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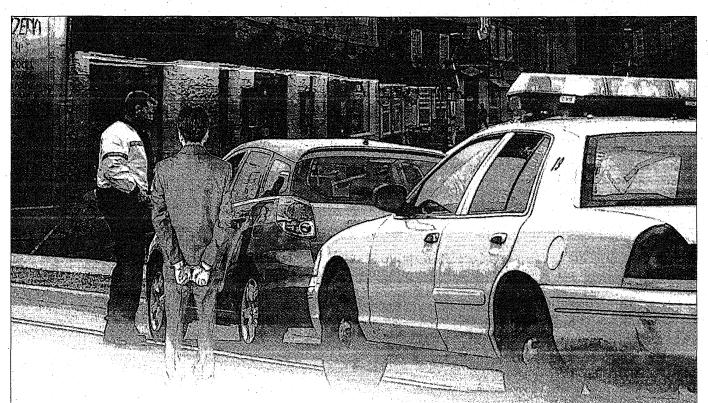
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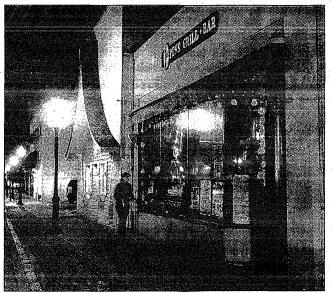
City cracks down on bars with frequent incidents

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Two downtown Plymouth restaurants could face revocation of their liquor licenses because the number of drunken driving arrests attributable to their establishments is on the rise.

City officials — Mayor Phil Pursell, Police Chief Wayne Carroll and City Manager Paul Sincock had sobering conversations with the owners of Sean O'Callaghan's Public House and the Penn Grill and Bar because each had 14 drunken driving arrests attributable to them over the past year, by far the highest of the city's 15 Class C liquor establishments. Doyle's Tavern and Hermann's Olde Town Grille were next with nine each.

And, in the case of Sean O'Callaghan's, city officials have formally issued a complaint with the state Attorney General's office. "You had a drinking con-



arranged for a designated

Plymouth Police made 14 drunken driving arrests attributable to patrons of the Penn Grill and Bar on Penniman in the last year.

test going on there, strictly against the rules," Carroll told owner John Callaghan and his son, Shane. "And management was participating in it. Your management is not doing what you think they're doing."

Mayflower Meeting House Sean O'Callaghan's Station 885 Box Bar

driver, Carroll said the sanc-**ILLEGAL CONTESTS** tioning of the contest by the Carroll said a handbar is a violation of state ful of patrons at Sean **Liquor Control Commission** regulations. O'Callaghan's held a contest

"The better course of to see who could drink the action would have been to most. Even though the bartender took their keys and

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Drunk driving arrests from each

establishment in the last year.

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Source: Plymouth Police Department

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Alternative ways home can save lives, money

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As St. Patrick's Day looms on the horizon, or even for those just planning a night out that includes drinking, finding an alternative way home could save you thousands of dollars associated with a drunken driving ticket, as well as even your professional license and job.

"Society, from the standpoint of the legal system, is approaching zero tolerance and is not willing anymore to turn the other way," said Tom Proctor, 49, of Bloomfield Hills, who last year at this time founded the The Designate, which employs a tag team of drivers to take both you and your car home

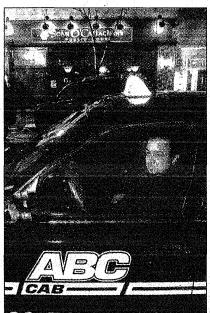
after a night of too much liquor. "The need for our service has increased, and the acceptance of using the service is increasing."

Proctor said prior to starting The Designate, he held focus groups to identify the need.

The under-40 crowd had a good awareness of the problem and went to great lengths to mitigate them and get home safely, but they weren't always consistent," Proctor said. "The over-40 crowd still doesn't believe it could happen to them, and many times don't understand how easy it is to go over the legal limit.

"For many people, their impairment level isn't obvious

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sits in front of Sean O'Callaghan's on Penniman in Plymouth. O'Callaghan's tied for the most drunken driving arrests attributable to its patrons in the city of Plymouth in the last year.

Cab driver

of Canton

Richard Roy

School board inks pact with new chief

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education put its stamp of approval Tuesday night on a three-year contract to hire Craig Fiegel, voting unanimously to hire the superintendent of Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124.

Fiegel's starting salary will be \$195,000, a boost from his current \$180,000. It's also higher than his predecessor, Jim Ryan, who earned \$161,000. Fiegel said he'll take over full time July 1, when his contract with Evergreen Park ends.

After visiting Fiegel's district last week, Trustee John Jackson said he discovered from many school and community groups that Fiegel has a collaborative style which should be successful in Plymouth-Canton.

"He listens to all sides of any issue. and takes in the information before making a decision," Jackson said. "Once all the information is taken in, he's not afraid to make the decision ... and he will stand behind the decision and carry it through. People respect him for that."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who was the lone dissenting vote in



Fiegel

moving forward with negotiations with Fiegel, voted in favor of the contract Tuesday night.

"My reservations about hiring him are more about the process we went through than the

candidate. I would have liked to see if he was the best candidate," said Gonzalez, who would have preferred to see the applications of all the candidates, not just the three presented by the search firm. "This (my vote) is about compromise and I plan to root for him like hell."

The only concern expressed by board members during the interview process was whether Fiegel, whose current district has only 1,900 students, could handle Plymouth-Canton's enrollment that's nearing 19,000 students.

"I understand, and that's a valid concern," Fiegel said. "I do feel comfortable I can make the adjustments. I can't say there won't be a huge learning curve, but I hope there will be patience as I find my way around."

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State to close women's prison

BY PAM FLEMING NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Robert Scott Correctional Facility, a women's prison located on the Plymouth/Northville township line, will close its doors in May 2009, with its inmates being moved to the Huron Valley Complex in Ypsilanti.

The facility, located on 35 acres at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Beck roads, is being closed to improve operational efficiency, according to John Cordell, public information specialist for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

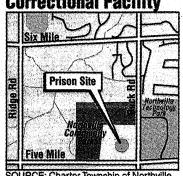
The closure will save the state about \$12 million next year and about \$36 million a year after that.

"We feel it's better to consolidate in one location if we can," Cordell said. "Moving the offenders gives us greater flexibility and the ability to provides services in a more consolidated geographic area."

Scott Correctional Facility prisoners will be moved into a building which now houses male prisoners, Huron Valley Complex-Men, after the building is reconfigured to meet requirements for housing female prisoners. Male prisoners currently housed in the complex will be moved to other facilities.

The current Ypsilanti men's

Robert Scott Correctional Facility



complex is next to the Huron Valley Complex-Women and Camp Valley, a minimum secu-

rity prison camp for women. "It makes sense for us to have the women housed in one gen-

eral location," Cordell said. Although Cordell said the Scott Correctional Facility is not overcrowded, it is close to its statutory cap on the prison population of 880. Scott is the only prison in the state that has a statutory cap on its population.

No statutory cap exists at the Huron Valley Complex.

"We continue to right-size our prison system," Cordell said. This will provide more flexibility in the management of the women's prison populations."

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Coming Sunday in Health



Psychotherapist looking to start support group for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will host an exhibit on The Shroud of Turin this coming Holy Week.

Held by numerous scholars including theologians, scientists, forensic pathologists, historians, archeologists and millions of the faithful to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus, this replica exhibit including displays and video will be available for self-guided viewing. Please note: Due to the subject matter, children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Exhibit Schedule for Monday, March 17 through Easter Sunday, March 23: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, 8-10 a.m. and 4-8 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, 4-7 and 9-11:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Holy Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is located at 47650 N. Territorial (at the northwest corner of Beck one block south of the Beck Road exit on M-14). For directions and map, visit the parish Web site at www.olgcparish.net. The exhibit will be held in the parish social hall on the lower level. For more information, phone the parish offices at (734) 453-0326 or (734) 459-

Miller Woods meeting

The annual business meet-

ing for the Friends of Miller Woods is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Plymouth District Library.

The public is invited to attend. Come celebrate the first day of Spring by learning more about Miller Woods, a natural treasure with historical significance in Plymouth Township.

Lacrosse fund-raiser

The Plymouth, Canton, and Salem boys lacrosse teams are having a joint fund-raiser with Boulder's Restaurant in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road, on Saturday, March 15. You may visit Boulder's from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tell your server you are with Plymouth, Canton, or Salem lacrosse when you order and 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the programs.

For more information contact Cindy Martin at crsm1@ comcast.net or (734) 981-4416.

Notre Dame choir

The renowned choir of Notre Dame students will perform a concert of Sacred Music at 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. The Choir ministers at the 10 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus. This Mass is televised live worldwide on DirecTV weekly.

The Choir performs a repertoire of a cappella and accompanied sacred songs from the Renaissance through the 20th Century. In recognition of the Liturgical

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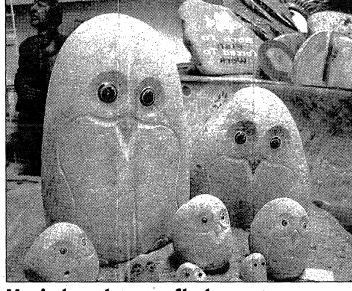
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Music boosters craft show

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. Last year, over 1,500 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. All the proceeds from this one day event go toward the music programs at the Park. This year in particular, the Boosters are working hard to raise enough funds to replace the 40-year-old semi-trailer used to transport all the large band instruments to many competitions and events.

Choir's special ministry, Pope John Paul II extended his apostolic blessing to it in a 1989 trip to Rome.

The Choir has appeared internationally at cities in Spain and France over the last several years and annually performs on a U.S. tour.

Tickets for the concerts are available after Mass the weekend of March 29-30. Tickets

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are also available at the OLGC Church office or by contacting Brian Broderick at (734) 416-9865. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$8 for seniors and \$10 for adults.

Easter Bunny brunch

E.G. Nick's hosts Brunch with the Easter Bunny 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Attendees will enjoy a full buffet breakfast (eggs, bacon and sausage) and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Tickets must be purchased from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday), 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, or at E.G. Nick's (500 Forest). Tickets are \$8 for children, \$12 for adults, children 3 and younger eat

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

Beekeeping conference

Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers' Association, in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers' Club, Oakland Beekeepers' Club, and Seven Ponds Bee Club will hold its 70th annual Beekeeping Conference 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

Specially featured in this year's beekeeping conference is a series of beginner workshops, each dealing with a different aspect of beekeeping to help the new beekeeper get started. New beekeepers will have an opportunity to enroll in a year-long "handson" beekeeping course to be held in a demonstration apiary. Other workshop sessions include a variety of practical beekeeping management topics taught by experienced beekeepers.

Registration fee at the door for non-members is \$10.00 for an individual and \$15.00 for families. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Sagear scholarship

Students wanting to apply for the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship have until April 1 to get in their applications.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity. We are looking for students who have displayed

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courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to

their community. The recipient of this award will receive a \$500 scholarship. This award is named after Sandra Sagear a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Information and applications on the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship are posted at www.storytellerdesign.com/ SagearRotaryScholarship. pdf. Applications should be returned to Debra Madonna, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., 40200 Pinetree, Plymouth, MI 48170. The award will be announced April

Feed the need

PBJ Outreach Inc. is sponsoring a Super Slammin' Spaghetti Jam 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, (following 4 p.m. Mass) at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall (47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth).

Enjoy a fun family night including spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids; and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go toward the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry which provides food on a weekly basis to brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass

Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$3 kids (age 3-12), under 3 eat free. For tickets/information please contact Linda Barterian at 734-459-0771.

Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/ her education in this field with the 2008 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

The Damaris Application is posted at www.artsculturelink.com/damarisaward. pdf. Applications will be accepted March 24-April 4. Artwork will be juried April 5-11, and the \$600 award will be announced April 21.

Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally Juried by Dennis Jones, Architect, Artist, Sculptor.

The Damaris Fine Arts Award was established in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte by her family: husband, Dick, sons, Philip and Mike. Dee, an artist in her own right, had a Bachelor's Degree in Art and a Master's Degree in Art Education. This award honors Dee as an artist and recognizes the dedication and many contributions she made to the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council.

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 postmarked by April 18.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 3033 - George Chen - Washer, Dryer, 2 TVs

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4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items 5010 - Sybil Upshaw - TV, Coffee Table, Stroller

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5226 - Victoria Pope - 2 Trunks, Chair, 15 Boxes 5240 – Debra Chamoske – Keyboard, Compressor, Misc Items

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5107 - Gloria & Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, Floor Buffer, 30 Boxes 5302 – Tenitia Zimmerman – Refrigerator, TV, Dresser

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stop it," Carroll said. "Drinking isn't an Olympic sport, it kills thousands of people every year. People selling the product, who are promoting this kind of behavior, are wrong."

State law indicates driving legally drunk is blowing a 0.08 or higher into a Breathalyzer.

"You've got guys coming out of here at 0.17 to 0.21," Carroll told the owners. "Your servers are serving drunks. Your wait staff and management hasn't got your best concern in mind or they would be on top of this.

LICENSE REVIEW The City Commission's Liquor License Review Committee will recommend to the full commission which of the 15 Class C liquor licenses should be renewed by the state. That report will go a long way in determining the fate of liquor licenses for the

two establishments. Shane Callaghan promised city officials his restaurant will work at lowering the number of drunken driving incidents coming from his establish-

"We'll be extremely aggressive to voluntarily cut people off sooner," he said. "We are not looking to allow people to get to the point where they are beyond the scope ... our manager will have to step it up because we don't condone or accept it.

"We've thought about teaming up with a cab company (to get customers home safely), because we do take it very seriously," he added. "We want to focus on being at the bottom of the list.

Directly across the street from Sean O'Callaghan's on Penniman, the Penn Grill has recorded just as many drunken drivers, according to city officials.

"At least twice we met with you to tell you about the drunks coming out of your place, and it's still happening," Carroll told owner Billy Farwell. "You're still producing drunks at a rate that is unprecedented, except for one bar.

"You still have waiters and waitresses that are working in converse relationship than what you need," he added. "They are over-serving ... you've got to find them.'

BLOOD CONTENT

Carroll said drunken drivers whose last stop was the Penn Grill have recorded Breathalyzer results from 0.11 to 0.18.

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Farwell, who purchased the Penn Grill about a year ago, said he's turned what was mostly a drinking establishment with a younger crowd into one that now sells more food with an older clientele.

"At night, it does go younger, but we watch it more," Farwell said. "We have a guy at the door every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, we turn away people. We stay open until 2 a.m. every night, we're the last-call bar. Your policemen know these guys aren't at the library.

Sincock wasn't buying any

"It's unacceptable to the city of Plymouth ... and we're not going to tolerate this," he said. "We need to know how you're going to fix the prob-

Most bar owners have their employees take what is known as the TIPS class Training of Intervention

Procedures for Servers. The class, which takes several hours and requires passage of a test, details how alcohol affects the body, strategies in what to do in certain situations and liability issues.

'We are having TIPS training soon," Shane Callaghan said. "We do take it very seriously."

BUSY POLICE

According to figures supplied by Carroll, Plymouth police recorded 648 alcohol-related incidents in the past year. Of those, 518 resulted in drunken driving arrests, while six people under the age of 21 were given what are called "alcohol zero tolerance" violations.

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said Carroll, who pointed out that many involve drivers passing through Plymouth on their way home from a night out. "We spend a lot of time on drunk drivers, it's one of the most serious things we do.

for a 2.2-square-mile city,"

"It's a social problem, and I don't know if locking them up will solve the issue, but I do know that if for that night we get to them, they're not going to kill somebody."

Plymouth Police Officer Tom Koval was among 31 law enforcement officers honored today (Thursday) by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers at its annual Lifesavers Luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia for dedication in keeping drunks off the road.

"It's a priority," said Koval, 28, a second-year officer who mainly works the overnight shift. "It's not just Plymouth, we're finding many come from all over the adjoining communities. "Our issue is when you

have a little too much to drink, we can't have you on the road," he added.

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to them and they feel OK to drive," he added. "You don't need to be falling over drunk to be too impaired to drive."

Larry Cook of Canton Township is a territory area manager for The Designate.

"We drive the customers in their own personal vehicles and park it in the driveway so they don't have the hassle of getting a taxi ride home and then trying to find a ride back to the bar or restaurant the next day to get their car," said Cook, 49. "Sometimes it's worth the cost not to hear a spouse ... the car is in the driveway."

The Designate operates from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., with Cook noting most of their business occurring from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. All team members must have a chauffeur's license, participate in drug screenings and take Breathalyzer tests before and after their shift. The cost of most runs is between \$40-\$60, according to Cook.

"Basically, the fee structure is about how much it would cost you to take a taxi cab home and a taxi ride back to your car the next day," Cook said. "We

seem to see a marked increase in the number of runs in the Plymouth-Canton area."

ABC Cab, based in Livonia, serves most of the western suburbs. Owner Bob Waite of Plymouth Township said his business in downtown Plymouth has increased as the number of drinking establishments in the city grows.

· "We're up at least 15-20 percent over last year in Plymouth," Waite said. "A majority of our runs late at night in Plymouth are from mostly bars. Either the customer calls us or the bar calls for them."

Waite said the \$2 charge for getting into the cab and the \$2.25 per mile can make the \$10-\$15 ride much cheaper than getting caught driving

"I think it's a very valuable service, especially with the new drunk driving laws," Waite said. "About 90 percent of our runs after midnight are from bar activity, and from midnight to 3 a.m. has become a busy time for us."

Frank Agostini of E.G. Nick's on Forest in Plymouth said if there's ever a doubt on the sobriety of a customer, he calls ABC Cab.

"I always try to engage the customers in conversation that is more than just, 'What's happening?" Agostini said. "That takes a little bit of thought, and if they've had too much to drink, you can generally see

that right off the bat. "We try to put our customer first," he added. "We can't be the police, but I just want to make sure if they tend to drink too much, we send them out as safe as possible."

Mothers Against Drunk Driving encourages bars and restaurants to make it easy for those who have had too much to drink to get home safely.

"We aren't prohibitionists ... but we hope businesses will be responsible and post cab and designated driver information," said Nechole McClendon, program specialist for MADD Wayne County. "It's important the wait staff and management look to see if an individual is intoxicated and take the keys away from them to make sure they aren't hurting themselves and others."

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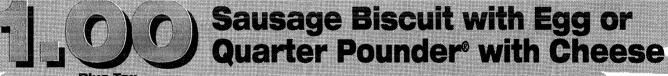
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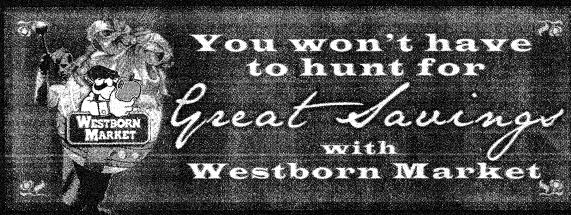


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he winter has been long and tough for those living in southeast Michigan. As we look forward to the spring, don't forget Mother Nature has a tendency to make her presence known and the result sometimes is substantial damage.

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It pays to be proactive to protect yourself. So before spring storms arrive, it is important to review your homeowner's policy to make sure it

is up to date. Unfortunately, a homeowner's policy can be difficult to understand. They tend to be written by lawyers for lawyers. That is why in most cases it is important to deal with a home-



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Money Matters your present policy and look at your pres-**Rick Bloom** ent situation to make sure you are properly insured. A good agent also should be your advo-

cate if you ever have a problem in dealing with the insurance company. One of the keys is to find someone who you can communicate with and with whom you feel comfortable asking questions. In addition to insurance, other ways to protect your home and its contents is to have a videotaped inventory. It's inexpensive and the benefits are invaluable in case of a natural disaster.

A videotape will help you remember what you have and provide some documentation. Once it's complete, store the videotape either in a safety deposit box or some sort of fireproof box.

If you own collectibles such as artwork, make sure you videotape the artwork and also any appraisals or receipts that you may have. Talk your way through the video. Remember, the purpose is to remind you of what you have and to provide proof to the insurance company in case of a disaster. Therefore, the more information you have on your videotape, the better it will be.

For individuals unhappy with their current homeowner's policy it pays to receive competitive bids. Make sure you ask about discounts. In addition, if you belong to a credit union ask for a competitive bid. Credit unions offer

very good discount programs. How often should you shop around for a homeowner's policy. Although, there are no hard fast rules, I generally

recommend at least every two to three years. We live in a very competitive society and you'd be surprised how fast homeowner's policies change. You may find that shopping around gets you get a better policy for less money.

Don't assume that the cheapest bid is the best bid. That is not always the case. In addition, just because one policy may be good for your neighbor does not necessarily mean it's good for you. The key is to take your time and find the right policy that's priced appropriately and matches your individual situation. Good luck!

Remember, the few minutes that you spend with your homeowner's policy may literally save you thousands of dollars down the road.

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

Dick Purtan Radiothon raises over \$2,310,070

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit, Oldies 104.3 WOMC, Dick Purtan and Purtan's People joined forces for the annual Dick Purtan Radiothon on Friday, Feb. 29, live from Oakland Mall. The 16-hour event raised \$2,310,070 to benefit the Army's Bed and Bread Program.

The Bed and Bread program brings food, shelter and services to countless destitute people within our community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get back on their feet.

More than 4,900 meals are served each day to the hungry by the program, which includes Bed & Bread trucks that make stops in metro Detroit's most depressed areas every day of the year. In addition, the Bed & Bread program shelters 565 men, women and children each

day. The need this year has been greater than ever with Michigan's economic state and with recent bitter cold temperatures.

We are grateful for the outpouring of kindness and support metro Detroit has shown the Dick Purtan Radiothon and, in turn, The Salvation Army over the last 21 years," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "The need is great and growing in our community. The funds raised will help us to provide daily bread for those who are hungry and a place to sleep for those without shelter."

Donations to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program can still be made by calling (248) 307-1043 or by visiting: www.salmich.org.



