stellar high school career with 15 while Spencer Wiard

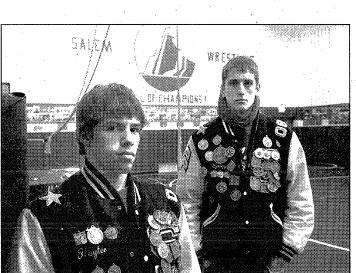
38-11, by the spring-loaded

Eagles with 18 points. His senior brother, Trevor, closed

contributed 11.

The Plymouth Christian

Academy boys basketball



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kevin Hayter (left) and Jeremy Epley will be representing Salem at the Division 1 Individual State Wrestling Finals beginning today through Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Hayter wrestles at 130 pounds while Epley competes at 160.

resume are three tournament Most Valuable Wrestler medals, a first-place showing at the Observerland Tournament, a runner-up finish at the Williamston Tournament and a second at the WLAA Wrestling Championships.

"One thing about Jeremy is that a lot of times he'll come back and beat a guy that's beaten him earlier in the season," said Woochuk. "He learns from his mistakes and does a nice job of bouncing

Summer vacation?

Each of the past three summers, Epley has honed his skills at a series of demanding summer camps, including the renowned monthlong J Robinson Camp, which he. attended prior to his junior year at Salem.

"It's 28 days long and very intense," he said. "The most important thing I learned there was that I was capable of doing more than I ever thought I was capable of

PCA gives Detroit City all it can

handle before falling by twelve

BOYS PREP HOOP

"I was very happy with our

ball movement, especially in

the first half," said PCA coach

Mike Doyle. "We created and

Last summer, Epley attended a camp in Iowa that was run by legendary grappler Dan Gable. Included in the registration fee was a dinner at Gable's house.

"It was pretty cool," Epley said. "We took a tour of his house, got to see all his awards and everything. He has a wrestling room right in his house, which is neat."

Epley was a key member of the Salem varsity football program the past two seasons. He was one of the Rocks' mostproductive receivers both years and an exceptional twoway player as a senior.

"Wrestling helped me a lot with football, especially the conditioning part of it," he said. "I know a lot of kids who thought football practices were hard, but they weren't that bad compared to wrestling."

A collegiate wrestling career is probably not in his cards, said Epley, who is planning on attending Michigan State University in the fall.

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Madonna baseball team ready to swing

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Madonna University head baseball coach Greg Haeger is excited about his 2008 squad, with a blend of power, speed and outstanding pitching that could make it one of the best in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

There are eight top-notch pitchers, including holdover right-hander Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn, 1.15 ERA in 2007), vying for a six-man starting rotation.

"This is the best team we've had here," said Haeger, following yet another indoor workout at the Madonna Activities Center. "We have so many components."

Madonna went 34-20 overall and 15-9 in the conference in 2007, bowing out to Spring Arbor in the NAIA Region VIII regional championship.

Just like last season, Haeger said the 2008 Crusaders have the right stuff to contend in the WHAC and make noise in the postseason tournaments.

"We're very confident about what we can do," he emphasized. We feel like teams are going to have a difficult time playing us."

Two big reasons for his excitement are the return of a healthy David Herrick (Westland/ Livonia Churchill) and junior transferee Zach McMillin, a fast, defensive whiz who could become the leadoff batter and starting center-fielder.

"He's kind of like our Energizer Bunny," said Haeger about McMillin, who played at Lansing Community College last year. "He's a high-output kind of kid who is hard-working and a great team guy."

Herrick, a senior slugger, tore an anterior cruciate ligament early last year, ending a promising season that began with 17 hits in his 34 at bats (.500).

Following is a closer look at how the team stacks up:

Apparently healthy, Herrick will divide time between designated hitter, first base and catcher which is the only position Haeger doesn't have a lot of experience at.

For certain, Haeger knows Herrick will be a big thumper in the middle of the lineup, regardless of where he plays.

"He'll be a very big part of our offense," the coach said. "We'll bat him in the middle of the lineup, he's a difficult out. He was having a great offensive year last year before he got hurt."

Haeger and his coaching staff, including Mike George (who is taking on more of a role to work with the catchers) decided to work Herrick into consideration at the position.

"As a staff we've been looking to make sure we have a little bit of age behind the plate," Haeger said. 'So David's been getting some increased reps."

Freshman catcher Tarik Khasawneh (Canton, redshirted in 2007) likely will see a good amount of action, too, at least until hard-hitting sophomore Zack Flavin returns from injury. "Tarik has really improved this

year, he'll have an opportunity to start a game down there (in Tennessee)," Haeger said. "Tarik's made great strides."

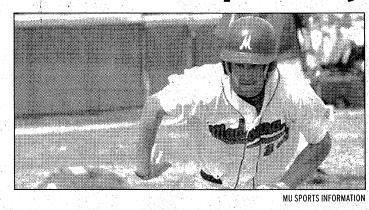
Other first-year receivers looking to earn a spot include Drew Adamiec (Walled Lake Central) and Matt Kondziolka. "He'll be a very big part of

our offense. We'll bat him in the middle of the lineup, he's a difficult out. He was having a great offensive year last year before he got hurt."

INFIELD

Slick defense and plenty of extra-base power will be other plentiful traits of the 2008 Crusaders, at least if the players transfer their talent to the field.

great hands and very good arm



As a freshman, outfielder Rikco Rhoades provided an offensive and defensive boost to the Crusaders. He is one of several excellent fly-catchers in the fold

strength," Haeger said. "And he has good gap-type power at the

Kenny has such a great arm that he is being seriously considered to be the team's closer. As for Plinka, he has garnered

notice for his hard work in the training room, where he added about 10 pounds of muscle to his "Nick is getting stronger, he's

got some offensive pop in his bat," Haeger said. "He has things to work on, as many freshmen do when they come to college. Right now, he's a bench player at this point."

Over at shortstop, the Crusaders will open with another transfer player - senior Levi Cheshire (Troy/Austin Peay University). Cheshire takes over the role vacated by the graduations of Kyle Fedorka and Matt Humenay, but he appears capable of doing just that.

"Levi's just got outstanding defensive skills, he's a very good baseball player," Haeger said. "He's got all the ingredients." Promising freshmen short-

stops with big-time potential are Northville's Dominic Benavides and Rochester's Mike Gansser.

Haeger expects both to chip in as utility players in 2008, but both are destined to start — somewhere in the infield — in 2009. "As a staff, we're tickled pink

with these two kids that they can play middle infield positions," Haeger said. "We're trying to figure out where they're going to suit this program best - not this year, but next year." Returning to nail down the

second-base job is junior Ryan Morrow (.344), who led Madonna in hitting much of last year and also provides "excellent defense with great speed."

When Herrick isn't playing first base, Farmington's Kevin Zerbo

The powerful Zerbo (6-2, 240) sparkled as a Madonna freshman in 2005 with a .340 average and six home runs before leaving the program and playing at Henry Ford Community College.

"He's bigger and stronger than he was back then," Haeger said. "Between Kevin and David, you're looking at our first basemen or DHs.

Another backup infielder will be sophomore Drew Fry, who is continuing to improve. "Drew has been a very good baseball player for us," Haeger said.

OUTFIELD

Probably the areas where Madonna has the most competition will be outfield and on the mound. McMillin has an early jump on

playing center, a position nailed down in 2007 by then-freshman Rikco Rhoades (.260).

This time around, Rhoades could start anywhere in the outfield or not at all — that's how outstanding the top candidates are, especially at flagging down anything hit their way.

"Rikco's a very good defensive outfielder already," Haeger said. "But he came on a lot offensively during the season and is another kid who is probably 15 pounds stronger than he was last year. He has impressed the staff with the

West Bloomfield product Mike Cauzillo, a senior, is another dependable outfielder who is working to bounce back from a disappointing season at the plate (.212)."But he (Cauzillo) had a good

homers and 15 RBI in 32 at-bats)

and Canton's Shawn Little — asecond-year freshman who was redshirted in 2007.

Boyer already has the attention of the always-dedicated coaching staff, which includes hitting coach Stu Rose, Ted Falkner, George (who started the MU baseball program in 1993) and Fedorka (as a graduate assistant coach).

But it is Little who could really amp up the discussion, after he recovers from a hamstring injury that will keep him from traveling to Tennessee.

"He (Little) is a very dynamic player," Haeger said. "He has great speed, great power and is a very

strong kid." The sixth outfielder on the depth chart is promising Adam

Will Kennedy (5-1 last year) probably is the ace of what could be an outstanding, championship-type starting rotation. Eight juniors and seniors are in the mix for the six-man rotation.

"Will had a fantastic year, the third best ERA in the country at 1.15," Haeger said. "Going into his senior year he's only had three losses in his college career. He's been a great pitcher for us. We expect another great year out of him.

Lefthander Eric Wendling, a senior who went 6-3 with a 3.25 ERA in 2007, shared the top role a season ago with Kennedy. "He didn't have a single soft start. Those two will lead our charge, I guess you'd say.'

But Haeger also could slot any of six others into the 1-2 spots of his rotation, without any concern.

Newcomer Richard Lindquist (a senior righty from Mott Community College) throws in the low-90s. "Richard's got a great, powerful arm and great stuff."

Oxford junior southpaw Sean Maher, another addition to the squad, throws in the upper 80s and "has a great breaking ball." Then there's Lansing

Community College transfer Jeff Sonnenberg (a junior right-hander who was 8-2 last season), returning senior righty Ryan Bardoni, sophomore righty Keegan Beaton (a Crusader in 2006) and Northville freshman Bret Spencer (a right-hander who was player of the year in his conference in

"They're so even across the board," Haeger said. "It's a very competitive place to be.

Senior side-arming righties John McCracken and Carl McDevitt will be called upon to help close out ballgames. "We like both of them," Haeger said.

If Kenny shows he is able to throw strikes, he could be the closer — taking a short walk from third base late in contests.

"He'll stand on the mound and throw the ball in the low 90s," Haeger said. "We're teaching him how to pitch, but he has great arm strength and he's done a pretty good job in here (gym). We'll see if he's going to materialize into a shut-down closer" or not.

Garden City junior Richard Hammer, a right-hander who was redshirted last year, could help chew up some innings with a solid curveball. "Richard has a good curveball,

he's done a good job (during the winter)," he said. "Richard's had a lot of success here in these (indoor) cages."

Surgery will sideline Ryan Brodowsky (Farmington), and freshmen Andy Omilian (Plymouth/Detroit Catholic Central) and Sean Sciba (Westland/Livonia Churchill) likely will be redshirted if it is decided there won't be enough work for them this season.

post-season came to a screech-Starting at third base will from the perimeter, they still ing halt Monday night, but not made a lot of wide-open shots fall and he's had a real good winbe senior transferee Pat Kenny before the Eagles played toebecause we were sharing the shot 53.4 percent from the field ter, so we're hoping he can get (Saginaw Valley), backed up by some confidence," Haeger said. thanks to a bundle of offensive to-toe with the fifth-ranked ball and playing as a team, freshman and Livonia Stevenson put-backs. Others pushing the top three team in the state for more than which is what we've been alum Nick Plinka. "Defensively, he (Kenny) has PCA sank 21-of-51 field goal are junior Scott Boyer (.313, three preaching the past month.

Detroit City soared into "The Zinn brothers did a Wednesday night's Class D great job of penetrating, draw-Regional final against Sterling ing the defense to them, then kicking it back out." Heights Parkway Christian after it outlasted PCA, 72-60, The Eagles actually led their in a game played at Bloomfield taller, quicker foes 16-15 after

Hills Roeper. one quarter before the Bears seized a 31-25 halftime advan-The victorious Bears were led by 6-foot senior guard Ray Hill, who poured in 22 points, The Bears' biggest advantage including a trio of dunks that came with 6:30 left in the game defied gravity and the Eagles' when Hill went LeBron James improving help defense. and took off from just inside

the free-throw line for a majestic jam. Joining Hill in the doublefigures club for City were Hakeem Whitehead, who added 14 points and a teamhigh 12 rebounds: William Overton, who contributed 13

points, and Devin Patton, who

added 10. Reid Barber led PCA rebounders with four. Both teams were dead-on from the free throw line: City

hit 12-of-13 (92.3 percent) while PCA drained 16-of-18 (88.8).Although the Bears were cold

attempts (41.1).

City turned the ball over 20 times; the Eagles had 16 mis-Despite the loss, Doyle was

upbeat about the way his team overcame a 4-16 regular season to win its first District title since 2000 last week. "I'm still numb from it." he said, smiling. "To be able to

come full circle this season - we lost our first game of the year to Lutheran Westland and then beat them in the District final - shows how much this team improved as the year went on.

"I had people coming up to me that I don't even know congratulating me on what we did last week. It's been an incredible week."

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Crusader hitters struggle in Arizona Rhoades and a throwing error. Kennedy (Westland John Glenn)

Still struggling at the plate Monday against Malone College (Ohio), the Madonna University baseball team managed to score just two runs while dropping a doubleheader Monday in Chandler, Ariz.

The Crusaders (3-4) lost 1-0 to Malone, spoiling a completegame by Jeff Sonnenberg, who did not give up an earned run.

In the second game, Mayville State (Tenn.) earned a 6-2 triumph over the Crusaders, scoring three runs in the eighth to break open a close contest.

Madonna did take a 1-0 led in the second against Mayville, on singles by Levi Cheshire, Rikco

But Mayville (3-2) tied the game in the third and went up 3-1 with two runs in the fifth against starter Ryan Bardoni.

Rhoades went 2-for-3, with other hits by Ryan Morrow, Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills), Mike Cauzillo (West Bloomfield) and Drew Adamiec.

Morrow, Zerbo and Cauzillo also tallied hits in the loss to

Malone. Meanwhile, MU split a pair of games last Saturday versus

Malone. The Crusaders dropped game one, 3-2, in extra innings after

started and went the first seven innings, but took the loss.

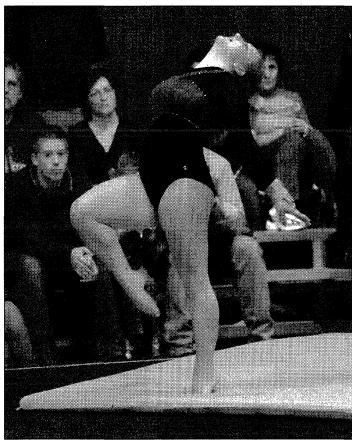
Pat Kenny and Zack McMillin each posted a pair of hits to lead the MU offensive attack. In the nightcap, the MU bats

responded to the warm weather, posting a 12-2 victory.

Sean Maher picked up the win, moving to 2-0 on the young

Kenny launched his third homer of the season while McMillin and Rikco Rhoades

each had a pair of hits and a RBI. Freshman catcher and Canton product Tarik Khasawneh went rallying to tie the game late. Will 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.



Canton senior Jessie Murray, pictured above at a meet earlier this year, helped the Chiefs place second at Saturday's Division 1 Regional meet at Plymouth High School.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

REGIONAL GIRLS GYMNASTICS MEET March 1 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM SCORES: 1. Livonia Blue, 145.625; 2. Canton, 143.70; 3. Northville, 141.975; 4.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS Vault. 1. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.425; 2. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.4; 3. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 9.3; 4. Katie Koetting (Salem),

Uneven bars: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.55; 2.
Makenna Pohl (Northville), 9.35; 3. Brittany
Janis (Blue), 9.2; 4. Koetting (Salem), 9.1.
Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.65; 2. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.625; 3. Quint (Blue), 9.55; 4. Jessie Murray (Canton),

Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.625; 2. Koetting (Salem), 9.55; 3. Piwowar (Canton), 9.475; 4. Murray (Canton), 9.45. All-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 38.025; 2. Quint (Blue), 37.65; 3. Powers (Blue), 36.875; 4. Koetting (Salem), 36.70.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS Vault: 1. Allison Kemp (Northville), 9.1; 2. Brittany Romatowski (Edsel Ford), 9.0; 3. Lauren Kriger (Grosse Pointe), 8.95; 4 Laura Nomura (Blue), 8.9. **Uneven bars:** 1. Romatowski (Edsel Ford), 9.7; 2. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 9.05; 3. Nomura (Blue), 8.7; 4. Julie Davison (Northville),

Balance beam: 1. Nomura (Blue), 9.3; 2. Brittany Young (Salem), 9.1; 3. (tie) Davison (Northville) and Margarita Lazarevska Red), 9.0 each; 5. Amy Reynolds (Northville), 8.9

Floor exercise: 1. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.425; 2. Romatowski (Edsel Ford), 9.325; 3. (tie) Young (Salem), Kriger (Grosse Pointe) and Kemp (Northville), 8.9 each; 6. Amy All-around: 1. Romatowski (Edsel Ford), 35.975; 2. Nomura (Blue), 35.55; 3. Young (Salem), 34.95; 4. Tapella (Blue), 34.775.

Plymouth Historical Society to host free baseball lecture

The Detroit metro communities have had a strong tradition of baseball excellence including national championships with perennial powerhouses Detroit ITM and Troy Jet Box.

Local players like Mike Jones, Anthony Grey, Al Moran, Larry Cutwright, Bill Freehan and Tom Paciorek all have shined in the professional and collegiate ranks.

Those are just a few local legends. What about Tom Ragland, Ted Simmons, Milt Pappas, Lenny Green, and Willie Horton? They all had great professional baseball careers.

Grey's baseball experiences carried him to a career in aviation and he is currently a 747 captain for Northwest Airlines.

Paciorek went on to a television career in Chicago; Jones changed directions and became a Hall of Fame swimming coach at Eastern Michigan University; Freehan was a two-sport star at Michigan and later coached the Wolverines' baseball team.

On Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m., baseball will be celebrated with a free lecture at the Plymouth Historical Museum located in downtown Plymouth.

The lecture, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Society, will feature two former baseball players with chronicled and humorous stories to share.

Raymond Rolak will be talking on the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy" and Bill Zepp, former University of Michigan pitcher, will be speaking on the history of town baseball.

Also, the museum's director, Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, will be on hand to answer questions on the preservation and conservation of baseball collectables.

