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Painting the town

Gallery gives local artists a canvas

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jean-Paul Abou-Dib of Canton Township is a teacher in order to have a steady income.

His real passion, though, is painting - more specifically working with oils - which unfortunately would leave him a starving artist if he tried to make a living at it.

However, Abou-Dib and a dozen other local artists are getting an opportunity to show off their talents and maybe even sell their array of paintings, pen and ink, ceramics and photography at the Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth as part of the newest exhibit, "Fresh Expressions: An Exhibition of Local Artists."

"It chose me, I didn't really chose it ... and I didn't want to walk away from it," said Abou-Dib, 28, of how he began painting after graduating from Salem High School in 1998 and receiving a scholarship to the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. "It captivated me so much to understand the human body, whether it was on a scientific level or an artistic level. There's a wonderful motion of poetry that takes place in the body, and I felt compelled to investigate it."

Abou-Dib said there's not much money to be made in selling his paintings, but the chance to show them at the arts gallery through March 27 is an opportunity on a number of levels.

"If nothing from the standpoint of I need to communicate a message, and I've already spent too much time in solitary confinement in my own studio," said Abou-Dib. "It's time, once in a while, to break those barriers and just let your fellow man understand what you want to say. It's a form of therapy."

Lotus Arts Gallery owner and Plymouth Township builder Walt Menard said when the gallery opened the goal was to have well-known artists



Canton artist Jean-Paul Abou-Dib talks about his work.

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Richard S. Enrich of Plymouth works in pen and ink. His subject of choice is older buildings.

come to Plymouth. However, because such visits generally come at a high cost, Menard decided to give local artists a chance to share and sell their works.

"The object is to get them exposure and sell their art," said Menard. "A lot of our pieces are expensive, so we're trying to add art that's less expensive, things that people can afford."

Ron DePentu, 76, of Canton Township admits that when he gets up in the morning, he has no clue where his talents will take him.

"I'm an eclectic ... acrylic paintings, drawings, fiberglass ... it represents my indecisiveness," said DePentu, who taught painting in high school and college in New York. "In my early years, I was trained to be a commercial artist. I think it's even more exciting today because of the freedom to do anything."



Artist Kathy Boettcher is from Farmington Hills and is a retired art teacher with the Dearborn schools.

"Sometimes I don't have an idea where it's going," he said. "One piece will inspire another, that's the excitement." Richard Enrich of Plymouth

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Sheldon Road underpass crews making progress

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock reported what he termed "significant" progress on the Sheldon Road underpass project.

"Crews are working on the north bore and the plan was to actually begin to install part of the new 36-inch water main (Friday) in the area north of the railroad tracks by M-14," wrote Sincock in an e-mail to city commissioners. "Our (Municipal Services) yard and staff is working with DWSD (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) to help facilitate some of their needs for a base of operations during the installation of pipe. Pipe delivery to the site is currently occurring, which is a posi-

tive sign as well as it has to be shipped in from northern Illinois."

City crews re-routed Plymouth's water supply through Plymouth Township via three temporary connections on Feb. 23. It was well in advance of Wayne County's plan to replace the 36-inch water main under the Sheldon Road construction site - which carries all of the city's water supply from Detroit - by April 30.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has said if the new water main isn't installed by April 30, that part of the project will have to be delayed until the fall. That could push the \$15 million project past its December 2008 completion date.

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City adds some bite to new dog ordinance

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Gage, the 90-pound red-nose pit bull on Jenner Street who is at the center of the controversy that resulted in two neighborhood petitions urging the Plymouth City Commission to ban pit bulls and toughen the vicious dog ordinance, didn't do himself any favors when he escaped from his yard and roamed the neighborhood Saturday morning.

Several neighbors filed police reports indicating Gage was running loose when the backyard gate was left open.

"When the dog charged my front door ... I had to slam it in his face because I didn't know what it was coming after," said next door neighbor Chris Schneider, who submitted the petitions to the city commission.

Police Chief Wayne Carol said Angel Edie, the licensed owner, was issued two tickets: one for dog running at large and another for harboring a vicious animal.

The incident came only two days before the city commission passed the first reading of an amended vicious dog ordinance that will include state laws designed to clarify how a complaint is issued and adjudicated and what happens to the dog, which were somewhat vague in the existing city ordinance.

"Even though there aren't a



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Gage, shown here with his family - Mom Angel Edie, sons Tristan and Tyler Cook, and daughter, Jaylyn Kosmyna - was responsible for Edie getting two tickets when he got out of his yard last weekend.

whole lot of changes, I think it spells out specifically what needs to be done in case you get a dangerous dog, not being breed specific," Mayor Phil Pursell said. "I think it's somewhere in the middle that everyone can live with, while still respecting the rights of dog owners."

Kyle Kosmyna, who along with Edie lives with Gage, said he's pleased with the way the commission dealt with the issue.

"Hopefully we can do something about the aggression and

Please see **DOGS, A3**

Township's annual Easter egg hunt back on

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Children in the Plymouth community are going to get a chance to hunt for Easter eggs after all.

Plymouth Township officials announced this week the annual hunt, which until this year had been sponsored by the Plymouth Jaycees, will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Plymouth Township Park.

The hunt had been canceled by the Jaycees, who lost their charter in

December due to low membership numbers.

Upon hearing news of the cancellation, township officials decided to resurrect the hunt.

"It's been a community event for a long time," Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "It's been here a number of years, and it should continue to be here."

Edwards said the hunt will be paid for completely through private donations. It will be divided into four age groups. Candy and prizes will be handed out.

At this short notice, however,

Edwards expressed concern about being able to get the Easter Bunny to the hunt. If successful, photo opportunities with the Bunny will also be available.

"The Jaycees have been a positive group in the township for a long time, and hopefully they can get rolling again," Edwards said. "They always put on a great (hunt), and we're going to do our best to uphold that tradition."

Plymouth Township Park is located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

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Coming Sunday in Health

One woman's battle with lupus

Choir performance

The St. John's Episcopal Choir will perform Heinrich Schütz's "Seven Last Words from the Cross," one of the masterpieces of the Baroque era, for Good Friday 7 p.m. March 21.

This is a dramatic setting of Jesus' final words before his death, interpreted through the voices of the choir and soloists. Come join St. John's to reflect on the Passion of Christ through this incredible work of sacred musical art.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For information, contact Scott Elsholz, (734) 474-5551, Ext. 16.

Miller Woods meeting

The annual business meeting 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.

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: 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.olgcp parish.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) 459-9893.

Comedy Night

To all aspiring comedians,

think you're funny? Got your act together? Let us be the judge. Looking for comedians for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton June 7 (TV audience material only).

Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being sponsored by the Plymouth High School Football Booster club and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth High School football program.

If you are interest in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbeglobal.net

New Morning auction

New Morning School conducts its 32nd annual auction Saturday, April 5, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The Roaring 20s will come alive for jaspers and flappers alike!

Enjoy an elegant meal with open bar, and peruse the hundreds of offerings in our silent auction. Then, get ready to bid on the exciting packages in the live auction. Experience the excitement of bidding on unique items such as getaways to Malta, Florida, and Toronto; luxury ski & golf trips; local spa packages; fine jewelry; and a one-of-kind package to Beverly Hills, California that includes a deluxe stay at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, dining and celebrity-sighting at Spago, and tickets to see Dr. Phil.

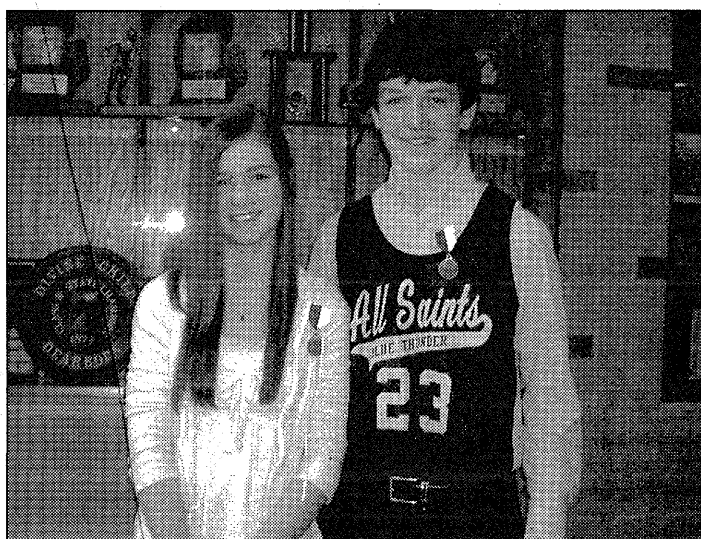
The huge silent auction features something for everyone, from sports memorabilia to children's items, electronics, original artwork, home improvement packages, and more. Step into our Speakeasy to enjoy a specialty martini bar, live music, and learn to dance the Charleston.