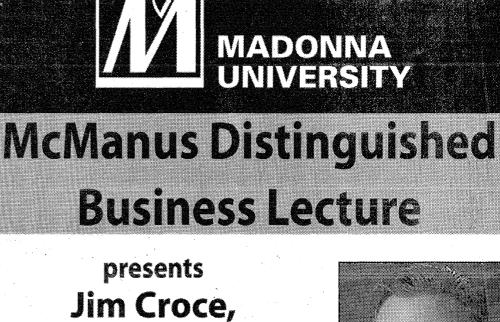
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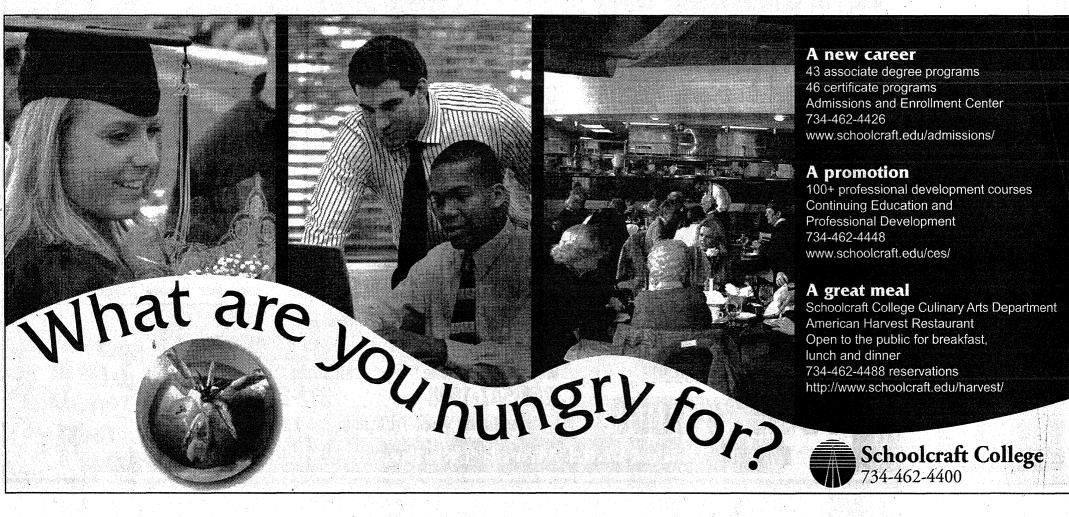
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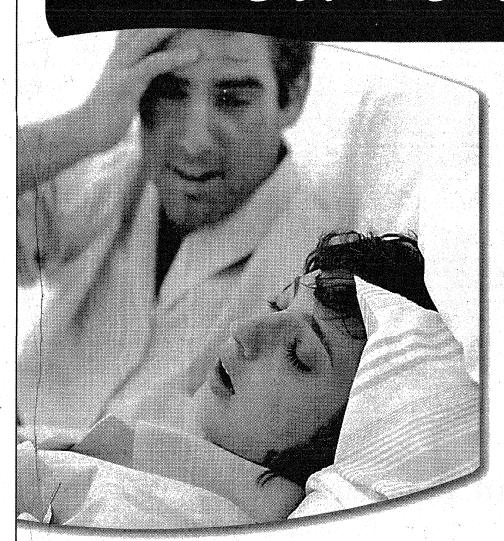
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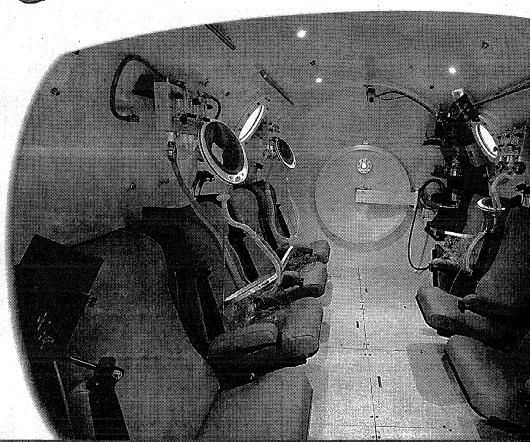
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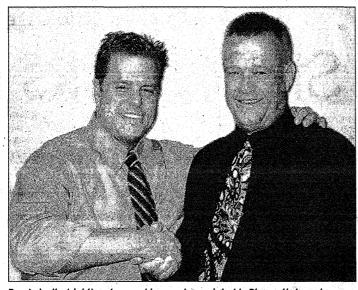
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Plymouth-Canton Montessori School gains accreditation

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center and sister school Plymouth-Canton Montessori School are among the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation under the National Association for the Education of Young Children's newly revised program standards.

"We're proud to have again earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," says Kay Neff, Head of School. "NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.

To earn NAEYC accreditation (technically re-accreditation—Dearborn Heights Montessori has been accredited since 1998), DHMC went through an extensive selfstudy process, measuring its program and services against the 10 new NAEYC Early Childhood Program standards and more than 400 related



Ron Loiselle (right) welcomes his son, Jason, into his Plymouth-based financial services firm.

accreditation criteria. DHMC received accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure that the school's program meets each of the 10 standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

Father-son team

Westland resident Jason Loiselle joined the practice of Plymouth-based Loiselle & Associates and FSC Securities Corporation.

Loiselle is a General Securities Principal with FSC Securities Corporation, and a

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Certified Public Accountant. He graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1997, and since then has worked with such firms as Ciulla, Smith and Dale, Virchow Krause, and KPMG.

During that time, Loiselle gained experience in tax advisory services, accounting and auditing, retirement planning, and management consulting. He married his wife, Stephanie, in 1998 and they have a 3-year old son, Evan.

"Jason is very excited to have the opportunity to be of service to our accounting, income tax, and investment clients," said Ronald Loiselle, founder of Loiselle & Associates. "I am glad to have my son as a partner.

Ronald Loiselle graduated from Wayne State University in 1967 and has been a Plymouth resident since 1976. He has served the City of Plymouth in various capacities

including Mayor of Plymouth from 1995-1997. Ronald Loiselle is the current Mayor Pro-Tem.

Loiselle & Associates and FSC Securities Corp. has been serving clients from its office in Plymouth since 1978. The firm offers a wide array of services including income tax preparation, accounting for small businesses, as well as investments and retirement planning.

New Liberty Bank board

Plymouth Financial Corporation, parent company for New Liberty Bank, and New Liberty Bank have named June Nicholas and Michael Kolb to its Board of Directors.

Nicholas, a Canton resident,

owns her own consulting company, HR Works, LLC. Prior to founding her own company, Nicholas was the Corporate Manager for Salaried Personnel Administration and Organization at Detroit Diesel Corporation. Nicholas worked in various human resource positions with Detroit Diesel

Corporation for 25 years. Nicholas is President of

the Canton Business and Professional Women's club and is involved with the Society of Human Resource Management, American Management Association, **American Society for Training** and Development, American Heart Association as an instructor, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Kolb, a Plymouth resident, is the President of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Inc., Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center, Hines Park Collision Center and is Vice President of Hines Park Ford, Inc. Kolb has been involved in the auto dealership since 1979. Kolb became President of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in 1995

Kolb serves on Plymouth Township's Downtown Development Board and on the Plymouth Hall of Fame Committee. He is a member of the Lincoln Mercury Dealer Advertising Board and is a Past President of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

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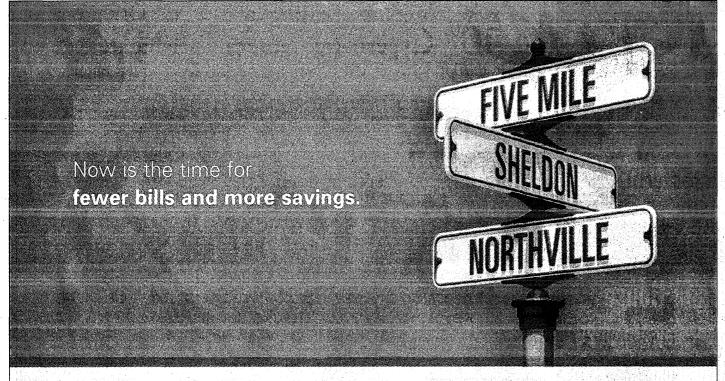
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2008 for the following:

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Proposals 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 proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-March 4, 2008

A closed study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Chris Johnson (Rosati and Johnson) Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Citizens Comments: George Belovitz, Administrator Plymouth Canton Schools, speaking on behalf of the Plymouth Canton School District, asked the Board of Trustees to consider carefully all points related to the proposal from the Charter School to site an additional building at the present location. He offered to provide any information that might be needed on behalf of the Plymouth Canton School District. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 7:04 PM for the purpose of discussion of Personal and Confidential Letter from Council. Motion carried unanimously. Closed Session: Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Chris Johnson (Rosati and Johnson) Item 1: Review and Discuss Personal and Confidential Letter from Counsel. Letter from Johnson and Rosati, Labarge Aseltyne and Field PC was reviewed and discussed as personal and confidential information. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G.

Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after

Here's another chance to 'Dine with the Stars'

Buddy's Pizza and the Observer ≅ Eccentric Newspapers are back for a second season of Dining with the Stars.

This month's lucky winner will have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike* show on WRIF-FM (101.1).

To enter the contest, tell us in 100 word so less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Trudi Daniels. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by midnight Sunday, March 16.

Daniels, the recipient of
Hour magazine's Sexiest Voice
Contest and the recent host



Daniels

of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certi-

fied open water scuba diver just back from sunny Mexico.

Her favorite music?
"I still love Stevie Ray
(Vaughan) — he's immortal —
the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and,
of course ,my iPod is crammed
with AC/DC! Favorite new
album is Stadium Arcadium

and best new song, Worldwide Suicide," Daniels said.

This month's lucky winner will be treated to a limo ride to Buddy's by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield, a makeover by Utopia Salon in Northville and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

'Raccoon Tune' named Michigan Reads book for kids

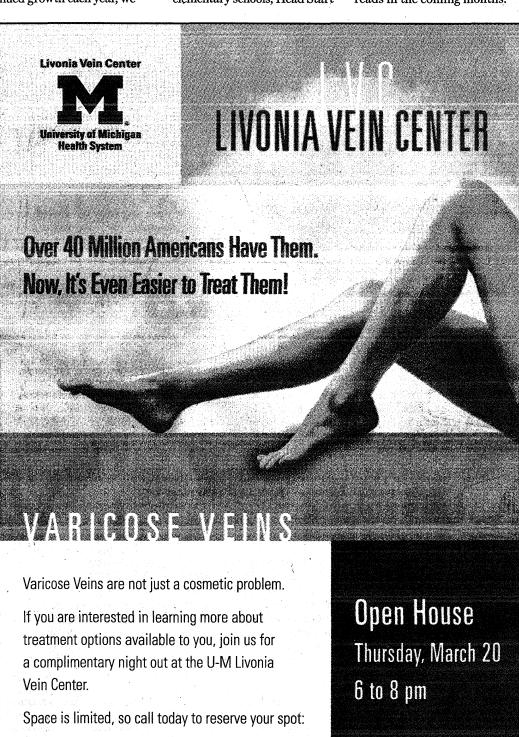
The Library of Michigan today announced that it has selected *Raccoon Tune* by Michigan author Nancy Shaw as the featured title for the 2008 Michigan Reads! program. Michigan Reads! is a one-state, one-children's-book program devoted to increasing early childhood literacy, with programming, events and author visits slated to take place throughout September 2008.

"With the tremendous success of last year's Michigan Reads! and the program's continued growth each year, we expect hundreds of thousands of Michigan children to take part in sharing *Raccoon Tune*," said State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "It's a wonderful book, the kind that can jump-start young imaginations and the interest in reading that's so key to lifelong learning success."

For the second year in a row, Target is the sole sponsor of Michigan Reads! Thanks to Target's support, the Library of Michigan will provide a copy of the book and programming materials to public libraries, elementary schools, Head Start and Michigan School Readiness programs across the state.

Raccoon Tune – written by Ann Arbor resident Nancy Shaw and illustrated by Howard Fine – tells the story of a family of mischievous raccoons on a rollicking night outing, rifling through sleeping people's trash in search of treats.

More information about Michigan Reads! 2008, including dates and locations of author visits, will be posted on the program's Web site at www.michigan.gov/michigan-reads in the coming months.



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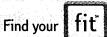




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OUR VIEWS

Good effort at thankless job

One of the inalienable rights of every driver during a Michigan snowstorm is the right to grouse about driving in the slop dropped by Mother Nature.

In Plymouth, though, you have to get your complaining in pretty early, as was proven once again when recent squalls dropped snow in the area.

While other communities featured roads both snowcovered and slippery, Plymouth's Municipal Services crews had the city's roads cleared quickly and efficiently, as they always seem to do.

It's easy to say, "Well, that's their job." And that's true; it's one of the few actual responsibilities of a government, right up there with protecting and serving.

That doesn't mean it's an easy job, nor does it mean it isn't a job that can be taken for granted. Truth is, whenever it snows, it seems to us that crews are out in a hurry making sure city streets are passable and as safe as they

Being part of those crews can be a thankless job. Get the job done, and people scarcely notice. Don't get the job done and the phones ring off the hook with angry resi-

With spring approaching and another snow season ending, now is as good a time as any to recognize — and thank — road crews for a job well done.

Fond farewell for Fran

The Plymouth community bids farewell to retiring Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce executive director Fran Toney on Friday, and a fond farewell it should be, for a job well done.

For some 18 years, Toney worked tirelessly promoting Plymouth, helping raise this community's profile with her positive outlook and unabashed enthusiasm for all things Plymouth.

Under her watch, fund-raising events such as the annual auction and the golf outing reached record numbers, as did membership in the chamber itself. Some of those numbers may have fallen off recently — a testament more to the state of the economy than the effectiveness of the chamber — but Plymouth remains a vibrant community, and some credit for that belongs to Toney.

Health problems may have slowed her the last couple of years, but did nothing to abate her passion for this community. Not surprisingly, she plans to remain a part of Plymouth in retirement.

That's a decision that's a win-win, for Toney and for Plymouth.

Northwest, Delta merger could be a boon to area

In February, talks began about a merger between Delta and Northwest Airlines. Pilots from the two airlines are currently in negotiations on merging their contracts and ironing out ticklish seniority issues.

Delta and Northwest are two old, "legacy" airlines. They have both emerged from bankruptcy, but continue to face serious cost issues, especially as oil prices continue to rise. The large pre-deregulation airlines have had a difficult time competing against more nimble, smaller carriers like Spirit and Southwest.

The airlines hope to streamline their operations, eliminate duplicate service and build on their different strengths. Delta flies trans-Atlantic, while Northwest flies trans-Pacific.

As a hub for Northwest, Detroit Metro might hope to capitalize on the merger, especially as Wayne County continues to emphasize the development of an airport city. The strong international schedules could make Detroit a hub for both passenger and freight service from all corners of the world.

While all of that may be good news for the emerging "aerotropolis," the proposed merger has raised some serious concerns. How will it affect air rates? Will the merged airline, the largest in the country, drive out its smaller competitors? Will streamlining service eliminate routes to some areas that are now served? Will the merger result in large job losses at a time when unemployment

These are questions that the U.S. Justice Department needs to examine.

We support the airport city concept and believe that a strong Delta-Northwest could play a key role in that development if those questions can be answered.



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Column was 'hatchet job'

The Feb. 28 column by Phil Power (on Mike Cox's published opinion that nonresidents couldn't get driver's licenses) was one of the best examples of a hatchet job as I have seen on the pages of the

Mr. Power goes on about how many pages and how many footnotes that Mike Cox's opinion on nonresidents having drivers licenses, but there's no indication that he actually READ the opinion. But why do that when he might be forced to agree, screwing up his perfectly good preconceived notions?

The report was a legal opinion not a personal opinion, yet Mr. Power purposely conflates the two, blaming Mr. Cox for the miserable condition and conflicting mess that Michigan laws are in. But the Legislature that enacted them and the governors that signed them get a free pass. It's much easier to shoot the messenger.

The ruling had nothing to do with illegal aliens yet Mr. Power manages to toss that in for good measure. The only possible reason to dredge from nowhere was to make Mr. Cox appear to be "pandering" or some other politically incorrect crime.

Mr. Power also seems miffed that he and his think tank buddies weren't asked about this beforehand. Yet Mr. Power doesn't mention that he has any legal experience or personal involvement with any enacted law or court case that would be useful in the matter.

The problem came from the Legislature and the fix needed to come from the Legislature. All the rest of Mr. Power's column was a lot of hand-waving, nonsense and smearing by Mr. Power.

Tom Stenzel Livonia

Thank the attorney general

Phil Power's article, regarding Attorney General Mike Cox's opinion on only issuing driver's licenses to "legal residents" left me wanting to thank the attorney general, not to read someone criticize

Power cites the length of the brief (five pages) as proof that it wasn't produced overnight. I'm no expert on the length of legal opinions, but a five-page opinion, seems very pithy to me by political and legal standards. Power also stated that "no one that he talked to, knew that the opinion was coming." My next question to him is, who did you ask? I hate those unnamed references.

Power then comments, "all this from one little opinion from a State Attorney General." Power follows by saying that it was pandering to the illegal immigrant crowd. Like this is a new conversation. This has been a issue since Ronald Reagan's presidency in the '80s and the first failed amnesty.

I interpret the attorney general's attempt at changing the procedure on driver's licenses as a reaction to ILLEGAL not LEGAL immigrants' access to driver's licenses and if legal immigrants are slightly inconvenienced, so be it. If the ACLU is opposed, the attorney general has to be on the right path.

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Then Mr. Power notes that our governor, Ms. Granholm, urged the Legislature to find a way to "fix" the opinion which they did and the governor signed. So, in my opinion, the attorney general's actions caused the Legislature to fix a years-old problem in months. That seems very efficient to me. Maybe Mr. Cox should have issued a opinion on the budget, it may have speeded up that process, too. But please Mr. Attorney General, keep it five pages or less. We don't want it to be clear that you didn't produce it overnight.

> Mike Hayes Livonia

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 mili-

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

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

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

Paul J. Veselenak Royal Oak

Food safety paramount

In light of the recent Hallmark/ Westland beef recall, I want to remind consumers that the safety of Michigan's food supply — from farm to fork — is paramount and continues to be the Michigan Department of Agriculture's top priority.

This is a serious responsibility in today's global marketplace where, if we're not vigilant, problems of every type can impact our food — whether it was produced here or on the other side of the world.

MDA, as well as our local and federal partners, have clear roles in assuring consumers that their food and the places they eat are safe.

While there are numerous challenges in today's dynamic global food supply chain, officials at all levels of government — local, state, and federal — strive every day to create a seamless food safety system to protect the public.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for inspecting meat slaughter and processing facilities in Michigan.

Currently, there are approximately 220 USDA-inspected federal slaughter and processing plants in the state. MDA is charged with inspecting approximately 20,000 diversified food establishments, such as grocery stores, grain mills, fruit and vegetable processing plants, water bottlers and more. MDA also works closely with local health departments who inspect more than 40,000 restaurants and cafeterias statewide.

On a daily basis, local and state food inspectors assure the safety of the food supply by conducting inspections, collecting samples and testing food to detect hazards, responding to consumer complaints, enforcing food standards and labeling, removing unwholesome food from commerce, responding to recalls, food emergencies and disasters, licensing facilities, and providing food export certification.

Everyone has a role in assuring that safety — whether it's a farmer, a restaurant manager, a food inspector, or processing plant operator.

The bottom line is Michigan consumers expect that the food they purchase and eat is safe; and MDA will continue to be vigilant in protecting the state's food supply.

Don Koivisto, director Michigan Department of Agriculture

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"I'm trying to develop a personal relationship with our customers. I wanted to do more things in the studio that show people what my belief system is and the values I hold ... It's always important to me when I pick a 'winter challenge' I want to make sure it's for a good cause. I've been blessed with health, with family. It's important to give back to society." Jessica Perlman, owner of Creatopia Pottery, on why she rode a bike for four hours in her storefront window to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Julie Brown

AAUW show 'good for the soul' for kids, performers

here was a little bit of magic this past weekend at Garden City High School. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, took to the stage for performances of

Snow White, a proud tradition

dating back to 1959. The cast kept busy with five performances, Thursday and Friday nights, and three daytime shows Saturday. Rehearsals started in January.

Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township recalled getting involved years back when asked to handle publicity, which included stacks of fliers

throughout her house. "I worked my way up to being the house manager, and I liked that, said Bain, a retired English teacher from East Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton dis-

Bain was then asked about taking on the role of the dog in Peter Pan (AAUW members rotate a series of plays to keep things fresh from year to year, rewriting dialogue to appeal to today's youngsters).

"I thought 'You know, that might be fun' and I was hooked," she said.

"When we come together and do the play it's almost like we're a family," she noted. Bain's been ill in recent years, but determined to continue with the annual children's play.

"I often don't feel good and I have to go out because of the play. I've discovered once I get there after about half an hour I don't feel sick anymore. It's good for the soul.'

She and other cast members like to get into their characters. Many of the women are local educators, and it's fun for their students to spot them on stage in costume.

Bain was pleased with the 780, near capacity crowd at Garden City High for opening night, Girl Scout Night. "Of course, being an English teacher one likes to do this kind of thing," she said. Her topic for the Scouts was speaking clearly, with other women covering body language, costumes and other theaterrelated topics.

"We had them up and down in their seats doing different things," Bain said.

"You can be the antithesis of who you are," she added. "It's fun to go up there and be a goofball." Her Snow White character fit that description, Sir Dandiprat Bombas.

A major contributor to the play's success is co-director Becky Copenhaver of Canton, a third-grade teacher at Hoover Elementary School in the Livonia district. "This is my 28th year" of being involved, said

PURE ENTERTAINMENT!

Copenhaver, who shared directing duties with Shirley Zaetta, Kay Paupore and Diana Wilcox. She saw Cinderella done by AAUW when her own boys were 3 and 5, and thought she'd like to get involved.

"A lot of children haven't even been to a live performance before," Copenhaver said, noting the branch values being able to bring live theater to area families each year. "You can't beat the price," she added — \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, with proceeds for scholar-

The organizers do a lot of interactive efforts with children at each show. "Afterwards, of course, meeting everybody is just so exciting," the co-director said. The cast lines up outside the auditorium after each show, with eager youngsters meeting the performers. Some girls Saturday arrived in costumes, such as Snow White, and were thrilled to have photos

Copenhaver recalled when she played the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland a child said "I have your movie." This year, the Canton resident took to the stage as the Skunk. After the show, she asked children, "Who was your favorite character other than the Skunk?

My role in Snow White this year was minor and offstage, baking banana bread for the Saturday cast lunch and ushering that morning. Even so, I shared in the camaraderie that's kept these women going strong all these years. This and many other community projects, some in the arts and in other fields, make our communities better places to live for the young and old alike.

A highlight Saturday was the cast lunch, coordinated by hard-working Sue Sayers. The group shared some laughs and applauded all the work that went into making Snow White a success.