Another Northwest Airlines Captain, Bill Jenney, will be available to youth coaches to explain the successful model for travel teams. Jenney has been a longtime travel team coach in Northville.

The presentation will coin-

cide with the museum's new exhibit, "Batter Up-Generations of Baseball," running through

Some of the highlights of the display include memorabilia from Ilitch Holdings and the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club.

Rolak, who played at Wayne State University for Coach Robert Samaras, will highlight other former WSU baseball players who were awarded the Hillerich and Bradsby Black Bat Trophy.

Hillerich and Bradsby are the makers of the famed Louisville Slugger baseball bats.

They present the prestigious Black Bat Trophy to all national championship teams, from Little League to the World Series winners. This special artifact is a full-sized black ebony bat with each team members name engraved in gold.

For group tours and exhibit hours, call (734) 455-7797 or visit http://www.plymouthhistory.org.

Whalers topple Spirit, 5-2

to be successful, they have to be led by their best players. That's what happened for the Plymouth Whalers Sunday afternoon in a 5-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 2,841 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth is now 33-24-2-3, good for 71 points and fifth seed in the tightly packed Western Conference playoff race. Saginaw is now 31-24-2-3, good for 69 points and sixth spot in the Western Conference playoff race. Guelph — tied with Saginaw lost Sunday afternoon in Brampton, 3-1, and remains tied with Saginaw, also with 69 points. Sarnia - currently the eighth seed in the Western Conference with 68 points - hosts Kitchener tonight and could move ahead of Guelph and Saginaw if they can pick up at least one point against the top-ranked Rangers.

Leading scorer Chris Terry led the Whalers attack with two goals and two assists at

It's often said that for teams the game's first star and now has 43 goals with 53 assists for 96 points, fifth in scoring in the OHL. Terry now has 74 goals with 116 assists for 190 points in 194 career games for Plymouth, moving to 13th on the Whalers' all-time list, ahead of former captain and current Chicago Blackhawk James Wisniewski (52-135-187). Overage center Andrew Fournier scored twice (33rd and 34th of the season) as the game's second star. Overage right wing Joe McCann - celebrating his 21st birthday

- scored a goal (12) and an assist as the game's third star. Kyle Tront (4) and Jack Combs (40) replied for

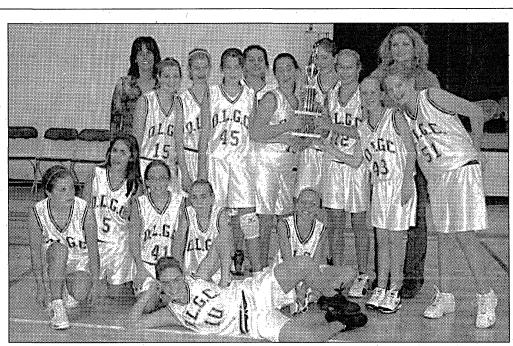
Saginaw. Plymouth used the power play to jump out to a 3-0 lead after one period of play. After Combs was sent off for elbowing at 0:17 of the first period, Fournier batted home a rebound from the right doorstep nine seconds later to open the scoring. McCann scored another power play goal at 6:03 of the period

when he redirected a rebound from the left doorstep past starting Saginaw goaltender Edward Pasquale. Terry then scored from center ice at 18:18 of the period when he wired a shot that handcuffed Pasquale.

Pasquale was replaced by Ryan Daniels at the start of the second period and Saginaw cut into the Plymouth lead on Tront's goal at 13:50 and Combs' re-direct of a rebound from a Ryan McDonough shot at 16:57. But Terry came right back give the Whalers a 4-2 lead at 18:17. Michal Jordan's shot from the right point was knocked down in front of the Saginaw net, but Terry pounced on the loose puck and beat Daniels. Plymouth led, 4-2, after forty minutes.

Fournier completed the scoring at 1:43 of the third period after accepting Terry's pass from behind the Saginaw net and burying the puck from the slot top-shelf past Daniels.

Saginaw outshot Plymouth, 38-35.



Victory crusade

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The Our Lady of Good Counsel junior varsity girls basketball team recently completed an 18-1 season. Highlights of the Crusaders' remarkable season included a CYO West Division title and first-place showings at the St. Edith Thanksgiving Tournament, the St. Genevieve Christmas Tournament and the All Saints Post-Season Tournament. Team members include: Rachel Demarco, Alyssa Dillon, Bailey Fowler, Emily Hogan, Kayla Kavulich, Megan Leon, Marissa Ozog, Shannon Perry, Jenna Reinhold, Kylie Robb, Rachel Savastano, Brooke Senkbeil. Riley Tear. Mackenzie Tulloch and Rachel Winters. The team is coached by Ann Robb and Linda Reinhold.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Northville recreation

Following are leagues offered this spring and summer by the Northville Parks & Recreation Department:

■Adult women's and co-ed softball leagues are set to begin Tuesday, May 6. The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game

schedule. ■An adult open morning softball league will commence the week of June 16. The proposed game times are 8:30

a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (game day has yet to be determined). The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule (based on an eight-team league).

■A men's spring basketball league is set to tip off April 21 (approximate). Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The per-team entry fee is \$375 for eight games.

For more information on all of the leagues, call (248) 449-9947.

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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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal

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within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice

should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of

Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of

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Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an

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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 20, 2008 for the following:

STREET SWEEPING SERVICES FOR D.D.A.

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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1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD

CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and

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The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375

Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is,

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Takao America Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new personal property for their facility located at 7075 Commerce Blvd, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice his hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, **DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127**

Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and other

UNIT #558-PAUL ACKMAN OF P.O. BOX 700283,

PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 Chair, Plastic tubs, dresser, suitcase, grill, gas stove, fan, grinder, tool box, boxes, and other misc. items.

UNIT #561-GALE SHOWERS OF 49471 PINE RIDGE CT., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

TV, (2) Bikes, basketball hoop, clothes, plastic tubs, luggage,

Christmas items, and other misc. items.

SALE DATE IS MARCH 28, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M. Publish: February 24 and March 6, 2008

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set against Parkway, which advanced all the way to the Class D semifinals last year.

The Wolverines trailed 16-11 after one quarter, 35-26 at the half and 45-40 after three quarters before pulling to within 49-44 on a Mark Mullett triple and a single Pierce free throw with 5:09 to play.

Powered by a three-quarters-court trapping defense, the Eagles then reeled off a 9-2 run to seize a 58-46 advantage with 2:26 to play.

Anleitner said the key to his team's strong effort through the game's first 27 minutes was playing in the moment.

"What we concentrate on is that each possession is a game within itself," said Anleitner. "The key was not to think about the score, but to focus on winning each possession. By doing that, we stayed close until their big fella (Tipton) stepped up. We just couldn't stop him.'

Parkway will take an 18-5 record into Wednesday's semifinal.

Agape closed its campaign with a 17-7 mark.

"It's disappointing to lose tonight, but it's important to remember that we did accomplish all of our goals this season," said Anleitner. "We won the MIAC Red (Division), we beat PCA twice, which was something we've never done before; we beat Inter-City and we won a District title, so it was a very successful season."

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Making a 'state'-ment

Plymouth senior Mike Conger will be competing at this weekend's Division 1 boys swimming finals at Eastern Michigan University. Conger will be making his second straight appearance at the talent-laden competition.

Hospital — and has served on the Canton Township Youth Advisory Council.

"Pam is the kind of kid anyone would want their daughter to be like when they grow up," said Plymouth girls cross country coach Mary Kerwin. "She has such a kind heart and she works so hard at everything she does, and she's so humble at the same

Whatever she decides to do in the future, she'll be a success at."

Bhullar was uncertain as of Tuesday where she would be attending college.

"I am supposed to hear back from 12 colleges by March 31," the future neurosurgeon said.

Harvey's numbers are equally impressive on the playing fields and in the classroom. A 3.8 student, he hit .350 for the Wildcats' baseball team last

During the recently completed basketball season, the 6-foot forward was one of the Wildcats' top rebounders and defenders.

"It's exciting to be recognized for my academic success as well as my athletic success," said Harvey, when asked what the award meant to him. "Sports are a big reason why I've done well in school because I know if I didn't do well in school,

I wouldn't be competing in sports."

Harvey has his sights set on studying pre-medicine at Morehouse College, a school located just three miles from downtown Atlanta.

His plans include walking on to the school's baseball team, which would make him a future opponent of his older brother, Alex, who plays for Benedict (S.C.) University.

A member of the National Honor Society, Harvey has volunteered for the Plymouth High School youth baseball camp, the Ann Arbor organ donors and the Special Olympics.

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Wings vs. Blues Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 pm \$1 popcorn for all fans.

Wings vs. Predators Sunday, March 9, 3:00 pm

Fleece Winter Gloves to all fans courtesy of Belle Tire. Plus \$1 hot dogs for all fans.

Wings vs. Blackhawks

Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 pm Swedish Player Poster to all fans courtesy of IKEA. Plus \$1 ice cream sandwiches for all fans.

Wings vs. Stars

Wings vs. Predators

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 pm Ladies night and \$1 soft pretzels for all fans.

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 pm

Pencil Case featuring Chris Osgood and Dominik Hasek to the first 5,000 kids. Plus \$1 hot dogs for all fans.

Wings vs. Blue Jackets Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 pm

Henrik Zetterberg Flag to all fans courtesy of AT&T. Plus \$1 popcorn for all fans. Actual flag size is 3 ft. x 5 ft.

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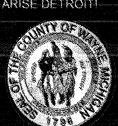
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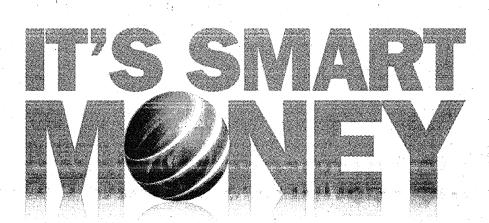


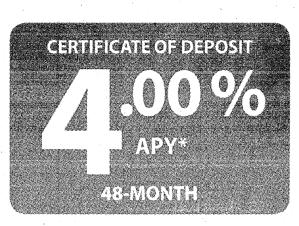
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Cities, townships address foreclosure concerns

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Foreclosures on homes are a growing concern for cities and townships, and officials are responding

with programs to help stem the tide. "Don't avoid the problem," said James Elrod, city assessor for Westland. "The way to battle foreclosure it through early detection.

That includes not letting bills pile up unopened, said Elrod, on the job nearly 20 years in Westland, during a recent Westland Rotary meeting.

Subprime loans are the main culprit he identified. "We're still not at the bottom, unfortunately,

He's chairing a task force involving that city, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to offer a seminar for city residents on avoiding foreclosures. Westland officials are also working with landlords to relocate displaced people into rental properties so they can stay in their com-

Counseling to avoid financial woes is a component as well. "You've got to approach this problem," Elrod said. "You can't just ignore it, it won't go

"Hopefully, we can make a big difference," said Elrod, who cited the city buying homes for \$1 each and either tearing them down or rehabbing

The average cost of a bank foreclosure is \$65,000, he told Rotarians, so banks have a vested interest in not foreclosing. Elrod has found tax foreclosures much less of a problem in his city than bank foreclosures.

Property assessment notices are going out now, and often assessed values have dropped even though tax burdens have not.

"It's going to be a statewide issue that I wish them luck," he added of the Michigan Tax Tribunal, with many people appealing their property assessments to that body. Local Boards of Review will also be busy with appeals.

Elrod agreed job loss is the most difficult issue, with many manufacturing jobs leaving our state.



"That's a huge issue," he said. "Nobody's figured that out vet.

The upcoming Westland seminar will be for residents of that western Wayne County city. In Farmington Hills, Dean Babb, city assessor, agreed foreclosures are a concern.

"Foreclosures are a problem areawide," Babb said. It's not only the foreclosed properties that are impacted, but also nearby homes.

"Anybody that's trying to sell a house right now has to compete with that market," said Babb, also on the job in his city for more than 20 years. Your house may sell for less than you'd like. "Trying to find somebody to pay it is a tough issue," he said of the asking price.

Maintenance of foreclosed homes is also a con-

cern, Babb said, citing such problems as copper theft. "Of course, you've got the problem of assessing the property.

Farmington Hills officials have also helped residents fight foreclosure, with information on the city Web site, www.fhgov.com. It's been up for a month or two, said management assistant Nate Geinzer.

We just assembled a bunch of resources, including information from MSHDA and HUD. There are links to attorney general Mike Cox's Web site, he said, and others. Hard copies were made available at the libraries serving Farmington Hills.

"People have been taking them," said Geinzer, who didn't have exact numbers on Web visitors but knows the information is being used.

service provider pact Q. My condo board signed an exclusive agreement with a

satellite TV company. The community is now dissatisfied with the vendor because of poor service. Does the recent FCC order banning exclusive clauses apply to dish providers?

A. No, the order does not cover satellite TV companies and, therefore, exclusive agreements



Robert Meisner

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TV providers will remain.

However, it is

a bad idea, in

service provider agreement with any particular company.

Q. We have a member of our association who is a part-time employee and, who has AIDS. We fear that this employee may be a health threat to our community. Can we fire the employee? What impact will this have on our association?

A. Your first mistake was to hire anyone who has an ownership interest in the condominium. Your second mistake is to try to fire an employee for having AIDS or HIV. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, among many others, an individual who has AIDS is considered to be disabled and given protections. As a result, your employee is entitled to keep his job as long as he can perform his core duties with or without a "reasonable accommodation." A reasonable accommodation is any modification or adjustment to a job work environment which enables an employee to carry out his job's core duties. But you are not required to provide a reasonable accommodation if it would cause undue hardship to your community. Also, your board should not assume that because the employee has AIDS, that he is a direct threat to your community's health. You are best advised to consult with your association attorney who hopefully has experience with

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

Some resources to address housing concerns

Need help with foreclosure concerns? Your local public library has resources. The Plymouth District Library folks provided these resources, noting there are also several books on the subject, located at 346.04364, upper level nonfiction collection. Other public libraries also carry books on foreclosure and other real estate topics. Here are some Web sites courtesy of the Plymouth

library's staff:

www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Avoiding_ Foreclosure_Brochure_215948_7.pdf

A pdf file from Michigan's Attorney General Mike Cox titled: Avoiding Foreclosure — A Guide for

Michigan Homeowners.

www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164--134533--,00.html

Consumer Alert from Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox regarding Home Lending and Foreclosure Rescue Scams.

www.mshda.info/counseling/search Michigan State Housing Development Authority - Homeownership Counselor Agency Locator by

■ www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm

From the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, including links to state resources.

■ www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/foreclosure/

Federal Reserve Board foreclosure resources with links to tips and information from HUD, FHA, Federal Reserve, FTC, IRS.

■ www.homeloans.va.gov/paytrbl.htm Foreclosure counseling from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 12-16, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales

Canton	
7914 Alton St	\$170,000
2355 Amber Dr	\$226,000
1840 Barclay Ct	\$270,000
2019 Bellingham St	\$155,000
4010 Brighton Ln	\$189,000
2241 Brookhaven Rd	\$200,000
7019 Copper Creek Cir	\$164,000
321 Country Club Ln	\$343,000
1215 Crowndale Ln	\$339,000
40843 Deer Pines Dr	\$315,000
4205 Elizabeth Ave	\$148,000
47441 Fox Run Dr	\$290,000
6960 Foxthorn Dr	\$92,000
7046 Foxthorn Dr	\$98,000
1272 Kennebec	\$325,000
42477 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$105,000
3271 Riverside Ct	\$219,000
48164 Royal Pointe Dr	\$323,000
42988 Ryegate St	\$185,000
43015 Ryegate St	\$210,000
1703 Stonebridge Way	\$395,000
43598 W Arbor Way Dr	\$110,000

Farmington	
23072 Floral St	\$130,000
Farmington Hill	
23465 Barfield St	\$139,000
37720 Bradley Dr	\$289,000
30959 Country Ridge Cir	\$390,000
22806 Fox Crk	\$290,000
38780 Lancaster Dr	\$275,000
21820 Lundy Dr	\$129,000
30112 Muirland Dr	\$191,000
36046 Quakertown Ln	\$191,000
29943 S Stockton Dr	\$179,000
32288 W 12 Mile Rd	\$62,000
Garden City	
32121 Donnelly St	\$126,000
670 Helen St	\$120,000
32149 James St	\$83,000
33216 John Hauk St	\$140,000
29510 Meadow Ln	\$137,000
Livonia	
31659 Seven Mile Rd	\$159,000
33375 Eight Mile Rd	\$1,490,000
14604 Arden St	\$150,000
27630 Bentley St	\$163,000
14997 Cavour St	\$135,000
19201 Gary Ln	\$315,000
11785 Hartel St	\$55,000
11775 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000
36533 Joanne St	\$183,000
31366 Mayville St	\$170,000
14399 Melvin St	\$221,000
32729 Norfolk St	\$209,000
33341 Norfolk St	\$160,000
29166 Oriole St	\$195,000

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James St	\$83,000	27975 H
John Hauk St	\$140,000	26966 M
Meadow Ln	\$137,000	45748 R
Livonia	¢150.000	24451 St
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20264 Osmus St	\$208,000
8977 Parent St	\$129,000
Milford	
964 Abbey Ln	\$205,000
781 Forestberry Ct	\$207,000
Northville	
42110 Baintree Cir	\$223,000
50251 Cressnut Ct	\$355,000
21202 W Glen Haven Cir	\$120,000
19248 Northridge Dr	\$120,000
16935 Sycamore Ct	\$338,000
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Investors

"Flip This House," a presentation by Than Merrill will be sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River. Novi. Seminar free to members. \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

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Oakland Builders

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan State builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, March 10, 12, 17, 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills.

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IT'S A GEM!

see. Newer carpet, oak Kit, Master

w/WIC, appl's stay, Carport, C/A,

3 bd brick home w/large eat-in Kit,

patio door, huge backyard, 2 full baths, LR/DR combo, custom

window treatments, huge fenced

CANTON WELCOMES YOU

Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral décor, open floor plan, hwd flrs,

formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/ frpl, brick paver Patio, , close to

kways & Summit Park. A must see

AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH

2 bd ranch in Redford waiting for

vou, opportunity awaits! Bank

quickly, make an aggressiv \$64,900 (0

needs to sell

(C-301FA)

\$129,900

walk to pool & clubhouse.