The local community is welcome to attend. Call (734) 420-3331 to purchase tickets by phone or visit www.newmorningschool.com for more information. Tickets are \$75 per person which includes seated dinner, dessert, open bar, and the silent and live auction portions of the evening.

Child seat inspections

The Plymouth Township Police Department offers Child Safety Seat Inspections 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the police station, 9955 N. Haggerty. Inspections are by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil,



Catholic scholar athletes

Canton's Isabelle McCormack and Plymouth's Jimmy Meadows, who both attend All Saints Catholic School in Canton, recently received the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Athletics' Winter Scholar Athlete Award. Recipients of the award are chosen based upon academic standing, character and citizenship. They are both eighth-graders.

(734) 354-3232.

Appreciation breakfast

The annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast, designed to honor those at Salem, Canton and Plymouth High Schools, is set for 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, at each of the respective schools.

Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods, breakfast meats or monetary donations.

Anyone interested in making any type of a donation should contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible: Salem High School, Suzanne Zabowski, sunique7@aol.com; Canton High School, Sue Boeve, sboeve@dmc.org; or Plymouth High School, Kathy Craig, kathycraig13@aol.com

Fall festival

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

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

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

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

Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during an evening coffee hour at Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant 6 p.m. Monday, March 31.

Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant is located at 39910 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Corriveau also holds regular office hours three times a month: the first Monday of every month at the Wayne Public Library; the first Friday of every month at Northville City Hall; and the third Monday of every month at the Plymouth District Library. All office hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Girls on the run

The Plymouth Family YMCA and Plymouth-Canton Community Education have partnered to bring Girls on the Run to five area elementary schools. The 10-week character building program focuses on experiential learning through running and teaches very specific and well-defined social and personal skills. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5K race event which gives the girls a chance to shine and feel an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

The \$95 program fee includes after school meetings twice a week with trained volunteer coaches, a healthy snack each day, program T-shirt, water bottle, and entry

into the 5K event. All girls grade three through five are welcome but register quickly as space is limited. Spots are still available at Workman, Bentley and Allen Elementary Schools. Participants can register at the Plymouth Family YMCA located at 248 S Union.

For more information on Girls on the Run, please contact Jenny Roszel at (734) 453-2904, jroszel@ymcamedetroit.org or visit the official Web site at www.girlsontherun.org

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

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 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.

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 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 25.

Feed the need

PBJ Outreach Inc. is sponsoring a Super Slamm'n 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 Corridor.

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 judged 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.lwvww.org. Click on 2008 Scholarship Application. Applications must be post-marked by April 18.

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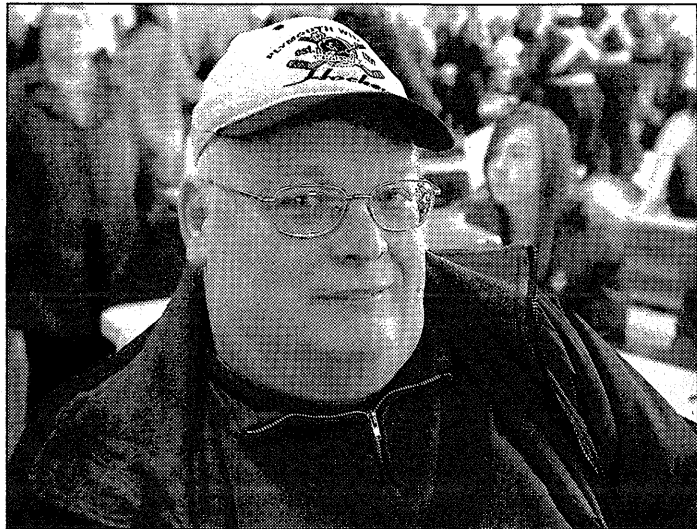
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Those close to him remembered Jerry Trumpka, shown here at a Plymouth Whalers game, as 'a great friend' after his passing Monday morning.

Rotarian remembered as 'a great friend'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Jerry Trumpka contracted polio at the age of 9 – three years before the Salk polio vaccine became available – enduring the pain of scalding hot towels on his legs and a cast from the waist down as part of his treatment.

It was fitting Trumpka was president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary in 2003, an international organization whose effort since 1985 has been to eradicate polio worldwide. Trumpka, who suffered from post-polio syndrome, called it an emotional moment when he introduced a 15-year-old from Peru who wore a leg brace because of polio.

"I had to hold back the tears," said Trumpka at the early morning Rotary meeting. "I haven't seen a kid in a leg brace in years, and it brought back a lot of childhood memories. It was really tough."

Trumpka, 57, died Monday morning shortly after arriving for work at the Plymouth Community United Way office in downtown Plymouth, where he was operations associate. Trumpka, a presence around town riding his red scooter, collapsed and died from an apparent heart attack.

"He was a great employee and friend, he'll be missed by everyone," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "He was a very dedicated person and believed in the United Way. His goal was to help people, and no matter what you asked of Jerry he always did it."

Trumpka was instrumental in developing the Sandra Sagar Award, given by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary and named after a former Plymouth High School student who overcame the struggles of living with polio. A wall honoring all the recipients is visible inside the front entrance at the new Plymouth High School. Fellow Rotarian Deb Madonna said she first met Trumpka when his name surfaced as someone who could help initiate the award and \$500 scholarships in Sagar's

name.

"I called him up as a stranger and he said he'd help," said Madonna, who resides in Plymouth Township. "He identified with Sandy and took it personally. It was important to him that we get the wall done."

"Jerry really did care about helping other people, he was a quiet giver," she said. "He liked helping people because he felt he had been helped by the service groups when he was a kid. He felt a kinship to giving back to people."

Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township, current president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, said Trumpka's name will be placed along Sagar's in future scholarship awards.

"Jerry was one of the founding members of our A.M. Rotary Club," said Stewart. "He was made an honorary member when his health precluded greater participation."

"He will sure be missed, his enthusiasm and his love for people," she added. "He will be greatly missed by all members in our club."

Despite fighting the effects of polio all his life, Trumpka rarely let it get him down.

"Through all the difficulties, I have been able to lead a productive life," said Trumpka to fellow Rotarians in 2003. "I've been married 25 years (now 30), we have a child and I have a job. I never thought I would be a club president of a group that fights polio, hands out scholarships and helps young people with adversities they face. I'm really blessed."

Trumpka is survived by his wife, Becky, and one daughter, Toni. Visiting hours at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth are scheduled for today (Thursday) 2-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton Township.

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Academy hopes Canton will act swiftly on expansion plan

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Supporters of the proposed expansion of Canton Charter Academy have implored the Canton Township Board of Trustees to move swiftly in approving the plan so that the facility's doors will be open in time for the next school year.

But township officials have said CCA got off to a slow start if they were planning to have the addition available to students in the fall.

"We just got your stuff," trustee Melissa McLaughlin told Ted Lang, a CCA board member, at a recent meeting. "(We won't) put the rubber stamp on it."

McLaughlin, who said any approval process needs time to pan out, questioned why CCA didn't submit its preliminary plans to the township last fall if having the expansion open for the upcoming school year was crucial.

The Canton Planning Commission officially accepted paperwork for the plan, which would double the size of the school's 50,000-square-foot facility, on Jan. 14. Since that time, dozens of the academy's supporters have gone before the township board to express their desire to see the proposal approved.

The academy, which opened in 2000 and is chartered by Central Michigan University, is aiming to build onto its one-



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Canton Charter Academy, located at Ridge and Ford roads, is planning a big expansion project.

story building at Ford and Ridge roads. Enrollment would rise from 692 students to about 1,300.

CCA has a waiting list of 1,200 students for next year and only 80 openings.

"Don't let this year be lost," said Lang, who has three children that attend the school. "(A) year is a lifetime for these students."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said if CCA had submitted its plans to the township sooner, it "would have benefitted everybody."

With traffic being the most important issue surrounding the expansion, Yack said the township won't rush the decision-making process.

"We are waiting for more information

to come back," he said, pointing to a traffic study that has been reviewed by the township and sent back to the expansion's backers.

Until the traffic study is complete, McLaughlin said the issue can't go before the planning commission.