"That's a great way to catch up with everybody," said Copenhaver, Plymouth-Canton branch president. "These friendships are special. You see their kids grow up, too.'

These days, kids spend so much time in front of computers and TVs, and the educators and others in AAUW like to take this time every year to balance that with live performances. I don't like to sound like a Luddite, but I agree with the play's organizers that it's a great idea for kids to see live theater — and I'm grateful to those who provide it year after year.

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Michigan's 'do over election' becoming national punch line

"I don't belong to any organized political party - I am a Democratic Party event. Democrat.'

- Will Rogers

The Democratic Party at the state and national levels has created a mess of



Tom Watkins

Michigan's (and Florida's) presidential primary. It is a problem of its own creation with the citizens of Michigan and Florida being disenfranchised by the process.

Let's put this mess in perspective.

Party honchos, equipped with a historical injustice and archaic process that allows Iowa and New Hampshire

to have weighted influence in selecting the Democratic Party nominee, bucked the party rules and moved up the date of the Michigan primary.

Fair enough and hooray for them. The action to contest this arcane presidential selection process deserved to be challenged. But the current mess dictates that the Democratic Party not only fix the current fiasco, but develop a fair process as we go forward. Gov. Jennifer Granholm likened Michigan moving up its primary to be "relevant" as an "act of civil disobedience in protest of and unjust law." Yet, throughout our history as a nation of laws, when one breaks the law — even unjust ones — one must be willing to suffer the consequences.

Early on, everyone seemed to wink at the threatened penalty of not having Michigan's delegates seated, believing Hillary Clinton would win the nomination by the time February's "Super Tuesday" primaries rolled around and all would be forgiven. Michigan (and Florida) would be asked to the delegate dance at the national convention in Denver.

Clinton "won" the uncontested Democratic primary in Michigan, where no other major contender appeared on the ballot.

Then something unexpected happened on the way to the nomination — the Barack Obama phenomenon took off and he began snatching delegates like free beer at a

Many Obama supporters fear a "do over" is just another attempt to "do him in."

If all this talk about a "do over" is perceived by the newly energized Obama voters as a way to strip the nomination from him — well, the fractured Democratic Humpty Dumpty coalition will be difficult to piece back together for the general election.

If this conversation about disregarding the rules agreed upon by the parties and having a "do over" election — disregarding the votes of thousands of people who have already voted - was taking place in Africa or Asia, we would scream "Banana Republic!"

I was a resident of Palm Beach County during the presidential election fiasco in 2000. I had a front-row seat during that election mess. The talk of a "do over" election brings back that nightmare. If it goes forward, it is guaranteed to be flawed and rife with criticism and discontent.

How do we stand tall as a "nation of rules and laws" when we are willing to disregard the votes of thousands of people and "re-do"

How, in a state where countless families are losing their jobs and homes, can we be so cavalier about raising \$10 million or more (Florida is talking about \$20 million) to hold a political party "re-do" vote?

How many Michigan families could be helped with \$10 million?

The state and national Democratic political parties need to find a resolution for this mess. If the Democratic "bigwigs" really care

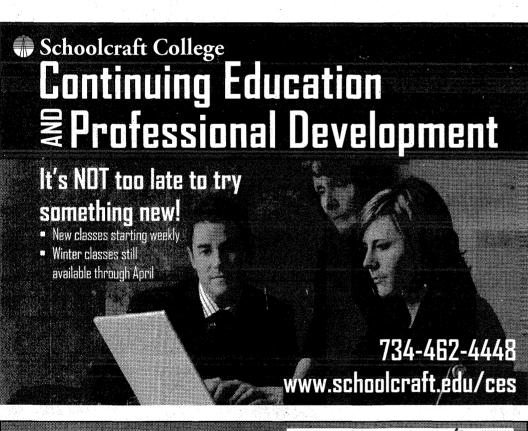
about "democratic principles," go ahead and raise \$10 million and use it to help the countless families who are too busy trying to survive to even pay attention to the foolishness of the party's own making.

That \$10 million will buy a lot of bananas and could help a number of Michigan fami-

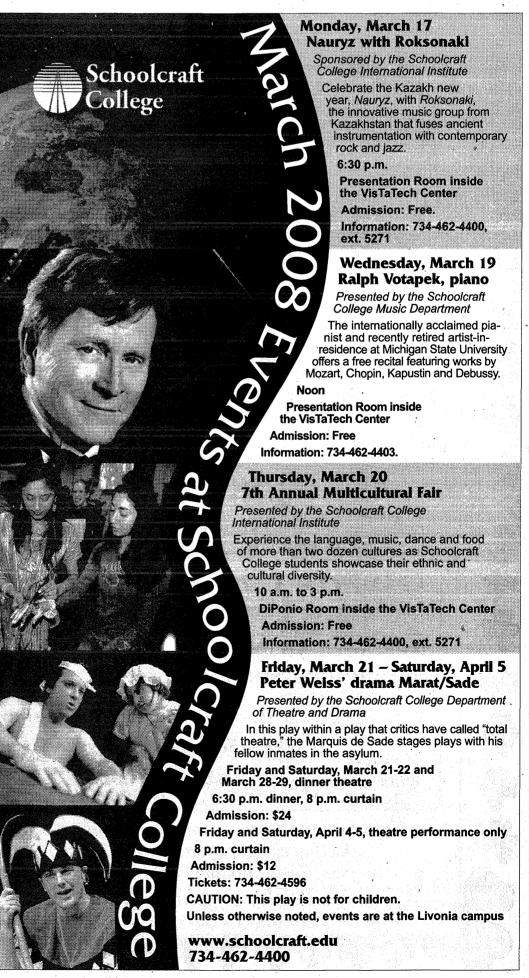
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PCEP grapplers lock up All-State honors at Palace

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The final point Salem senior Jeremy Epley earned in his stellar high school wrestling career proved to be the biggest.

On Saturday at the Division 1 Individual Wrestling State Meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Epley escaped with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Ziad Kharbush of Livonia Stevenson to secure a third-place finish in the 160-pound weight class.

The two Western Lakes Activities Association rivals had split a pair of previous encounters this

Epley, who finished with a 46-5 record and 103 career victories, registered an early escape then held on to hold off Kharbush's late-match challenge.

PREP WRESTLING

dropped into the consolation brackets fol-

lowing a second-round loss to East Kentwood's Jake Bohn, the eventual 160-pound state runner-up. He then notched three straight wins on Saturday in rapid-fire fashion: 5-3 over Novi Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt; 8-0 over Lake Orion's Joe Graffeo; and 1-0 over Kharbush.

"Coming back the way Jeremy did through the consolation bracket is the toughest way to do it," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "In a lot of ways it's more difficult than what the secondplace wrestler had to go through.

"All the matches were back-to-back-to-back on Saturday, which made it all the more impres-

A trio of Canton wrestlers also turned in All-

State performances on Saturday. Senior Steve Cox (50-6) capped an exceptional career with a fifth-place showing at 135 pounds. After dropping into the consolation brackets on Friday, Cox defeated Rockford's Adam Bonner, 12-1, before falling to Holly's Josh Stoudt, 4-2. He then closed strong by pinning Lake Orion's A.J. Pratt in 4:53 in the fifth-sixth showdown.

The Chiefs' 125-pound competitor, sophomore Donnie Watkins, secured a sixth-place finish by defeating Davison's Paul Vilker, 8-6, before dropping a pair of heart-breaking decisions: 6-5 to Davison's Zach Davis and 7-5 to Utica Ford's Anthony Dworniczak.

Watkins, a two-time All-State performer, finished with a 44-12 record.

Canton sophomore Brent Winekoff joined the All-State contingent by placing seventh at 140 pounds. Winekoff capped his second prep season with an incredible 50-6 mark.

Altogether, a school-record six Chiefs qualified for last week's individual state meet.

"All six guys wrestled well," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "While all six are proud of their accomplishments, I know they're not satisfied.

"The three who didn't place (103-pound Waleed Faraj, 171-pound Rodger Kropp and 215-pound Dan Wanshon) lost close matches. Dan was up 5-0 after the first period against a kid with only two losses, but he got caught in the second period."

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Longtime Plymouth Whalers play-by-play announcer Pete Krupsky calls the team's home games from high above the Compuware Arena ice surface.

'Voice of the Whalers' has earned a loyal following

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You'd be amazed how far Pete Krupsky's voice travels when he broadcasts Plymouth Whalers hockey games from high above Ontario Hockey League ice surfaces two or three times a week, eight months a

With the help of 21st century Internet technology, Krupsky's smooth and polished play-by-play commentary flows up to Essex, Ontario, Canada, where a 77-yearold grandmother listens intently for the sound of her grandson's name.

It makes its way through highspeed wires to Waswanipi, Quebec, so the members of a Cree Indian village can catch up on the latest exploits of one of their own.

And just as importantly — if not as jaw-dropping - it echoes throughout southeastern Michigan so that die-hard Whalers fans can follow every bounce of the puck from the comfort of their own living rooms.

Trusted voice

Krupsky's words not only travel far via Internet streaming on www. plymouthwhalers.com — they travel well, thanks to the 20-plus years he's honed the craft that he embraces like a loved one.

"I get emotional when I talk about my broadcasts reaching the players' families because I know it's very, very important to them," said Krupsky, his eyes welling up with

THE KRUPSKY FILE

NAME: Pete Krupský; **AGE:** 55;

FAMILY: Wife, Twyla; son, Gordon, 19; TITLE: Plymouth Whalers play-by-play announcer/director of communications:

NICKNAME: 'Krupper':

ORIGIN OF NICKNAME: "Back when I got the nickname, we had about six Petes working here at the same time. Pete Deboer was the head coach: Pete Ginopolis ran the restaurant, we had about three Petes on staff and, of course, Pete Karmanos is the owner. Somewhere along the line, Pete Deboer came up with the nickname 'Krupper' and it stuck. It's a typical hockey nick-

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(BESIDES COMPUWARE ARENA): "Probably Erie. The place we broadcast from is just a wooden platform on top of the stands, but the Whalers have had a lot of success there and the place absolutely rocks."

emotion. "Some nights, there may be only 50 people listening, but I know those 50 people are very passionate about the Whalers.

"I open every broadcast by saving hello to the Whalers' extended family, wherever they may be listening.

(Whalers player) Joe McCann's 77year-old grandmother has told me that when I say that, I'm saying hello to her. I'm not necessarily saying it to anyone in particular, but that's how they feel."

Patient climb

Krupsky's ascension to the lead play-by-play voice of the Whalers was a lot like the home game-night climbs he makes up the narrow, 20rung metal ladder that leads from the floor of the Compuware Arena press box to the facility's broadcasting site just below the rafters: steady and focused.

Armed with persistence, patience and the willingness to work through some rough times, Krupsky's radio days commenced in the mid-80s and were coated with some remarkable circumstances.

"I didn't pursue a broadcasting career right off the bat," said Krupsky, who spent a good chunk of the past two decades working in a southwest Detroit refinery plant that eventually became Honeywell (he retired as a laboratory manager in 2004).

"Myself and a guy I played softball with used to pretend to broadcast the games from the outfield when he was in left field and I was in leftcenter. He told me if he ever got on the air somewhere, I was coming with him.

"Well, in roughly 1985, he called

Please see KRUPSKY, B4

Ignition storms into first

The Detroit Ignition defeated the visiting Chicago Storm 15-7 Sunday in front of a sell-out crowd at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved the Ignition to 17-7, good for a share of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League with the Milwaukee Wave. Chicago slipped to 14-11.

Reigning league MVP Jamar Beasley got the Ignition off to a roaring start, scoring his 300th MISL point with a twopoint goal just 15 seconds into the match. Forward Hewerton Moreira netted a two-point tally for Detroit at 1:02 of the second quarter to put the club up 4-0 at the half. Midfielder Ryan Mack was credited with the assist on the goal.

Just under three minutes into the second half, Ignition captain Droo Callahan increased his team's lead to six with an unassisted two-point score. Chicago forward Benjamin Chavolla put the Storm on the board seven seconds

later with a two-point goal off an assist from Edgar Rivera.

Mack responded for the Ignition at 7:48 of the third, netting a two-pointer with an assist from Hewerton.

Twenty-seven seconds into the fourth quarter, Hewerton scored his second goal of the night with a three-point shot off an assist from Jonathan Greenfield. Midfielder John Ball added two more points for the visitors at 3:35 with an assist from Fabinho.

Less than a minute later, Mack scored his second goal of the night — a two-point tally to make it 13-4.

Worteh Sampson rounded out the scoring for the Ignition, burying a twopoint shot at 7:37 with an assist from Mack. Andy Rosenband added one more goal for Chicago before time expired.

The Ignition will host the expansion Orlando Sharks (3-23) on Friday in the club's annual "Green Jersey"

Ignition trade

The Detroit Ignition has acquired defender Bill Sedgewick from the expansion Orlando Sharks for a player to be named later, the club announced Monday.

The transaction was effective March 7 pending a physical.

Sedgewick was part of the Ignition's inaugural campaign roster and was traded to the Orlando Sharks during the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft.

We're glad to have Bill back with us," said Ignition director of soccer operations Mark Pulisic. "He's a veteran player that helped us through the playoffs last year. We are looking forward to his contributions as we make our playoff run again this season."

Sedgewick, who will wear No. 6 for the Ignition, recorded 26 blocks and notched 20 points for Orlando this season.

He posted 15 blocks and six points for Detroit during the 2006-07 season.

Olech lauded

Plymouth graduate Kim Olech, a sophomore at Adrian College, was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Second Team.

Olech, who is majoring in criminal justice with minors in biology and chemistry, is a Dean's List member at Adrian. She is the daughter of Jim and Rose Olech of Canton.

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program will hold its parents' meeting for the 2008 season at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the OLGC Church Social Hall, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

OLGC offers opportunities for boys in third through eighth grades to play football this fall. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are eligible.

Also, families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a' Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, and St. John Neumann.

Parents of new and veteran players should plan to attend this meeting.

A new registration will be in place for this season. For further infor-

mation, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935.





Skaters in sync

The Evolution, a 22-member synchronized skating team that practices at Compuware Arena in Plymouth and the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills, recently captured a silver medal at the National Synchronized Skating Championships in Providence, RI. Above is a team picture. At left are Natalie Puckett (left) of Plymouth and Bridget Hillman accepting the silver medal. The team is coached by Jenny DeSimone and Sarah Feldt.

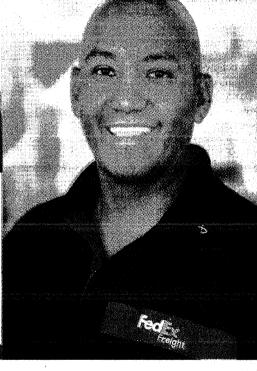
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Swimmers make big splash at D1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The 2007-08 boys high school swimming and diving season ended on a high note for a trio of P-CEP ath-

Plymouth senior Mike Conger made a splash at the Division 1 state meet at Oakland University as he narrowly missed All-State consideration by placing ninth in the 200-yard individual medley and 13th in the 100 backstroke. The top eight in each event earn All-State honors.

Conger missed placing eighth in the 200 IM by less than a second.

"Mike had a great meet," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "Our 200 medley relay team of Mike, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder and Chris Wilson also swam well, but did not qualify for the second day of competition."

Like Conger, Salem freshman Adam Seroka was a two-event standout. He touched ninth in the 500 freestyle in 4:50.97 and 10th in the 200 IM in 2:00.28.

"Adam swam very well," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "He has a very bright future ahead of him.'

Seroka's teammate, senior Stan Chen, placed 13th in the 100 breaststroke — one place higher than he ended up at last year's state meet. Chen's time was 1:02.08.



Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering a unique opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Personalized benches and brick pavers will be placed in a pathway around Fellows Creek Golf Club, which is located at 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton.

Each paver is 4-by-8 inches in size and can include up to three lines of inscription with 14 characters per line, including spaces. Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100 and are 100 percent tax deductible.

The program was initiated by the Friends of Fellows Creek, a group of residents dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Fellows Creek Golf Club. Proceeds from the program will go toward improvements at Fellows Creek.

For more information, call (734) 728-1300.

Softball Showcase

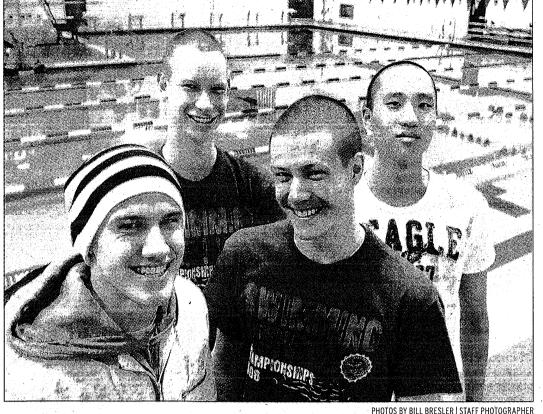
The Paramount Scouting Bureau and National Scouting Report will host the Motor City Showcase Friday, July 4, as part of the Paramount Softball Showcase Series.

The showcase, which begins at 10 a.m., will be held at Victory Park in Canton. Professional scouts will rate

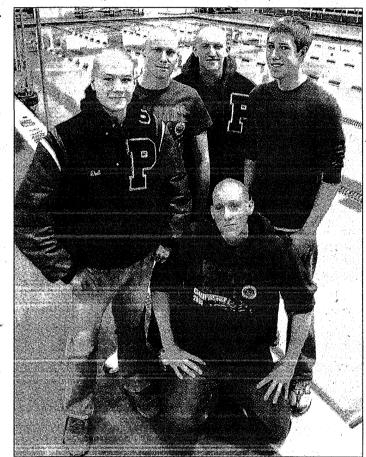
all players with the top players receiving invitations to play in a national showcase.

A college recruiting session will follow the showcase.

Contact Steve LaMay at (248) 249-0129 or slamay@nsr-inc. com.



Pictured (from left) are the members of the Canton 400-yard freestyle relay team that competed in last week's Division 1 state meet: Chris McGinnis, Kevin Karlinski, Brandon Tolinskiand Richard Zhang.



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Pictured are the five Plymouth swimmers who competed in last week's Division 1 state meet. Pictured are (standing from left) Kyle Dull, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson and (kneeling) Michael Conger.



Pictured are six of the seven members of the Salem swimming and diving squad that competed in last week's Division 1 state meet. Pictured are (standing from left) Casey Olson, Stan Chen, Adam Siroka, (seated from left) Kevin Smith, Nathan Spala and Matt Collingwood. Not pictured is Cameron Dunn.

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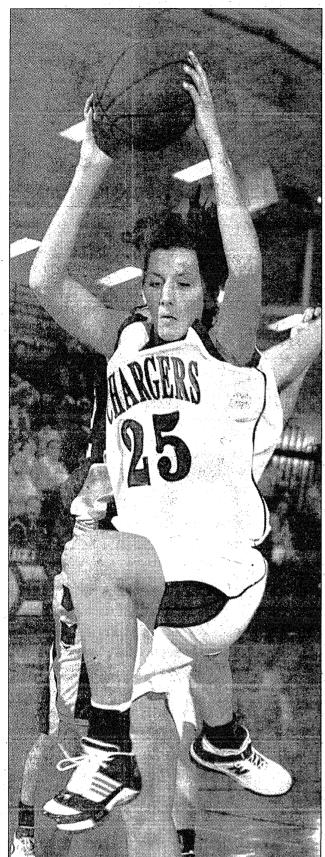
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Nobody does it better

Canton graduate Katie Cezat (above) was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's women's basketball "Player of the Year" recently. Cezat enjoyed a record-breaking 2007-08 season as she helped the Chargers to their most successful season in history. The junior set single-season records for points (640), rebounds (338), blocked shots (37) and field goals made (254). She finished first in scoring and rebounding in the GLIAC and was named South Division "Player of the Week" six times. She led all of Division II players in scoring (23.7) and was third in rebounding (12.5).

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Local gymnasts are beaming after individual state meet

Three P-CEP gymnasts earned All-State status after finishing in the Division 1 top 10 all-around category at Saturday's state meet in the Plymouth High School gymna-

Canton senior Jessie Murray was the top finisher, placing ninth in Division 1 with a score of 36.700. Fellow Chief Robyn Piwowar, a freshman, and Salem junior Katie Koetting tied for 10th with 36.650 points.

Murray's best event was the balance beam where she earned a tie for sixth (9.450).

Piwowar sparkled on the vault, placing fifth with a 9.550. Koetting also excelled on the vault with a sixth-place tally of

In Division 2, Plymouth senior Jordan Brodehl placed sixth on the uneven bars with a 8.900. Salem's Brittany Young tied for ninth on the bars with

2008 GIRLS GYMNASTICS INDIVIDUAL STATE MEET RESULTS

ALL-AROUND: 1. Meaghan McWhorter (Grand Ledge), 38.600; 2. Alexis Byington (GL), 38.400; 3. Emily Quint (Livonia Blue) and Karen Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 37.650; 5. Kaitlin Abbs (Sturgis), 37.575; 6. Paula Guzik (Livonia Red), 36.900; 7. Elana Cocke Guzik (Livonia keu), 36.900, 7. Etalia Cocke (Farmington), 36.850; 8. Michelle Mather (Tr Athens), 36.750; 9. Jessie Murray (Canton), 36.700; 10. Robyn Piwowar (C) and Katie Koetting (Salem), 36.650.

VAULT: 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.800; 2.
Byington (GL), 9.700; 3. Ouint (LB), 9.600; 4.
Guzik (LR), 9.575; 5. Piwowar (C), 9.550; 6.
(tie) Koetting (SA), Carleigh Felstead (GL) and
Kristin Nagle (F), 9.525; 9. Alexis Johnson
(Howell), 9.500; 10. (tie) Chelsea Dukiper

udington) and Taylor Meredyk (Walled Lake Central), 9.450. **UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS:** 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.650; 2. Katlin Abbs (ST), 9.525; 3. Nagle (F), 9.500; 4. Chelsea Dukiper (L), 9.400; 5. Byington (GL), 9.375; 6. Brittany Wilson (Mona Shores), 9.350; 7. (tie) Verbrugge (FH) and Johnson (H), 9.300; 9. Felstead (GL), 9.275; 10.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.625; 2. Byington (GL), 9.600; 3. Chelsea Dukiper (L), 9.525; 4. (tie) Verbrugge (FH), 9.475 and Quint (LB), 9.475; 6. (tie) Michelle Mather (TA) and Murray (C), 9.450; 8. Naomi Cherup (T), 9.425; 9. Danielle Bresso (F), 9.400; 10.