(P-403NE)

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lewer custom built ranch feat: 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Gar & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/ vaulted ceilings, finished walkout w/8ft ceilings. Addt 5 acres avail. (C-449RA)



WHY RENT? This 2 bd, 1.5 ba ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must Own this lovely ranch on a corner lot. 1480 sq ft. huge new Fam Rm addition, Liv Rm w/frpl, appl's stay, Garage excellent location updated Kit, & more. A must s (P-754RE) \$138,000

WESTLAND COLONIAL

gorgeous remodeled oak Kit w/

remod baths, fiberglass windows t/

o, 2 car garage, large fenced yard & close to schools. \$169,000 (P-515FA)

CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY

You won't be disappointed here!

Gourmet island Kit w/hwd floors,

spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal

LR/DR, large Master w/WIC & fashion bath, 3 car Garage, &

A MUST SEE!

updated furnace, C/A, hwh.

finished bsmt w/bdrm & rec area HUGE Garage, tiered coved

ceilings, vinyl ins windows, & extra

POPULAR NANTUCKET TOWNHOMES

Spacious unit overlooks beautiful

courtyard offering pool, clubhouse

& fitness center. Convenient location, dual Master's w/baths,

Westland bungalow

(C-366SP)

(C-725FA)

\$135,000

paver Patio. **\$334,900**

Fabulous 3 bdrm home



INCOME PROPERTY

brick home. 3 units total - 2 in

main house & 1 in rear house.

Some updates, must see

\$68,000

PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush lake, Bring your own builder. Poss. walkout site, nature trails, common grounds w/Gazebo picnic tables, playgrounds, & more \$220,000 (P-113SA)

If you desire privacy & a beautiful

yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof &

windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized

WONDERFUL RANCH

sought after Ridgemont Sub.

Updated inc: siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & elec. Full bsmt, neutral décor t/o, updated Kit, &

CUSTOM CAPE COD

4 bd, 4 bath Plymouth home w/1st

fl Master, guest suite or in-law quarters, fin bsmt w/Fam Rm & 2nd Kit, beautiful details t/o, & Ply-

LIVONIA GEM

Don't miss this one! \$30k gourme

Kit w/custom cabs, stain steel

overlooking huge fenced yard, hwd

firs, & coved ceilings. Hurry on this

GREAT BRICK RANCH

doors, Master w/bath, & Ply-

Canton schools.

granite

Can Schools.

eautiful wooded location on this

(C-453FL)

(C-851TE)

(C-899LI)

Sunroom

(P-325BE)

lot. & convenient location



\$190,000

Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated Kit, appl's stay. 2 car Garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pond view, & privileges to all (C-722SU) \$152,500

NEW COLONIAL

Transfer forces sale of home w/

over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kit

sprinks. You can't build a new

home here for less than this price,

GREAT LOCATION

Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in

upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3

car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, bsmt, & motivated Seller!!

NO PLACE LIKE HOME. .

Spacious 3 bd colonial in desirable

Canton sub. Newer floor to ceiling

windows in Great Rm. Kit w/ar

space, large lot, new roof, home

NEWER CANTON COLONIAL

Spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/

open floor plan, fresh paint, newer

roof, 1st fl laun, Master w/bath

cathedral ceilings, formal Dining,

large Kit, & good location.

warr. & more.

\$190,000

let's make a deal! \$355,000

PLYMOUTH CHARMER

Walk to downtown from this beautiful home! Hwd floors, marble

bathroom, new appl's stay, huge

fenced yard, marble tile in Kit, &

(C-609HA)

\$129,900



CHARMING COLONIAL

Make this your home! 3 bd, all

brick colonial w/natural frpl in LR,

updated Kit, new porches, brick Garage,

updated windows & all appl's stay

bsmt,

(C-515RO)

Fabulous building sites in Wash County & Salem Twp. Wooded walkouts w/ravines & stream, gated communities, underground utilities, more. Builders plans avail or bring your own. (P-000VA)

HUGE HOME FOR SMALL PRICE

2730 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 ba Cape Cod

w/walkout bsmt. dramatic 2 story

w/built-ins, 1/2 acre fenced lot w/

pool & gazebo & full length covered porch.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Brick ranch in Westland w/Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 bas, part finished

bsmt, hwd firs, newer roof, fresh

WELCOME HOME!

oak Kit & brkft bar, Fam Rm w/frpl,

Master w/vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, oasis-like yard w/stamped

LIPDATED PLYMOUTH BANCH

Great price & move in quality.

Neutral décor, hwd firs, updated

windows, siding, bath, 2.5 car

Garage w/workshop, double lot w/

beautiful trees, & home warranty.

concrete Patio, & finished bsmt

(C-160MI)

(C-570AL)

(C-562MA)

(P-207BR)

\$189,900

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(P-233BR)



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FLOOR PLAN

This unique floor plan has a forma

LR/DR, large island kit, spacious fam rm w/frpl, master w/volume

ceiling & spa bath.

\$318,900



55+ COMMUNITY 2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry, carport, C/A, nice Kit, & great Plymouth location. \$122,500









Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Flodin Park. Ceramic Foyer, updated Kit, LR w/frpl, Master w/bath, neutral décort/o, updated baths, fresh landscaping, & Deck. \$190,000 (C-388MO)

baths, updated Kit, Fam Rm w/frol.

formal LR/DR, 6 panel doors, updated windows & roof. Full bsmt

w/ample storage, & motivated

EXTRA LARGE LOT

1337 sq ft home w/3bd, 1.5 baths,

spacious Kit w/appl's, hwd firs t/o,

finished bsmt, & updated roof

large Master

\$85,000











doors, gas frpl, Master w/soaking tub, full bsmt, & 2 car Garage (P-865WE)

PICTURE PERFECT



3 bd ranch offers new vinyl siding & trim, elec service, 2.5 car Garage, newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A. Add to this a new privacy fence, super Deck, & home (P-216DE)



w/great location in quiet sub. Fam w/frpl & drwl to Deck w/ hottub, part finished bsmt, newer CA, glass block, updated flooring,



WAITING FOR YOU!! STOP, LOOK, BUY! Lovely 4 bd bungalow feat LR w/ frpl, formal DR, nice Kit, part Beautiful 3 bd. 1 bath bungalow feat: updated Kit, formal DR, large finished bsmt, detached Garage, Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/ glass block, newer windows, manicured landscaping, & immed stom blinds, elec, CA, & more (C-298HA) \$89,900



WHY RENT?

Move right in to this very well

maintained Dear Heights home. Newer tiled floors, loads of storage, deep private yard, neutral

décor, & nice neighborhood.

\$79,900

AMAZING VALUE Unique ranch w/inground pool & cabana. 3 bd, 2 baths, 1860 sq ft, office area, excellent location close to everything, & priced below narket for quick sale.



LOADS OF LIVING SPACE!

Spacious 3 bd, 2 ba home w

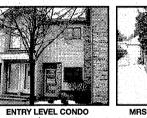
Library/Den, Fam Rm, large Kit,

fenced yard w/oversized 2 car Garage, newer windows, furnace, A/C, & siding. Quick

BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED COLONIAL Great price on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/updated windows, roof, refinished oak Kit w/extra large nook, 1st fl laun, beautiful Master Suite, & Ply-Canton schools (P-822LE) \$219,900



ENTRY LEVEL CONDO Liv Rm w/drwl to lovely yard, & lots of updates. \$114,500



w/vaulted ceiling,

entryways, part

(P-301FO)

This home features a Master w/ WIC, Kit w/dining area, spacious (C-538LI)



MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE! 4 3 bd. 1.5 bath brick ranch offers a stunning finished bsmt w/2nd Kit & bath. Dream backyard, thermal windows. C/A. 2.5 car Garage, occupancy, & (P-111LU) \$149,900



& siding, full bsmt, & appl's stay \$79,900 (P-172M



BREATHTAKING LAKE VIEWS!

You must see this one! Gorgeous views of lake from finished walkout bsmt w/bath & 4th bdrm. Vaulted

LR w/frpl & drwl to Deck, Master

\$190,000

w/private bath, & too much more

PERFECT LOCATION Large Fam Rm w/frpl & new drwl to beautiful Florida Rm. 1St fl fixtures. Come check this one out! \$180,000 (P-645MO)



location w/a large lot. (C-441MU)



an updated Kit w/nook & snack bar updated thermal windows. updated baths, hwd firs t/o, finished bsmt w/glass block, & (P-901NO)



In walking distance to parks & the Summit. 2 story Foyer, hwd entry, 2 story Great Rm, huge Kit, 1st fl laundry, gas marble frpl, new paint, 1st fl Master, & large bsmt. \$280,000 (C-634NO)



Great price & move in ready! Prof finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, large rec room, Fam Rm, & bath, Hwd flrs, updated windows, 2.5 car Garage w/workshop, convenient location, & home warr. \$149,500 (P-924PE) \$148,000



Cute as can be w/designer paint & brushed nickel fixtures. This upper end unit condo offers a Great Rm w/views of nature, spacious Kit w/ dining area, Master w/bath, &



3 bd, 2.5 baths, 1613 sq ft w/open floor plan, Kit w/all appl's & pantry, Nook w/drwl to payer patio Master w/WIC & updated finished bsmt, fenced yard, & 1st fl (P-042RA) \$190,000 (P-925RE)

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roof, large fenced vard, copper



Master w/crown bsmt w/wetbar, & tons of storage. \$195,000 (P-442SP)



1275 sq ft condo w/2 bd, 2 baths large LR & DR, Master w/WIC & bath, private entrance, balcony, appl's stay, carport, & immed



Spectacular 3 bd. 2.5 bath cape cod w/2012 sq ft, walkout bsmt, island Kit w/nook & drwl to Deck, 1st fl master w/jetted tub, 1st fl laun, & situated on almost an acre



w/Ann Arbor Schools bsmt, good guest parking, appl's to everything. \$146,000

FARMINGTON



PLYMOUTH

LIVONIA



Oversized Kit w/all appl's, LR w/ firs t/o, updated baths.



(P-145SU) \$349,900





ABSOLUTELY STUNNING

Glengarry colonial w/huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating

t/o finished bsmt w/full Kit, great

\$340,000

(C-757CE)

(P-415HA)

MOVE IN CONDITION Check out this Belleville beauty wa dramatic entrance 2 story Great

Lovely 4 bd home situated on 5+ acres. Open floor plan, large

gorgeous views, & Huron Schools

Master

\$225,000

upen tioc. w/balcony, ove. nv updates

oversized

(C-765CA)

nook, spacious bdrms, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & seller is motivated! \$278,900



COME ENJOY NATURE

Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. Huge Great Rm w/gas frpl,

gourmet Kit w/ceramic & large island, finished walkout bsmt w/

COUNTRY IN THE CITY

Great setting for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/1950 sq ft, island Kit, hwd

firs, remod Bath w/Jacuzzi tub, 2

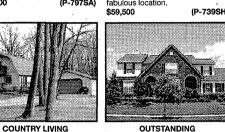
Garages, appl's stay, & 1 yr Home

(C-145CO)

Fam Rm, & too much more to list

\$400,000

\$209,000



OUTSTANDING Stunning 4 bd, 3.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, Kit w/granite & butler's pantry, Master w/2 WIC's & glamo 3 car Garage, brick Patio, & Trex















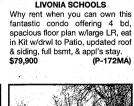


Appointed & updated broad from ranch. Updated oak Kit, nook w custom benches & table, finished yr home warranty. (C-185CO) \$129,500 (C-245DE)















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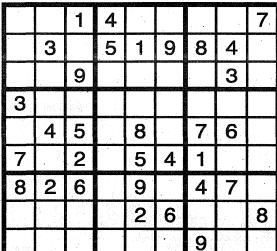
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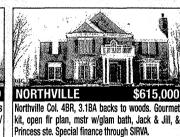
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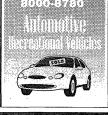
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Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. 27255010 TAKE A CHANCE

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casual dates, nice times and see where it goes.

HEY GUYS SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hanging with fireds. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know fireds. to know. 22234678

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Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. 2230694 NURSE
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SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for
good-hearted, open-minded man to share the

d-hearted, open-minded man to snare d times in life, friendship and maybe m

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
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DWF, 63, 572' Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating! 27630808

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. good sens 22207254 HEY GUYS

HERE I AM GUYS 156lbs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. 12238307 WORTH A CALL SWF, 55, loves movies, trying por

the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. 27245505 BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent educated, loves music, dancing, motorcy outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. See qualities, for friendship/LTR. 2245846

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SBM, 49, smoker, seeks WF, 30-50, for LTR. Let's get together and see what develops! 2260148 BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. \$\frac{4257001}{4257001}\$

LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 27128302

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LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWM, 38, father, looking for outgoing, affectionate light-hearted lady, child-friendly and kind, who
knows how to have fun in life. 27253631 TRY ME

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SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brownblue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. \$\mathbb{T}\$\$51308

CALL ME
SWM, 47, 511", 185lbs, fit, clean-cut, hard-working, sincere and fun, seeking SF, 27-45, who's attractive, sender and commitment-minded for good tomes and LTR. 27250806 HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking and some old moves. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating, possibly

LOCKING FOR A DREAM
SM, Black and Native American, 43, 5'8', 175lbs, enjoys camping, soft rock music, fishing, Locking for a nice, nonest, caring SWHF, 50-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. \$\mathbf{T257062}\$

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Looking for a BF, 25-35, who is honest and real, for dating. 12260759

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HELLO OUT THERE SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. 23/241298

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Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing all home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. 2254474 SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 12113198

TAKING A PEEK

company. **22891247**

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SF, 48, 577, 210bs, medium brownblue, N/D, N/S, no children, enjoys darma films, shooting pool, playing darts, sporting events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. \$\mathbf{T253036}\$ LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 57", attractive, slender, athletic, NS, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. 12993381

Tall, attractive WIWF, 60s, enjoys good conversa-tion, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide verity of interest to share all life offers. B236416

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SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. \$\frac{13217234}{1217234}\$

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. 2269770 COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", long blonde/brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relation-

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SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere , warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life.

TAKE A CHANCE

SBM 46 on di SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey(playing, watching). Seeking a loving, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in life. 2236575 HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. 27984967

Simple, honest, respectful, romantic SBM, 42, 6'6", 280lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, looking for a nice, romantic lady to get to know and share good times 2237959 WAITING FOR YOUR CALL Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/ brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, mov-ies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows

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SWM, 19, light smoker, no children, would like to meet a SF, 19-48, light smoker, for friendship or more. \$\mathbb{T}\$258337 TAKE A CHANCE! Nice, respectable, clean-cut SBM, 24, 57", ath-letic build, N/S, seeks woman, 21-60, N/S, for N/S, for friendship, possible romance. \$\frac{1}{12}259122 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

LET'S MEET SOON! SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. 22247784 LOOKING FOR A FUN LADY

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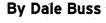
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February was an awful sales month for the U.S. auto market. If the industry isn't in its own recession against the backdrop of general economic uncertainty, it's surely looking for the bottom.

"Traffic was soft, business was tough all month," said Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of North America vehicle sales, service and marketing. "Consumer confidence - or lack thereof - came into

But there were some bright spots. "This quarter is probably the trough of the downturn," said Mike DiGiovanni, GM's executive director of market analysis. Citing factors including the traditional uptick of selling in the spring, and the federal government's upcoming tax rebate, he predicted a

Indeed, sales of subcompact cars soared 33%, and car sales overall dipped just 1%. So, last month's sales results did present some silver linings for automakers, their dealers and customers. Here are

General Motors: Many GM cars sold pretty well, and GM is actually in short supply of some of them. End-of-February car stocks were 27% of GM's overall inventories compared with 36% a year ago. Car sales were off only 1% in the month.

Recently launched cars led the GM highlight reel. The new Chevrolet Malibu notched February retail sales that were 62% higher than the old Malibu it replaced (though the high popularity of the previous version as a fleet vehicle held the new Malibu's

overall sales increase to just 7%).

The new Cadillac CTS also burst out of the gate, with a 71% gain in retail sales in February compared with a year earlier, and a 68% overall increase. CTS's early momentum buoyed Cadillac overall. The division's sales are up 5% year to date overall. The division's sales are up 5% year-to-date.

Crossover vehicles fared relatively well, with GM's overall crossover sales up 8%. Sales of Chevy Equinox – a nifty CUV that has seemed forgotten recently - surged by 15% in February and increased by 28% year-to-date. The Buick Enclave, Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia together accounted for more than 11,000 sales in February, up 94%. Acadia led the results, with sales up 39% in February, although it was the model's lowest sales month since



Ford: Like most others, Ford touted gains for small cars and crossovers, noting the 23% year-to-date sales jump for its restyled Focus compact car. Ford partly attributed Focus's gain to the availability of its conditional and in the same sales in the same of its sophisticated and inexpensive new Sync system that integrates control of numerous consumer electronic devices such as cell phones and iPods.

February sales of the Edge crossover jumped a significant 5% percent compared with last year, and the midsize Fusion also recorded a nice 13% gain. And the Ranger compact pickup – boosted by some effective regional incentives, said Jim Farley, Ford group vice president-marketing and

communications – was the only Ford truck line (apart from Edge) to record a gain; Ranger boosted sales 27% percent in February and ran almost 24% ahead on a year-to-date basis. Toyota: A couple of stalwart car models helped

Toyota limit the damage. Camry, the nation's bestselling vehicle for several years running, held its own with a 4.3% increase (on a daily-sales-rate basis) in February, even better than its 3% year-to-date advantage. And sales of the tiny Yaris exploded, up 64% (on a daily-sales-rate basis) in February and 48% year-to-date. It sold only 1,135 fewer units than Prius, Toyota's hybrid darling.