"The key issue is whether the state will permit a functioning light at Ridge and Ford," she said, noting that the traffic light just east of the intersection at the school's entrance may pose a problem in getting another light approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation. "MDOT has very strict standards."

Lang acknowledged that the township has concerns about the expansion's effect on traffic but said the growth of the school would be worth hammering out the issue.

"This is a stellar academy and it is something worth getting behind," he said. "This is more than just a charter school. Whatever roadblocks exist, we can knock them down. We have been down this road before."

When plans for the academy first surfaced, the facility was tagged for a spot near the Ridge and Warren roads intersection. After a great amount of opposition, which were largely based on traffic issues, the proposal was revamped to place the school at its current location.

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DOGS

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getting into specific language of what is a dangerous dog," Kosmyna said. "I've been bitten by a poodle; that's a dangerous dog."

Schneider said he believes there needs to be more work on the new ordinance. "I'd like to see the definition of dangerous dog; it's ambiguous," he said.

At the second reading, the city commission is also expect-

ed to add exempt dogs, such as police and service dogs.

Joe Petre of Plymouth, who owns a lab-pit bull mix and is fostering a pit bull mix with his wife, Jennifer, said he's glad the issue moved away from banning specific breeds of dogs.

"We should be making laws to protect people from dangerous dogs and good dogs from dangerous people," Joe Petre said. "We need these laws to protect the dogs, too. They deserve it."

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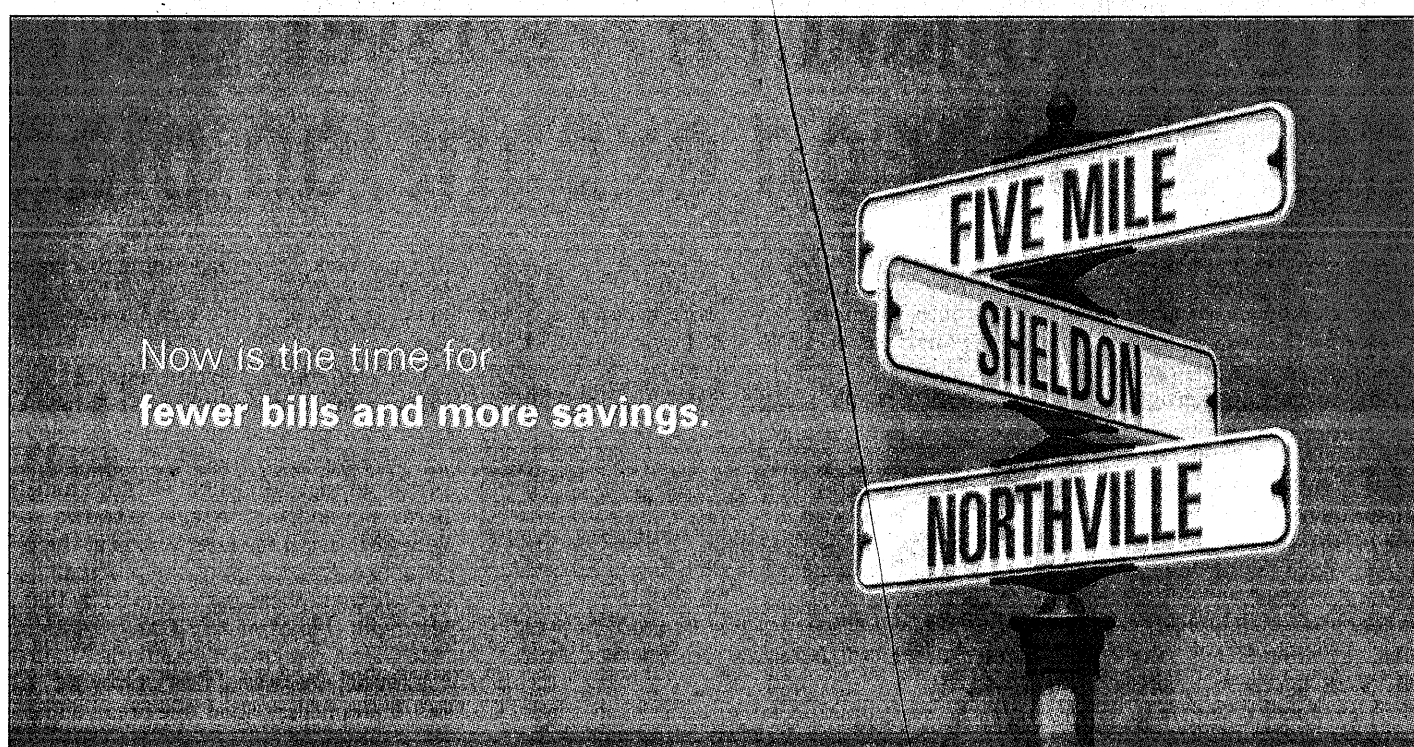
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Ron Depentu of Canton works in almost any medium.

GALLERY

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Township said he's always liked to draw, both as a career and as a hobby.

"When I was a young man, I took drafting and took a job making drawings," said Emrich, 65. "It's so relaxing. I put on the music and it takes all your senses ... you just forget everything else."

Emrich, a retired Livonia Public Schools and Madonna University administrator, said

he knows his talents limit him to pen and ink drawings.

"To be honest, I'm not great at colors," said Emrich. "I've tried other things like figure drawing, but it's not my thing. I generally draw buildings and structures. I've liked old buildings since I was a little kid."

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Have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM

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 words or less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Trudi Daniels. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by midnight Saturday, March 22.

Daniels, the recipient of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certified 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.

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Everyone should have a financial disaster plan

I saw the story last week about the crane disaster in New York and the tornado in Atlanta and other storms throughout the country. I have no doubt that over the next couple of months we will see some unpredictable weather here in Michigan. One story that gets lost in covering these tragedies is how people who survive and who have lost all financial records have to deal with issues that develop after a disaster.

It is never easy to deal with a natural disaster, but people who are organized have a better chance of dealing with the situation than those who are unprepared. It is important for everyone to have a plan in place to protect financial records. It is a good idea for everyone to have some sort of disaster plan in place.

A financial disaster plan



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institutions with your account number and any access information such as a PIN. Your disaster plan should also contain a list of your charge cards, account number and any other relevant account information. To have an effective disaster file, it should also contain copies of your property insurance policies and any appraisals on property that you may have. In addition, it should have a video inventory of your home.

does not have to be complex or difficult. It has to be something that works for you.

What should be in a disaster file? A disaster file should contain a list of all your financial

After all, if your home was destroyed the video could be invaluable in dealing with your insurance company.

A disaster file should also contain a list of phone numbers, e-mail addresses and web sites for the professionals that you use such as insurance agents, attorneys and accountants. I also think it makes sense to have copies of your last three years worth of tax returns.

Like many things in life, we get motivated to do something and then we forget about it. Unfortunately, your disaster file is not something you can do once and forget about it. It just doesn't work that way. Every six months to a year you need to review your disaster file to make sure that it is current.

Having a disaster file is great, however, that may be immaterial unless it is kept

in the right place. My general rule is that a disaster file needs to be kept off location. Whether you use a safety deposit box at a bank or keep it at your office or even use one of the online services, don't keep your disaster file at home.

The majority of people will

never have to access their disaster file. However, think that if you were confronted by a natural disaster how much easier things will be if you do.

Before spring storms come to Michigan spend a few minutes to organize and prepare a disaster file. The time you spend now can will save you time, aggravation and a lot of money.

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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).

Conference focuses on mental health care

Two national leaders in mental health will be featured at Erasing Stigma, a regional conference that looks at the types of stigma and way to remove them as barriers to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with mental illness.

Terry Cline, administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services administrator of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and David Satcher, the 16th surgeon general, who oversaw a pioneering

report of the role of stigma in mental health, are among the speakers.

Other speakers include individuals who participate in mental health, employment, housing and other programs.

The conference will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Sponsors are the State of Michigan Department of Community Health, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health

Agency, providers and consumers and the Statewide Anti-Stigma Committee.

Registration is required. The conference fee is \$60 and includes meals and conference training materials. To register or for more information, call the Virtual Center of Excellence at (734) 785-7793 or email rsvp@vceonline.org.

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Groups hope House swims with water package

BY PAM FLEMING
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

There may be "water, water everywhere" in Michigan today, but many believe citizens must take steps now to protect this precious resource.

At a town hall meeting, "Who Controls Great Lakes Waters?" on March 11 at the Northville Community Senior Center, a group met to discuss threats to the state's water and legislation they are supporting in the House of Representatives.