Raine Strazuas (Portage), 9.375.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Byington (GL), 9.725; 2. Quint (LB), 9.550; 3. McWhorter (GL), 9.525; 4. (tie) Guzik (LR) and Elizabeth Sommer (Walled Lake Northern), 9.500; 6. Verbrugge (FH), 9.475; 7. Brooke Madzia (TA), 9.450; 8. (tie) Cocke (F) and Meghan Powers (LB), 9.350; 10. Abbs (ST), 9.325.

DIVISION 2

ALL-AROUND: 1. Maddie Burman (GL), 36.475; 2. Brittany
Romatowski (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 36.450; 3. Jill Haapaniemi (F),
36.300; 4. McKyleigh Geddert (GL), 36.050; 5. Neena Zwier (Kenowa
Hills), 35.975; 6. Chelsea Umlauf (Freeland), 35.775; 7. Kelsey
Pierce (GL), 35.750; 8. Mary Boyd (ST), 35.550; 9. Brianna Maroukis
(Portage), 35.525; 10. Nichole Wood (Holt), 35.425.

VAULT: 1. Zwier (KH), 9.650; 2. Maroukis (P), 9.300; 3. Burman
(GL), 9.250; 4. (tie), Jaura Nomura (IR) and Allison Kenn (Northville)

(GL), 9.250; 4. (tie) Laura Nomura (LB) and Allison Kemp (Northville), 9.150; 6. (tie) Laura Nomura (LB) and Allison Kemp (Northville), 9.150; 6. (tie) Lauren Tedhams (FH), Hannah Saaranen (WLN) and Lena Schneewind (F), 9.100; 9. Amy Ancona (F), 9.025; 10. (tie) Haapaniemi (F), Pierce (GL) and Wood (Holt), 9.000.

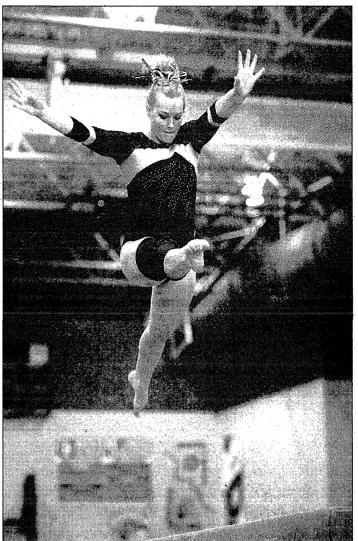
UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: 1. Romatowski (EF), 9.650; 2.

Haapaniemi (F), 9.450; 3. Gedert (GL), 9.050; 4. Jackie Stewert (TA), 9.000; 5. Umlauf (Freeland), 8.975; 6. Jordan Brodehl (Plymouth), 8.900; 7. Nicole Olweean (Portage), 8.825; 8. Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.755; 9. (tie) Mary Boyd (ST), Wood and Brittany Young (Salem),

8.700. **BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Pierce (GL), 9.525; 2. Haapaniemi (F), 9.400; 3. Madzia (TA), 9.350; 4. Boyd (ST), 9.325; 5. Maroukis (Portage), 9.275; 6. Burman (GL), 9.150; 7. (tie) Geddert (GL) and Umlauf (Freeland), 9.125; 9. Haley Hoard (Portage), 9.100; 10. (tie) Ancona (F) and Karen Guo (TA), 9.000

and Karen Guo (1A), 9.000.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Geddert (GL), 9.525; 2. Burman (GL), 9.500; 3. Nomura (LB), 9.325; 4. Paige Pennycook (T), 9.300; 5. Ali Vanbelkum (Rockford), 9.250; 6. Umlauf (Freeland), 9.225; 7. (tie) Tapella (LB) and Schneewind (Farm.), 9.175; 9. Romatowski (EF), 0.150; 10. Erika Dwygor (FM), 9.125

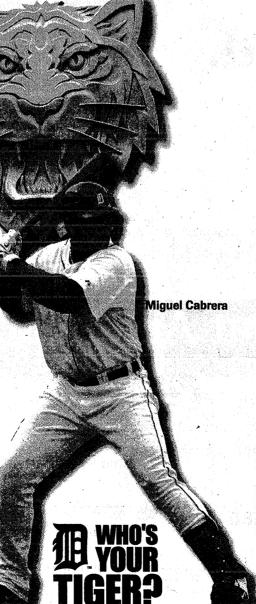


Plymouth senior Jordan Brodehl, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, placed sixth in Division 2 on the uneven bars at Saturday's Gymnastics Individual Finals at Plymouth High School.



Salem junior Katie Koetting tied for 10th in the all-around at Saturday's Division 1 Individual Gymnastics Finals at Plymouth High School.

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me and said, 'I got a TV gig on local access. Do you know anything about high school hockey?' Coincidentally, I had just started writing about high school hockey for Hockey Weekly.' He did the play-byplay and I agreed to do the color commentary."

Rough start

In the early days, Krupsky's love of hockey couldn't overcome his woefully miniscule amount of broadcasting experience, he admitted.

"For the first three years, I was terrible — I mean terrible!" he emphasized. "I didn't know what I was doing. I was nervous on the air. I couldn't eat before games. I couldn't sleep the night before games.

"But they kept me around for one reason," he added, smiling. "Because I was free."

Big break

Like a hockey team's No. 1 line that gels the more it plays together, Krupsky got better with age. And as his skills sharpened, his love for the profession swelled.

"When the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors (the Whalers' predecessors) joined the OHL in 1990, I kept calling their offices to let them know that I wanted to do their broadcasts," said Krupsky. "Well, finally, Jimmy Rutherford, who was the team's GM at the time, called me back and said, 'You don't have to call any more. We know you're interested and we're going to find something for you."

That "something" turned out to be a play-by-play role on AM 580 CKWW, based out of Windsor.

Steve Bell did the Windsor Spitfire games and I was back in Detroit with the Ambassadors," he said. "During the intermissions of the Spits' game, Steve would say, '...and let's take it back to Detroit and Pete Krupsky for the story on the game between Detroit and the Soo Greyhounds.' We were doing cut-aways long before ESPN ever did.'

The seed that was planted that year has grown into a sturdy 18-year-old relationship between Krupsky and the Whalers' organization, which hired him as its full-time director of communications in

"I do everything from write press releases, to take care of the media when they come in from out of town, to co-editing the team's Web site along with Natalie Shaver," he said.

While those duties are important, they pale in comparison to Krupsky's role of making sure 77-year-old grandmothers and proud family members and fans throughout the United States and Canada are kept abreast of their beloved Whalers' threetimes-a-week battles in OHL rinks from Plymouth to the

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Northville Recreation

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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.

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All-Observer cagers net well-deserved honors

FIRST-TEAM ALAYA MITCHELL, SR. G, SALEM: The

senior guard, headed to Marshall University with a full-ride scholarship, was honored by the Associated Press as one of the top 10 players in Michigan for the 2007-08 season. She was a multi-threat, averaging 14.9 points, 2.4 assists, 2.0 steals and 4.6 rebounds. Among her season highlights were two buzzer-beating

game-winner: one in an early-season game against Farmington Mercy and one in the WLAA title game against Walled Lake

Western. "Alaya was the driving force of

Dave McCall this year's team," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "As the only senior, she really did a great job of leading the young players. She figured out

ALEX SEROWOKY, SR. C, LIV. LADYWOOD: The 6-1 senior center averaged 10 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists and almost

what she had to do to be successful

and her experience made a ton of

Franklin

two blocks per game. "Alex was our main inside threat offensively and provided a big defensive presence in the paint," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "Her ability to score in multiple ways make her hard to defend. She's a great passer for a post player and can handle the ball as well."

Serowoky, who earned All-Catholic honors, is bound for Lafavette (Pa.) College

BRIAUNA TAYLOR, JR. G. LIV. FRANKLIN: The 5-9 junior point-guard averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds per game, while shooting 46 percent from the floor (including 35 percent beyond the arc) and 68 percent from the foul

"She was our go-to girl," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "Whenever we need to get momentum back, we got the ball in her hands. She can do everything, but she really got better defensively this season.'

Taylor was an All-WLAA selec-

CHELSEA CARRADINE, SO. F, RED. THURSTON: The 5-8 sophomore forward played much bigger than her size, with team-leading averages of 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks as the Eagles finished 15-6 and made a strong push for the Mega Blue cham-

The All-Mega Blue first-teamer capped off her season in the district semifinals against Livonia Franklin,

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tallying 24 points and 24 boards as she nearly lifted Thurston to an upset victory.

"She's been playing fantastic ball," said Eagles head coach Bob Ostrowski late in the season. "She really understands the game and

JENNA ANASTOS, SR. F, LIV. LADYWOOD: The 5-10 senior played both guard and forward for the 20-4 Blazers averaging 9.2 points and five rebounds per

"Jenna was our do-everything player," Gorski said. "She could score from the inside-and-out, as well as defend from the perimeter and post. We counted on her to provide a little bit of everything for our team.

"She would often guard the other tea's bet offensive threat and provided leadership and energy on both sides of the court."

The All-Catholic selection signed with Northwood University.

CHELSEA DAVIS, JR. F, SALEM: The forward enjoyed a stellar junior season, averaging 10.8 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.6 blocked shots. Davis's efforts earned a first-team All-WLAA nod.

"Chelsea was clearly our top inside scoring presence," said Thomann. "She was also second on our team in assists and her shot-blocking and rebounding ability triggered a lot of our fast breaks.'

SECOND-TEAM BRITTANY TAYLOR, JR. F, LIV. FRANKLIN:

The 5-9 junior forward averaged 12 points and 11 rebounds per game for the Class A district champions.

The All-Western Division pick shot 42 percent from the floor and 55 percent from the foul line. "Brittany really got better the last five games, the light bulb went

on." McCall said. "She was our goto girls inside. She likes to post-up and bang around. And like her sister (Briauna), she got better on defense." BAYLEE HOLLOWELL, SR. C, CANTON: The

senior center was the bright spot of the Chiefs' season as she averaged a double-double (14.2 points and 12.4 rebounds) despite drawing double and triple teams. The 6-footer's efforts earned her a scholarship at Siena Heights University.

"Baylee had a great senior season, she worked extremely hard her four vears at Canton High School and experienced a lot of success," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Her dedication and work ethic will help take her game to a new level at Siena Heights.

TRENIA BARBEE, SR. G, WAYNE: The 5-8 senior guard averaged an area-best 22.1 points per game, while shooting 44.7 percent from the field and 70 percent from the foul line.

Barbee, who missed four games because of minor knee surgery, made All-Western Division in the WLAA and has signed with NCAA Division II Henderson State (Ark.).

"Trenia's a scorer, a rebounder and aggressive on defense," Wayne coach Leslie Williams said. "She often put the team on her back. She did well and we expected a lot from her. She just needed some help.

SHAAKIRA HAYWOOD, JR.C, PLYMOUTH: The iunior center was a force at both ends of the court for the Wildcats. averaging 14 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. Haywood promises to be among the WLAA's top performers in 2008-09.

"Shaakira brought a lot to our team both offensively and defensively," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, "On the defensive end, she blocked a lot of shots and altered a lot more. A lot of her scoring came has a result of offensive rebounds when we couldn't get her the ball. She stays after it and is focused."

BECCA REFENES, JR. C, LUTH. WESTLAND: The 6-2 junior center averaged 14.5 points, 10.8 rebounds and shot 48.7 percent from the floor en route to All-Metro Conference honors.

Refenes already ranks as the school's all-time leading rebounder for a season and career. She is one of only three players to score 300 points in a season.

"Becca is a tremendous athlete," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Her height and athleticism inside is very difficult to defend. She gave us a severe threat inside that forced people to double and sometimes triple-team her, but even with that, she was able to produce and get her teammates involved.

"She knew when to shoot and when to kick it out; she was very

ALISON SZCZYPKA, SR. G, LIV. LADYWOOD: The 5-10 senior guard-forward averaged 9.6 points and 5.5 rebounds for the Central Division champions.

"Alison added the toughness factor to our team," Gorski said of the All-League selection. "She also improved greatly as an offensive threat this season. She was one of our top three-point shooters and often was vital in breaking the other team's press.

"Her ruggedness under the basket and passing ability made her extremely versatile. She played every position except center for us.'

COACH OF THE YEAR DAVE MCCALL, LIV. FRANKLIN: The

first-year varsity coach guided the Patriots to an 18-5 record and their first Class A district championship since 1993.

"It's a great honor, but I did not do the conditioning or score the baskets, the girls just worked their tails off," said McCall, who previously served as Franklin's JV girls coach for four seasons. "And once they started to believe in themselves, things started clicking. They realized what their capabilities were and they realized what hard work can accomplish."

The 49-year-old McCall, a selfemployed contractor, is a 1997 Garden City East High grad who played basketball, football, baseball

McCall and his wife Lana have



Alaya Mitchell Salem



Alex Serowoky Ladywood



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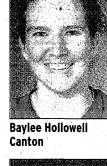




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Alison Szczypka Ladywood

two daughters, Ashley and Andrea, both whom played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Franklin, while his son David played hockey, football

and ran track for the Patriots. The future, meanwhile, looks bright for the Patriots with the

return of the three starters, including Taylor twins, and some key

"We also have a couple of girls who did a great job on the JV and they'll be coming up," McCall said. "It looks



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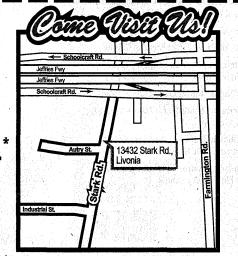
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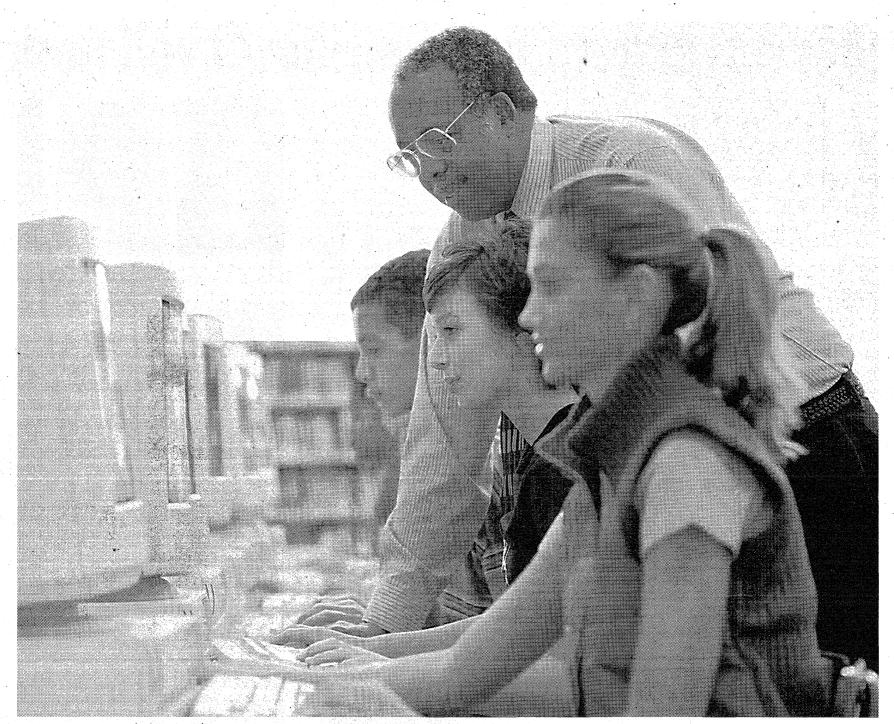




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Parade of Homes a sure sign of spring

Spring Parade of Homes, the 19th annual spring exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on March 14 and run through April 13, 2008. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and LaSalle Bank, a Bank of America Mortgage company, are the sponsors of this public event.

"Housing markets, like all markets, inevitably have their ups and downs, but as a long-term investment, homeownership remains one of the best investments for individual households with a track record that is virtually unmatched by any other purchase in terms of its real benefits," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Now is an exceptionally good time to shop for a new home. Buyers with good credit, a job and steady income, will find there is plenty of mortgage credit to be had at good rates. With quite a bit of inventory on the market, home shoppers will find a variety of choice in all price ranges."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and singlefamily homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 62 model homes range in base price from \$113,000 to \$1,999,900. Prices of the Parade of Homes models including all the amenities for the show homes range in price from \$113,000 to \$2,400,000.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. In addition to the categories specified by price of the home, there will be a Green Building and Energy Efficiency category for the judging. This year's judges are: Erin Kopkowski, builder/designer of Residential Design Consulting in Northville; Dan Palmer of Bank of America: Ben Tiseo, AIA, of Tiseo Architects Inc. in Livonia and Lonny in Southfield. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the

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tributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on March 14, and available at all area LaSalle Bank branches, selected CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan and at all participating model homes beginning March 14. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Spring Home & Garden Show, April 11-13, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

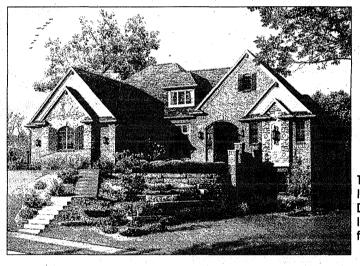
For additional information on the 2008 Spring Parade of Homes beginning March 14, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The program Web site, www. BIAparadeofhomes.com, will go live on March 14, and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA and LaSalle Bank will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the fall.

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Bloomfield Hills builder tapped for national post

Members of the National Association of Home Builders elected four Senior Officers to top leadership positions within the federation during the association's International Builders' Show in Orlando. Bob Jones, a Bloomfield Hills-based builder, will serve as 2008 vice president and treasurer.

With more than 800 affiliated state and local home builders associations (HBAs) and 235,000 members across the country, NAHB is the "voice of the housing industry" representing the interests of the nation's housing professionals through advocacy, education and research efforts. Its members construct about 80 percent of the new homes built each year in the United States. All together, housing-related goods and services account for approximately 16 cents out of every dollar spent in the U.S. economy.

Taking the helm as NAHB president this year is Sandy Dunn, a second-generation West Virginia home builder who has provided affordable housing to Mountain State residents for more than three decades. Dunn is president of Point Pleasant, W. Va.-based B.J. Builders, Inc., a company founded by her father in 1953 that specializes in single-family, entry-level homes.

"Our primary objective in 2008 will be to work with the nation's lawmakers and administration to implement policies that will resolve the credit crunch in hous-

ing finance markets and revitalize home building as the engine of economic growth," said Dunn. "Concurrently, we will strive to ramp up the political involvement of our 235,000 members so that home builders and their affiliates have the strongest possible voice in Washington during this election year and beyond."

Also moving up on the association's leadership ladder during NAHB's Orlando board meeting was Tulsa, Okla.-based home builder Joe Robson, who was elected by unanimous consent to the position of NAHB first vice president. A leader in the Tulsa area home building and development industries for more than 25 years, he is the founder and president of The Robson Companies, Inc., developers of residential communities and commercial properties.

Meanwhile, Bloomfield Hills-based home builder Bob Jones was elected to the post of 2008 NAHB vice president and treasurer. As president of Robert R. Jones Homes, he specializes in land development and the design and construction of single-family luxury homes throughout metropolitan Detroit. During Jones's 35-year career, he has earned a reputation for excellence and established a continuing commitment to the home building industry across the local, state and national levels.

Reno, Nev.-based builder Bob Nielsen joined the NAHB leadership ladder with his election to the post of vice president and secretary. Nielsen has over 25 years of experience in the industry and has overseen the development of more than 45 new home communities housing 4,500-plus families. He is president of Shelter Properties, a building and development company headquartered in northern Nevada that has constructed communities across the state as well as in California.

2007 NAHB President Brian Catalde, from El Segundo, Calif., remains on the leadership ladder as immediate past president. A driving force in the Southern California home building industry for more than 30 years, Catalde is president and chief operating officer of Paragon Communities, which develops and builds single-family and multifamily communities as well as commercial properties.

Rounding out the association's leadership is NAHB Executive Vice President and CEO Jerry Howard, from Washington, D.C. Howard heads up a professional staff of more than 300 working out of the National Housing Center in Washington. After previously serving as the association's chief tax counsel, Howard was promoted to EVP/CEO in February of 2001.

Law aims to stem foreclosures

Q. I understand that Congress passed some legislation to eliminate taxes on mortgage debt. Do you have any information on that?

A. On Dec. 18, 2007, Congress approved legislation to eliminate taxes on mortgage debt.



Robert Meisner

presumably, to help struggling homeowners to avoid foreclosure. The legislation which was subsequently signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 20, 2007, provides a temporary,

three-year change to the tax code to eliminate any taxes homeowners might face when banks renegotiate the terms of a home loan and forgive a portion of the outstanding mortgage debt. The change in the tax law caps untaxable forgiven debt at \$2 million and applies only to principal residences. This change was necessitated because existing tax rules under Section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code impel many struggling homeowners to seek foreclosure over restructuring their loan with lenders because forgiven mortgage debt is taxed as ordinary income. The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act removes this tax burden on mortgage indebtedness, encourages market-based restructuring between lenders and homeowners and discourages foreclosures. The legislation also includes a provision that extends the deductibility of mortgage insurance for three more years.

Q. I have heard something called the "D" list put out by FannieMae and FreddieMac as it relates to mortgages. Do you know what that means?

A. I believe that "D" stands for the deciding value, but some people have suggested that it means "death spiral." It is my understanding that the USDA and FreddieMac are fighting as to whether or not they will continue to take zero down mortgages, or possibly any mortgages for Michigan properties. Apparently there is a battle as to whether the USDA will prevail or if FannieMae and/or FreddieMac will do so. In an even worse note, is something called the shark list which is a list for investors that buy depressed properties. The shark list has Michigan listed as interested only if the property values decrease by another 40 percent. Some say that Michigan is in a depression, but apparently the news media and government will not admit same, although collections are booming in this business.

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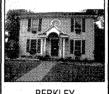
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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile. Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial Construction Safety Training Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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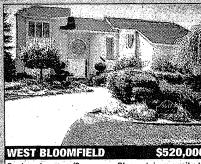


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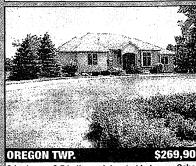
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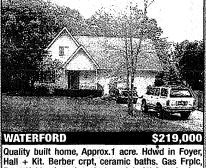
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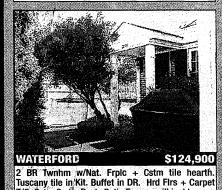
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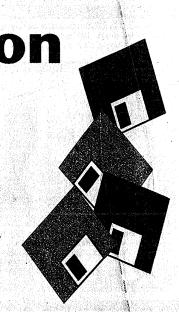




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IT'S WORTH THE CALL
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Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 27963760 ARE YOU SEEKING?