The Tundra pickup keeps gaining ground a little more than a year after its introduction into the rough-and-tumble segment that always has been dominated by the Detroit Three. And unlike Nissan's counterpart Titan, Toyota's entry is carving out a berth for itself. Tundra sales rose 43% in February (on a daily-sales-rate basis) and 62% yearto-date - albeit with the help of very un-Toyota-like, huge incentives.

Chrysler: Everybody's favorite whipping car, the Sebring, recorded a phenomenal 92% gain in February, to 11,056 units versus 5,744 the prior year. The usually maligned Chrysler Aspen enjoyed a hefty 31% gain in February and is up 25% for the year. And although the 1% gain for the new Town & Country was minimal, it was the industry's only minivan to improve sales for the month.

The Jeep Patriot and Dodge Caliber platform-

mates also benefited from new pricing schemes: Patriot leapt to 5, 195 units, an astounding 707% increase – and not surprisingly, its best sales month ever. Caliber appears to be gaining momentum, with a 10% hike for February, and with 10,937 sales, the second consecutive month in which Caliber sales hit five figures.

Honda: The Fit subcompact could be the poster car for shifting consumer taste towards fuel-efficiency at an affordable price: February sales ratcheted up a hard-to-ignore 62%, and sales rose 88% for the year.

And Honda's reputation for fuel efficiency

And Honda's reputation for fuel efficiency appears to be striking a chord, as the Honda division had its best February ever, selling 102,313 units.

Nissan: Nissan's completely redesigned Murano cruised right into the successful path of the first-generation model, selling 10,074 units in February for a handsome 19% gain. And like most subcompacts, the Versa was up in February, with a 7% gain, and is within sales-shouting distance of the larger and well-established Sentra compact.

The Infiniti premium division's new G Coupe is starting off the year with a bang, improving 80% in February and 90% year-to-date. And Infiniti's giant QX56 somehow eked out a 17% gain.







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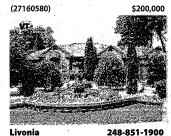
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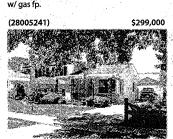
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Rainbow roses will be arranged by J Schwanke during seminars at the Home & Garden Show.

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MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW

When: March 7-9 Where: Ford Field Hours: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday: and 10 a.m. to-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; children 5 and under admitted

More details: Saturday. March 8 is Family Day where children 6-14 are admitted free from 10 a.m. to noon and special activities are available all day.

free.

For information: visit www. FordFieldHomeShow. com or call (800) 328-6550.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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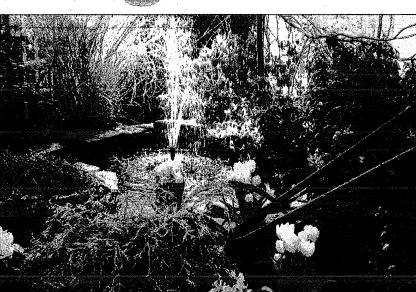
Homeowners can get ideas for the spring, summer and beyond at the Michigan Home & Garden Show, March 7-9 at Ford Field.

Gardeners can learn about plant care and garden maintenance at more than 20 free educational garden specific programs by Janet Macunovich, Nancy Szerlag, Jeff Ball and the staff of PracticalGardening.com. J Schwanke will demonstrate imaginative and creative flower designs for home and entertaining using rainbow roses.

Over 15 landscaped flowering garden displays, perfect for any home, will feature the use of lighting, brick walkways, retaining walls and patios. Water features will be in abundance, from reflecting ponds and fountains to waterfalls.

OUTDOOR ROOMS UNFOLD

Michael Southgate, senior landscape designer with English Gardens, expects homeowners will look at creating patio spaces as "outdoor rooms" in time for the warm



Water features will be in abundance at the Home & Garden Show, from reflecting ponds and fountains to waterfalls.

weather months, using shows like the Home & Garden Show as a reference point.

"When it comes to furniture, you see more lounges, benches, chaise lounges and small

Please see GARDENS, D3



Luciano **Del Signore** had a big truck built to help with his catering business out of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield. The truck features commercial refrigeration and induction burners.





Going mobile
Restaurateur's new truck caters to customers

Luciano Del Signore thought his Bacco Ristorante was too small for catering, so he expanded it last fall to include Bacco Saletta, a private dining facility.

Still, that wasn't enough.

Del Signore wanted more flexibility and a personal touch for himself, while catering meals at customers' homes.

So he decided to build a catering truck. A big catering truck.

He ordered a truck from Mercedes Benz, then had ABS Refrigeration in Detroit work on it after he developed a design. "It took six months to build it," Del Signore said.

Today Del Signore has a mobile on-site catering service, a "kitchen on wheels" in his new 20-foot-long Mercedes Benz truck, complete with work tables, assembly space, a commercially refrigerated section and climate-controlled areas.

Del Signore said about 48 square feet of area is dedicated to refrigeration. Another 8 by 6 foot area devoted to kitchen operations includes four double induction burners, warming units and countertop space.

The burners allow for sauce preparation, critical to any Italian pasta dish. The truck can cater

any size soiree, from a dinner party of 12 at a home, to 200-300 in a larger facility.

Black is the color symbolic of Bacco, so the truck was ordered in black. Bacco means the god of wine, Del Signore said.

"With the catering we were doing, you need different ingredients," Del Signore said. "In July and August, you can't just ice (food) down. That refrigeration unit will allow foods to arrive in perfect condition. We get the product in perfect condition and we want it to arrive at the home in perfect condition. That's because of the commercial refrigeration."

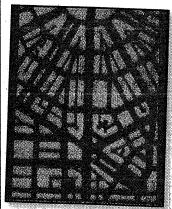
"We also do retail wine sales. If it has to be delivered at 55 degrees, (the truck) does it."

Bacco catering is able to accommodate smaller, intimate meals to large parties of up to 500 people. "We do everything from casual barbecues"

to elaborate, large-scale parties complete with flowers and decorations. We can prepare signature eight-course Italian dinners with matching wines," Del Signore said. Bacco Ristorante is located at 29410

Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information, call (248) 356-6600.

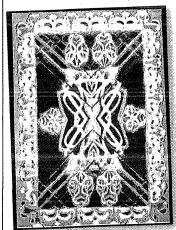
-Ken Abramczyk



CCS Senior Lauren Moyer's first place rug design.

HAGOPIAN ANNOUNCES RUG CONTEST WINNERS

Hagopian World of Rugs recently staged its 19th annual Student Rug Design Competition with Detroit's College for Creative Studies. The competition provides an opportunity for students to earn scholarship money and see their work translated into a finished textile. This year's judges were John Wohl, TVI Designs, Birmingham; Shirley



Second place in the Hagopian rug contest went to Virginia Peckenpaugh for this design.

Maddalena Edson, Maddalena Design, Birmingham; John Amato, Interior Design, Huntington Woods; Patti Kommel, Homework Interiors, Birmingham; Suzanne Hagopian, Exec. V.P., Hagopian World of Rugs; and Edgar Hagopian, Chairman, Hagopian Family of Companies.



CCS Senior Anh (Nicole) Phan's third place rug design.

Senior Lauren Moyer took both first place and honorable mention with her designs inspired respectively by the City of Detroit and autumn colors. Second place was awarded to Freshman Virginia Peckenpaugh for her design inspired by Persian rugs. Third place was awarded to Senior Anh (Nicole) Phan for her design called "Trail of Earth."



Moyer took honorable mention for this design as well.

HOME CALENDAR

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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 or visit www.artvan.com. **Cranbrook Seeks Docents**

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings beginning March 4. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and

Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes vol-



Amelia Ellenstein

unteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Vendors Sought

Vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, herbs, organic produce, honey, maple syrup, candles, soaps and other natural products are being sought for this year's Southfield Farmers' Market, open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays June 5- late October outside the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive. Call (248) 796-5196 to apply.

Floral Photography

Paul Colombo will present a program on floral photography at The Metropolitan Rose Society's next meeting, 7:15 p.m. March 7 at the Royal Oak Senior/ Community Center, 3500 Marais. Free. (248) 689-9529.

Garden Design Course

Waterford School District Continuing Education will offer the 3-week course Garden Design Made Simple, 7-9 p.m. March 6, 13 & 20 at Waterford Kettering High School. Layer your garden as if you were accessorizing your home to design a personalized extension of your living space, \$125, (248) 682-1088, www.waterford.k12.mi.us.

Passion for Spring

Spring will be in full bloom through March 31 in the Conservatory at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. In the lobby, visitors can view displays created by Runciman Landscapes and receive a coupon for 10 free tulip bulbs from Downtown Home & Garden, Open Daily, except Mondays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$3 suggested admission, free for MBGNA

members.

Tropical Breezes Tropical Breezes is the theme for the annual Flower Show Competition to be held within the Michigan Home and Garden Show at Ford Field in Detroit March 7-9. The Livonia Garden Club is one of 43 Michigan garden clubs participating in the competition. Admission to the show is \$9, adults; \$4 children 6-14; free, 5 and under, 1-800-328-6550, www. FordFieldHomeShow.com.

Cranbrook Greenhouse Sale

Cranbrook Greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, will host a sale

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of indoor plants 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Find begonias, peace lilies, sanseveria, Boston ferns, orchids, cacti, succulents and more. Sales help support the facility. (248) 645-3149, www. cranbrook.edu/homegardens.

Monster Plants

The Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society will host Monsters, Crests and other Bizarre & Ugly Plants! at 1:30 p.m. March 9 in the Commons Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. (248) 790-9089.

Hostas 101

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

Orchid Show

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

Designing with Plants

The St. Clair County Master Gardener Association will present Designing with Great Plants, 9 a.m. March 15 at Cornerstone Church, 4025 North Road, Clyde (just outside Port Huron). Noted author and lecturer Tracy DiSabato-Aust, will sign copies of her books, and three instructors from the Michigan School of Gardening will also speak. Tickets, \$70 by March 1, \$80 after March 1 and at the door, include lunch and Garden Bazaar. (810) 367-6667.

Winter Moths

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present Winter Moths at 7 p.m., March 19, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, \$3. A field trip to Cherry Hill Preserve to look for moths will follow. Dress for the weather. (734) 326-0578, www.sembabutterfly.org.

Don't be confused about digital TV conversion

Question: I've heard that Congress plans to pull the plug on analog television broadcasts starting in February, 2009. Will I have to buy a new TV?

Answer: This subject confuses the heck out of most peo-



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

ple, but there's good news: It probably won't affect you in the slightest. If you're a cable or satel-

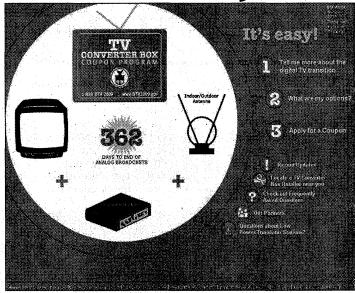
lite subscriber, you're all set: The signal coming into your TV is already in a digital format.

(The exception is if you have basic cable without a set-top box, but even then you should

If you have an HDTV and use an antenna to receive digital channels, you're all set: Your TV already has the necessary digital tuner.

However, if you have an older TV and use an antenna to receive programming, you'll need to take action. Two choices: buy a special digital tuner box or buy a new TV (one that has the tuner built in).

If you decide to go the box route, you can get a \$40 coupon from our very own government, enough to cover some or all of the cost. The boxes run between \$40-70; CircuitCity sells one for \$60, while Wal-Mart gets you out the door for around \$50.



The government-sponsored TV Converter Box Coupon Program Web site (dtv2009.org) lets you apply for a \$40 digital-tuner coupon and answers questions about the upcoming digital-TV switch.

Need two boxes? You can apply for up to two coupons. Learn more at the TV Converter Box Coupon Program Web site (dtv2009.gov).

WIRELESS PRINTING

Question: I'm sick of all the wires on my desk. How can I eliminate some?

Answer: If you're in the market for a new printer, check out the Brother HL-2170w (brother-usa.com). This monochrome laser printer connects to your Wi-Fi network for wireless printing, meaning you can stick it just about anywhere: a corner, a closet, or even another room.

Though extremely compact,

it's a very quick printer, capable of spitting out pages at a rate of 23 per minute. It's compatible with Windows and Mac systems and has a list price of \$149.99 — though it's currently on sale at Best Buy for \$99.99. I've been really pleased with my demo unit.

Want to print in color? Try the Lexmark Z1480 (lexmark. com), a wireless inkjet. It retails for around \$70, though you can probably find a better deal online.

COMPUTER REPAIRS

Question: My computer needs repairs.

How can I find a local shop

that does good work? Answer: Head to Google Maps (maps.google.com), click Find Businesses, and type "computer repair" in

the first field and your ZIP code in the second. You should see a number of listings; click the "more info" link next to any of them for

contact information, direc-

tions, and so on. Now it's time to pick up the phone and call around. As with auto repair, you should insist on a written estimate and complete description of the work that

needs to be done. If possible, make sure you have a current backup of your data before delivering your PC to a repair shop. And be prepared for a bit of sticker shock: You'll probably pay a minimum of \$50 for basic repairs and upwards of several hundred dollars for more extensive work.

Thanks to reader Sharon McGladdery of Farmington Hills for this question.

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Viewpoints change with time on front load washers

received e-mail from Joel, which starts out, "We were told by a friend that you would not recommend front load washing machines." And so, because of this note from someone who may not read this column or listen to my weekend

> I go back to my original thinkyears.

Appliance **Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

ing on front load washers, which I have been repeating for the past 10 You can't say that I don't

recommend

we have a

them because

newer model

radio talk show

of the Maytag Neptune front loader in our very own basement laundry room. My darling Valorie seems to get along with it with only the occasional comment on its performance.

So after a year and half of

twice a week operation it hasn't suffered any type of breakdown. It still looks brand-new and all the fancy lights still shine like a spaceship. Suits Val just fine.

Some 10 years ago I wrote my first column on this washer subject and gave readers the viewpoint of an old appliance repairman. Let me reiterate some of those thoughts. The front loader was jammed onto the consumer by an industry working with our government energy department that wanted to reduce water consumption and save on energy costs. This washer certainly does all of

With that said, I can still not believe that this front loader can wash clothes as well as a top loader. How can you wash your dirty hands in a teacup of water, it just won't do the job. But then again, as I argue within my own mind, the clothes washed may not be dirty enough to argue the point. This train of thought has not done much in changing the habits

of American consumers. Front load washers have been sold by the millions.

The most irritating part of washer sales today is the huge increase in price. It's no problem for those who can afford it, but what about the average guy who has just gone through a severe pay cut. A young couple just getting started in life may very well not be in the market for a front load washer and so I continue with my negative impulses. Buy a top loader for a lot less money!

The top loader is going to wash your clothes and in my way of thinking, do a better job. It may last as long or longer than a fancy front loader and cost a lot less for repairs when that time may surely come.

But, if money is no object and you are concerned about water and energy consumption, go for the front loader.

Now for the last issue on front loaders that it seems everyone across America knows about — the mold. It was a big problem for millions of homeowners when the first models were made back around 10 years ago.

This created a class action lawsuit, which more or less settled the issue. The problem no longer exists, even though I still hear complaints about odors every once in a while. Whirlpool sells a tablet to take care of odors or you can order a product on the Internet from smellywasher.com.

I trust that you can now shop for a washer and whatever you purchase, front or top, I wish you long life and dependability. Stay tuned.

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

Travel deals difficult during March Madness

ome people eat as an escape, others shop, me ... I travel. But with the economy being weak my spending habits have tightened.

I haven't traveled since a November trip to London (and



it was too cold, so that doesn't count, I've justified), so I'm scouring for deals for a March getaway.

Travels with Lana

Lana Mini

choice was a quick trip to Vegas. The only flight under \$400 that I

found was a 7

My first

a.m. departure with a long layover in Phoenix that would've resulted in an 11-hour flight. Forget it.

Airlines I found a sevenhour flight to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic and that includes seven days hotel, food, drinks and non-motorized water sports at the Tropical Alisios Bavaro Club All-Inclusive. This was a March 11 through March 18 trip.

For \$989, on American

I've stayed at the Bavaro Club hotels in Punta Cana with no complaints. Food is authentic, local musicians entertained us at night and the beaches are some of the best in the world. Punta Cana's waters are emerald green and calm. The sands are white and soft and this eastern tip of Dominican Republic, where coconut groves are abundant, is known for its constant, soft breeze. Find Dominican Republic

deals on Travelocity.com. Be willing to leave mid-week for lower rates.

In Punta Cana, beaches are the highlights. (Golfers like it too, but I never set foot on a course). As on all islands, tours are available to hike the forests, swim the rivers and see historical sites. But, if you want more action, and still a great beach, try the other side of the island at Juan Dolio beach just outside Santo Domingo. I found a seven-day trip leaving on March 25 that included it all: air, hotel, transfers, all meals, all drinks and snorkeling (\$1,206 through Expedia. com). The hotel is Barcelo Talanquera Beach Resort All-Inclusive. It's a clean, efficient resort. You can relax all day by the ocean and then take a 40minute cab ride into the city for

Or how about this -Aweek's vacation in the hap-

and a great art scene.

shopping, jumping nightclubs

with live music and merengue,

piest country in the world:

Denmark. Studies repeatedly reveal the people of Denmark are the happiest on Earth.

A flight on Thursday, March 13, plus seven nights at the Clarion Hotel in Copenhagen, is \$1,191 through Travelocity. Com.

The study, through the University of Leicester, compiled data from 178 countries and found Denmark is happiest. Zimbabwe and Burundi are the most unhappy. USA didn't rank very well, we're toward the bottom at 131.

We'll talk more about happiness and satisfaction in an upcoming column. Until then, let me know if you find hot deals to get us through winter. Happy travels.

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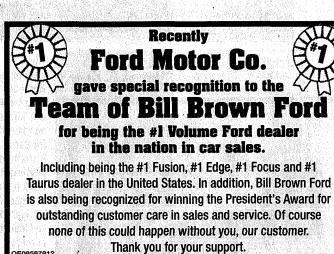
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Chef cooks at home, garden show

Heart healthy and locally grown produce will be spotlighted in the salad creations at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field, March 7-9, prepared by Chef Angus Campbell of the Secchia Institute for Culinary Education at the Grand Rapids Community College.