Those present included members of the Great Lake, Great Michigan coalition, environmental experts, lawmakers and residents.

Speakers included Bob Thorsen, Trout Unlimited; Patty Gillis, Voices for Earth Justice; Cyndi Roper, Clean Water Action; James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council; and state representatives Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, and Kathleen Law, D-Gibraltar.

Outside of the budget, "There's no bigger issue to Michiganders than the diversion of water, the Great Lakes and our environment," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "Water is one of our major assets."

The Michigan House and Senate are currently holding legislative committee hearings on competing packages of water legislation.

HB 4343 ratifies the Great Lakes Basin Compact, a multi-state and international agreement crafted to set specific statutory standards to protect Michigan water from abusive withdrawals and diversions.

Other House bills on this issue are HB5065-5073. Senate bills include SB721-729 and SB 860.

While the Great Lakes, Great Michigan coalition supports House Bills 4343 and 5065 and Senate companion bills 721-729, it has a number of concerns with Senate Bills 212 and 860.

BILL OPPOSITION

Opponents of SB 212 say that while it also ratifies the com-



State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, addresses the audience at a town hall meeting designed to discuss threats to the state's water.

WHAT LEGISLATION COULD PROVIDE

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pact, it proposes to implement the agreement minimally.

They say it also sets high permitting thresholds that are difficult to trigger; requires minimal implementation of conservation standards; and provides inadequate opportunities for community participation in decisions regarding large water withdrawals.

Supporters of the legislation hope Michigan's legislation could become a model for other states to follow.

Speakers discussed the threat of large-scale water withdrawals and diversions and urged citizens to send the message to Michigan's leaders that "Michigan water is not for sale."

The group urged residents to write or call Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, in support of the

Great Lakes, Great Michigan platform, require large water users in sensitive areas to obtain a permit, place our groundwater in the public trust to ensure public control of our water and make sure that local residents, not multinational corporations, have a say in approving large water withdrawal proposals.

TROUT UNLIMITED'S MISSION

"Our mission is to protect, conserve and restore cold water fisheries, which happen to be sensitive to water withdrawal," said Thorsen. "We think it's very important to protect our cold waters. They are really true gems of nature."

Clift, who presented an overview of the competing legislation, said the Senate bill would allow enough water

to be withdrawn that could impact up to 5 percent of fish and up to 25 percent of water in streams.

The House bill would allow withdrawals that would impact less than 1 percent of fish and up to 12 percent of stream water.

"We are allowing 12-13 percent of available water to be taken out," Clift said. "It's not all or nothing. State oversight and community involvement in decision making will lead to better protection of our water resources."

"These are public waters, and we are advocating for public control," Roper said.

Gillis explained why faith-based organizations are interested in protecting our waters. "We see this as a serve and protect issue as far as our relationship to the rest of the natural world," she said. "We believe creation is a one-time gift, and we are in a special position of human beings because of our place in creation to protect."

She said inter-generational responsibilities also come into play as well as concern for the common good.

The House's bill would create a Water Advisory Council, Law said.

Former owner built cookware chain

BY JOE ROSSITER
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Christopher Patsalis, the former owner of Kitchen Glamor, a retail cookware store in Redford Township that grew into a successful metro Detroit chain, died at his Plymouth Township home Monday after a 3 1/2-year battle with colon cancer. He was 77.

Noted for its voluminous selection of kitchen utensils and unique cookware, the business also became famous for attracting such world-class chefs as Julia Child and James Beard to conduct cooking classes.

Mr. Patsalis often shopped in the store on Grand River Avenue, which was opened by other people in 1950, for items for the restaurant his father owned in Detroit. He started working at the store in 1968 and, seven years later, bought it. It closed in 2000.

Born in Detroit to Greek immigrants, Mr. Patsalis worked in the family restaurant, J&H System, near Grand River and Cass in downtown Detroit while



Mr. Patsalis

growing up. After graduating from Cooley High School in 1948, he served in the Marines during the

Korean conflict and attained the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1953. A year later, he married Toula Panos.

After graduating from Northwestern University, he held management positions with the Continental Baking Co. and Kroger before he began working at Kitchen Glamor.

In addition to his wife, survivors include son Harry; daughter Julie Ann Makris, and three grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. today at S.S. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Visitation will precede the service at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

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Suicide Loss Support Group

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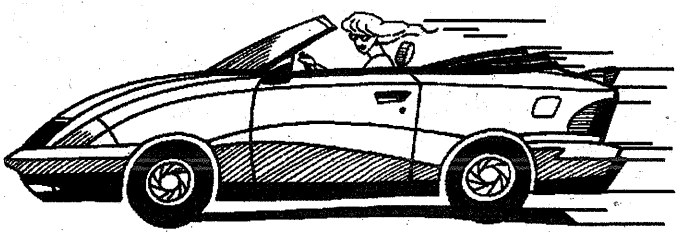
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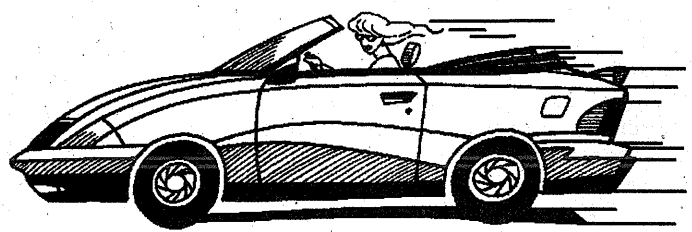
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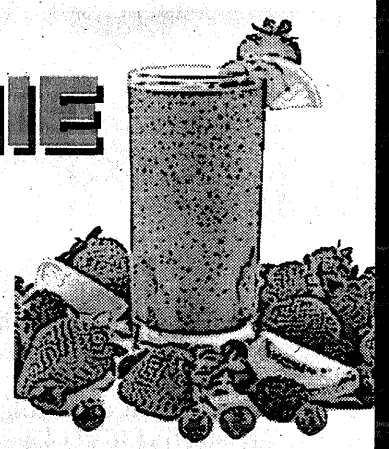
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OUR VIEWS

Issues to watch with schools chief

It didn't take long for the grumbling to start once the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education tapped Craig Fiegel as its new superintendent.

The primary gripes about Fiegel are his salary (\$195,000 per year, some \$34,000 more than the district was paying retired Superintendent Jim Ryan) and his experience (he's coming from an elementary school district of some 1,900 students).

Both are legitimate concerns, but frankly the bigger one for us is the experience. Fiegel is being paid \$180,000 under his current contract at Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124. He was already making more than Ryan, and he wasn't going to make this kind of move for the same money.

In fact, all of the finalists presented by the district's search firm were already out-earning Ryan. This hire was *always* going to cost the district more money. It's the price of doing business.

The larger issue will be Fiegel's ability to adapt to a huge district, where each of three high schools individually has more students than Fiegel's present district has collectively.

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Even Fiegel himself admits there's going to be a "huge learning curve." But on a trip to his Illinois district last week, board members found nothing to dissuade them from the notion Fiegel could handle it. They voted 6-1 in favor of the hiring, and the lone dissent (from Trustee Dianne Gonzalez) was an issue of process rather than ability.

Gonzalez noted she'd rather have seen all the applications rather than just the ones presented to the board by the search firm. While that's a "perfect world" scenario, it wasn't really feasible considering the number of applicants received. Besides, if the board was going to do that, it could have saved itself the \$25,000 it paid for the search firm (another bone of contention for some).

While the board will certainly have to keep an eye on Fiegel's adjustment, those wondering whether he can make the leap to such a large district need only remember this: Ryan oversaw districts in Reed City and Lansing Waverly, neither exactly zooming up the charts of the state's largest.

And Ryan's tenure turned out pretty well.

Oh, thank heaven, spring has finally arrived

Considering most of us have been busy lamenting the lingering effects of a winter that has dumped more than 60 inches of snow on us, some of us might have missed the fact that the harbingers of spring have slowly started to creep back into our lives.

Flocks of robins have been returning to the area for weeks. The days are starting to get longer, and the temperatures are climbing out of the 30s. The Easter Bunny will be here this weekend. And the Detroit Tigers are nearly done with spring training, meaning Opening Day is just around the corner.

Today we can add to this list the calendar which, thankfully, tells us today is the first official day of spring. March 20 is the day most observers associate with the beginning of spring. It is the day of the vernal equinox — when the sun sits directly above the Earth's equator, and sunrise and sunset are about 12 hours apart. That means from here on out the days will grow longer than the nights until the summer solstice, when the tables will gradually be turned in night's favor once again.