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eet, N/Kids, for possible LTR. 2259012

TAKE A CHANCE SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey(playing, watching). Seeking a loving, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to e a good time in life. 2236575

YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, NS, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks
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affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. 23449201 TIRED OF BEING ALONE SBM, 49, smoker, seeks WF, 30-50, for LTR. Let's

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SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more. offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. 2233588 DOWN-TO-EARTH SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of

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Auto-marketing executives know they'll be advertising more on cell phones and other mobile devices in the coming months. But they still have a "prove-it" attitude toward the medium, as mobileservice providers work through issues such as image enhancement and platform standardization.
"The biggest issue with mobile is still that we have

to do everything different for each different carrier," said Gregg Benkendorfer, Toyota's national manager of media and digital. "Until they really sort that out, I don't think you're going to see tremendous

Christine MacKenzie said that mobileadvertising providers still can't "provide us enough data to justify a major move into mobile yet." Chrysler's executive director of multi-brand marketing and agency relations said that "it's still an area where we're learning, and we'll continue to

But carmakers clearly are moving into mobile in a significant way nonetheless, encouraged in part by the booming popularity of Apple's iPhone and the richness of its interface.

From Ford's mobile ads for its Sync voiceactivated feature to a Mercedes-Benz mobile campaign that drove consumers to test-drive events for its C-class sedans, at least the industry is aggressively experimenting with advertising even as the mobile medium is still constructing itself.

"We're upping the bar in terms of delivering richer and more mobile interaction with consumers,

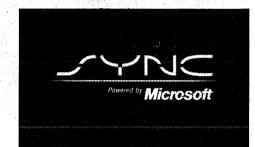
even while the landscape underneath us is still shifting very rapidly," said Stephen Cannon, vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA. But you'd better set some money aside to try stuff out in mobile - and if nothing else, you try to digest your learning, so next time you go at it, you're a little

"Even though I personally believe mobile isn't big for Mercedes-Benz yet, we've still got to get into that game – or we'll be left out."

Ford 'Synes' with Early ord 'Syncs' with Early Adopters

Ford has been relying heavily on mobile to help establish its technology chops for Sync, the Microsoft-developed, voice-activated cockpitelectronics system that the company began rolling out on several higher-end models last fall. "Sync

Ford's TV ads are making Sync familiar, but mobile marketing is reaching likeliest customers.





Sync is a natural for mobile tie-ins.

lends itself to mobile advertising and that audience," said Ted Cannis, Ford's director of marketing communications.

So, Ford made what Cannis called "heavy investments" in a variety of mobile-specific digital initiatives for Sync, including creating special ring tones and "wallpapers" that mobile-phone users could download. Ford also placed codes in print advertisements that users could immediately enter into their cell phones to learn more about Sync. "It was connecting old media with new media," Cannis

Ford also "did a lot of different mobile ads with different content to see what kind of information really works well on that small screen," he said. And Ford tried to appeal to various types of Sync prospects in part depending on how they used their mobile phones. One question, Cannis said: "How do you talk with people who might be interested in the music elements of Sync versus someone else who might be more interested in the phone capabilities?"

Even more important, Ford's mobile efforts for Sync have coincided with new internet initiatives, such as "webisodes," and other marketing trial balloons. "We did a lot of experimentation in targeting the right piece of creative to the right audience in the right medium in an engaging way,"

Luxury Brands Take the Lead Mercedes-Benz was pleased with a mobile-advertising effort last fall in which it used mobile messaging with customers and prospects in its database in last-minute efforts to fill out the guest lists for driving events in the 11 top markets for a new clean-diesel version of C-class vehicles. "We had some nice results with that," Cannon said. Land Rover is another luxury brand that is pushing the envelope in mobile marketing for the entire industry. It will be "a bigger part of our media mix in 2008," said Jonathan Renker, the brand's digital marketing manager. "Even though it's still hard to find the right towards people with iPhones. hard to find the right targets, people with iPhones and Treos and so on fit with our basic demographic

profile, so we've tried to give mobile a chance."

Renker pronounced Land Rover pleased with its

two mobile-ad campaigns of 2007.

Last summer, it used the Nokia ad platform to target prospects for the LR3 SUV by providing them with vehicle and local-dealer information. Then, last fall, Land Rover upped the ante in a just-concluded campaign on iPhones for its Range Rover Sport, a few months after Apple introduced the new few months after Apple introduced the new, paradigm-busting mobile device.

Despite such campaigns, however, automakers' interest in mobile advertising remains largely experimental. The technology and creative execution remain too raw, and the real audience too undefined, for the industry to treat the mobile milieu as much more than an important marketing laboratory at the moment.

And in the United States at the moment, automakers say, is that cell-phone usage by Americans still hasn't caught up with penetration in Asia and Europe, said Betsy Lazar, General Motors' executive director of advertising and media operations. GM, in fact, is still testing more mobile advertising outside the United States than in this country.

Nevertheless, Lazar said that GM will be "scaling up" mobile-marketing applications in the American market as the carriers' varying platforms "become more common over the next year or so."





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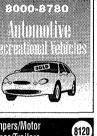
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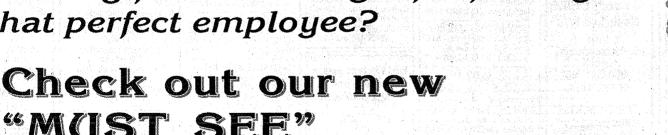
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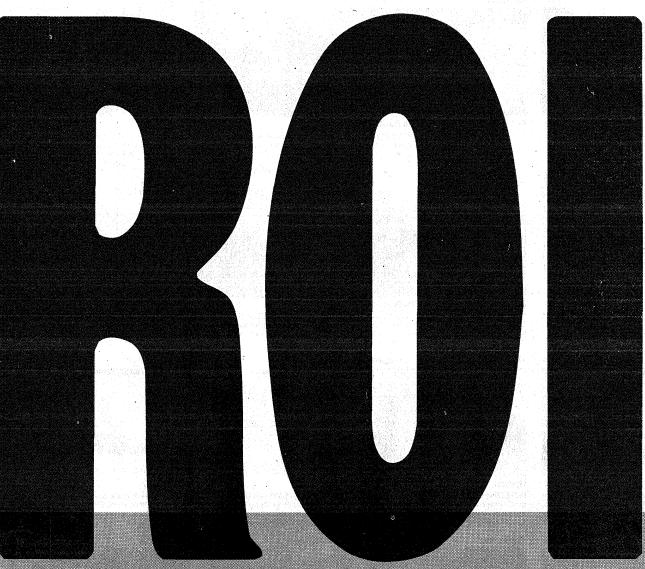
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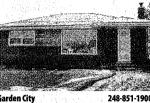
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248-348-6430 Great location in Novi! Mint con'd home has kit w/maple, Pergo, security system and new stainless appl. Cozy gas Fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF liv space. Fin bsmt dds addl liv space!



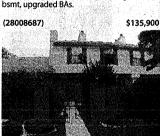
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(27170958)



734-455-7000 EVERYTHING'S BEEN DONE! Totally redone 3BR/2BA ranch w/huge mechanics dream garage. Fin. bsmt. Updtd doors, windows, roof, C/A. much more! Walk to elementary school!

(27205480)

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The kitchen and dining room were not left out of the design as they too are covered in '60s and '70s era pop culture colors

Artist enhances his house with pop collectibles

O&E STAFF WRITER

"It's all about color contrast," Livonia resident Daniel Moran said about the jaw-dropping, wild decor inside his home.

"And it's about waking up in the morning and smiling at everything you see. You're home should make you happy."

From the outside of Moran's normal suburban house, it

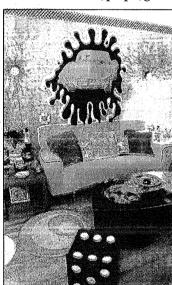


seems difficult to guess that inside is a pop-culture lover's fantasy. Trinkets, posters, lunchboxes, automobile and motorcycle art, retro furniture and surfboards from the '60s and '70s all make up Moran's decor. Part of what turns

Moran from a collector to an artist is the presentation of his valued items.

His collections aren't just lined up in rows on shelves. Rather, Moran has designed and painted the house, walls, doors and trimmings to keep with his retro theme.

Pink, purple, green and orange psychedel-



The living room of Daniel Moran's pop culture home.

ic shapes are painted as a wall backdrop to display the statue of a Munsters car, original lava lamp and Frankenstein miniatures of the same colors.

Pale turquoise walls, trimmed with violet accents and a black and white zebra-stripped door provide a clean, yet fun contrast to the vinyl record 45s attached to the walls.

And why have a regular, brown wooden coffee table when you can use a magenta and hot pink vintage surfboard on a yellow base as a place for

your drinks? Surrounding that conversation piece is a red vinyl '70s sofa and a pale blue and orange Charger automobile advertise-

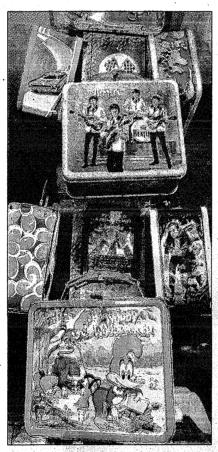
"There's something about the '60s and '70s items that really turns me on," Moran

When asked about the painted animations on his walls and other artistic endeav-

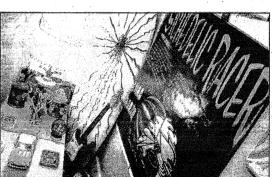
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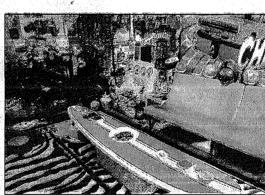
Daniel Moran relaxes on the bean bags in the family room of his Livonia home which is decorated floor to ceiling in '60s and '70s era pop culture items.



Hanging on one of the posts in the basement is some of Daniel Moran's lunch box collection.



Daniel Moran of Livonia has tried to fill his house with the fun things he remembers and loves from growing up in the '60s and '70s.



Along with one of his old motorcycles, Daniel Moran uses an old surf board he found as a coffee table in the basement of Livonia home.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with emerald foods

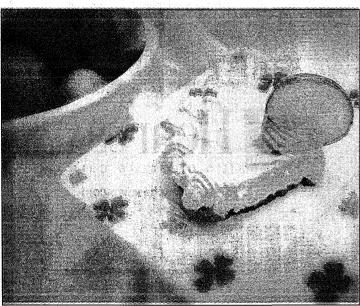


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We stumbled upon a fun web site to make St. Patrick's Day a little different this year.

When you think of green, think fruits and veggies. Just for fun make an emerald green buffet.

At the web site fruitandveggieguru.com we discovered suggestions like hummus guacomole — just mix guacomole with hummus and top with cilantro. Or, wasabi-pearlettuce-wraps that blend pears, mushrooms, radishes and wasabi in green butter lettuce leaves.

And for dessert a key lime pie made with regular lime juice to brighten then green. Here are some recipes to try this holiday.

KEY LIME PIE

3 cans sweetened condensed milk 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs

6 tbsp. unsalted butter 7 large eggs 12 oz. key lime juice

Key lime slices (to garnish) Whip cream on top, optional

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Melt butter. Mix together graham cracker crumbs and butter in bowl. Press mixture into bottom of 12-inch springform pan. Bake at 350 for six minutes. In large bowl, combine milk and eggs using mixer on low speed. Add lime juice and continue mixing. Place whipped mixture into pan. Bake for about 2 hours and 15 minutes. Cool before slicing. Garnish with fresh key lime slices.

EASY SPICY WASABI PEAR LETTUCE WRAP

½ cup Mayonnaise

3 tbsp. rice wine vinegar or white wine

1½ tsp. Wasabi paste 2 pears

1 head butter lettuce leaves, washed, trimmed

> 2 cups mushrooms, thinly sliced 2 cups radish sprouts

1½ cups carrots, peeled and grated 4 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted

Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar and wasabi paste in medium bowl until blended. Slice pear stem side up into 12 vertical planks about one-quarter inch wide. Cut pieces into thin julienne slices. Place in bowl with wasabi dressing and toss until coated.

Place lettuce leaves on plate and top with mushrooms, sprouts, carrots and pears. Drizzle any remaining dressing in bowl over pears. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve.

Source: fruitandveggieguru.com

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY HOSTS CHILI COOKOFF

Winter is the perfect season for chili. And March is the perfect time for a chili cookoff.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's and 99.5 FM will host OLSM's first Chili Cookoff and Spring Show noon-6 p.m. March 15 on the school's campus at Commerce and Orchard Lake roads.

The event will be sanctioned by the International Chili Society. First prize wins \$300, second wins \$100 and third takes home \$50. Pete Skwiers, national runner-up at the 2007 World Championship, will be cooking.

Over 20 chili cookers will provide samples to the public.

The Spring Show features vendors, includes Triumph motorcycles, Smart cars, Victory motorcycles, bicycles, landscaping, health and fitness and others. A Kids Fun Zone will be sponsored by Inflatable Planet, which includes face painting and other kids activities. Food and beverages will be sold. Ice skating will be available 1-2:30 p.m. Raffles will include hundreds of dollars in prizes and other entertainment.

All proceeds will benefit Orchard Lake schools. For information on the cookoff, call (248) 683-0520.

GREATEST BABY SHOWER ON EARTH

Expectant families and families with young children are invited to the Greatest Baby Shower on Earth, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 Lincoln Ave. in Oak Park. The event includes inflatables, crafts, characters, games, baby boutique and fashions, infant-toddler fashion show with MC Robin Schwartz, raffles, prizes, silent auction, food health professionals, Babies R Us registry, product specialists, plaster belly casting, family photo shoots and almost new baby items. Admission, \$5 in advance; \$10 or a pack of diapers at the door, benefit the Baby Pantry in Pontiac. Call (248) 547-7970.

HANSON'S HOSTS SING A JING CONTEST

Brian Elias, owner of 1800 Hansons is inviting elementary school children ages 5-11 to enter his "Sing A Jing" contest, by submitting video performances of their rendition of the famous 1800 Hansons' "Get it Done" jingle. The first prize winner will receive a U.S. savings bond, gift certificate to Toys R Us, and a cash gift to their elementary school, totaling \$14,000. Their performance will be included in TV, radio and Internet marketing efforts. To enter by May 10, visit www.hansons. com. All entries will be posted on the Web site, and the community will be invited to vote for their favorites by logging on.

Try a key lime pie for a green St. Patrick's Day.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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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 wyonb@hometownlife.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, \$80, include lunch and Garden Bazaar. (810) 367-6667.

Orchid Show The Michigan Orchid Society will host its

ors in his home, Moran shrugs

off the idea that he's an artist.

Moran, who also collects cars and

motorcycles, won't even say how

many he owns — "a lot," he said.

will be someone out there who

a biker, someone out there will

say I'm not, even though I'm on

my bikes constantly. I'm not here

to prove anything to anybody. I

just do this because it makes me

people who see my home are also

happy. And because I hope the

He's modest about certain

questions, but does proudly talk

about his 1966 427 Corvette, as

well as his vintage and newer

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happy."

says 'that's not art.' If I call myself

"If I call myself an artist, there

54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16 at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy (formerly at Laurel Park Place). 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. Color and Design

The Community House Garden Club will present "Gardening with Color and Design" 7 p.m. Monday, March 17 at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, featuring Michael Saint from Good Earth Landscape and Design in Clarkston. Public is welcome. \$5 donation requested. Call (248) 594-

Harleys, including a 1998 Softtail Springer.

"I'm a retired engineer and I have promised myself that I am going to give myself what I want in life - and also for my son," he

So how does he find his toys? "Ebay has really leveled the playing field for collectors."

Years ago he scoured flea markets and garage sales in search of random items or specific goods that he craved, then he would price compare. It was big work.

"Today, if I want a Beatles lunch box, I can go on ebay and compare. And it's leveled the costs too."

If your home or the home of someone you know would make a good "Artist in Residence" feature, contact Lana Mini at Imini@hometownlife.com.

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The fear of 'pitbulls' comes from bad press

m an animal rescuer, but never wanted a pitbull because he might snap and eat me alive.

I'm embarrassed to admit until recently that's how I felt. Flash forward to last night:

I fell asleep with my arm around a pitbull - her head resting on a pillow next to me. Her body warmly tucked under the same comforter as mine. Sometimes in the middle of the

> night she'll stretch, glance up at me, lick my nose to say hello and fall back to sleep nuzzled under my hands. My pitbull's

> > name is Macy,

her former

owner -- a

One World, **Many Beings**

Lana

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military man — couldn't keep her anymore. When first asked to foster her, I

said no, out of fear. Now I'm grateful to have opened my mind to research these amazing dogs. She loves kids, they climb all over her. She loves my other dogs too and lavs all over them. She's lived with me almost a year now.

I'm discussing pitbulls because of the "vicious dog" issue in Plymouth. One question there is whether the animals should be allowed to live in the city.

City commission officials, I'm sure, are sophisticated enough to avoid a witch-hunt mentality against a whole breed. City-aftercity nationwide, as people become more educated, are now welcoming the animals.

People are realizing it's time to punish the deed of dog-fighting,

rather than ban an entire breed of dog. Irresponsible media has helped create paranoia.

"First it was the Bloodhound. sensationalized in the dramatizations of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Then it was the Doberman Pinscher, symbol of the Nazi menace for a nation at war. Today, it is the pitbull that is vilified for the depravity of his master," author Karen Delise writes in her well-documented book, The Media, Myths and Politics of Canine Aggression.

Her studies reveal three factors play a role in canine aggression toward humans:

■ Owner responsibility: Was the dog trained to fight or be a junkyard guard dog?

■ Owner responsibility: Does the dog roam loose and therefore become confused? Is the dog left unsupervised with kids who don't understand boundaries (when I was a kid I knew not to take away our beagle's bone or I might get bit)? Is the dog encouraged to be protective?

Owner responsibility: Does the dog have puppies and is in protection mode? Is the male dog un-neutered?

Remember there are millions of pitbulls in the U.S.

Dog attacks are rare and that's why they make news.

From 1965 to 2001, there have been at least 36 different breeds of dog involved in fatal attacks in the United States. Delise says there's hysteria, without actual fact, placed upon pitbulls.

A pitbull isn't even a breed of dog. It's actually a term to describe the American Pit Bull terrier and American Staffordshire terrier. My dog is a Staffordshire.

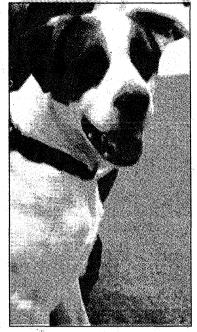
Here's more on what I've

The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C will have a public hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. for input regarding proposed transfer of service dollars from Title III-C1 funding to Title III B. The meeting will be held at 3850 Second Street, Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184.

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Pet of the Week

Here's a plea for a gentle dog who needs a home immediately. Paco was found frightened and wandering the streets of Garden City - severely underweight and thirsty. He's extremely sensitive, friendly, gentle and affectionate. Rescuers say he's easy-going and wants to be a lap dog even though he's a 1-year-old St. Bernard/Great Dane mix. This smart boy adores women - and is still uncertain about men, but wants to trust them. He's neutered, healthy, well-behaved and likes to be hugged. He would do best in a home without cats and he will snuggle on



the couch with you. For more information, call Metro Area Animal Adoption Association at (313) 571-2985; e-mail metroaaaa@aol.com, or fill out an online application at www.metroaaaa.petfinder.com. P.S. Stevie, the beige lab seen here two weeks ago was saved. He was adopted by an Observer & Eccentric reader. Let's hope the same for Paco. Time is ticking.

- by Lana Mini

learned about these smart ani-

The American Pitbull Terrier is the most unfairly discriminated against dog in history — because of fools who choose to make a few of them violent.

Dog-to-human aggression isn't a natural characteristic of the pitbull. Loyalty and a desire to please are.

PETEY FROM LITTLE RASCALS, A PITBULL Helen Keller's dog was a pitbull.

Fred Astaire, President Theodore Roosevelt General George Patton and Michael J. Fox had them too.

Last year in Alaska, a pitbull saved a 6-year old from a house fire. He literally grabbed her by the shirt with his teeth and moved her to safety. They serve as police/ armed services dogs, search and rescuers and therapy animals.

They don't have powerful lock-

ing jaws. To the best of our knowledge,

there are no published scientific studies that would allow any meaningful comparison to be made of the biting power of various breeds of dogs," said Dr. I Lehr Brisbin of the University of Georgia on www.nyxnet.com, "All figures describing biting power in such terms can be traced to either unfounded rumor or, in some cases, to newspaper articles with no foundation in factual data."

The dogs are very loyal and eager to please. They become aggressive if their owners encourage it.

Dogs don't just "snap" and kill. Just as normal humans don't just snap ... do we?

A pitbull may be aggressive toward another animal, just like any dog. We know that dogs may kill squirrels. Cats may kill mice, etc. Sometimes animals get into scraps. Dogs are aggressive when their irresponsible owners encourage it. Remember pitbulls want to be loval.

In Plymouth, there's a family who has a pitbull and neighbors are afraid. It's become quite heated. The fence is too low, they say. That issue can be solved with a higher fence. But after that, to prevent bad blood between the humans who are now fighting, well, let's be more like dogs.

Forgive, forget, ignore ego, and be the first to show kindness.

Lana Mini is a staff writer for Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers. Look for her column. One World, Many Beings in Hometownlife and her entertainment stories each week in FILTER.