Campbell's guidelines will satisfy showgoers' need for healthier food and provide a low carbon footprint with food grown closer to markets.

Local sourcing is important to reduce the distance food travels as represented by "locavore," the 2007 word of the year by The New Oxford America Dictionary. Locavores try to build more locally based, self-reliant food economies to enhance economic, environmental and social health.

Free recipe cards will be handed out at each presenta-

Campbell was a senior lecturer at the Glasgow College of Food Technology and department chair of Food and Beverage Management at the Bahamas Hotel Training College. Campbell, also host of the PBS television show, "Cooking with Angus," has led students on international culinary study tours to over 20 countries on six continents, and co-wrote "Modern Garde Manger," a bestselling textbook on the culinary arts and 2007 **IACP** Technical Reference Category Award Winner.

Cooking stage presentations are scheduled Friday and Saturday at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. with an additional morning show Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; and on Sunday at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

CAESAR SALAD WITH SHRIMP

1 garlic clove* (or 1 teaspoon finely

chopped garlic) Pinch kosher salt

Black pepper, freshly ground, to taste 1 anchovy fillet, crushed with a fork (optional)

2 tablespoons lemon juice, freshly squeezed

3 drops Worcestershire sauce 1 coddled egg* (or 1 pasteurized egg

6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 4 tablespoons Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, freshly grated

¾ cup bread croutons, crisp 1 head romaine lettuce, torn 24 medium shrimp, cooked and

Combine the chopped garlic with the anchovy, lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce, and whisk briskly until combined.

Whisk in the desired type of egg, and add the olive oil gradually to form a thickened dress-

Season with the salt and fresh ground pepper.

Add half the cheese, and combine well.

Toss the croutons in half the dressing

Add the lettuce and the remaining dressing, and toss

Separate onto plates and top with the remaining cheese and the cooked shrimp.

* Coddling an egg is done by pouring boiling water over the egg, and allowing it to stand in the water for 1 minute. This causes the yolk of the egg to slightly thicken and warms it for the salad.

* Garlic cloves can be used to rub the interior of the wooden salad bowl that is being used for Caesar salad. This gives the entire salad a fragrance of garlic rather than a salad having a strong garlic taste.

CALIFORNIA TOWER SALAD

¼ cup garlic, roasted ¼ cup balsamic vinegar

¾ cup extra virgin olive oil ½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper, fresh

1 tablespoon shallots, finely chopped 1 tablespoon chive, finely chopped 4 slices daikon radish (or English

cucumber), sliced long and thin 1/2 head romaine lettuce 1/4 head curly endive lettuce

¼ head radicchio ¼ head iceberg lettuce

2 grilled chicken breasts, cut in strips ¼ cup almonds, toasted

Puree the garlic, along with the vinegar, in a food processor. Add the oil slowly to create a

Season with salt and freshly

ground black pepper, and add

the finely chopped shallots and Wash the lettuce well, and dry

thoroughly. Lay the long slices of daikon together in a long strip, around three inches wide.

Arrange a few large leaves of romaine lettuce in a row on top of the daikon to form part of the structure for wrapping. Place pieces of the other

chive.

lettuces in the center of the romaine, being sure to fill its full length.

Place the chicken lengthwise on the romaine, and sprinkle with almonds.

Drizzle the dressing over the open salad.

Roll up the entire salad, using the structure of the romaine and the binding of the daikon to secure the tower. (Use toothpick if necessary).

Trim the bottom of the salad flat so it will stand up on its own

(like a tower). Stand or lay the bundle on the plate, and drizzle more of the dressing and chive.

FESTIVE FLAMING SPINACH SALAD

1½ pounds spinach; rinsed and stemmed

¼ cup olive oil

6 ounces bacon; diced ½ pound onions, chopped

¼ cup red wine vinegar

½ lemon; juiced 1 tablespoon prepared mustard

¼ cup sugar 2 dashes Worcestershire sauce

½ cup assorted olives

¼ assorted spiced peppers 1 ounce ouzo

Dry spinach leaves and place

in flameproof bowl. Cook bacon in large sauté pan with oil until partially crisp.

Add onion to drippings in pan and cook until transparent. Add vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, sugar and Worcestershire, and blend well.

Add olives and spiced peppers, and blend well. Move ingredients to back of pan.

Add ouzo to front of pan, and carefully tilt pan towards flame to ignite the ouzo.

Quickly pour over spinach and toss lightly.

Divide salad between 4 plates, and serve

tables, like coffee tables, for the outdoors," Southgate said. "It's casual entertaining, where you can sit down and relax."

The Michigan Garden Clubs, members of the National Garden Clubs, will present "Tropical Breezes." Over 150 creative displays, floral arrangements and designs in youth, horticulture and educational entries and exhibits are part of the 2008 Standard Flower Show.

The Flower Show is a juried competition. Entries will showcase creative usages of flowers in different and unusual artistic design interpretations including one themed "Voodoo Magic" staged in an 8-by 8-inch box; a buffet table setting named "Island Luau" and a designer choice award class called "Rain Forest." Other displays will be created in black lighted boxes, as miniatures, and on pedestals. The competition

also includes a broad range of educational exhibits from the National Garden Clubs' Blue Star Memorial Highway program to "What is a Rain Garden." The display will show how a garden can be designed to absorb storm water runoff from roofs and parking lots using perennial native plants.

SAGE ADVICE GROWS

Nationally renowned yard and garden expert Jeff Ball, garden columnist Nancy Szerlag, Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and Practical Gardening Institute; and the staff from PracticalGardening.com will teach seminars with practical advice and instruction for planning, designing and growing gardens at the Garden Stage.

The show will be glowing with colorful displays.

SuperiorScape of Shelby Township will create the featured entrance garden filled with trees and spring flowers, new styles, textures, shapes and colors of brick

pavers, enhanced outdoor living spaces and pergola wood structures. TYME Landscape of Livonia highlights outdoor retreats using brick pavers, fireplaces and pergolas.

Other landscaped flowering garden displays, perfect for any home, will feature the use of landscape lighting, brick walkways, retaining walls and patios. Water features will be in abundance, from reflecting ponds and fountains to waterfalls.

Southgate expects to get a few new customers this year.

"Typically the people at this show may not go to a retail store," Southgate said. "The show is fairly successful in reaching and meeting those customers. I like the show, because I'm a people person and I can talk to them about their landscaping."

Visit www.FordFieldHomeShow. com for show information including complete schedule of gardening seminars, floral arrangement demonstrations and cooking stage times, downtown restaurant specials and ticket sales, etc.

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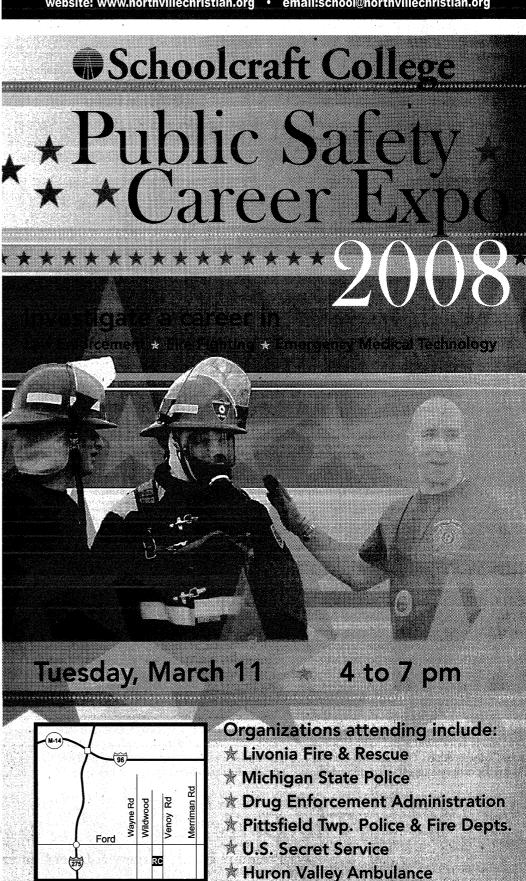
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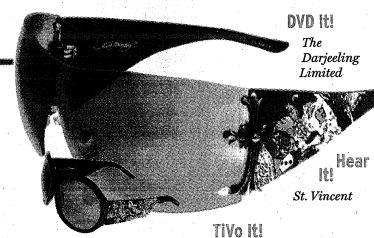
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Metro Detroit women break bread for Gleaners

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, the Gleaners Annual Women's Power Breakfast is the most important social event of the season.

That's according to longtime event supporter Mary Lou Zieve.

"I think without doubt this is one of major networking occasions in this city each year," said Zieve, of Bloomfield Hills.

This year's breakfast, set for 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, features Fox-2 anchor Sherry Margolis as emcee and Vicki Escarra, president and CEO of America's Second Harvest, as keynote speaker. Honorary Co-Chairs include

Governor Jennifer Granholm, Detroit's First Lady Carlita Kilpatrick, and Debbie Dingell, Vice Chairman of the General Motors Foundation.

Guests include Metro Detroit's top corporate, professional and civic women lead-

"We get businesswomen. We get senators. We get local muck-a-mucks," Zieve said. "It has become a happening. It's



GLEANERS WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST

What: The 15th annual event raises awareness and funds to help feed local children, seniors and families. When: Wednesday, March 12; networking begins with coffee and tea at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast served at 8 a.m. Where: Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets: \$100-\$1,000, with all proceeds benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank

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Information: Call (313) 923-3535 ext. 260, or visit www.gcfb.org

usually sold out."

Rosenfeld

The Women's Power Breakfast was launched by Bloomfield Hills resident Dulcie Rosenfeld 15 years ago as a way to raise awareness and funds for the Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

Rosenfeld had plenty of experience supporting causes and serving on non-profit boards, including the Detroit Historical Commission and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. At the time, she also helped organize the Detroit Institute of Arts' Under the Stars event.

"I came up with the idea for the power breakfast because men used to meet in New York and Detroit early in the morning to do business deals," she said. "Evidently breakfast is a good time to do that in the

business world."

Rosenfeld and her friends mined their Rolodexes and invited women of influence to The Detroit Club for the first breakfast. The event was a resounding success.

"I know about raising money from women from my involvement in Jewish community organizations," Rosenfeld said. Women are a most powerful force because children learn not from what we say but what we do. Women hold up half the world. It's our responsibility to be a good example."

The Power Breakfast has been staged at different venues, including the Gem, Fox and Max M. Fisher theatres. as well as The Reserve in Birmingham. This year's event will give guests a glimpse of the newly-renovated DIA.

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Rosenfeld is passing the baton

But she encourages everyone

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"The thermostat is turned up to keep winter's chill away, but the same heat that keeps you toasty dries out the air and, with it, your skin," said Marzena Hawkins, owner of Birmingham's Avalon Salon and Spa. She shared her top tips to weathering the coldest time of year.

Combat dry skin: "Facial skin is the thinnest of all, so it requires special care on a monthly basis," said Hawkins. She suggests moisturizing more frequently. Those with normal or oily skin can opt for a lotion, while those with drier skin should use a cream. She also recommends scheduling a Replenishing or Tourmaline facial.

Block out the sun: "Although you are usually bundled up from head-to-toe in the winter, it is important to use a sunscreen on areas of your body that are still exposed – your face being the most important," Hawkins said. "Choose a moisturizing sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of at least 15. Also be sure to wear a lip balm containing sunscreen."

Rethink your regimen: If you use products like Retin A or Renova, be sure to use a high SPF sunscreen, Hawkins said, as your skin will be more sensitive to UV rays. And take care to exfoliate dry skin. Hawkins suggests a Caribbean Therapy Body Scrub. Hands and Feet: Take special care to moisturize the thin skin on hands, which is prone to drying, and exfoliate dead skin from feet to keep them soft and supple. Spa manicures and pedicures will do just the trick.



Nikki Sorgi of Shelby Township as Grand Prize Winners in the "New Face of Don Thomas" contest. As part of the company's grand opening/relocation celebration, Sorgi, 8, and

Melone, 29, were **Meshelle Melone** selected from more than 50 applicants that donned Don Thomas apparel and posed for the camera at the shop this past fall. Ads featuring the young women are being shown through March at the Birmingham Palladium

and Uptown 8 Theatre. Both are avid





Troy Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Forum will host a Want It! Trend Event on Thursday, March 13 in the Armani Collezioni On Two at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. Celebrate the season's fashion must-haves, and the newest looks in beauty from Chanel with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 5 p.m., and a Want It! presentation at 6 p.m. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, includes a \$25 SFA Gift Card. Reservations required. Call (248) 641-8151 or e-mail TheTeam@TroyChamber. com by Monday, March 10.

inter winds can wreak havoc on anyone's skin — no one knows that better than Dr. John Sosa, owner of West Bloomfield's Blue Amber Medical Spa and his staff. The cozy clean environment offers an array of services and products meant to seek out and treat skin damage and to ward off the effects of aging. I stopped in last week to experience the Visia machine myself



Stephanie Casola

- with three close-up photos it mapped out areas of sun damage, broken blood vessels and, yes, wrinkles. It even replicates the potential aging process over the next five years. Spa Director Laura LoCricchio noted that based on

a person's skin type and results, a customized program can be crafted. The options range from photo-rejuvenation to laser skin resurfacing, microdermabrasian to laser hair removal. LoCricchio and Dawn Martin, both

experienced medical aestheticians, named sun protection as the single most important aspect of skin care — in winter and any month of the year. "Make it an important part of your morning routine," said LoCricchio. "(People) think if I'm

"The sun is more intense and more reflective in snow," Martin added. Once the sun does its damage, the experts suggest microdermabra-

not out in the sun, I'm fine". But that's not the

sion or a chemical peel, depending on skin type. Clients typically start seeking out such treatments around the age of 35 — when those new lines and spots begin to show up. Sosa said treating earlier can make a difference in maintaining a youthful, healthy appearance as you age.

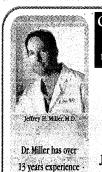
To that end, Blue Amber is also an exclusive seller of True Mineral Cosmetics. The new line of powders, eye and lip colors is infused with antiaging components called idebenone, and offers a sun protection factor of 17. That, combined with environmental protection in the form of antioxidants, Sosa said, "brings something more to protection.

He recommends always wearing sunscreen with at least an SPF of 30. Look for those with zinc and titanium oxide, Martin noted, which are better able to block out both forms of UV rays. And don't discount the importance of protective clothing like hats and sunglasses.

All the services offered at Blue Amber are nonor minimally-invasive. From Botox injections to Light Sheer hair removal to Intense Pulsed Light skin treatments that take about five days to heal, Sosa is always on hand. And all of the equipment is state-of-the art, Martin said. For more, visit www.blueambermedical.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola happily obsesses over eve creams and sunscreen all year long. She writes Dollface each month covering fashion and beauty for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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MOT blends new dance troupe, old favorites in coming season

The Detroit Opera House welcomes one debut production and three returning favorites in its coming 2008-09 season. In honor of the 12th dance season, which is sponsored by the Chrysler

Foundation, the Detroit Opera
House will for the first time show-case Hubbard
Street Dance
Chicago, with shows running
Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Then, in time for the holiday season, The Joffrey Ballet brings back a classic in *The Nutcracker*, running Nov. 28-30. Come 2009, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater takes the opulent stage from Feb. 12-15, followed by the American Ballet Theater's rendition of *Romeo and Juliet*, running March 13-15.

"This exciting new dance season highlights our commitment to presenting some of the best dance companies in the world to the stage of the Detroit Opera House," said David DiChiera, general director. "This season, we look forward to the return of some of our favorite companies, as well as the long-awaited debut of

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago."

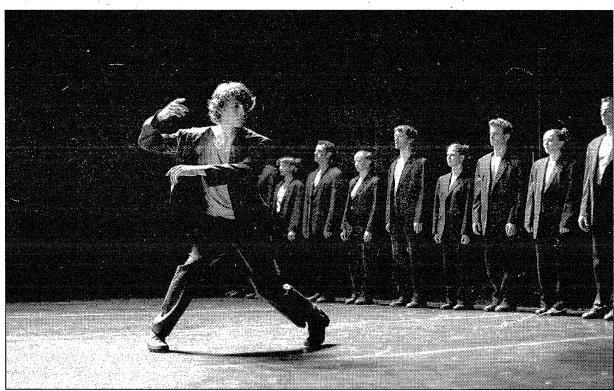
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aims to be "the
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Subscription information will be available in April, with flex-

ible packages, and discounts for families, firsttimers and long-distance subscribers. Single tickets for the 2008-09 Chrysler Foundation Dance Series will be on sale in August.

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For more information, including specific showtimes and dates, call the Detroit Opera House (313) 237-SING or visit www.MichiganOpera. org. The Detroit Opera House is located at 1526 Broadway, in Detroit.



TODD ROSENBERG

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago will make its Detroit debut at the Detroit Opera House late in 2008. Here they are in a work called "Minus 16."



Baseball exhibit, lecture featured in Plymouth

Baseball fans anticipate the warmer days and balmy nights when they will be watching the Tigers at Comerica Park or on television.

The Plymouth Historical Society hopes to create a harbinger of those warmer days with a "Professors of Baseball" lecture 7 p.m. March 13 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The talk coincides with the museum's current exhibit, "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball," which will be open until June 1.

Two former baseball players will share chronicled and humorous stories at the lecture. Raymond Rolak will be talking about the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy" and Bill Zepp, former University of Michigan pitcher, will be speaking on the history of town baseball. Museum director Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens will answer questions on the preservation and conservation of baseball collectables.

Bill Janney will be available to youth coaches to explain the successful model for travel teams. Janney has been a longtime travel team coach in Northville.