But let's not think about that now.

Instead, let's think about the daffodils and tulips that will soon re-emerge from the soil. Let's think about the forests that will soon be bursting with wildflowers and the new leaves of the season. Let's think about barbecuing some burgers or dogs on the grill. Let's think about the warmth of the sun that will tan up some of our pale bodies. Let's think about heading out to the golf course, or fishing our favorite lake or stream. Let's think about the Tigers getting off to a great start on their way to hopefully winning their second pennant in three years.

So, let's just say so long to Old Man Winter. Please, please don't come back until after the Tigers win the World Series.



LETTERS

Issue with financials

Let's see here, we are threatening to cut busing to kindergarten, school trips, etc. We may lay off staff, teaching and otherwise. We continue to be in deficit spending, constantly scrambling to balance the budget.

So we hire a new superintendent who comes from a district one-tenth the size of ours and we give him a raise from his current salary and \$30,000 higher than our current retiring superintendent, plus I will wager we are paying for his move here and are raising his expense account.

Now that sounds like good fiscal use of district money. He may well be a highly qualified individual with plenty of accolades, but I don't feel he should be paid a higher salary than our retiring Jim Ryan until he has proven he can run this large of a district.

He comes from an elementary school district with a population of about 1,900. Therefore he has not dealt with middle school and high school academic and athletic issues and their mindset, staff and students. It is a lot different than elementary. I do wish him the best and much success. I just have an issue with the financials.

Robert Johns
Plymouth

Why no polygraph?

I was deeply disturbed by the *Observer's* March 6, 2008, article about the results of a polygraph test, which may cast doubt on the identification of Alexander Letkemann. He and Jean Pierre Orlewicz are accused of killing Daniel Sorensen in November 2007, in a case referred to by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy as the "thrill kill" case.

Clearly, if Letkemann did not appear in the hardware store before the death of Sorensen, the element of premeditation could be negated and then Letkemann should not be charged with first-degree murder.

Your article stated that during the preliminary hearing, the store manager stated that she saw Letkemann in her hardware store looking at hatchets and torches just two days before Sorensen was brutally murdered. In the very next paragraph, the article cites police reports reading that the manager was not absolutely certain that she saw Letkemann and that she may have simply recognized him from media reports.

Eyewitness reports are often the most unreliable pieces of evidence, but the most compelling and believable to juries. Convicted felons who were actually innocent have been placed in jail by sincere but mistaken eyewitnesses, only to be released later on DNA evidence.

Your article states that Letkemann voluntarily submitted himself to a polygraph test regarding whether he had gone to the hardware store in question before the killing of Sorensen. Letkemann passed the test, and his attorneys are asking that prosecutors not simply use their private test, but that

Letkemann would take a polygraph test with the Michigan State Police.

Why prosecutors would refuse to do this befuddles me. If they are so certain that Letkemann was in the hardware store days before the murder and they want to use this to prove premeditation, this polygraph (although inadmissible in evidence) would make their case for first-degree murder a slam dunk victory.

Like it, love it, or hate it, all prosecutors represent the People of the State of Michigan, and Letkemann is one of those people. The prosecutors working on this case should have Letkemann take the polygraph test administered by the Michigan State Police. There may be other evidence that can prove premeditation, but the media accounts have not made me aware of any. Why seek charges for first-degree murder if evidence cannot prove that he committed that crime?

Letkemann should be punished and serve time in prison for whatever crimes he did commit. (I will not sugarcoat it — media reports of his statements to police say that he dismembered and tried to dispose of Sorensen's body after his brutal death). That is part of our penal system: to punish for the offense, keep the community safe from the offender, and rehabilitate the offender so that he can contribute to society in a positive way once released.

There is no sense, however, in trying and convicting a man of a crime that he did not commit.

I maintain that the prosecutors on this case should continue to pursue justice in this case for all crimes committed — but only prosecute for those crimes committed and supported by evidence.

Jennifer M. Harvey
Harvey Legal Group, PLLC
Northville

Orange barrel alert

Having just returned from Florida on the I-75 route, I feel compelled to share this warning:

Orange barrels are plentiful and speed limits are much slower than one could hope for as you head for time in the sun. Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia all have plenty of slowdowns as the renovations and upgrades of America's infrastructures are in progress. Some are short, but some are up to 30 miles long. A good share of the construction areas also come with a patrol car equipped with radar and/or camera.

Welcome spring vacation, safely!

Jacquie Norton
Westland

Potholes and politics

This writer moved to Michigan in the '60s, and experienced some good roads and some bad roads in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. But, being in the automotive business, admittedly, my initial thought was that Michigan roads were purposely kept in poor condition as part of a network of standard roads that served to provide the automobile manufacturing community with real-world conditions to test suspension

components of local automotive products. Duh! So much for giving the state the benefit of the doubt.

Now, of course, I know better, and so do thousands of other Michiganders who may be new to our state, but have experienced the same bone-jarring rides inherent in many Michigan roads, with the possible exception of several interstates, and Michigan's primary roads.

Why do we continue to endure these conditions, when neighboring states such as Ohio and Indiana experience the same basic weather patterns, yet have better highways? The rack and ruin to vehicles in this state over the course of a year, or several, must be horrendous. Which would suggest that an enterprising law firm might find some sweet revenge (and dollars) in developing a class-action lawsuit against the state for having wrought such expensive destruction on its taxpayers' vehicles.

Some will cry that's unrealistic. But, before you jump on that bandwagon, think about this: In Germany, Autobahn and secondary road construction is contractually let with some unique terms. Obviously, it still requires a winning bid, but buried in the terms and conditions of the bids for building or resurfacing roads is a clause requiring the contractor to also be responsible for maintaining the roads he builds. The operative word being, maintains.

Before we send an army of highway crews out to cold-patch our highways with asphalt that lasts about two days before being sucked out of their cavities by a couple of 18-wheelers, why doesn't Lansing review Michigan's contractual agreements, with greater emphasis on quality materials, and application quality, to include a serious nonpartisan consideration of borrowing the maintenance concept from the Germans?

Will the contractors like it? Initially, probably not. But it might prove to be better, and less expensive in the long-term than a class-action lawsuit. Especially, when great roads should be a subliminal reflection of our primary industry, that of building some of the world's finest automobiles and commercial vehicles.

W.R. Lilley
Rochester

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"Whatever the will of the commission, but I would hope it wouldn't be breed specific because I would want to cover any dog that is a nuisance, vicious or dangerous ... This issue seems to be ruled by emotion, and understandably so because there are small children living on the street."

- Phil Pursell, Plymouth mayor, on the possibilities that could be covered in an ordinance to be created about dogs in the city

Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq

Let me first state that Todd Caccamo is running for re-election for the Canton Township board. And there will be some who feel writing a column praising him is unfair or shows bias toward his candidacy. But this column has nothing to do with Todd Caccamo the politician. And this is certainly no endorsement of his candidacy or his political ideas.

I just think the Canton trustee deserves a big pat on the back for his recent efforts to collect money and goods for our soldiers in Iraq. With the help of others in the community, Caccamo raised more than \$800 and collected approximately 365 pounds of supplies that he is sending to the troops in Iraq. As he puts it, these health and comfort items will not only be useful to our soldiers, but

the support will also benefit their mental health, knowing that the American people are behind them and concerned about their well-being.

Some cynics might feel he did this as a political calculation, to make him look good and help him get re-elected. I don't read minds, so I can't say if that's true or not. But my gut tells me these efforts were born of a sincere desire to help our troops, who are in a very dangerous place.

Unlike people such as myself, or many of his critics (and I have been one, at times), Caccamo understands firsthand what our soldiers are dealing with on a daily basis in Iraq. The hardships. The frustrations. And the dilemma of not knowing exactly who the enemy is over there. That's because he was there himself not all that long ago — he served a tour after volunteering with the Marines.

We can guess, but most of us just have no idea what our soldiers are dealing with in Iraq. However, if you want to get a glimpse into what their lives have been like, do yourself a favor and rent the movie, *No End in Sight*, a riveting documentary by filmmaker Charles Ferguson which examines our invasion and subsequent occupation of Iraq.

The film is full of interviews with our soldiers, who have served on the front lines, and includes footage of what their daily lives are like. In fact, it is the interviews that make this film so engrossing.

Today (Thursday), it will have been five years since George W. Bush, with the blessing of Congress, unleashed the war in Iraq. This is an anniversary no American will be celebrating. Least of all our soldiers, some of whom have served multiple tours and face the prospect of serving more in the future.