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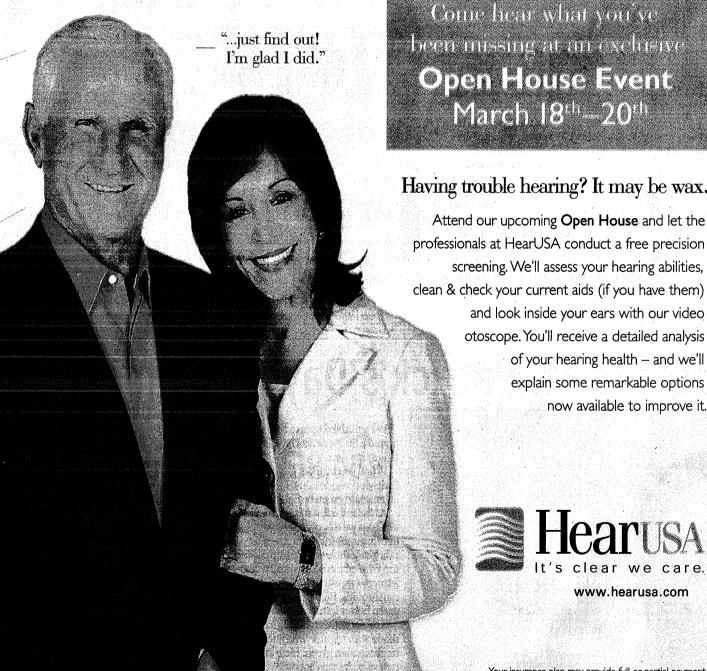
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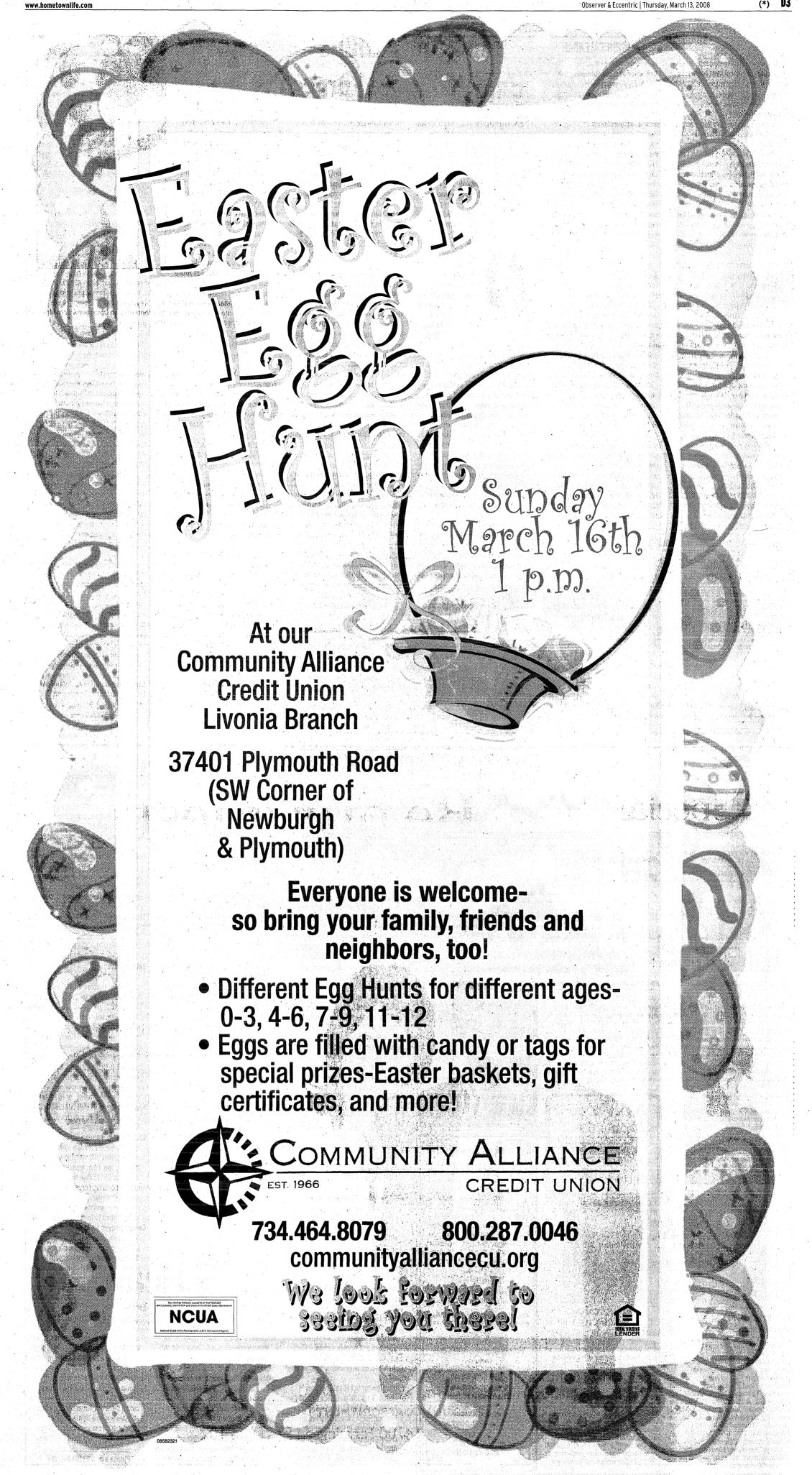
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MARCH

Scriptural reflection

St. Michael the Archangel Parish holds Scriptural Reflection on Holy Week 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Rev. Jerry Pilus, associate pastor of St. Michael's, will lead an in-depth discussion of various Lenten scriptures. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

Lenten Fish dinner

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 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

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 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Livonia. 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.

Bethany Suburban West

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. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

Prepare for Easter

St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland will be having an Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15 on Venoy, north or Ford. There will be light snacks and a craft for the children. Holy Week services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday March 16; 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday March 20; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday March 21, and 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday March 23. Breakfast will be served between the two earlier services; cost will be a free will donation.

MAMA's coffeehouse

Singer/songwriter Michael Smith performs Saturday, March 15, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near Lone Pine Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15

p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic.

Easter week services

Palm Sunday March 16, at 9 a.m. (Chapel) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional worship with Cantata); Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion service 7:30 p.m. March 20, and Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30 p.m. March 21 (nursery care provided), and Easter Sunday, March 23 at 9 a.m. (Chapel) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional), at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago., Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494 for information.

Open house

4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Hosanna-Tabor Church and School, 9600 Leverne, Redford, Hosanna-Tabor offers infant day care, preschool for 3and 4-year olds, full day kindergarten, and 1-8th grades. Meet with principal and teachers. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

Holy Week

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16, includes the traditional Processional of Palms. The Christ Our Savior Festival Choir, the Jubellation Handbell Choir, and the Sunday School Children's Choir along with a variety of instrumentalists will be featured at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96. Livonia. Services continue 7:30 p.m. Maundy (Hóly) Thursday, March 20 with the celebration of Holy Communion and traditional Stripping of the Altar (The Festival Choir and Jubellation Handbell Choir perform at the worship service). 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, meditative worship service centers on The Passion of our Lord, and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae. Featured will be the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir and soloists, Children's Easter Fair 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22. A parent must accompany their children). Call (734) 522-6830 to register. Easter Sunday services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. March 23, with various choirs of Christ Our Savior accompanied by brass and timpani and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Lenten services

Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. March 20, Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Hall grand opening

A grand opening and dedication of the church's new Fellowship Hall is 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. The

community is invited.

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, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

Holy Week 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

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.

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

Holy Week activities

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville holds its annual Easter Concert, Hosanna featuring the Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir, Children's Choir Ensembles, Soloists and Handbells 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 in the Sanctuary. No charge. Worship takes place 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday, March 21. Come when you can and leave when you must. Childcare provided through age 4 for concert and services. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Cantata

A Bouquet of Praise, a musical cantata, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 16, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Rd., Livonia. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information.

Easter exhibit

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will host an exhibit on The Shroud of Turin (replica) 8-10 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 17-19; 9 a.m. to noon and 4-7 p.m. and 9-11:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 20; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good Friday, March 21: noon to 8 p.m. Holy Saturday, March. 22, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Easter Sunday, March 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial a Beck, one block south of Beck Road exit on M-14). For directions and map, visit www. olgcparish.net. The exhibit will be held in the parish social hall on the lower level. For more information, call (734) 453-0326 or (734) 459-9893. Due to subject matter, children under age 15 must be accompanied by adult.

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 Newburgh 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.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include Maundy Thursday worship service 7:30 p.m. March 20, at First Presbyterian Church. There will be no Single Place but Single Place Ministry continues to meet the following 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.

Good Friday service

8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at 8:00 p.m., Old St. Mary's Church (Greek town) a service of music and readings featuring a performance of The Crucifixion by John Stainer, Performing, will be baritone Davis Gloff, tenor David Carle, Old St. Mary's Festival Choir and orchestra. Ample free guarded parking. Free will offering will be taken. For information, call (313) 961-8711.

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) 513-9479.

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

(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.

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Polish church pilgrimage/Easter din-

Deadline for ticket reservations is March 27 for the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's Historic Polish Church Pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter Dinner (Swienconka) Saturday, April 5. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels, 4200 Martin,

south of Michigan Ave., and includes St. Hedwig, St. Francis d'Assisi (5400 Wesson at Buchanan), St. Andrew (7060 McGraw), and St. Cunegunda (5866 St. Lawrence), with stops at the former Baptist church on Martin north of Michigan Ave. and the former Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church, 5272 Chopin, Parking will be secure in Queen of Angels' church lot. At Queen of Angels beginning at 10 a.m., special tributes will be given to St. John-Cantius Catholic Church which closed permanently in October 2007 after 105 years, and Irene Pilch of St. John Cantius. Coaches are 25-seat, easily accessible, heated (no wheelchair lifts). Traditional Polish Easter hymns will be provided by vocalist/keyboardist Steven Frayer. Special presentation during dessert will be a demonstration of traditional butter lamb making as done in the Polish villages by WSDPAHS member Mary LaDrigue. Optional 4 p.m. confession and 5 p.m. Mass at Queen of Angels. Cost for Pilgrimage and meal is \$33 adults, \$28 children age 12 and under. Pilgrimage is \$25 adults and children. Meal only is \$13 adults, \$7 children age 12 and under. Checks/money orders should be made payable to WSDPAHS and sent to Laurie A. Gomulka Palazzolo, 32101 Shiawassee Road, Farmington, MI 48336. For information, contact Palazzolo at (248) 477-8518 or Inalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, Don Samull at (313) 792-0297 or dsamull@detroitpo-

Mother and unborn baby

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Social Hall at St, Aidan's, Michelle Yax shares her personal story. Yax has been active in the pro-life movement for more than 20 years, and now is Executive Director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Find out more about what abortion really means. Those who attend receive a free copy of Life Institute's interactive computer CD-ROM, Truth Unmasked-Abortion Information for Today's Youth. To RSVP, call Julie at (734) 464-7677.

Ionia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.

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 walk-ins welcome.

PBJ Outreach Inc. (www.pbjoutreach. org) is sponsoring a Super Slammin' Spaghetti Jam 5-8 p.m. Saturday April 5, following 4 p.m. mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Fun family night includes spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids, and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry which provides food on a weekly basis to our brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass Corridor, Tickets \$7 adults, \$3 ages 3-12, under age 3 eat free. For tickets, call Linda Barterian at (734) 459-0771.

Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church (formally Tri-City Christian) is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at 3855 Sheldon. north of Michigan Ave., Canton, For details, send e-mail to mom2momsale@vahoo.com. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. Admission is \$1.

Men's conference

Put Out into the Deep: Brothers in Christ Standing Together Saturday, April 12, at University of Detroit Mercy's Clihan Hall, Detroit. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the conference doors open at 7 a.m. followed by a day of speakers and Eucharistic celebration, concludes at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.christschosen. com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in the church gym and classrooms at St. Thomas a' Becket, 555 South Lilley, Canton, phone (734) 981-1333. Check web site for details, kirstemoline. com/mom2mom.html. Over 70 tables and racks full of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids. Several Large Item Rooms full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exersaucers, large toys, etc. Admission is \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10:00 a.m.

Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, 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.

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 inspirational 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

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are 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 e-mail Humby at sean.humby@att.net.

Prince of Peace Church

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

Sunday services

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

Tai chi and strength classes

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

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 H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ. 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

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 Half. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435. **ENDOW**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of

Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m.

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BETTY ANNE WHITE

Age 88, March 9, 2008 of Plymouth. Betty was a volunteer at the V.A. Medical Center in Allen Park and with Angela Hospice for many years. She worked for various pharmacies in the Detroit area and was a former member of St. Gemma Parish in Detroit before moving to Plymouth. She was the wife of William Sr. for 48 years. Mother of William (Joy) Jr., Richard, Karen (Robert) Lewis, Gayle Badowsky, Cheryl (Ted) Wasik and the late Lawrence. Also leaves twelve grand-children, many great grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. A Mass of the Resurrection was held today at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with interment following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice. Share memories at schrader-howell.com



GENEVIEVE M. HOLM

Age 86, March 9, 2008. Registered nurse for 34 years at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, Pontiac Predeceased by husband, Robert. Dear mother of Robert, Jr., James E. (Marsha), and Cynthia L. Grandmother of Heather, Holly, Katherine and Robert James. Funera Service Thursday 10:30 AM at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Tuesday 5-9 PM, and Wednesday 2-5, 6-9 PM. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Memorial Tributes American Heart Association. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JOHN HORNYAK

Age 60. March 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Marlene. Loving father of Eric, Sheri (John) Leleniewski. Grandfather of Cassie, Alex, Devin, and Brooke. Funeral service on Friday 11am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Please sign John's online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com





TERRY JEANNE SALCICCIOLI

Suddenly, February 28, 2008. Age 67. Longtime 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, Julia, 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

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St. Matthew's holds grand opening for Fellowship Hall

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt) will hold a grand opening 5-8 p.m. Saturday for the renovation of the church's Fellowship

The public is invited. Food and entertainment will be provided.

The renovation provides improved space for sports (volleyball and basketball) as well as a dining space. Bedzyk Brothers, a Livonia-based construction company, managed the building project, which began in July 2007.

The church expects to use the new Fellowship Hall for expanded ministries with children, youth and adults. The hall is also used by Scouts and the Little Guys and Dolls Nursery School and will be available for rent to the public.



A renovated fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will allow room for volleyball and basketball. In the new hall are, back row left to right, Don Squires, Drew Doty, Teresa Brodie, Frank Neal, Joe Black, Bill Marken and Greg Harrison; front row, Jennifer Knight and Bill Wagner.

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 pav. 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.

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish

office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

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

New schedule

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

Worship Service

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

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

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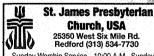
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Celtic shops set to paint the town green

ith St. Patrick's Day upon us, it starts to feel like — no matter your actual heritage — everyone is at least a little bit Irish March 17. Or at least that's the scene at area shops with a Celtic

Whether you're getting together some green gear to wear while



The Corner

Stephanie Casola

you run the Corktown Races in Detroit, or you're just looking forward to the parade in your own community, places like Ferndale's Twisted Shamrock and Livoniabased Colleen's Gaelic Gifts have got you covered. "I opened The Twisted

Shamrock in June of 2005," said Jim Monahan. "I wanted the store to be somewhere in southeast Oakland County and I found great space

in downtown Ferndale." He sells everything from the expected to the unexpected at his shop at 276 W. Nine Mile Road. Even men's and women's wool sweaters and capes carry the traditional appeal with a modern twist.

Of course this time of year I'm stocked and ready to paint Detroit green," Monahan said. "We have all of your fun St. Paddy's Day wear including green boas, elf shoes, sequin hats and vests just to name a few." Every year around this time he sells a slew of themed tee shirts, hats, and Irish trinkets — but one of the most meaningful gifts for a family member or friend has to be the Claddagh icon. A symbol of friendship, lovalty and love, it's replicated in jewelry and home decor.

The Twisted Shamrock also offers highend goods, including Nicholas Mosse Pottery, Jerpoint hand-blown glass and Belleek Parian China. "I am always on the hunt for new Irish artists and unique things from or about Ireland," said Monahan.

The same might be said of Colleen Haggerty, owner of Colleen's Gaelic Gifts in Livonia. For the past four years her shop has been located at 15373 Farmington Road, just north of Five Mile.

"There is a wonderful mix of customers that come in here," said Haggerty. From her "huge following of Irish-born" to plenty of curious passersby, she welcomes them all to browse and enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits.

"St. Patrick's Day is my second largest season, with Christmas outranking it," she said. And simply everything sells this time of year, she added, "from food and music to crazy hats to sweaters and so on — you name it."

If online shopping is more convenient, visit Ann Arbor-based Out of Ireland at www.realirish.com. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Meredith McGehee and Stuart Marley, the site sells



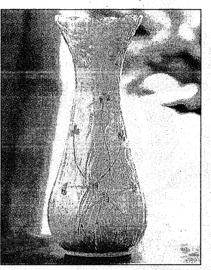
This Barbarian Ireland rugby shirt is \$69.95 at www.thetwistedshamrock.com.

everything from wool caps to Celtic pendants, music to hand-crafted home goods.

"We've been in business for about 10 years, selling mainly at the larger Irish music festivals across the U.S. as well as our Web-based store," said McGehee. She said this time of year the best-selling items include handwoven tweed caps, Inis cologne and Irish team jerseys.

Whatever your preference, wherever you shop, Irish heritage isn't required to browse or buy. For a comprehensive list of St. Patrick's Day events and Irish organizations, visit www.detroitirish.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-aholic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



This tall vase from the Belleek Daisy Collection is \$70 at www.thetwistedshamrock.com.

The Pink List focuses on events especially for women. Submit items at least two weeks in advance to Wensdy Von Buskirk, wyonb@

Laughter Lifts you Up

LIVONIA – Angela Hospice will host Laughter Lifts You Up 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The quartet, a plated dinner, a fruit and dessert bar, and keynote speaker Maureen Burns, who will discuss how laughter and humor can improve your life. Tickets, \$40 per person, benefit ALS patients at Angela Hospice. Call (734) 953-6014 or visit www. angelahospice.org.

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Bella Mia Fashion Show

PLYMOUTH - Bella Mia, a trendy boutique in downtown Plymouth, will host its annual Spring Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at E.G. Nicks, 500 Forest Ave., Plymouth, The show will feature the latest in fashions from Bella Mia, along with hair and makeup by Vanity Salon. Tickets, \$24, include a full lunch, 20 percent off your total bill at Bella Mia after the show and lots of fun surprises. Call (734) 656-0057 or visit Bella Mia at 535 Forest Ave. Group seating is avail-

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oz. Frango Cheggs at Macy's Somerset can get them personalized for free March 15, 18, 19 and 22. Cheggs - signature chocolates in the shape of Easter eggs - are available in Mint, Double Chocolate, Caramel and Peanut Butter. Macy's Somerset is located at 2752 West Big Beaver Road. Visit www. macys.com/events for more information.



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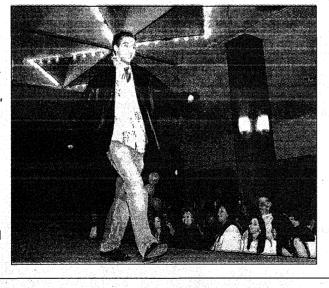
March, all handmade fiber scarves will be 20 percent off at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Gallery Shop. Other one-of-a-kind fiber art is also on sale during March, including handmade concertinas (photo portfolios) and jewelry boxes by Ruth Heginbottom of Bellaboxes in Troy (starting at \$14). Proceeds from each sale go the artist who created the piece. The Gallery Shop is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook between 14 and 15 Mile Roads. Hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBArtCenter.org.

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ROCHESTER – Glitz of Rochester continues to raise money for Shelby Johnson, the sister of Glitz stylist Shari Sibu, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. The salon raised \$5,000 last month during a party that featured a silent auction, "Bring Your Old Gold" event, and hair styling, eye-brow waxing and makeup applications donated by the Glitz professionals. Glitz Salons in Rochester, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Orion Township are still collecting, money to help with Johnson's medical expenses. Call (248) 299-9110 or visit www.glitzsalons.com.

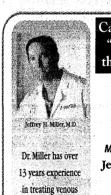
Fashion Unleashed

WEST BLOOMFIELD - B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's 2008 Fashion Unleashed benefit will be held Saturday, March 15, at The Orchard Mall. BBYO members (like Geoff Horowitz of West Bloomfield, in 2007, at right) will model the newest outdoor clothes, casual attire and dressy fashions for spring, all provided by local stores. The fashion show and tribute to BBYO Senior Executive Director Arnold Weiner will begin at 9 p.m., followed by a dessert reception at 10:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, students; \$20, adults, benefit BBYO programs for Jewish teens from all backgrounds. Call (248) 788-0700.



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Local performs in 'Jesus Christ Superstar' | 'Never Back Down' hits theaters

Museum remembers those 'Classic Radio Voices'



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Truly the king of Detroit radio until his death in 1995, J.P. McCarthy was the quintessential radio interviewer on WJR.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

If you were a Detroiter or suburbanite living here over the past 30 years, you might remember some of the classic voices that filled the radio airwaves with warm personality, inviting thousands of listeners to, well, just sit and listen.

Even today, some of those voices still resonate.

A new exhibit that opened March 8 at the Detroit Historical Museum features six of Detroit's most notable radio personalities of the past and present, namely Bob Allison, Sonny Eliot, Ernie Harwell, J.P. McCarthy, Dick Purtan and Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg.

"What they all have in common is incredible longevity and incredible popularity," said Bob Sadler, the museum's director of public relations. "They also had an impact on the city. That's what makes these six so special."

"I think it also says something about the incredible amount of talent in Detroit."

While two of the personalities have died (McCarthy and Steinberg), three of the four are still working and the other legendary voice (Harwell) still manages to call an inning or two of baseball.

Detroiters know (and knew) these voices because of their unique qualities, Sadler said. "With the homogeneity of radio today, you can't tell the difference from one city to the next. Detroit is very loyal to their people and their radio personalities."

McCarthy was long admired by Detroit listeners for his morning radio show, Sadler said. "He was incredibly knowledgeable about so many topics and personable in making his guests feel right at home."

CLASSIC RADIO VOICES

What: An exhibit featuring artifacts, photos and audio of Bob Allison, Sonny Eliot, Ernie Harwell, J.P. McCarthy, Dick Purtan and Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg.

When: Through Aug. 24.

Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (northwest corner of Kirby), in Detroit's Cultural Center area.

Admission: \$6. Seniors (over 60), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18, \$4. Children ages four and under, free. Parking, \$3.

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Group tours available Mondays and Tuesdays, call (313) 833-7979.

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Web site: www.detroithistorical.org.