Some of the highlights of the display include memorabilia from Illitch Holdings and the Detroit Tigers Baseball

Rolak, who played at Wayne State University for coach Robert Samaras, will highlight other former WSU baseball players who were awarded the Hillerich & Bradsby Black Bat Trophy. Hillerich & Bradsby makes the famed Louisville Slugger baseball bats. The company presents the Black Bat Trophy to all national championship teams, from Little League to the World Series winners. This special artifact is a full sized black ebony bat with each team members name engraved in gold.

Detroit, Flint and Ann Arbor have a rich history of national championship teams. A copy of each Black Bat Trophy is on repository at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York.

The Black Bat Trophy experiences of former University of Detroit shortstop Fred Bowen and University of Michigan baseball historian Morris Moorawnick will also be highlighted. Rare photos of

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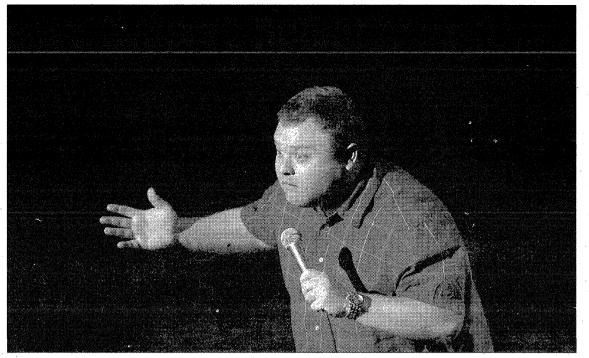
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Skating Away: Todd Eldredge comes home to The Palace of



Don't miss master of impressions Frank Caliendo, of "Frank TV," March 8 at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

Impressionist goes from 'Frank TV' to Fox Theatre

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E-STAFF WRITER

Frank Caliendo might be bestknown for his spot-on impression of sports announcer John

Madden but these
days the star of
Frank TV reels
in the crowds
with a turkeyhead-bobbing version
of President
George W. Bush.
Calling Feb. 26
from his hometown

of Phoenix, Ariz., the funnyman said he didn't really intend to become an impressionist. "It just happened to be what I did best," he said, "mimic famous voices."

Before he begins filming a second season of his hit TBS show, Caliendo is touring the country, bringing his comic sensibility to Detroit's Fox Theatre this weekend. "I love performing live," he said. "You get the audience feedback. It's time-tested material. It's clean. Kids come up to see me all the time."

His fish-out-of-water comedic take and impressions draw from pop culture, more often from movies and television than from sports, he noted.

FRANK CALIENDO

Who: Comedian and impressionist Frank Caliendo of TBS's "Frank TV" When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8 Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$42.75, call (248) 433-1515 **More information**: Call (313) 471-6611 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com

Caliendo grew up on the sketch comedy of SCTV, Saturday Night Live, In Living Color, and sitcoms like Mork & Mindy, which starred two of his favorite comedians, Robin Williams and Jonathan Winters. "That's when I knew what I wanted to be," he said. But it was the all-over-the-board hilarity of Williams, rather than the character of Mork, that appealed most to Caliendo. And these days he can mirror Williams like no one else.

It wasn't until his junior year of college in Wisconsin that he first took to the stage. Caliendo tried performing a couple of times – at dance parties and finally comedy clubs. But it was a nod from an improv instructor that encouraged him most.

"I got lucky," he said. " I was

taking an improv class, a beginner's class and (my instructor) got me onstage in Milwaukee."

Caliendo remembered just how it felt, "the lights blinding me for a second, then all of a sudden they started laughing."

And the laughter hasn't stopped. It led to a spot on *Mad TV*, recurring appearances on *NFL on Fox*, all the late-night giants and finally his own blend of sketch comedy and impressions for *Frank TV*, which debuted in 2007

He's performed on Late Night with David Letterman, both as himself and as Madden for an interview. He's mimicked Jay Leno alongside the real thing on The Tonight Show. He's even multiplied himself on his own show, Frank TV, producing sketches like Seinfeld 2027 where he plays every iconic character.

As for the characters he manages to embody, Caliendo said, "I used to study it a lot." Now, it takes a lot less time for him to get the tone, cadence and mannerisms down. While performing he imagines seeing that particular personality in front of him, as in a mirror. That mindset leads to minor disappointment when he catches himself on television – "I

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DIA's new exhibit is best experienced at your 'leisure'

BY STEPHANIE ANGEYLN CASOLA

For its latest exhibition, the Detroit Institute of Arts has gone out on a wire — a highwire — according to Nancy Jones.

The DIA's director of education noted last week that the first special exhibit since the museum's reopening, Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artist's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925, lends itself to a wide range of programming meant to bring the paintings to life. So for the first time, visitors will have a chance to see a tight-rope walker, inspired by the William Glackens painting Hammerstein's Roof Garden.

Graham J. Beal, museum director, said while the Ashcan artists are associated with portraying a grittier side of life, often in New York City, the subjects of their works truly represent the middle class

The term "Ashcan" was derived from a seedier George Bellows newspaper illustration titled *Disappointments of the Ash Can*. While it stirred some controversy, the name does not begin to embody the breadth of work that came from this

LIFE'S PLEASURES: THE ASHCAN ARTIST'S BRUSH WITH LEISURE, 1895-1925

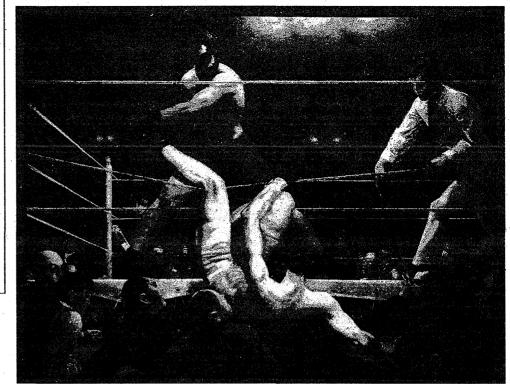
What: The Ashcan artists serve up realism and city life, characterizing the leisure activities of their day.

When: Exhibit runs through May 25.
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts.
5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit:
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.
to 10 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m.
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school of artists.

The portraits and breath-taking scenes portrayed in *Life's Pleasures* were meant to reflect their own surroundings. As such, the subjects found themselves perched at a local bar or cafe, wandering through scenic Central Park or serving as enraptured spectators at the ballet. Works by Robert Henri, George Bellows, Alfred Maurer, William Glackens, John



George Bellows' "Dempsey and Firpo" will be among those works featured in the DIA's latest exhibit.

Sloan, George Luks, Guy Pène du Bois, and others are represented among the 80 pieces chosen for this exhibit.

The timing of *Life's Pleasures* for 2008 is also telling. Beal said these artists, considered among the first modern painters, were featured a century ago at what was then the Detroit Museum of Art

Jim Tottis, curator of the exhibition, said prior to its arrival at the DIA, *Life's Pleasures* was on display in Nashville and New York, where it "exceeded expectations."

By bringing it "home to Detroit," Tottis said, the show offers insight into what life was truly like in the late 19th century. At least two generations of Ashcan artists are represented, all led by their mentor Henri, who encouraged them to paint what is real. They shared an appreciation for impressionists like Claude Monet and Diego Velazquez. The Ashcan artists favored subjects who enjoyed life, Many had worked as newspaper illustrators, lending realism to these works.

Visitors can wander through galleries organized by leisure activities. The entrance offers warm mahogany panels inspired by bars and cafes frequented by the Ashcan artists. Peer into McSorely's Bar as depicted by artist John Sloan or The Cafe Francis where you'll meet restaurateur Jimmy Moore. Then wander over to the theater where Everett Shinn draws you into the audience of his Theater Scene.

The sporting life bares little resemblance to today's teams. Instead the Ashcan artists embodied the rise of boxing from bars to major spectator

"Café Madrid" by Guy Pène du Bois (dated 1926) comes from the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Fla, for "The Ashcan Artist's Brush with Leisure" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

events. A powerful image depicting Jack Dempsey falling from the ring following a punch by Luis Angel Firpo is depicted in a George Bellows painting, and set opposite actual news reel footage of the fight that inspired it.

Two galleries are reserved for images of park life and recreation, with seven paintings set right in Central Park. The exhibit continues through to sunny beach escapes including Henri's At Far Rockaway and a quiet stroll by a pond

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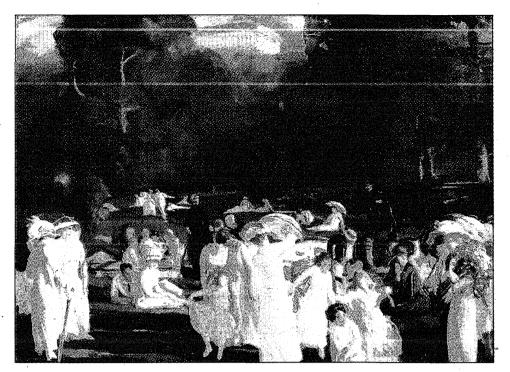
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depicted in *Every Saturday* by Arthur B. Davies.

The Detroit Film Theater inside the DIA will also get in on the leisure act with a five-week series called *Celluloid Pleasures*. From March 15 to April 19, the theater will offer a film tribute, on Saturdays at 4 p.m., echoing the time period covered in the exhibit and including the likes of D.W. Griffiths, Buster Keaton and Douglas Fairbanks.

Elliot Wilhelm, curator of film for the DIA, noted that *Life's Pleasures* "pro-

vides such a natural link to the world of film." Some of the most popular film subjects in the late 19th century tended toward leisure activities, giving what Wilhelm considered a "vibrant record" of what recreation looked like at the time

A fully illustrated 250-page catalogue of the exhibit is also available. And on April 2, a companion exhibition will open called *Give it a Rest: People at Play in American Prints and Drawings, 1895-1945*. It features about 100 works on paper, includes many Ashcan artists, and will be on view through Aug. 3.

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PURE PICKS MARCH 6-11

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Gary Grimshaw's Rock & Roll
Fine art poster exhibit features
Grimshaw, the primary poster and
light show artist for Detroit's psychedelic
Grande Ballroom from 1966 to 1969.
Meet the artist from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at
Woods Gallery, 26415 Scotia, Huntington
Woods, (located on the lower level of the
Huntington Woods Library). Grimshaw's
created posters for the MC5, Iggy Pop and
Elvis, and was an art director of Creem
magazine and the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz
Festival.

"You Are What You Eat" displays pop art by **Plymouth** resident Tony Hope, through March, with an artist meetand-greet, 8 p.m. March 7, Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Ave., (734) 454-0178, www.myspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean.

Don a mask for the Cirque 2008 8th Annual Masked Ball at The Colony Club, 2310 Park Ave. in Detroit from 7 p.m. to midnight. Cirque is one of the largest fund-raising events for the Founders Junior Council, the young professionals auxiliary board of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Masks or disguises are strongly encouraged. This year's theme

26000 Evergreen Road

is inspired by Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. For tickets visit www.foundersjuniorcouncil.org or by call (313) 833-3737. General admission tickets are \$75 and include hors d'oeuvres and premium open bar. Tickets at the door are \$100.

Sizzling Sundays features brunch and jazz, 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Cost is \$6.99, at the Cafe at Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 538-4600 for information.

There's still time left to see Who Wants Cake's performance of Bug, through March 10; The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 556-8581. The show is for audiences 18 and over because of frontal nudity and drug connotations.

The Cranbrook Music Guild presents Shamma Cash-Goldwasser, cello, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills at 8 p.m. Cash-Goldwasser is this year's winner of the Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholarship.

She will perform with eight other cellists from the University of Michigan. The program features Bachianas Brasileiras No. 1 for eight cellos, by Heitor Villa-Lobos; Lament for Matthew Shepard, by Anne Wilson; Roulette, Streamline



Masks and costumes are encouraged for this year's Cirque.

and *Revenga* by System of a Down (arranged by Eric Moore); and five tangos by Astor Piazzolla still to be announced.

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Adrian Belew brings progressive sound to the Magic Bag

O&E STAFF WRITER

He's played in King Crimson with David Bowie, The Talking Heads and Frank Zappa

And when Frank Zappa auditions and hires a guitarist for some studio work and touring, that musician must be good.

Adrian Belew is hailed by guitar aficionados as one of the best in the music world today. He's been touring the world to

When: Thursday, March 6, doors 8 p.m. Where: Magic Bag Publicity, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991 Tickets: \$20

For details: www.themagicbag.com

promote his new CD Side Four, Live, and bringing audiences to their knees with his dreamy, haunting, intricate compositions.

Belew brings his progressive sound to the Magic Bag on Thursday, March 6.

His new band, The Power Trio, is guitarist and vocalist Belew, plus Erick Slick on drums and Julie Slick on bass. The show will feature material from the new CD, plus classics from Belew's solo projects and from King Crimson.

'The Slicks' bring a whole new energy to the band,' Belew said. "I honestly feel like we can do anything now. They're great to play with and this band sounds incredible."

Belew, 58, was born in Kentucky, and is best known for performing and recording with Zappa and as a member of King Crimson during the

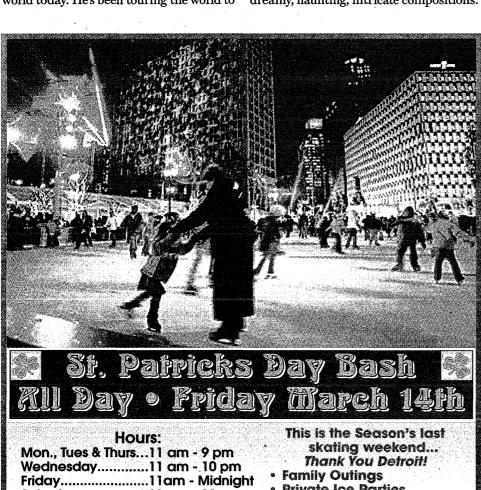
Belew was nominated for a Best Rock Instrumental Grammy in 2005. In 1977. he performed with Zappa on the album Sheik Yerbouti, and two years later on Bowie's Lodger. He's been a session artist and toured with the Talking Heads and played on Paul Simon's LP Graceland.

Belew seemlessly moves from mainstream artists like Simon to underground

The Adrian Belew Power Trio brings its progressive sound to Ferndale.

performance musicians like Laurie Anderson - he appeared in her concert film Home of the Brave in the '80s. Like Zappa, Belew is known for his technical use of the whammy bar on guitar.

After the tour, Belew will continue performing with King Crimson, then will record another CD with The Power Trio and finally continue with his paintings as he's also an accomplished artist.



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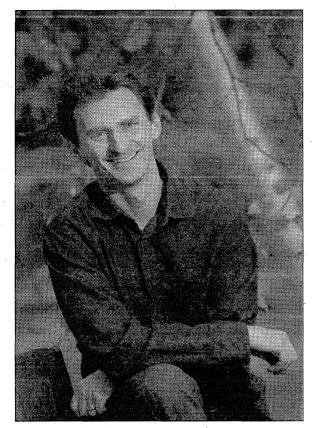
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Todd Eldredge, a Rochester Hills resident, is ready to skate at home

Local skate champ happy to perform at home

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

For Rochester Hills resident Todd Eldredge, there's nothing like performing in his hometown.

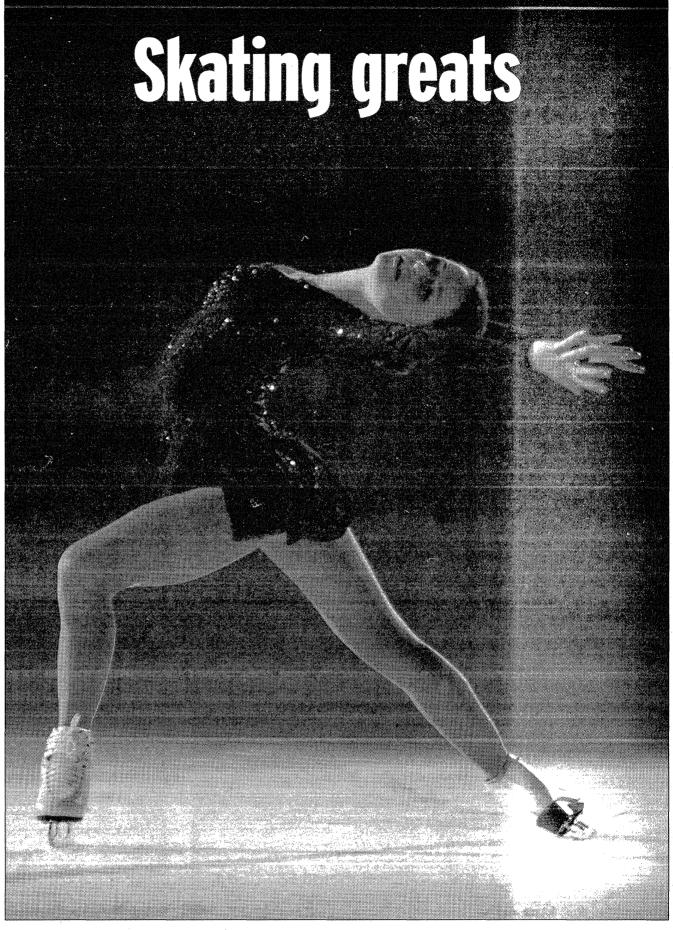
"When I perform at The Palace, not in competition, with my family and friends in the audience, I'm relaxed and we all just have fun," said the former Olympic skater, just hours before a show in St. Louis last week.

Eldredge and other champs like Scott Hamilton and Sasha Cohen are part of the Smuckers Stars On Ice Live and In Color show coming to the Palace on Saturday, March 15.

"Michigan is such a good skating town," Eldredge said. "We love doing shows when the audience is just as excited to see skating as we are doing it."

For more than two decades, figure skating icon Hamilton and other top skaters have annually created new choreographs for the Emmy Award-winning Smucker's Stars on Ice. Now in

Please see ICE, E19



Sasha Cohen headlines the "Smuckers' Stars on Ice Live and In Color" show.

Tom's seafood tradition is alive and well in Rochester Hills

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA"

O&E STAFF WRITER

Around metro Detroit, Tom Brandel's name is synonymous with his Tom's Oyster Bars. But before opening his first restaurant by that name - in Grosse Pointe Park in 1985 - he owned a music venue with what he called "a very limited menu."