Bush's reasoning for invading Iraq will always be considered dubious, not only by many people in our own country, but around the world as well. And I'm not just talking about in the Middle East. Some of our traditional allies have deep concerns about what we are doing there, including Canada, France and even Great Britain, which will soon reduce its troop numbers to 2,500 because of major political pressures at home.

A comprehensive military study released recently, which was based on hundreds of thousands of seized Iraqi documents and thousands of hours

of interrogations of former Iraqi government officials, came to the conclusion that Saddam Hussein had no connection to al-Qaeda or the 9/11 attacks.

Of course, we can debate about that all day. What Ferguson's film makes quite clear, however, is that the architects of this war, most notably Rumsfeld, L. Paul Bremer (appointed by Bush to oversee the reconstruction of Iraq) and Paul Wolfowitz (former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense), as well as the president and Vice President Dick Cheney, were negligent in its planning and execution. None of these men had any combat experience. And they planned the war from the comfy confines of Washington. Yet, as a result of the decisions they made, many of our troops and the Iraqi people themselves have paid a dear price and will continue to pay a price for years to come.

Before you start calling me a yellow commie traitor, watch the film. Don't take my word. Listen to those interviewed, including Richard Armitage (the second-in-command at the State Department from 2001-05) or Gen. Jay Garner, who Bush selected in 2003 to lead the post-war reconstruction efforts in Iraq only to be replaced by Bremer. These are men who have dedicated their lives to their country, and in fact have served Republicans dating back to when Rumsfeld, Cheney, Ronald Reagan and the first George Bush actually supported and armed the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Come this November, we are going to have to make a difficult decision about this war when we head to the polls to cast a vote for who are next president is going to be. In doing so, we are going to have to make a decision about what our relationship is going to be with the Iraqi people. Are we going to be an ally, a baby sitter, or a landlord? If it is either of the latter, then our military may very well be there for 100 years as Republican presidential candidate John McCain has suggested. But if that's the case, let's call it what it is — colonialism.

If it is the former, however, then we must actually liberate the Iraqi people and give them back their country and their autonomy.

There are some public officials who like to bat around words like "victory" and "defeat" as if Iraq was some kind of big football game. In addition to fanning flames of division in our own country, these statements are not grounded in reality. There will be no military victory in Iraq, only a political one.

Once the Democrats get a presidential nominee, the debate about Iraq will rage across America — as it should. My concern, however, is that we will lose sight of the sacrifice our soldiers have made, which is why I commend Caccamo and any others who take the time to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Soon the number of our troops that have died in Iraq will reach 4,000. Thousands more are bringing back physical or psychological wounds. Nearly all will come back changed in some way. Those who know them most will tell you a part of them died in Iraq, just as a part of America has died there. The question is, how many more must die?



Kurt Kuban

Airport expansion plan will devastate Romulus

The Detroit Metro Airport has proposed an expansion plan that includes building a new fifth 10,000-foot runway that will slash a southwesterly swath through existing homes, businesses and schools. This runway, if constructed, will force thousands of residents out of their homes, close business and shut down schools.



Alan Lambert

What is clear about this proposal is that it will have devastating impacts on Romulus and other nearby communities. What is not clear about this new master plan is whether or not it is needed, and whether or not it will benefit the region economically.

The runway will inflict a devastating cost on our community and our families. It will force 3,500 citizens from their homes, including as many as 310 students, raze hundreds of homes, close 50 businesses and industries and may shut down two elementary schools. Our community will lose 16 percent of our population and \$114 million in revenue overnight if the airport is allowed to push this plan through.

In addition to gutting our community, the new runway threatens our citizens' safety, homes and businesses. The new runway would cut through Eureka and Middlebelt roads — two of our region's busiest surface roads — and creep closer to additional highly populated areas, and encroach on deep-injection wells that hold hazardous chemicals. And the expansion would isolate sections of our community from each other, increasing response times for police and fire.

Furthermore, the master plan will worsen noise and pollution over many communities, from Romulus and Taylor to Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Inkster, to name a few.

Our community has many concerns that have not been answered. Our questions are: Does the airport need a new runway? Can the airport grow without it? Why do other busier airports operate successfully with only three or four parallel runways?

Is the new runway safe for passengers and

surrounding land-uses?

How has previous airport development actually benefited the region?

How will the expansion impact local fire, police and ambulance service?

We also have questions about decreased traffic, the construction time-frame, whether over-building will financially burden Northwest and the Airport Authority, and whether unneeded facilities will squeeze passengers and hurt the airport and the local economy.

Romulus and others have acted in good faith in our participation with the airport. However, the airport has not shared data or answered our questions, which must be answered before this project can move forward and irreversibly affect our community.

That's why citizens and community leaders have raised their voices to ask fundamental questions about this plan, including the mayors of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Taylor. Other communities are also ready to support us. The runway will impact more than just Romulus. It affects all of southeast Michigan. We all deserve to know the full impact of the airport's proposal.

The airport says the new runway is needed to bring in jobs. We support any proposal that creates jobs. However, the airport has offered no evidence that a new runway will create jobs, a crucial case to make given the project's extreme cost-benefit gap.

Romulus and our citizens and local businesses have long supported the airport, viewing it as an asset and a true partner in our community. We appreciate the positive role it has played to bring opportunities, business and jobs to the region and we remain willing to work constructively with the airport to understand its latest proposal.

On March 20, the Airport Authority Board is scheduled to review this plan and may be asked to vote on it. We urge the board not to consider the plan until all concerns have been addressed. We are eager to work with the airport to come up with a positive, forward-looking proposal that will help it meet its goals while protecting our community.

Alan R. Lambert is the mayor of Romulus.

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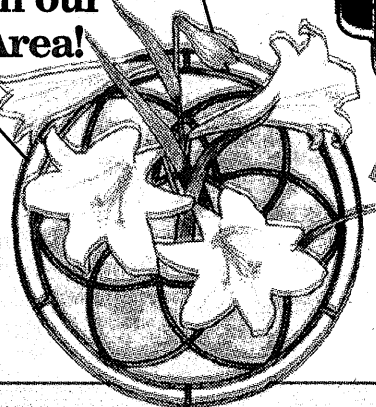
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No. 1 seed Kitchener on deck for Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

OHL PLAYOFFS

In a perfect world, gas would cost \$2 a gallon (not \$3.35), this month's temperatures would be hovering around 70 degrees (not 40), and the Plymouth Whalers would be facing Kitchener in the Ontario Hockey League *finals* (not in this week's first round).

If the Whalers are going to defend their 2006-07 title, they're going to have to do it the hard way beginning Friday night when they travel to Kitchener to face the OHL's most-dominant team during the 07-08

campaign.

Led by goalie Steve Mason and explosive forward Justin Azevedo — the league's leading scorer — the Rangers earned the No. 1 seed after ripping through the regular season with a 53-11-1-3 record (110 points).

The Whalers, on the other hand, limped in with a 2-6-0-2 mark over their final 10 games, which dropped their record to 34-28-2-4 and their seed from No. 5 to No. 8.

Making matters worse is the questionable status of Plymouth's

All-Star goalie Jeremy Smith, who missed the last two weeks of the regular season with an injury.

Smith started skating again early this week, but his availability was up in the air as of Tuesday.

"It's going to be a great challenge for us, there's no doubt about that," said Plymouth coach Greg Stefan, referring to his team's first-round opponent. "Ideally, we'd be a No. 4 or 5 seed and we'd have an easier first-round opponent, but I think the guys are excited about playing Kitchener and they're ready to go.