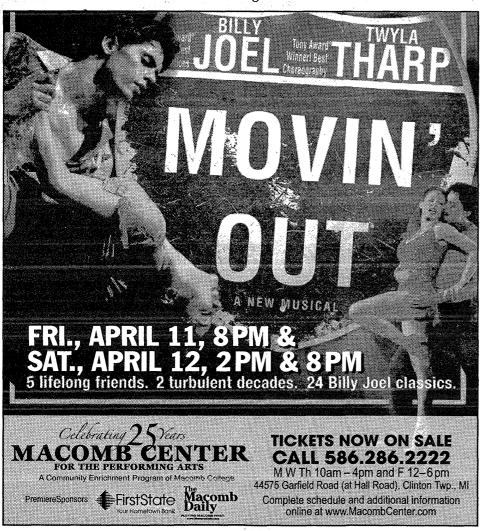
WHO'S WHO

Radio

Entitled Detroit's Classic Radio Voices, the exhibit features artifacts, photos and audio from the following:

■ Bob Allison — the folksy host of the "Ask Your Neighbor" radio program since 1962, originally on WWJ-AM and now on WNZK-AM, he also gained fame as the host of "Bowling for Dollars" on WJBK-TV2 and as the Twin Pines milkman on "Milky's Party Time" on Channel 4 (then WWJ-TV).

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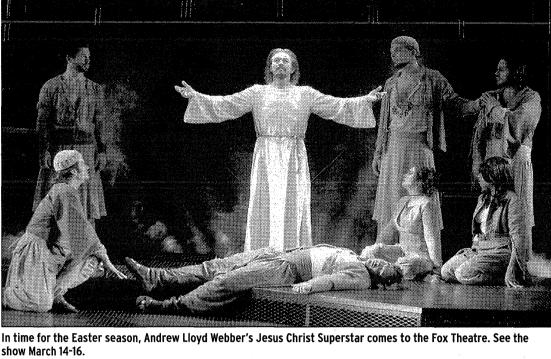
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Sean Faris was in Birmingham recently to discuss his first starring role in "Never Back Down," which opens

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Looking for a new Thursday night hangout? The Detroit Institute of Arts opens its Marble Lounge 10 p.m.-2 a.m. that evening.



Detroiter returns with cast of 'Jesus **Christ Superstar'**

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

Troy V. Rucker is coming home.

The Detroit native returns to his roots this month, as part of the touring cast of Jesus Christ Superstar. The show opens at the Fox

Theatre March 14. He'll take on the role of the Apostle Matthew in this Andrew Lloyd Webber classic.

Rucker's initial interest in the arts came by way of music. He attended Detroit School for Performing Arts as an instrumental music major and got the acting

Rucker bug around age 15. He spent three seasons as part of the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit - an opportunity that led to his first touring experience.

Following high school Rucker attended Wayne State University for music performance. But the oboe player opted for an actor's life and at age 19 "made a bold move" and headed for New York City's American Musical and Drama Academy.

Though he's spent the bulk of his career thus far performing classical music and taking opera roles, Rucker's enjoying this brief departure. He calls Jesus Christ Superstar his favorite of Webber's elaborate musicals placing it above Phantom of the Opera.

Rucker performed for 10 months beginning in 2006 with the cast, enjoyed five months off and was ready to return to Jesus Christ Superstar for its current tour. "I did a few projects in between," he said. "It's good to be a working actor."



Musical extravaganza 'Jesus Christ Superstar' comes to the Fox Theater this month.

Among those other projects he made his debut with the New York City Opera in Margaret Garner.

But touring comes naturally to Rucker. "I love to travel," he said, calling from Hershey, Penn. "We go all over North America. So this is fantastic."

And he's the first to say that Jesus Christ Superstar isn't what it might seem. "I don't necessarily view the show as a religious show," he said. "It's not preachy.'

It's a rock opera that has endured

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

What: "Jesus Christ Superstar" is an elaborate musical from the writing team of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave.. Detroit.

Tickets: \$22-\$69, call (248) 433-1515. More information: Call (313) 471-6611 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.

Note: An American Sign Language Interpreter will translate the 7:30 p.m. performance Friday, March 14.

since it opened in 1970. The story centers on the relationship between Judas and Jesus. "People get really swept up," said Rucker. "It's very moving."

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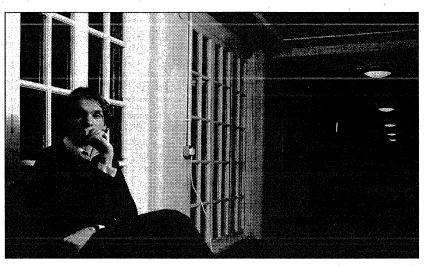
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lan West David Brewis is School of Language.

FILTERED TOP FIVE: SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE

Since Field Music's final U.S. tour last year, David Brewis has been piecing together his first School of Language record, titled Sea From Shore. The Thrill Jockey release opens and closes with a four-part experimental ode title Rockist with its pop sensibilities tucked in between. It also features appearances by a few of Brewis' hometown friends including Futureheads' Barry Hyde who plays guitar and sings on Disappointment '99 and David Craig who sings on Disappointment '99 and Extended Holiday.

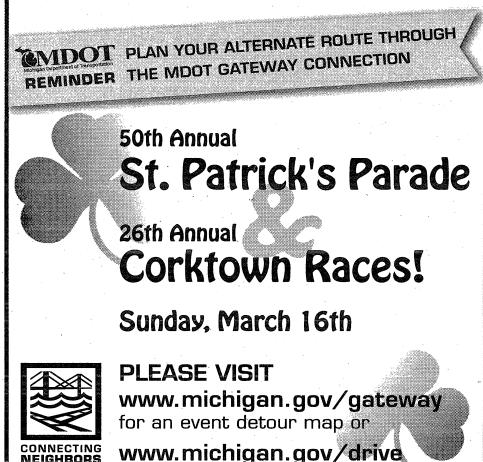
When it comes to live performances, like the two area shows coming up,

audiences can anticipate a show unlike any other. Brewis will be accompanied by Doug McCombs (Tortoise) on bass and Ryan Rapsys (Ambulette) on drums. On their way to metro Detroit, Brewis schooled us on his Filtered Top Five:

RECORDS

1. Widow City by The Fiery Furnaces "Flippin' heck! This record makes me want to write better songs! I love records which bring their own little world into being, with their own logic and rules - this one does just that,

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Capturing music's movements

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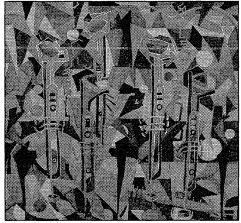
There's music in Frances Cocagne's paintings.

"They're musical because they're resilient, rhythmic ..and look past the boldness and there's poetry and repetition," the Ferndale resident said when asked to describe the connection between song and canvas.

"Right now I'm listening to

rap, and it reflects the work that I do," Cocagne said. "For years and years it was Bob Marley and Peter Tosh, then jazz like John Coltrane, then rock, then punk rock. Music influ-

Her love affair with music and the fluidity of her work comes together at her exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale through March 29, which is



Look closely at the piece 'Metal Four' to see the movement of music.

VISUAL MUSIC

What: Contemporary art exhibit of paintings and printmakings by artist Frances Cocagne When: Through March 29. Hours: Wednesday, Thursdays, Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 9 p.m. Location: Lawrence Street Gallery is at 22620 Woodward, Ferndale. For information: call (248) 544-0394. www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

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SUPERSTAR

From the title song to the crucifixion, Rucker described the show as a "crazy rock festival." The audience dances and sings along. But his favorite scene depicts The Last Supper, giving the apostles a chance to express their brotherhood.

Following the Detroit performances Rucker will likely get a couple of weeks off. He plans to spend time with friends and family in the area, and even visit a former teacher who performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "Because I don't get home as often as I'd like, I want to see what's changed, what's new in downtown Detroit," he said. "There's so much negativity being put on the city and not enough good things being said."

The Superstar tour runs through June.

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TOP FIVE

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musically and lyrically."

2. Greeting From Asbury Park, N.J. by Bruce Springsteen

"I'm just discovering Bruce, having been put off for years by the earnest bombast years. This has beautiful, twisting songs but played in a really lovely, off-thecuff style."

3. Scary Monsters by David

"I'm also just discovering Bowie. His output was just incredible and this record is full of ideas and curiosity."

4. The Week That Was by The Week That Was

"The record my brother and fellow Field Music-er Peter has just finished. It's an incredibly evocative and ingenuously puttogether record. And one of the songs makes me cry whenever I listen to it on my own - it turns me into an emotional wreck."

5. For Your Pleasure by Roxy

"One of my all-time favourite records - the lyrics are brilliant, the music is astounding and again it creates it's own strange parallel universe and it's crammed full of ideas."

School of Language performs two shows in the area - 8 p.m. Thursday March 13, Pike Room, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, \$8, and again 9 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at Scrummage University, a DIY art space at 1551 Winder St, Suite 308 in Eastern Market, Detroit, \$5.

For more information, www.schooloflanguage.co.uk.

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola



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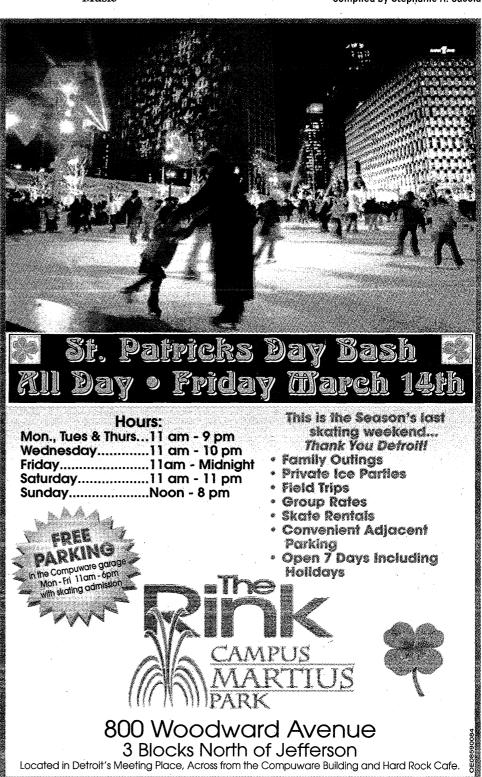
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St. Patrick's Day fun

Irish fare, with or without a pint

BY LANA MINI0&E STAFF WRITER

Whether it's a pint of Guinness, a cheap domestic beer turned green, Shepherd's pie or live music - there's no shortage of suggestions for St. Patrick's Day fun in metro Detroit.

Want to do it without alcohol?

How about some traditional Irish music? Celebrate with the band Blackthorn in Farmington Hills, one of the area's favorite performers of Irish music.

The group will delight audiences with three evenings of music at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13; Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15 in the intimate setting of the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.

Blackthorn plays variety of songs, from poignant Irish favorites to light-hearted original pieces. The four band members play multiple instruments including guitar, keyboards, fivestring banjo, accordion, bodhran, cittern, mandolin and tin whistle.

The band, in its 18th year, is regularly featured on WJR's St. Patrick's Day radio broadcasts.

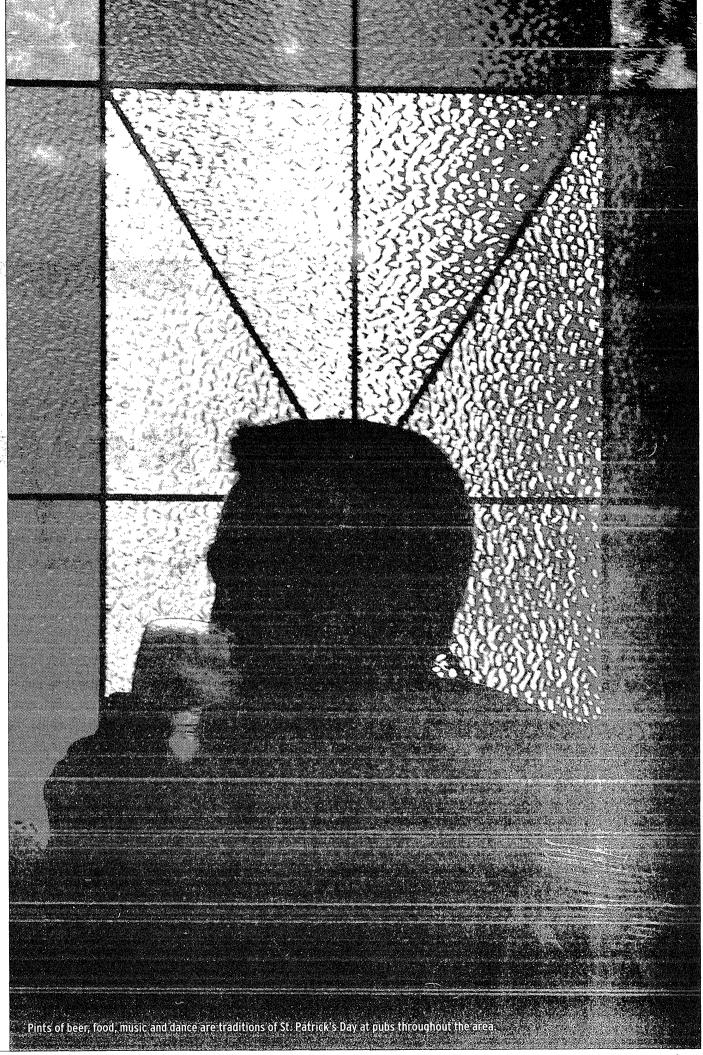
Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students available at the Costick Center, located at 28600 West Eleven Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills.

The Farmington Players Barn Theatre is located at 32332 W 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 473-1856.

And other pubs that will offer live music, traditional music and other St. Patrick's Day happenings include:

- Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro offers special Irish menu, featuring Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, salmon, beef and beer, inside the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center (next to the Novi Town Center Movies). Make reservations at (248) 380-8460.
- Doyle's Tavern at 860 Fralick Street in downtown Plymouth is a favorite every year. The pub is festive and crowded so get ready to have fun.
- The Majestic Cafe offers a menu at lunch and dinner, with potato leek soup, corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie and lamb stew, 4140

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Detroit Evolution Lab

Eatery is the first raw, vegan carryout in state

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Evolution Laboratory is one-of-a-kind in metro Detroit.

The closest comparable eateries are five hours away in Cincinnati and Chicago.

There are many more places like this in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and New York, but not in Michigan.

From the initial description of The Detroit Evolution Lab, it seems doomed to failure, but just the opposite is true.

The meals sell out every day. Patrons come from all over the area for this gourmet food.

The first unusual aspect about the Detroit Evolution Lab is that it's carry out only, like many New York restaurants.

Secondly, its hours are only

between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Hmmm.

Third, it's vegan - meaning there isn't a single animal product on the menu, not even cheese. (There are, however, rich cheeses derived from cashew and

macadamia nuts.)

The fourth seemingly difficult aspect is that it's located in the Eastern Market area of Detroit, so it's not convenient for many of us during lunch time.
Fifth, you must order your food a day

And the topper: Everything on the menu is raw.

ahead of time.

Huh?

Table

Hopping

With all those oddities, I plan to get meals from place known by insiders as "The Lab," at least once a week.

I'm a big fan of vegan, gourmet, raw food - food that specifically isn't cooked past 115 degrees to preserve the enzymes, vitamins and textures of food.

I've been fortunate enough to visit the best raw restaurants in the country like Juliano's Raw in California. My No. 1 raw place is Pure Food & Wine in New York where a meal for two can easily cost \$200.

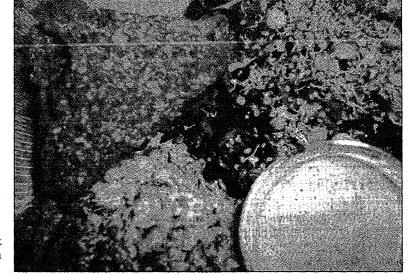
The second best raw restaurant I've tried is The Detroit Evolution
Lab

The food is so good that vegans and carnivores alike can browse the menu online, www. detroitevolution.com, and then place their order one day earlier, as required. Then they make the trek to Eastern market for their meal at a general scheduled time.

It's that good. It's worth the drive and planning.

Last week, I ordered one of everything on the small menu. Chana Masala - an Indian dish with garbanzo beans, lentils, squash and other vegetables in a spicy red sauce served over rice.

Because raw food holds onto food's natural nutrients, you fill up faster. I ate one Chana Masala



Flax crackers, a kale salad with sprouts, herb green ranch dressing and nut paté was a filling meal for \$10.

for both dinner and lunch.

I also ordered a spicy nut pate served with flax crackers. Since it's raw, the crackers are dehydrated rather than baked, so the crunch remains. It came with a kale salad with sprouted mung beans and an herb-ranch dressing that contained soy instead of egg and dairy. That meal lasted me a whole day, along with a few pieces of fruit.

I also ordered a salad with a raw, creamy, lemon garlic dressing on top of organic produce of light and dark greens, cucumbers, carrots, avocados, tomatoes and nuts. And my sweet snack was a nutty bar sweetened with plant-based agave nectar instead of honey or refined sugar.

If you love food, if your palate loves flavor and texture, try raw. Its food at its purest form and the flavor isn't cooked away. Beans, nuts, vegetables, grains and seeds are marinated so spice and sweetness comes out properly. Bread is dehydrated rather than baked.

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Entrees are about \$10. A huge salad is \$7. The nutty bars are just \$3.

The lab also offers cooking classes and brunch several days each month. (Brunch is so popular, it sells out every time.) Reservations are required For example, this Sunday, March 16 and Sunday

April 27.

brunch is

plus tips to

make raw

meals

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DETROIT EVOLUTION LAB

served from What: A raw, vegan, carry out eatery, 11 a.m. to 3 the first of its kind in Michigan p.m. It's \$60 and items Where: 1434 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, will include 48207. Entrance is behind the Lab's surprise egg building (not on Gratiot) and dairy sub-Requirements: Order one day prior, stitutes and mock meats.

by 2 p.m. Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays 11

a.m to 2 p.m. Phone: (313) 316-1411

Web site: www.detroitevolution.com

Saturday, April 5, from 4-8 p.m. is Vegan Raw Indian day. The meal is \$60. Reserve ahead of time.

Once you try it, you will be thankful that Detroit has Angela Kasmala and Gregg Newsom who opened the Lab.

Oh, and there's yoga there too. Even more interesting, check the Lab's Web site for a schedule of days new and full moon days - because on those days free pranayama (meditation and breath) sessions are offered to correspond to the moon.

Detroit just became a bit more interesting

Many restaurants open Easter Sunday

City

Rites

Brunches will be served Easter Sunday all around town. Three Matt Prentice restaurants will be open. Coach

Insignia at the Renaissance Center in Detroit; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 39495 N Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, and No. VI Chophouse, 27790 Novi Rd. in Novi, feature peel-and-eat shrimp, Nova Scotia lox, omelet bar, Chef Frank Turner's French Toast, honey cured ham and prime rib. At Coach Insignia, prices are \$29.95 for adults, \$15.95 for children (5 and under free). The other restaurants charge \$25.95 and \$15.95. Call for information at Coach Insignia at (313) 567-2622; Northern Lakes at (248) 646-7900 and No. VI Chophouse at (248) 305-5210.

Here is a list of more restaurants that are open that day. **Wayne County:**

1 Under Banquet Facility, 35780 Five Mile, in Livonia has seatings at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. with ham, beef au jus, grilled salmon, chicken penne pasta, made-to-order omelet station and salads. Prices are \$18.95 adults, \$15.95 seniors, children \$8.95 and four and under free. Call (734)

Deadwood Bar & Grill, 18730 Northville Rd., in Northville, serves brunch 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Restaurant is open until 9 p.m. Turkey, pasta and fish are available along with full menu. Call (248) 347-4353.

Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon Rd., in Plymouth, serves an entree station with honey baked ham, chicken veronique and prime rib, shrimp cocktail, salads, omelet and waffle stations and desserts. Prices are \$24.95 adults, \$19.95 senior citizens and \$14.95 children 6-12 years old (five and under free). Call (734) 354-0001.

Beaver Creek, 1609 N. Wayne, in Westland, serves brunch

items all day, 11 a.m.-midnight, including a full menu and turkey, fish and prime rib. Prices range \$5-\$15. Call (734) 722-5330.

Oakland County:

Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester Rd., in Troy, serves brunch 10 a.m.-1 p.m., dinner menu available 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Price range is \$10-\$22. Call (248) 828-2825.

The Moose Preserve Bar & Grill, 43034 Woodward, in Bloomfield Hills, serves an a la carte brunch menu 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Price range is

\$7.59-\$21. Call (248) 858-7688.

Detroit:

Sweet Georgia Brown, serves brunch 11 a.m.-7 p.m.. prix fixe menu with seafood, salad, entrees, at \$42 for adults, \$20 for children, age six to 12, prices does not include tax and gratuity, 1045 Brush, www.sweetgb.com (313) 965-

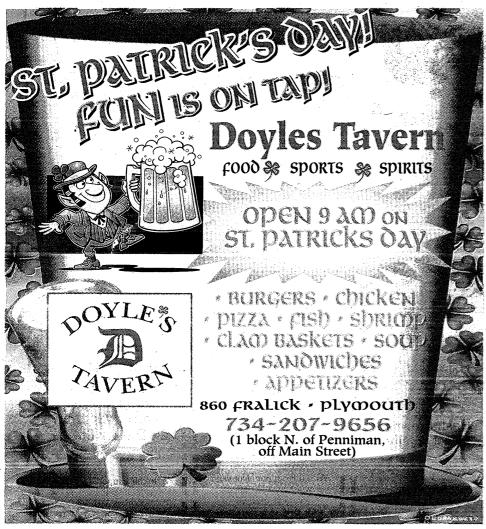
WINE BY FISHER

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty in Livonia, features the Fisher Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

Born in Detroit to an automobile and banking family, Fred Fisher spent much of his youth on the east coast, then moved west to Napa Valley in California in search of something he could build and call his own. Fred and Juelle Lamb Fisher were married there and with common interests and a love of fine wine, Fred and Juelle launched Fisher Vineyards in 1973.

The evening will showcase an exciting menu prepared

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

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, 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)

763-UMMA. ART GALLERIES

Art Leaders Gallery: Dr. Seuss Exhibition and Sale, a rare glimpse into the artistic life of Dr. Seuss, with pieces priced \$225-\$7,500, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.