Times have changed.
The oyster empire began multiplying in the 1990s
- spurred on by the success of an expanded location on Main Street in Royal Oak, a spot in Southfield and another in Detroit before heading north to Rochester Hills.

In November, Brandel opened a spacious, completely custom-designed location situated next to Papa Joe's Gourmet Market. With giant windows, high ceilings and multileveled dining, the latest Tom's Oyster Bar might feel the most like an elegant East Coast lighthouse. At 6.400 square feet, a bar circles the center. Brandel held onto some signature decor - bent wood chairs, blue and white tablecloths and schoolhouse light fixtures. And once the weather permits, the new location can seat 52 outside.

TOM'S OYSTER BAR

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6870 N. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills Call: (248) 601-8889

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Raw Oyster Bar, fresh sushi, seafood specialties, steaks, salads. Dinner entrees from \$15-\$34, lunch \$5-\$11.

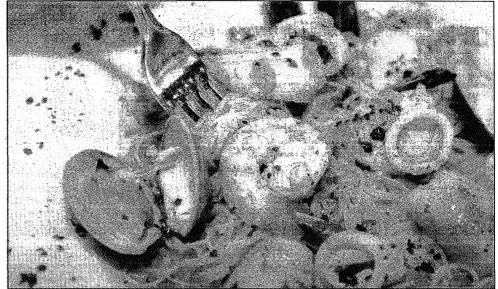
Entertainment: Large screen televisions; St. Patrick's Day party planned.

Designed by Ron Rea, known for stunning dining establishments like Ferndale's Via Nove, Brandel said he hoped customers would feel the

> departure from his other locations. That departure is also reflected in the lunch and dinner menus.

Longtime fans of Tom's Oyster Bar will surely find their favorites. The everchanging fresh fish menu currently highlights everything from Ahi tuna to Lake Superior Whitefish. The Raw Bar is ready with oysters, shrimp and crab. And Tom's Seafood Chowder is still served up by the cup or bowl.

But the Rochester Hills location also



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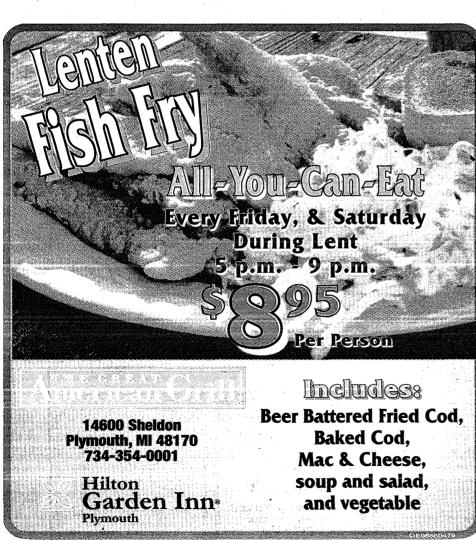
Order up a plate of Cappellini at Tom's Oyster Bar in Rochester Hills and you'll indulge in a mix of delicate angel hair pasta, shrimp, mussels, calamari, scallops and clams in a marinara sauce.

specializes in steaks. From Filet Mignon to T-Bone, these entrees are complemented by a vegetable, starch and zip sauce. Brandel said the addition of chef Daniele Dell'Acqua has given the entire menu a bit of Italian flair. It's most noticeable in items like the Mediterranean Salad, made with artichokes, olives and chickpeas;

pasta dishes like Cappellini, made with calamari, shrimp, mussels and scallops; and a coffee-brandy Tiramisu. Brandel said from the decor to the menu there was room for creativity.

He attributed his restaurants' contin-

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Rochester Hills now is home to another location of Tom's Oyster Bar.

ued success to a simple notion. "We don't cut corners," he said. Only fresh fish and high quality ingredients are used. There's no shortcut to quality," he said. With 70 employees, the Rochester

restaurant runs smoothly - catering to the largest crowds on weekends. "Friday night is more of a singles night," said Brandel. "Saturday is a couple's night."

The restaurant also offers catering as well as state-of-the art banquet facilities.

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

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Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, but the owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi are actually Irish all year round.

In tribute of the holiday for all of their "Irish" friends, executive chef Mary Brady and her husband Tom, the owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, will be serving authentic Irish food and host live Irish music on St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17.

Pete Fetters will be performing 7-10 p.m. Guests are encouraged to come and sing along.

Additionally, the following authentic Irish fare will be served at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro including: County Cork Gravlox, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Stew, Salmon A La Dublin Bay, Parmesan Seared Sea Scallops Kinsale Style, and Beef And Beer. For dessert, the restaurant has Guinness Stout Chocolate Cake.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is located inside the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center, Novi, Michigan, (next to the Novi Town Center Movies).

For more information on the menu or reservations, call (248) 380-8460.

SLICE FOR LIFE

All nine Buddy's Pizza locations are hosting the 32nd annual Slice for Life Event Monday, April 7, with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

With the purchase of an event ticket patrons either can dinein and enjoy all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry-out a four-square twotopping pizza or an Individual sized Antipasto, Greek or House salad.

Buddy's has served Detroit's original square pizza for 62 years over half of those years include partnering with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to feed those less fortunate in metro Detroit.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Capuchins by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 201, or at the door of any Buddy's Pizza on April 7. The team from 2clowns.com will be visiting Buddy's dinein locations throughout the day, providing entertainment. Buddy's patrons can also register to win one 8-square Buddy's pizza every month for a year. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$6 children, and \$10 for seniors at lunch (11 a.m.-4 p.m.) and \$15 for seniors at dinner (4-10 p.m.).

All nine Buddy's Pizza locations will be participating, which includes locations in Auburn Hills, Livonia and Farmington Hills and carry-out locations in Bloomfield Hills and

For more information, visit www.buddyspizza.com.

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Cheesecake, Carrot Cake Chocolate Torte Key Lime Pie Cookies and Brownies

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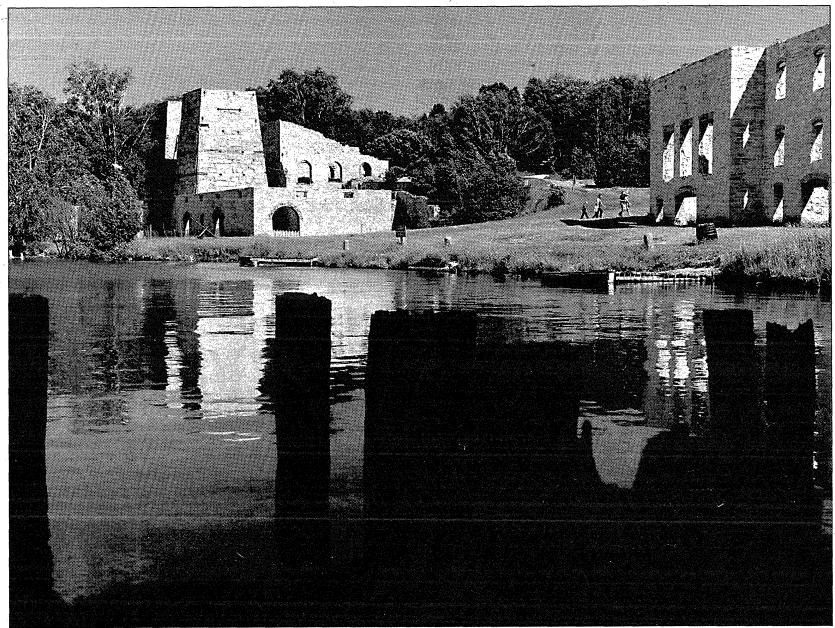
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"Balthazar Korab's Images of Michigan" exhibit at the Rochester Hills Museum features photographs of rural locations, including Fayette State Park, the home of a deserted 1880s company town, in the Upper Peninsula.

Michigan, through the lens of Balthazar Korab

Balthazar Korab's images have appeared on the covers of over 300 publications.

His photography has been exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art - New York and the Venice Biennale and other prominent museums.

Korab once worked with architect Eero Saarinen, experimenting with photography as part of the architectural design process. He was awarded fourth place in an international design competition to design the Sidney Opera House.

Balthazar Korab's Images of Michigan, featuring 46 black-and-white images, recently

opened at the
Rochester Hills
Museum. Korab's
photographs capture the beauty
of Michigan from
the rural Keweenaw
Peninsula to the

urban streets of Detroit.
The exhibition will run through

Adam Sakel, program coordinator at Rochester Hills

Museum, said the museum featured the exhibition because Korab is a world-renowned architectural photographer. "We had the opportunity to showcase some of his best images of Michigan," Sakel said

"By looking at his work, you see a structure in a different way," Sakel said. "You examine your surroundings in a different way.

"We're always so hurried in our lives, running from here to there, that we need to take time to reflect on Balthazar's work.

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BALTHAZAR KORAB'S IMAGES OF MICHIGAN

Where: The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, located on Van Hoosen Road, off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, one mile north of downtown Rochester.

Hours: Open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.

Admission: \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. Museum members and children under five are free.

For more information: call (248) 656-4663 or visit the Museum's Web site at www.rochesterhills.org.

andleader Lawrence Welk celebratng with the 1959 Little League World leries Champions from Hamtramck vill be displayed. Also of note, is the tory of the local players who helped vin the 1959 American Legion National Championship for Detroit Edison Post. Zepp, who pitched for the Minnesota

wins will also recall the 1953 and 962 U of M NCAA Baseball National Champions. Players from those two Volverine squads received the Black 3at Trophies. He will speak on the irony of having to pitch on Al Kaline Day at Figer Stadium and how he met manager Billy Martin for the first time at Yankee Stadium. Zepp will also talk about forner Michigan teammate and retired Plymouth educator Dick Schryer.

The exhibits, which are open during nuseum hours, will also feature rare paseball toys and old collegiate baseball photos. Furthermore, artifacts from the All-American Girls Baseball League and he old Negro Leagues will be on display. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for chil-Iren 5-17, and \$10 for families. For more nformation, contact the museum at 734) 455-8940.

still look like me doing it," he said. A few of his favorite impressions nclude Al Pacino, Bush and his newest take - Charles Barkley, Now, he encounters kids on the street that shout at him "oh that's turrible," in Barkley's dragging tone.

"I'm amazed for it to catch on so much," he said.

Though he spent a couple of years on Mad TV, Caliendo said ultimately that style of comedy came across too 'mean" and didn't quite suit him. He pitched an idea for his own show, "a silly show, I didn't need to change the world," he said, to cable networks. Soon enough TBS gave Caliendo the outlet he was looking for - and audiences were watching. Frank TV drew 2 million viewers a week - "huge for a cable show.'

Though the writer's strike snared the show early on, it is set to return. Re-runs are scheduled for April and a second season will begin in October.

"We did so well out of the gate," he said, "the show could end after eight episodes and my whole career's changed.'

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Leila Haddad

Gypsy Dances from Rajasthan to the Nile



WED, MAR 12 | 8 PM **Power Center**

Leila Haddad is recognized as one of the world's foremost oriental dancers. performing Rags el Sharqi, commonly referred to as "belly dance." This performance is beautifully staged with exquisite handmade costumes, nuanced lighting, and sophisticated technical direction. In this new work, Haddad creates a dialogue between ancient dance traditions — the Ghawazee (Gypsy) dances of Upper Egypt and those of the Kabelyas of Rajasthan, India. She is joined onstage by the renowned Ghawazee musicians of Luxor, who play a variety of traditional instruments.

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ZZ Collective A Tribute to Wayne Shorter

JOE LOVANO artistic director and saxophones | DAVE DOUGLAS trumpet | STEFON HARRIS vibraphone and marimba | MIGUEL ZENÓN alto sax and flute ROBIN EUBANKS trombone | RENEE ROSNES piano | MATT PENMAN bass | ERIC HARLAND drums

THU MAR 13 | 8 PM Hill Auditorium



Heralded by the Los Angeles Times for its "sheer, out-of-the-box musicality," the SFJAZZ Collective explores the last 50 years of jazz repertoire. Led by Joe Lovano, the Collective's 2008 concert pays tribute to the genius of saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter, with performances of his works alongside new pieces by each of the Collective's members.



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MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS conductor

FRI, MAR 14 8 PM Hill Auditorium



Under the baton of one of today's most exciting conductors, the San Francisco Symphony will perform Jean Sibelius' last complete symphony alongside Beethoven's first fate-defying statement of musical revolution, the "Eroica" symphony.

PROGRAM

Sibelius

Symphony No. 7 (1924) Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 55 ("Eroica") (1805)



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Bach's St. Matthew Passion

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FRI. MAR 21 | 7:30 PM [NOTETIME] Hill Auditorium



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ART EXHIBITS

Arab American National Museum: Fragmentation & Unity: The Art of Sari Khoury through April 27. Gallery talks noon March 14, 2 p.m. March 30, noon April 11, 2 p.m. April 20. Free. 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, www.arabamericanmuseum.org, (313) 582-2266.

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 Society of Women Painters and Sculptors: Juried Art show through March 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.

North Farmington High School: Student Art Shows, "Fish Gardens" through March 15; "Fish Bowl" March 19-April 2; opening reception, 6-8 p.m. March 19; City Gallery, Costick Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856

Waterford Cultural Council: "Quiet Moments," group exhibition of Oakland County painters, through 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.
University of Michigan Museum of Art: Inge
Morath and Arthur Miller: China, photographs and journal excerpts, through
March 23, guided tours 2 p.m. March 16,
7 p.m. March 13; 1301 S. University, (734)
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ART GALLERIES

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: "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.

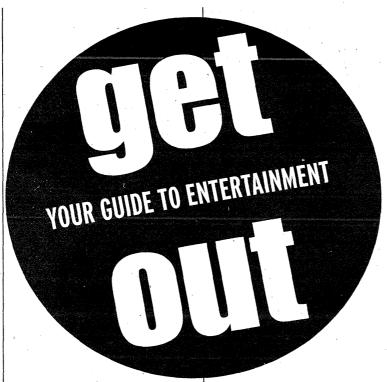
Clay, Etc., Studio and Gallery: Tea Time at Clay, Etc., through March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

Elaine L. Jacob Gallery: Still Pulling: Traditional Printmaking in the Digital Age, group show, March 21-May 16; opening reception, 5-8 p.m. March 21, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu. Lawrence Street Gallery: Visual Music by

Frances Cocagne, March 5-29, opening recpetion 6-9 p.m. March 7, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Lotus Arts Gallery: Fresh Expressions: An Exhibition of Local Artists, 12 emerging Michigan artists featured, multimedia, March 14-27, opening reception 6-9 p.m. March 14, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Main Gallery: "Installations," group show featuring installation works by five Michigan artists, March 14-April 19; Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. March 14; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15. First Floor Gallery: "Sherry Moore - Landscapes and



Dwellings," mixed media drawings and sculptures, March 14-April 19, Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. March 14, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.

River's Edge Gallery: Underexposed, artists showing work for the first time, through March 14, (734) 246-9880, www.artat-theedge.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: Winter Solstice: Paintings, group exhibition, through April 12, 1274 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: 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. Arab American National Museum: Free gallery talks: Abstracting Reflections Subjecting Reverberations, presented by Joe Namy, OTHER Collective, noon-1 p.m. March 14; Sari Khoury's Inspiration and Love for Abstract Art, presented by Suheila Khoury, 2-3 p.m. March 30; Learning to Look at Abstract Art, presented by Jennie Williams, DIA, noon-1 p.m. April 11; 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 582-2266 www.arabamericanmuseum.org Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Winter workshops: Digital Photography, 7-10 p.m. March 12, \$115/\$155, \$25 lab fee; Flower Painting Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 8, \$60/\$100; Printmaking, March 14-16, \$182/\$222; Dyeing on Fabric, 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m. March 17-19, \$120/\$160; Pastel Landscapes, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21-22, \$135/\$175; The Essence of Watercolor, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 17-19, \$130/\$170. 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. Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair: Pioneer-related arts and crafts, artisan demonstrations, hand-crafted work for sale, storytelling, music, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 15, Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road,

Dexter. \$3 adults, \$.50 children. www.hvcn.

org/info/dextermuseum, (734) 426-3352.

D & M Art Studio: Oil 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.

D&M Art Studio: Ceramic Spring Break Workshop, 5 p.m. March 19, \$15, all day workshops offered March 25-28, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton, www.dmartstudio.com, (734) 453-3710.

Farmington Area Arts Commission: Nominations accepted through April 2 for 2008 Artist in Residence (art, drama, dance, literature, music, photography, film, or music), recognizes an individual who resides in Farmington or Farmington Hills with a cash award, plaque, and reception in their honor as part of the Festival of the Arts Celebration, reception 6:30 p.m. April 23 at the Costick Center, visit www.fhgov.com or call (248) 473-1856.

Orchard Lake Schools and Friends of Polish Art: 2008 Annual Youth Art Competition, open to students ages 7-18, all media and categories, entries due March 29 for public exhibition through April; opening reception 2-5 p.m. April 6 in the Orchard Lake Schools Galeria. (248) 683-0345.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: For the Love of Art! Art In and Out of the Box, fund raiser, 7 p.m.-midnight, April 5, La Sala Banquet Hall, \$90 per person, (248) 651-4110, www. pccart.org.

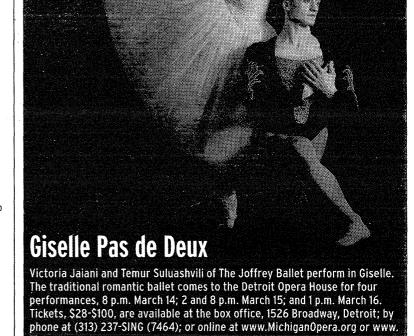
Plymouth Community Arts Council: An Artful Affair: Mod, 18th Annual Dinner Auction, '60s era costumes optional, 6 p.m. March 7, Laurel Manor Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, \$85 (734) 416-4278. www.plymoutharts.com.

BOOKS

Oakland Community College: Colleen Gleason, author of "The Rest Falls Away" and "The Bleeding Dusk," 6:30 p.m. March 25, followed by book signing at 7:30 p.m., Highland Lakes campus, Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford, www.colleengleason.com.