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FIRST-ROUND CHALLENGE

What: First round (best-of-seven) of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs;

Who: No. 8 seed Plymouth (34-28-2-4) vs. No. 1 seed Kitchener (53-11-1-3);

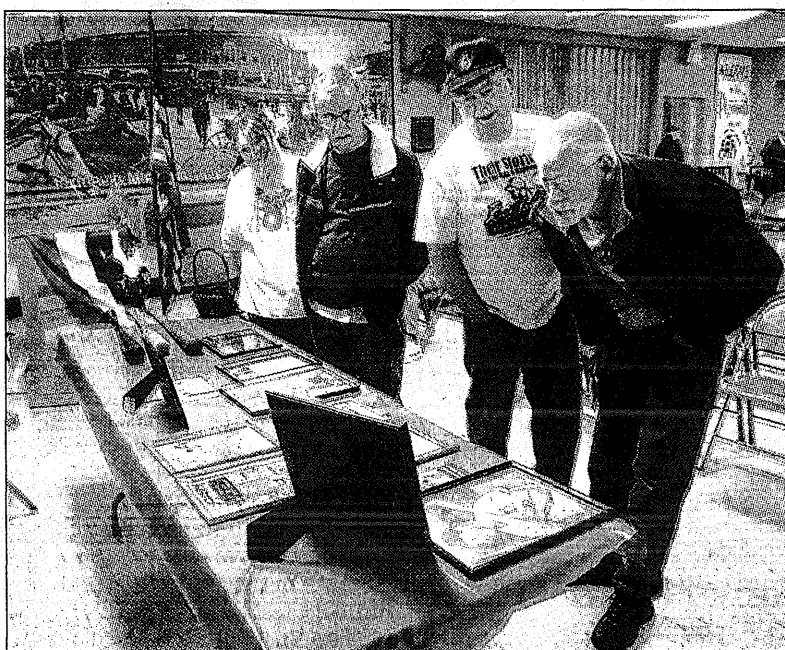
When: Game 1 - Friday at Kitchener; Game 2 - Saturday at Plymouth; Game 3 - Monday at Kitchener; Game 4 - March 26 at Plymouth; Game 5 (if necessary) - March 28 at Kitchener; Game 6 (if necessary) - March 29 at Plymouth; Game 7 (if necessary) April 1 at Kitchener; all games in Kitchener start at 7:30 p.m.; all games in Plymouth start at 7:05 p.m.

Players to watch: Plymouth is led by All-Star goalie Jeremy Smith and veteran forward Chris Terry, who finished sixth in the OHL scoring race with 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists); Kitchener is led by the OHL's top scorer, Justin Azevedo, who racked up 43 goals and 81 assists.

Familiar face: Kitchener is coached by former Whalers strategist Pete DeBoer.



Former Major League pitcher Bill Zepp, a Plymouth Township resident, relates some of his Major League baseball experiences during a free lecture held March 13 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The bunting on the podium is from the 1968 World Series.



Pictured (from left) are Abigail Mikaelian of Plymouth, Ron Hamernik of Canton, Bob White of Plymouth and Kurt Waiser of Livonia looking over some of the baseball memorabilia on display as part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's 'Batter Up! Generations of Baseball' exhibit.

A trip down memorabilia lane

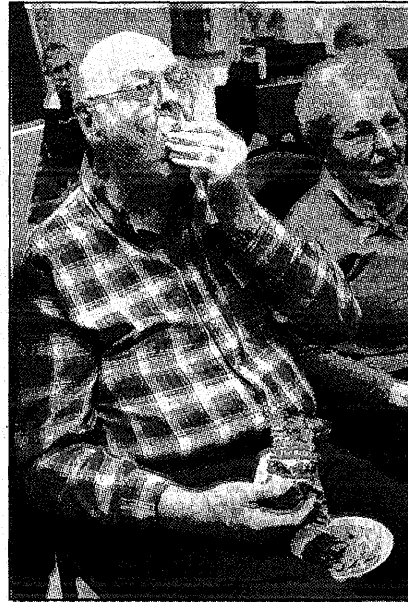
Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit stocked with fan-pleasing items

If you're a die-hard baseball fan in need of a fix before the Detroit Tigers 2008 Opening Day game against Kansas City on March 31, the Plymouth Historical Museum has an exhibit designed just for you.

The exhibit "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" is a baseball fan's dream as it includes memorabilia from early Plymouth-area teams, the Tigers, the Negro Leagues and the All-American Girls Baseball League.

There are plenty of Tigers-related artifacts — both new and old — as well, including Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander's 2006 World Series jersey, the rubber from which Verlander threw his 2007 no-hitter; Magglio Ordóñez's bat and batting helmet from the 2007 season; Al Kaline's batting helmet and

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Dale and Albina Miller of Plymouth Township were riveted by the free baseball-related lecture offered at the Plymouth Historical Museum March 13.

Sidelines

MU adds keeper

Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the signing Wednesday of Woodhaven goalkeeper Macie Carevic.

Carevic was named to the All-Mega Conference squad and earned team MVP honors as a junior.

"She is a big, physical presence in the net with her ability to stop shots, her communication with the backline to direct and dictate what they do and how they play," Thomas said. "She has played with a top club team in the Michigan Rush and has played alongside another of our newcomers, Nicole Rodriguez at Woodhaven. Bringing in teammates is also a plus."

MU, 8-7-2 a year ago, also has recruited midfielder Taylor Adkins (Livonia Stevenson), forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin/Schoolcraft College), midfielder Diana Brda (Franklin/U-M-Dearborn) and goalie Brit Warner (Canton/Oakland University) in the fold.

Other recruits include defenders Chelsea Shrewsbury and Allie Zemaitis, both of Milford.

MU gets spiker

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing Wednesday of 5-foot-9 outside hitter Megan Fricke, an All-Region and All-Mega Conference selection from Wyandotte.

Fricke, who plans to study psychology, was also a Mega Conference All-Academic selection and four-year honor roll member.

Fricke is Abraham's second recruit joining 6-1 middle hitter Marie Martin of Canton.

Vickers honored

Canton resident Ryan Vickers will be inducted into the Oglethorpe University Athletic Hall of Fame during the school's annual Alumni Awards Banquet Friday, March 28. Vickers will be honored for his performance on the Stormy Petrel basketball team.

At McIntosh (Ga.) High School, Vickers starred on the varsity basketball team, serving as captain his junior and senior years. Before graduating, he helped lead his team to the regional championship his senior year. While attending Oglethorpe, Vickers started in every game during his four-year basketball career and helped lead Oglethorpe to its first SCAC conference championship, as well as two NCAA tournament appearances. Vickers served as team captain and was a three-time All-Conference selection. In Oglethorpe's record books, he sits as the school's sixth all-time leading scorer, third all-time in three-pointers made, third all-time in three-point shooting percentage and 12th all-time in assists.

PCEP skaters shine at state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure skating team secured its status as one of the top squads in Michigan at Saturday's Michigan High School State Finals Figure Skating Championships at the Novi Ice Arena.

The PCEP skaters' "A" team tied for fourth with Lakeland-Milford in the 13-team competition as they accumulated 24 points. United Farmington captured the title with 38 points, five more than runner-up Christian Combined. Midland was third with 27 points.

PCEP compiled 12 points in spins, nine in moves and three in jumps.

"I thought the girls performed pretty well," said PCEP coach Barb Miller. "It wasn't a flawless performance, but they

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Several members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure skating team turned in top-10 performances at Saturday's individual state competition in Novi. Harmisha Hoggatt is pictured holding trophy. Others pictured (from left) are Breanna Schnur, Brooke Siepierska, Elyssa Rautiola, Marissa Ziegler and Amanda Allan. Not pictured are Melissa Buck and Danielle Desilets.



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Pictured (from left) are Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure skating team members Breanna Schnur, Elyssa Rautiola, Brooke Siepierska, Julia Beydoun, Torrie Vicek, Allie Laurin, Olivia Ziegler, Alyssa Albers and Tara Stacey. Not pictured is Susannah Lyddon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball showcase

Precision Baseball in Canton will host a ShowcaseU camp on Monday, March 24, for high school baseball players 14 years old and older.

For a \$175 fee, ShowcaseU develops a profile for each player that includes video of the athlete in action, a person bio, photos, game stats, camp evaluation and more.

College coaches can then search for players that fit their program's needs on www.showcaseu.com.

A three-hour block of time has been set aside for pitchers and catchers from 1-4 p.m. Position players will go from 4-7 p.m.

Registration is limited to 25 players per session.

To reserve a spot, visit www.showcaseu.com.

Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in 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 information, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935.

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.

Northville Recreation

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

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

■ An adult open morning softball league will commence the week of June 16. The proposed game times are 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (game day has yet to be determined). The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule (based on an eight-team league).

■ A men's spring basketball league is set to tip off April 21 (approximate).

Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The per-team entry fee is \$375 for eight games.

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers forward Chris Terry will lead a potent Plymouth Whalers offense into the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs. Terry registered a team-leading 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists) during the regular season.

SKATERS

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did a good job."

Eight PCEP skaters qualified for Saturday's individual competition. Of the eight, two — Breanna Schnur and Brooke Siepierski — won individual titles. Schnur took first in the intermediate/novice test track

FS while Siepierski won the pre-silver SD.

Amanda Allan earned a pair of top-10 showings as she placed second in the pre-gold SD and 10th in the juvenile test track FS.