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. Cass Cafe Gallery: Me and Jim, new works by

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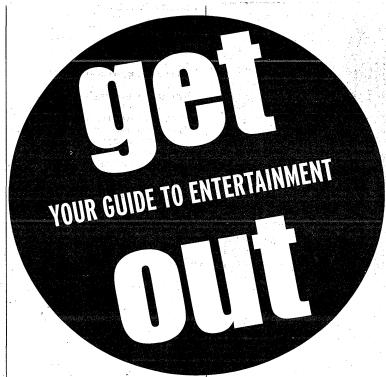
Clay, Etc. Studio and Gallery: Tea Time at Clay, Etc., through March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

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. Flint Institute of Arts: Hannelore Baron:

Fragments Shored Against Ruins through May 11, collages and box assemblages, 1120 E. Kearsley St., (810) 234-1695, www. flintarts.org. Lawrence Street Gallery: Visual Music by

Lawrence Street Gallery: Visual Music by Frances Cocagne, through March 29, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www. lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Intertwined, Ted Lee Hadfield and Janet Hamrick, through April 19; Gallery Talk, 11:30 a.m. March



15, 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

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Northville Art House: Small Works, art in all media smaller than 12" in any direction, through March 30. 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

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.

Paul Kotula Projects: Brenda Goodman New Work, through April 5, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www. paulkotula.com.

River's Edge Gallery: Underexposed, artists showing work for the first time, through March 14, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: Winter Solstice: Paintings, group exhibition, through April 12, 1274 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Joe Zucker See/Sea, through April 19, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallerv.com.

The Print Gallery: 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield www.EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

ART, ETC.

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.

Biddle Gallery: Craft Uprising, featuring Detroit area indie crafters, 6-9 p.m. Friday,

March 21, 2840 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte,

(734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Winter workshops: Printmaking, March 14-16, \$182/\$22; 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

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

Detroit Institute of Arts: The Marble Lounge, late-night Thursdays featuring performance art, DJs, live music, cash bar and food, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. kicking off March 20 with performance artist Jeff Karolski, Paik and DJ Ben Blackwell. Tickets, \$10, 18 and up, available at the door.

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, estivated of the Arts Celebration, reception, visit www.fhgov.com or call (248) 473-1856.

Flint Institute of Arts: The Founders Society 5th annual Van Goghing, Going, Gone! charity auction, March 15; 9-10 a.m. registration and preview. Free admission. 1120 E. Kearsley St., (810) 234-1695, www. flintarts.org

flintarts.org.

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.

BOOKS

Borders Books, Music & Cafe: Celebrate the publication of "Michigan Family Field Trips," written by Ellyce Field and illustrated by Andréa Yakima, 2 p.m. March 15, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham, visit http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetail-Desc.do?id=235405 for more information. 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.

CHODA

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.

CLASSICAL

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.

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: The Art of Mozart, music of Mozart, Greif and Bacri with Etienne Yver's Mozart-inspired artwork, pre-concert talk with Dr. Louis Nagel, the featured pianist, other musicians are violinist Velda Kelly and cellists Nadine Deleury and Eugene Zenzen, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

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.

Motor City Brass Band: "The Plot Thickens," a concert featuring "Harry Potter" to "The Phantom of the Opera" with Michele Marszalkowski, 3 p.m. March 16, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, (313) 943-2350, www.mchb.org

www.mcbb.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Camerata Bon
Voyage concert, featuring violin and
cello students 8-16, with works by Bach,
Brahms, Kabalevsky, Paganini and others,
dessert reception, 7 p.m. March 16, 202 E.
Fifth St., Royal Oak, (248) 561-7227, mmutter@suzukiroyaloak.org.
Woodhaven High School: Percussion Ensemble

Woodhaven High School: Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, Woodhaven High School Auditorium, 24787 Van Horn Rd., Flat Rock, (734) 818-6840.

CLUBS

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 party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674. Crofoot Ballroom: Noir Leather presents Crud's Bad Friday on March 21, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333. Features live performances by electro rockers Crud plus special guests Dirty Americans, Pop Evil, Troubleman and a Noir Leather show. Doors open 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

The Magic Stick: 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

O-Zen Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.L.hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaöke 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.

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: 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: 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: Chad Thornsberry, March 14-15; Dave Landau, March 21-22; Chili Challis, March 28-29; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

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.

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 Fillmore-Detroit: Feist, April 10; My Cliemical Romance, April 19; Panic at the Disco, May 20, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Jill Scott, March 21; O'Jays

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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.lexmtc.com.

Majestic Theatre: Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag.

Majestic Ineatre: Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag. April 18; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

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.

St. Andrew's Hall: 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

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org. 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.

FAMILY

Campus Martius Park: Skate at the rink through March 16, (313) 963-9393 or visit www.campusmartiuspark.org for hours and admission prices, Woodward Avenue between Forst Street and Michigan Avenue.

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 14 and 28, \$12 per child, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Westland.

FILM

Movies at the Marquis: "Casablanca," March 29; doors open 7 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville, www.downtownnorthville.co.

(734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

Plymouth: Thursday Movie Classics, featuring free Alfred Hitchcock movies in March, 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 WINE

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 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.

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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 Ouartet 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 3; Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720. 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.



LIVE AT TRINITY HOUSE

Georgia-based singer-songwriter Jennifer Daniels is set to perform 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile in Livonia. For tickets (\$12), call (734) 464-6302.

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.

Michigan Theater: Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, March 22, concert to celebrate Ryder's new biography "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music," release date in April, presented by Wayne State University Press, \$25-\$40, www.LiveNation.com and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666. Music Hall & Jazz Cafe: Elaine Stritch at Liberty, March 14-16, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8501 www.musichall.org.

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.

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Oakland Community College: Flamenco Jazz Fusion, 8 p.m. April 19, \$20, Orchard Ridge campus, Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Ridge, Farmington Hills, www.oaklandcc. edu/entertainment, (248) 341-2270.

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,

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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," through Sept. 14, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, call (877) GO-CRANBrook (1-877-462-7262) 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, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical org. (313) 833-1805

Detroit Institute of Arts: "Julie Mehretu: City Sitings" now through March 30; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25; Guided tours in January, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays: 1.6 and 7:30 n.m. Fridays, 1. and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900. Detroit Science Center: New IMAX is "Mummies Secrets of the Pharoahs;" Coming soon: "Shipwreck: Pirates & Treasure," March 24-Sept. 1, at 5020 John R. Street, call (313) 577-8400 or visit detroitsciencecenter.org. The Henry Ford: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.
Lorenzo Cultural Center: re-enactors Carl

Lorenzo Cultural Center: re-enactors Carl and Trish Moss portray Austin Blair, lawyer, U.S. congressman and Michigan's governor during the Civil War, and his third wife Sarah Louise Ford, 11 a.m, and 1 p.m. March 13; free admission, but preregistration is required, Lorenzo Cultural Center (formerly the Macomb Cultural Center), Hall and Garfield roads, Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, www. lorenzoculturalcenter.com.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" exhibit open through June 1, at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday. Admission \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: 4454
Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-6622.
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: A
Moral (ssue: John F. Kennedy and Civil Rights,
with Oakland University's Daniel Clark, 7 p.m.
March 13, \$5 for non-members of museum, or
Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester
Road off Tienken Road and one mile north of
downtown Rochester, call (248) 656-4663 to
reserve a seat or email rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

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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7th Annual Classic Car Show: Proceeds to Angela Hospice, Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman (just north of Five Mile Rd.) Livonia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 12, for information, call evenings at (248) 380-8078, www. livoniachurch.net

Detroit Derby Girls: 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 Zoc: 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 I-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.

Livonia Historical Society: "The History of Funerals" with Jeff Bell, funeral director at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 7 p.m. March 24, Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia (734) 466-25518 Farmington, Livonia (734) 466-25518

Plymouth Historical Museum: Raymond Rolak and Bill Zepp, lecture by two former professional baseball players, 7 p.m. March 13, also, Batter Up! Generations of Baseball, exhibit through June 1, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-7797, http://www. plymouthhistory.org.

StarBright Dinner Theatre: "Love Letters" through May 18, Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, \$39.95 Friday-Saturday shows, (248) 423-1452.

The Vagabond Variety Show 3: Witness bellydance, fire, juggling, burlesque, featuring the Lunatic Vagabonds, Tim TV, Flec, Lucy Caboose, and more. 8:30 p.m. March 15, at the RKS Recording Studio, 17 West Lawrence, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. \$10 at the door. www.lunaticvagabonds.com.

THEATER - COLLEGE

University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company: "The Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players: "The Cemetery Club," March 14-15; "Little Shop of Horrors," April 25-27, May 2-4, 9-10, at 1185 Washington Blvd. (one mile west of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, reserve tickets by calling (248) 608-9077 The Farmington Players: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27. May 1-17. ticket hotline. (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org. Lorenzo Cultural Center: Robert Myers presents the story of Niles businessman Francis Quinn, who raised and commanded the 1,000-member 12th Michigan Infantry, 1 p.m. March 14 and 15, pre-register at (586) 445-7348, or visit www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com. Hall and Garfield roads. Macomb Community College's Center Campus. Clinton Township. Marquis Theatre: "Velveteen Rabbit" March 15-16, 24-30, April 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www. northvillemarquistheatre.com. Novi Theaters: "Father Bingo," March 14-15, Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, Novi, (248) 347-0400. St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "The Cemetery Club," through March 15; "Greater Tuna, April 11-19: "The Rest Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com. Stagecrafters: Auction of 20 one-of-a-kind toilet seats designed by local artists at fund-raiser, 6-9 p.m. March 20, Leon and Lulu, 96. W. 14 Mile, Clawson (248) 541-8027. Stanecrafters: Soliciting unpublished short (10-15 minute) plays for 4th Annual New Works Play Festival, material limited to adult drama and comedy pieces, no musicals or children's plays considered, send three copies of one script to Stagecrafters at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak by March 15, visit www.stagecrafters.org for guidelines.
Village Players of Birmingham: "Into the Woods,"

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THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre: "Weekend Comedy," through March 29; "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," April 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333. Fox Theatre: "Jesus Christ Superstar," March 14-15, \$22-\$69; "Tyler Perry's The Marriage Counselor," April 3-6, \$42-\$52; "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515. Gem Theatre: "Menopause The Musical," through April 6, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, www.ticketmaster.com, www.gemtheatre.com.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Moonlight and Magnolias," March 19-April 13; "Man of La Mancha," April 23-May 18; Nunsense starring Cindy Williams, April 23-May 18; Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree starring Lee Meriweather, May 28-June 8; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Planet Ant Theatre: "A Man of No Importance,"

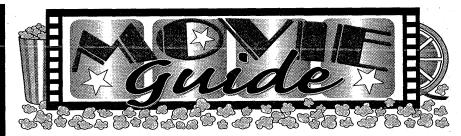
Planet Ant Theatre: "A Man of No Importance," through March 15; "On Parenting," through March 15; "Cobb," May 2-24, "In the Blood," Aug. 1-23, all at 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948.

TV

Detroit Pistons telethon: Pistons Cares Telethon Benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation - Michigan Chapter, all day March 14, fans can make donations starting at 6 a.m., call 1-877-DPC-WISH or visit www.detroitpistons.com, Pistons-Spurs game on WDIV will highlight telethon.

WORLD MUSIC AND DANCE

Karim Nagi: Arabic drummer and dancer on Thursday March 13, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. At the Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. (313) 582-2266.



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Sean Faris stars in 'Never Back Down'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

0&E STAFF WRITER

Director Jeff Wadlow takes mixed martial arts to the streets in his latest film, the teen-angst fueled *Never Back Down*.

It hits theaters tomorrow. In this flick, something akin to *The Karate Kid* for the YouTube set, the fight scenes are framed by stylized quick shots, insane close-ups and kept in constant motion.

At the center of the story is troubled hero Jake Tyler, played by newcomer Sean Faris. Faris stopped by the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham recently to promote the film, and discuss this, his first starring role.

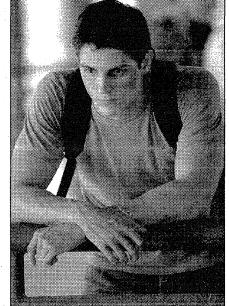
The actor, a Texas native with ties to Cleveland, started out trying his hand at modeling. But when he got his first taste of acting, his sights were

set on stardom. Faris - who could easily pass for a young and charismatic Tom Cruise - set out for L.A. He nabbed roles in TV shows like the short-lived *Reunion*. He came to the character in *Never Back Down* having been a fan of mixed martial

arts, but had never trained. "It's definitely the most challenging thing I've done physically," he said.

The role required Faris to train six hours a day, six days a week over three months. He gained 15 pounds of lean muscle and consumed 5,000 healthy calories a day to get into character. And that was just the preparation. When it came to filming, Faris endured his fair share of injuries.

Working opposite two-time Oscar nominee Djimon Hounsou, who portrays his trainer in the film, Faris broke his back after a body slam. It took three weeks



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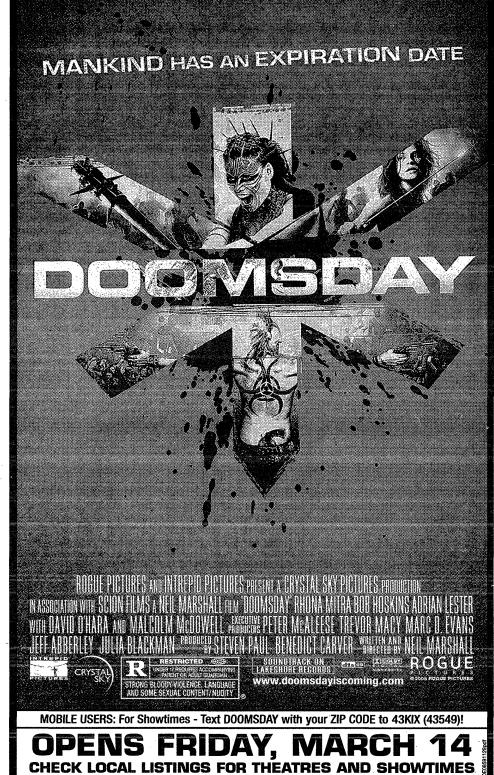
before doctors discovered the break. He worked through it all.

The movie centers around Jake - who upon moving to Orlando with his family stumbles upon a shadowy fight under the school bleachers. When he tries to break it up he's ushered into the world of street fighting. He's pegged as "a natural born brawler" by his awkward new sidekick Max Cooperman (Evan Peters). It's got all the qualities common to a teen movie - a troubled protagonist, haunted by the guilt

of his father's untimely death, looks for a fight. It takes plenty of nods from troubled rich kid soaps like *The OC*, even casting alum like Cam Gigandet and Amber Heard. Gigandet portrays our squinty-eyed villian - the sort who will set you up for a fight and destroy you in front of the entire school. Heard is his predictable blonde girlfriend, named Baja.

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DIA goes late-night with Marble Lounge

Looking for a new scene on Thursday nights?

The Detroit Institute of Arts is edging into the late-night club mix with Marble Lounge.

The experimental concept aims to bring performance art, DJs, live music — and hopefully a whole new crowd — to the twinkling DIA ballroom 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursdays.

The events kick off March 20 with performance artist Jeff Karolski, DJ Ben

Blackwell and space rockers Paik

"Our 32-hour grand opening stretch proved that the museum has a great deal to offer younger audiences," said Graham W. J. Beal, DIA director. "With imaginative, experimental programming and a late night atmosphere, we're hoping to become a consistent option for an audience that doesn't always perceive the DIA as the place to be."

Guests on opening night will be greeted by a soundscape performance piece by Karolski, commissioned specifically for the event. The Hamtramck artist uses recorded and manufactured sound — along with his own body and everyday objects like fish tanks, electric saws and ice — to create live, site-specific sound sculpture.

Music will be provided by Paik, a Detroit-based band that mixes surreal sounds with filmscapes, light shows, mirrors and smoke to create something that's as much lived in as listened to. DJ Ben Blackwell (of Dirtbombs fame) will also be on hand to spin tunes and keep things moving through the night.

The Marble Lounge will feature a cash bar and food. Tickets, \$10 for guests 18 and up, are available at the door.

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RADIO ROM PAGE E2

Newsradio 950's Web site as a "wonder of wit and weather," he has broadcast his inimitable weather forecasts on the station since 1950, in addition to his lengthy stints doing weather on Channel 4 (then WWJ-TV) and WJBK-TV2 and his hosting of the popular "At the Zoo" television show for 17 years.

■ Ernie Harwell — a member of both the Radio and Baseball Halls of Fame, this broadcasting legend became the voice of the Detroit Tigers in 1960 and continued with only one brief interruption through his retirement at the end of the 2002 season, endearing himself to fans of all ages with his signature calls like "lo-o-o-o-ong gone."

■ J.P. McCarthy — the immortal morning man at News/Talk 760 WJR, this Detroit institution and Radio Hall of Famer woke up Detroit with his friendly

conversational style and unequaled talent as an interviewer from the early 1960s through his untimely death in 1995.

■ Dick Purtan — the quintessential morning radio funnyman, this Radio Hall of Famer has taken his highly rated show to a succession of stations over more than 40 years in the Detroit market, starting with WKNR-AM in 1965 through his current 12-year stint at Oldies 104.3 WOMC-FM.

■ Martha Jean "The Queen"
Steinberg — a trailblazer for both
blacks and women in broadcasting, she
came to Detroit from Memphis in 1963
and became a sensation as an R & B
disc jockey and social commentator at
WCHB-AM and WJLB-FM before buying a station in 1982 that became gospel
and talk WQBH-AM, where she starred
until her death in 2000.

The exhibit continues in the Museum's Kresge Gallery through Sunday, Aug. 24.

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CITY BITES

by chef partner Mark Strausberg paired with California fine wines. Cost is \$125 per person. Reservations are recommended by calling (734) 542-9463.

CATERING ONLY

Matt Prentice has decided to convert Milk & Honey restaurant (located inside the Jewish Community Center in **West Bioomfield**) to a catering and special event venue only. Milk & Honey will serve lunch and dinner until April 17. The restaurant's conversion to catering only will occur after Passover, which is April 19.

Another Prentice restaurant, Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph, in **Bingham Farms**, will host a Seder Feast April 19, featuring gefilte fish, roulade of chicken, duck consomme with herbed matzo balls, and other items. Price is \$42.95. Call (248) 645-5289 for more information.

If you have an item for City Bites, forward it to Ken Abramczyk at kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

FILM
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A fan of teen films like *The Karate Kid* and *Varsity Blues*, Faris said he was happy to be in a film that marks a sort of "next generation" for the genre. Like any fighting flick, the movie culminates in an final competition, a top secret streetfight

called The Beatdown.

With the fight behind him, and loads of publicity on his plate, Faris looks forward to focusing on his next project. He and his manager Dino May are producing a suspense thriller about a serial killer. It's set to be called *The Glass Eye*. Faris will star.

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IRISH

Woodward Ave., Detroit, reservations at (313) 833-9700, Ext. 207.

- The Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 542-8141. Much of the interior and furnishings of this pub come directly from Ireland. The menu here includes the traditional Irish fare and what they call the Perfect Pint - Guinness - which has been around since 1759. Live music, food and authentic brews.
- Shanahan's Irish Pub, next to Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 462-2196. It opens early on St. Patrick's Day. Bands, traditional food and a lively crowd.
- Dick O'Dows, 160 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 642-1135. Starting at 7 a.m. expect lines (but the party is also in the line).

Live music, quick lunch options and dinner at this bar that was actually once a pub in Ireland, taken apart and brought here, piece by piece.

- Dunleavy s, 34505 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-8866, another hot spot to hit on Monday.
- Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941. This bar always has something special.

Dunleavy's,

- Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, 821 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 459-6666. This place is festive even when it's not St. Patrick's Day.
- O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, (248) 399-6750, popular with locals and attracts crowds from throughout the area.
- O'Toole's, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 591-9226, get there early.
 - Gus O'Connor's, 324 Main St., Rochester,



Popular Irish band Blackthorne plays in Farmington Hills for three nights over St. Patrick's Day weekend.

(248) 608-2537, a big menu, laid-back crowd that attracts clientele of all ages and style.

■ The Tipperary Pub, Detroit, 8287 Southfield Freeway (just south of Joy Road), (313) 271-5870, barhoppers make annual stops here.

And don't forget these hot spots:

- Blarney Stone Pub, 27253 Woodward Ave., Berkley, (248) 541-1881
- Duggan's Irish Pub, 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, (248) 549-3659
- Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968
- CORKTOWN: Start at Baile Corcaigh (the name actually means "Town of Cork"), located at 1426 Bagley. Then on to Irish Saloon of Corktown, 1426 N. Kaline Drive. There's also big crowds at Oblivion's Corktown Cafe, 1800 Michigan Ave. And of course parades and parties in parking lots so bring a hat and gloves for outdoor festivities.

MOVEMENTS

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canvas paintings consist of bold colors and visually captures the movement of music.

A graduate of College for Creative Studies who earned scholarships for three consecutive years, she began painting when she was 10 years old and spends eight hours a day on her art. She's a resident artist of the Neil Davis Gallery in Royal Oak and the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit.

Cocagne has also been Artist of the Month for the city of Sterling Heights and soon at the The Community House in Birmingham — prominent exposure for professional artists.

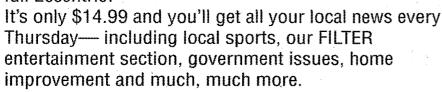
For her, the connection between painting and song is strong on professional and personal levels. She married classical guitarist David Cocagne of the Troubadours, a local band that blends world beat, rock, classical, jazz and flamenco.

"Through painting and printmaking I search to answer the internal rhythms," she explained in her artist statement. "The ebb and flow, of a song in a painting. There is great importance to me in finding both the sharp and flat line quality that carries the tune and tone of my images. Through the use and deep appreciation for chroma, repetition, structure, optic vibration, and harmony, I hope to create stunning works of art."





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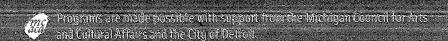


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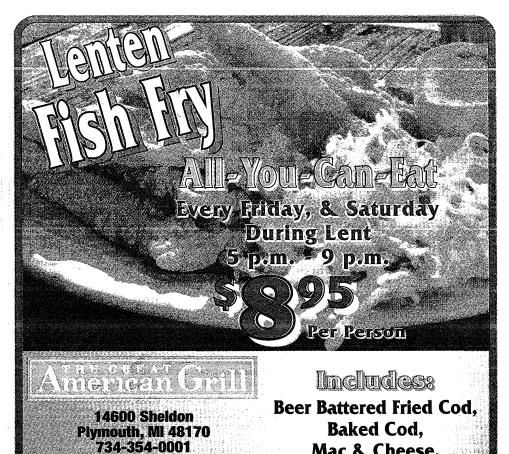
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