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.



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TicketMaster.com.

Birmingham Temple: The Verdehr Trio (violin, clarinet, piano), 7:30 p.m. April 6, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, for tickets, (248) 788-9338, (248) 661-1348.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Opus 3 Piano Series features Vladmir Feltsman, 8 p.m. March 22; Ingrid Fliter, April 5; Jean-Yves Thibaudet, April 12; Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd. (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), Beverly Hills, \$43 to \$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070, www.ComeHearCMSD.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Geniuses and Wannabes, a concert with works by Mozart and Salieri, 3 p.m. March 16, concert preview 2:15 p.m., Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, www.detroitchamberwinds.org. Cranbrook Music Guild: Shamma Cash-Goldwasser, cellist, winner of the Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholarship, performing with eight other cellists from the University of Michigan 8 p.m. March 11, Christ Church Cranbrook, 70 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, on the southwest corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads, (248) 644-6352 or visit www.cranbrookmusicguild.org for information or to reserve tickets. 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.greatlakes-chambermusic.com.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra: Marching into

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. Motor City Brass Band: "The Plot Thickens," a concert featuring "Harry Potter" to

"The Phantom of the Opera" with Mihcele Marszalkowski, 3 p.m. March 16, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, (313) 943-2350, www.mcbb.org. The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit: An Evening

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit: An Evening of Opera Highlights, 7:30 p.m. March 11, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 885 7882. (248) 848-9930.

The Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiae: Family Night featuring "Bellessima" 7:30 p.m. March 11, free, Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland, Waterford (248) 673-8187, email pontiactuesday-

musicale@gmail.com.
University Musical Society: Michigan Chamber
Players, 4 p.m. March 9, Rackham
Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor
(734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

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Bluenote Cafe: Ruth and Max Bloomquist, 8 p.m. March 14, 7 N. Saginaw (248) 451-0765.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818. Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night

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plus special guests Dirty Americans, Pop Evil, Troubleman and a Noir Leather show. Doors open 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Edison's: 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248)

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Eriday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Jacoby's/313.Jac: Singer-songwriter showcase featuring Pat O'Brien, Ben Marshall, Brooke Ratliff, Jere Stormer, Elle & the Fonts on March 7 and Brandon Calhoon, Frankie D'Angelo, Emily Rose, Courtney Robb and Mick Sterner March 8, 624 Brush, Detroit. Cover is \$5, (313) 962-7067. The Magic Stick: SIA, March 1; Tapes n' Tapes,

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 Moose Preserve Bar & Grill: Moose Beach Bash, March 6-8; DJ and dancing, Thursday; That 80s Band, Friday; Cousin Ron Band, Saturday; 43034 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 858-7688, Moose Preserve.com.

O-Zen Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

The Park Bar/Unterpark Theater: 2040 Park Ave., Petroit

The Pike Room: School of Language, March 13, at 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333.
The Shelter: 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: John Caponera, March 6-8; Allyn Ball, March 13-15; Keith Ruff, March 20-22; Patrice O'Neal, March 27-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

Fox Theatre: Frank Caliendo, March 8, \$42,75; In Living Color stars Damon Wayans, Tommy Davidson and David Allen Grier, March 29; \$51.50-\$78; Katt Williams, April 24, \$53.50-\$73.50, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

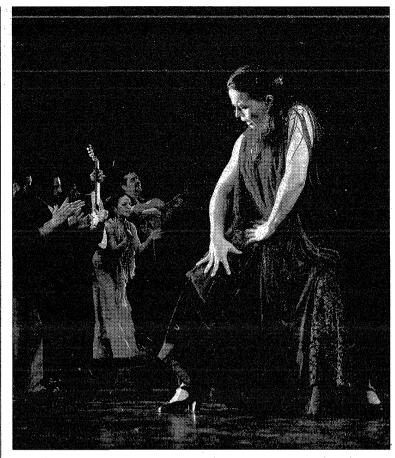
Holly Hotel: Don Reese, March 7-8; Chad Thornsberry, March 14-15; Dave Landau, March 21-22; Chili Challis, March 28-29; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.

Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Rocky LaPorte, March 6-8, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com. Michigan Theatre: Bob Saget, 8 p.m. April 19, mature audiences, \$29.50-\$39.50, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666. The Second City: Sex and Second City, 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. Cobo Arena: Rockstar Taste of Chaos Tour with Avenged Sevenfold, Atreyu, Bullet For My Valentine, Blessthefall, Mucc,



Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca presents a show of Spanish guitar and Flamenco dance 8 p.m. Friday, March 7 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. Tickets are \$30-\$50. Call (313) 887-8501 or visit www. ticketmaster.com.

D'espairsray, The Underneath, March 8, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: Feist, April 10; My Chemical Romance, April 19; Panic at the Disco, May 20, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Jill Scott, March 21; 0'Jays

with The Whispers, March 22; Marvin Winans with Tye Tribbett, March 23; The Chicago Connection featuring The Dells, Jerry Butler, The Emotions, Chi-Lites and The Impressions, April 12; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515

Joe Louis Arena: Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Rush; June 10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Lexington Music Theatre: Terry Lee Goggee, tribute to Johnny Cash, April 19; The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, May 3; Steve Hall, May 17; Eddie Money, May 24; The John Corbett Band, June 20-21; 877-4LEXMTC or www.fexmtc.com.

Majestic Theatre: Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag, April 18; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-

Michigan Theatre: 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; Kanye West, Rihanna, NERD and Lupe Fiasco, May 22; Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, May 31; The Police with Elvis Costello, July 26, (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 Hail: Blind Melon, March 16; Steel Train, March 20; Manchester Orchestra, March 22; Bamboozle Road Show with Saves the Day, And Armor for Sleep, Set Your Goals, Metro and Lydia, April 26; Kate Nash, April 30, 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.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Bright Side of the Road. 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call

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Oakland Community College: Ballet de Maria Luz, a Mexican dance group, 7:30 p.m. March 28, \$15, proceeds will fund student scholarships for study in Oaxaca, Mexico, Royal Oak campus, 239 S. Washington (248) 341-2270.

University Musical Ensemble: Leila , Haddad, March 12, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor (734) 764 2538, www.ums,org.

FAMILY

Ann Arbor Family Days: 12 cultural organizations present free and low-coast family-friendly events, March 8 and 9, including University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 826 Michigan, U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, visit Web sites of organizations for more information.

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. Cass Benton Park: Maple Sugaring, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, March 15, 90

minutes sessions outdoors with naturalists discussing sap, followed by pancakes and syrup, \$4 per person, registration and prepayment required, (734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: "Nature Tots: Winter to Spring," topics for 3-5 year olds, accompanied by an adult, crafts, and a short hike, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. March 7, 14 and 28, \$12 per child, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

FILM

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: "Some Like It Hot," March 8; "Casablanca," March 29; doors open 7 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville, www. downtownporthville.co.

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Plymouth: Thursday Movie Classics, featuring free Alfred Hitchcock movies in March, "Strangers on a Train," March 6; Dial M for Murder, March 13; North by Northwest, March 20; The Trouble with Harry, March 27; shows start at 7 p.m. at Penn Theatre, pick up passes at Frameworks, Andy's Hallmark, Creatopia Pottery and Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, visit www.downtownplymouth.org for information.

FOOD AND WINI

Oakland Community College: Culinary Studies Institute buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 13, (248) '522-3700.

Whole Foods Market: Sizzling Sundays, brunch and jazz, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 9, 16, \$6.99, at the Cafe at Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., on the corner of 14 Mile Rd and Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, (248) 538-4600.

JAZZ

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300. Cliff Bells: Scott 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.), 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



This weekend is the last to see Jason Richards as Eugene and Katey Nabors as Daisy in Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues," which ends March 9 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets are \$22-\$38 and are available by calling the box office at (248) 377-3300 or through TicketMaster at www. ticketmaster.com.

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. University Musical Society: SFJAZZ Collective, 8 p.m. March 13, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

MORE MUSIC

Detroit Institute of Arts: Holly Cole, 7 and 8:30 p.m. March 14, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, free with museum admission, (313) 833-7900. www.dia.org.

Farmington Community Band: Concert band presents "Overture Hit Parade," 7:30 p.m. March 17, Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Farmington Players Barn Theatre: Blackthorn, 7:30 p.m. March 13-16, 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, tickets available at Costick Center, 28600 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 473-1848. Mario's of Troy: Expedition, March 7, 1477 John R, just south of Maple, Troy, Nardin Park Music Series: U.S. Military Academy Glee Club, 7:30 p.m. April 5, 2 p.m. April 6, \$15; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248)

476-8860 for information.

Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:
Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena. Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent show, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20: (248) 341-2270. Palmer Woods concerts: Violinist Jannina Barefield and pianist Michelle Cooker, 8 p.m. March 15, concert at a home in Palmer Woods in Detroit; also Straight Ahead Trio, 6 p.m. April 26, Detroit Golf Club; A. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry 8 p.m. May 24; tickets will be available for purchase online at palmerwoods.org, call (313) 920-4864 for information. Trinity House Theatre: Ann and Will Rowland, Ruth and Max Bloomquist, 8 p.m. March 15,

MUSEUMS

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)

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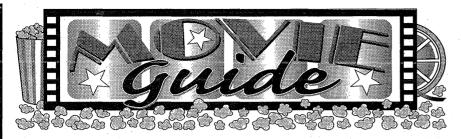
or visit www.cranbrook.edu. Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is "It's a Nano World." Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu. Detroit Historical Museum: "New to the Collection," with artifacts from Tiger Stadium; and "Detroit's Classic Radio Voices," featuring Bob Allison, Sonny Eliot, Ernie Harwell, J.P. McCarthy, Dick Purtan and Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg, both exhibits open March 8, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

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Detroit Institute of Arts: "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," through May 25; Guided

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City of Men is a more humanistic film, primarily focused on the lives of those in the shadow of Rio's gangs, either enamored by them or cowering from them.

Our main characters are two best friends, both turning 18 and fatherless. Ace (Douglas Silva) has a young child for whom he feels reluctantly responsible.

Wallace (Darlan Cunha) is set on tracking down his father - whom he's never met. Like Londoners during the blitz, the residents of the favelas shut themselves in while gang warfare rages in the streets and across the rooftops.

There's an overarching sense of no escape. Though the histrionics of City of Men are a bit obvious, and it lacks the bravado of City of God, it's ultimately a more rewarding film. R for violent content, language and some sexuality. 110 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

'THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL'

The clever casting alone had promise: the role reversal of the va-va-voomy Scarlett Johansson playing sweet country girl Mary Boleyn and the pixieish Natalie Portman playing her scheming vixen of an older sister, Anne.

Add hunky Eric Bana to the mix as Henry VIII, jumping back and forth between these two contrasting beauties in his fiery youth, and the possibilities seemed even more intriguing. Instead, The Other Boleyn Girl too often comes off as an unintentionally campy, highbrow soap opera - albeit one with elaborate production design and richly textured costumes (the work of Sandy Powell, an Oscar winner for Shakespeare in Love and The Aviator).

The script from Peter Morgan vacillates awkwardly between sexy romp and serious period piece. PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content and some violent images. 114 min. Two stars

out of four.

- Christy Lemire. AP Movie Critic

'PENELOPE'

Christina Ricci is lovably adorable in this fairy-tale romance that's a perfect mix of Ricci's oddball sensibilities and her inherent sweetness. The film further establishes the tremendous range of James McAvoy, proving that the co-star of such heavy dramas as Atonement and The Last King of Scotland is just as engaging as a leading man in sunny comedy.

Ricci plays the title character, born with a pig's snout because of an old family curse, with McAvoy as the suitor her parents (Catherine O'Hara and Richard E. Grant) pray will be the one able to lift the hex.

The movie's a smart, funny, endearing twist on Beauty and the Beast, with Ricci and McAvoy showing boundless charm and chemistry as possible lovers whose secrets run much more than skin deep. Reese Witherspoon, a producer on the film, adds to the fun with a small role as Penelope's gal pal. PG for thematic elements, some innuendo and language. 90 min.

Three and a half stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

'SFMI-PRO'

You've seen Will Ferrell's character before, this Jackie Moon, the ownerplayer-coach of the Flint, Mich., Tropics, a fledgling (and fictional) American Basketball Association team.

It's essentially the same self-serious, delusional guy he plays in everything Ron Burgundy in barely there polyester shorts, Ricky Bobby in nipple-clinging turtlenecks. But Ferrell does go for it, and either you're with him or you're not. Semi-Pro, is consistently funnier and more of a cohesive film, though, than the collection of gags that was Blades of Glory. Jackie is trying to keep the Tropics alive as the NBA is about to absorb the four best teams from the ABA. He brings in former Boston Celtics benchwarmer Ed Monix (Woody Harrelson) to help his current players, including the showboating Clarence "Coffee Black" Withers (Andre Benjamin). R for language and some sexual content. 90 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

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OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "Giselle," March 14-16; "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata, May 10-11, 14, 16-18; all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org. Giulio's Cucina Italiana: A Night of Opera and Show Tunes, with Michigan Opera Theater soprano Annie Radcliffe and pianist/tenor David Carle, 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 13, reservations suggested, 31735 Plymouth Rd., Livonia (734) 427-9500

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Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center: Bill McElhone, director of Birmingham Historical Museum, presents Birmingham during World War I, 1-3 p.m. March 4 and Early Aviation History of Detroit, 1-3 p.m. March 11, at the center, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, call (248) 203-5270 to register before each lecture

Detroit Derby Girls: D Funk Allstarts vs. Pistol Whippers, March 8; Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, April 12; Championship Double-header, May 10, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, www. detroitderbygirls.com, (248) 645-6666. Detroit Zoo: Wild Winter Weekends, held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

on the second weekends through March, at the Ford Education Center, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717. Hill Auditorium: A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, 5:45 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$25-\$65, call (734) 764-2538.

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- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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The title sounds grim.

But St. Dunstan's Theatre delivers "The Cemetery Club" with charm, romance and wacky humor.

Three Jewish widows meet to visit the graves of their late husbands while kvetching about their lives, past and present.

Lucille (Sue Mancuso) is a flamboyant flirt with a penchant for second-hand furs. Doris (Betsy Todd) is a walking memorial to the memory of her long marriage and distrustful of any attempt to disrupt their ritual visits. Ida (Mary Jolliffe) is the mediator of the group.

Enter Sam the butcher (Keith Lepard) who meets up with the unpredictable threesome while visiting his wife's grave. While being openly ogled by Lucille, he strikes up a relationship with Ida much to the disapproval of Doris. Soon Sam and Ida are approaching newfound happiness when Doris and Lucille scuttle the budding romance. Selma, a neighborhood friend, has invited the ladies to be bridesmaids

at her latest – of many – weddings. Sam shows up with ditzy, hot-to-trot Mildred (Connie McEwan).

Comedy and ethnic angst are front and center in a play that treats a sad subject, widowhood, with humor and nathos.

Playwright Ivan Menchell delivers laughs along with insight. Laurie Dooley and Paul Gillin serve as co-directors.



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Keith Lepard, Sue Mancuso, Betsy Todd and Mary Jolliffe perform in "The Cemetery Club."

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Born in Hungary, Korab studied architecture at the Polytechnicum until the Soviet Union installed a puppet government. In 1949, Korab fled to Paris to continue his studies at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. Before immigrating to the United States, Korab worked as a journeyman with notable architects throughout Europe including Le Corbusier.

Eero Saarinen, whose name is synonymous with the Cranbrook Educational Community and the architect of the St. Louis Gateway Arch, hired Korab in 1955. A year later, Korab was awarded fourth place in an international competition to design the Sydney Opera House.

Following the competition, Korab established his own studio in Troy, Michigan and began a new career in architectural photography. In 1958, Frank Lloyd Wright invited Korab to join his school of architecture at Taliesin as both an architect and photographer.

The American Institute of Architects has awarded Korab the prestigious Medal for Architectural Photography. His work is also part of many significant collections including the U.S. Library of Congress.

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22nd year, its the longest running ow of its kind.

"The big news this year is that Sasha with us," Eldredge said. "The theme is year, with rock music, really akes it different."

Along with Cohen is Olympic and orld champions Jamie Salé and avid Pelletier (Canada); world chamon and six-time U.S. national cham-on Eldredge; world champion and 70-time Japanese national champion ıka Sato; two-time world bronze edalist and three-time U.S. national ampion Michael Weiss; world onze medalists and three-time U.S. itional pair champions Kyoko Ina nd John Zimmerman; and six-time anadian national champion Jennifer ohinson

New this year are three-time world iir champions and two-time Olympic onze medalists Xue Shen & Hongbo hao (China), and two-time world siler medalists and five-time Canadian ational ice dance champions Marierance Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon.

"There will be no re-takes and no lits. What happens on the ice is for our eyes only," co-creator Jef Billings

The show is enhanced by popular usic, intricate lighting and costumes and cutting-edge choreography.

"It's really rewarding that eople come back year after year ecause they know there's always oing to be something new," Eldredge

"And for people who have never ttended one, I tell them that it's such more exciting to see it live than n television. So many men, usually usbands whose wives drag them the show, tell us afterward that ney were amazed at the speed and rength of the skaters."

Touring with Stars on Ice is one of ldredge's favorite times of the year. le said he doesn't have plans for ne future, he just wants to see what omorrow will bring him.

"If they asked me to do Dancing with The Stars, I would consider, it," e said.

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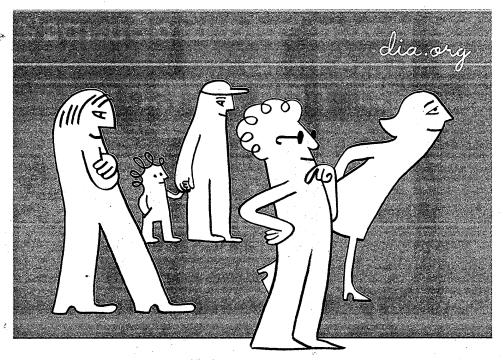
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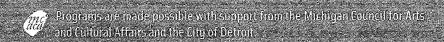
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