Others top-10 efforts were turned in by Elssa Rautiola (third in the intermediate/novice test track FS),

Danielle Desilets (fourth in the pre-juvenile test track FS), Harmisha Hoggatt (sixth in the pre-prelim/preliminary test track FS), Marissa Ziegler (seventh in the pre-prelim/preliminary test track FS) and Melissa Buck (ninth in the beginner/preliminary showcase).

The skaters who competed in the individual categories qualified at a regional meet held in January.

Teams from as far away as Marquette competed in the state championships.

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WHALERS

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"The last three weeks have been like playoff hockey for us, battling for positioning, so that will help us heading into the real playoffs."

If the Whalers' world-class net-minder can't go, the defensive anchor duties will fall on the shoulders of inexperienced Matt Hackett, who turned in some solid efforts in Smith's absence.

"Our back-up has done a nice job against some very good teams while Jeremy's been out," said Stefan. "But Jeremy is a big reason why the Whalers won the championship last year and his playoff experience would definitely be a plus for us against Kitchener."

A couple of veterans will be leading the Whalers' offensive attack. Chris Terry, who racked up 44 goals and 57 assists (sixth in

points in the OHL) and Andrew Fournier (35-40) should give Mason, who was acquired mid-season from the London Knights, on his toes.

Azevedo, who had one red-hot stretch when he piled up 51 points in just 21 games, will be complemented by high-scoring forwards Mikkel Boedker (29-44) and Nick Spaling (38-34).

The Rangers are coached by former Whalers mentor Pete Deboer, someone Stefan knows well.

"We coached together here for about four or five years, so we're good friends," said Stefan. "Pete always has his teams well-prepared, but we'll be ready, too."

Following Friday night's opener, the series will return to Compuware Arena for Game 2. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

Game 4 is also set for Compuware on Wednesday at 7:05 p.m.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2017 - Bruce Hall - Misc Items
2032 - Tydala Brown - Couch, Love Seat, Microwave
3016 - Bruce Hall - 2 Bicycles, 10 Boxes, Refrigerator
4019 - Stephanie Jackson - Entertainment Center, 2 totes, Mini-Refrigerator
4044 - Christopher Barnett - 4044 - Couch, 2 End Tables, Mattress

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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

ROUGE RIVER TRAIL PLANTS - RIVER DAY 2008

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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3033 - George Chen - Washer, Dryer, 2 TVs
3048 - Daniel Smith II - 50 Boxes, Sofa, Dresser
4074 - Barry Gates - 20 Totes, Tool chest, Luggage
4267 - Alina Lafleche - 4 Chairs, 2 Totes, China Cabinet
4270 - Lisa Young - 25 totes, 10 boxes, Misc Items
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
5010 - Sybil Upshaw - TV, Coffee Table, Stroller
5016 - Calvin Davis Washer, 2 Totes, 20 Boxes
5202 - Donald Reardon - 4 Totes, 20 Boxes, Misc Items
5226 - Victoria Pope - 2 Trunks, Chair, 15 Boxes
5240 - Debra Chamoske - Keyboard, Compressor, Misc Items
5268 - Mike Zehel - Entertainment Center, Vacuum, Rocker
9054 - Karen Luna - Headboard, Mattress, Sofa

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2026 - Damon Ray Banks - 2 Mattresses, Loveseat, Vanity
2037 - Shawn Booth - Dresser, Couch, 4 Chairs
3026 - Juanita Lango - Tote, 10 Boxes, Heater
3036 - Roy Lee - Bicycle, Love Seat, Grill
4030 - Judy Bennett - 5 Totes, 30 Boxes, Misc Items
4127 - Stephanie Mech - Hutch, Dresser, Mattress
4255 - Markay Hall - Headboard, Dresser, 20 Boxes
4264 - George Jackson - Patio Table, 2 Luggage, 2 Rugs
5107 - Gloria & Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, Floor Buffer, 30 Boxes
5302 - Tenitia Zimmerman - Refrigerator, TV, Dresser

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING Cherry Hill Orchards Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of street lighting has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended.

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 22nd day of April, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot numbers 1 through 247, Cherry Hill Orchards Subdivision; NW 1/4 Section of 23T2S R8E L9S P74 TO 76; Register of Deeds, Wayne County Michigan.

5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917.

7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. AFTER INSTALLATION, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1045 - Earl Gibbons - Dryer, Refrigerator, Washer
1058 - Jonathan Rose - Kitchen Chairs, 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet
2006 - Jerrell Steele - 8 Boxes, Microwave, Misc Items
2064 - Carl Brandt - 50 Boxes, Radio, Misc Items
3025 - Sean Truex - 20 Boxes, 3 Lamps, Couch

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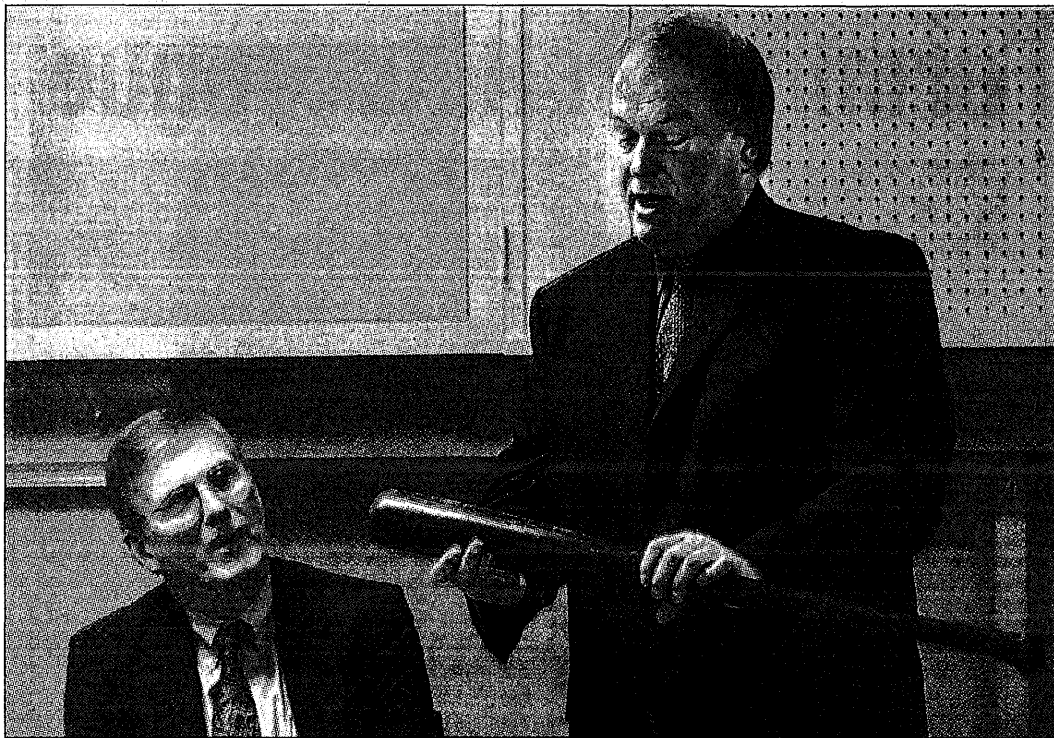
Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 11, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Konklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended deleting Public Hearing, G-8 and G-5. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills Motion** by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER. DELETED **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR CHERRY HILL ORCHARD SUBDIVISION REQUEST TO CREATE STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ON APRIL 22, 2008. Approved Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS BECKETT'S "MOM-TO-MOM" SALE. Approved Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CONNECTION CHURCH MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) MOM TO MOM SALE. Approved **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR ST. JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH BUILDING EXPANSION (CANTON CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE AND SURGERY). Approved Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MEDICAL OFFICE - KIRKO BUSINESS PARK. Approved Item 3. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC) SOFTWARE. Approved Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 40 PAKFLATT VOTING BOOTHS 4-IN-1 FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS. Approved Item 5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS, PARKS DIVISION. DELETED Item 6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER AND PLANT PROTECTANTS. Approved Item 7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTBALLS FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 8. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS AT LIBERTY FEST AND FALL FESTIVAL. DELETED Item 9. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR USSA SANCTIONING FEES FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 10. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TROPHIES FOR 2008 SOFTBALL SEASON AT CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 11. AWARD BID FOR LEISURE SERVICES APPAREL AND AWARDS. Approved Item 12. SUMMIT CARPET REPLACEMENT Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Approved OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session meeting on March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. 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 Board Approval.

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Baseball historian Raymond Rolak talks about the Hillerich Bradsby Black Bat Trophy as former Major Leaguer Bill Zepp (seated left) looks on.

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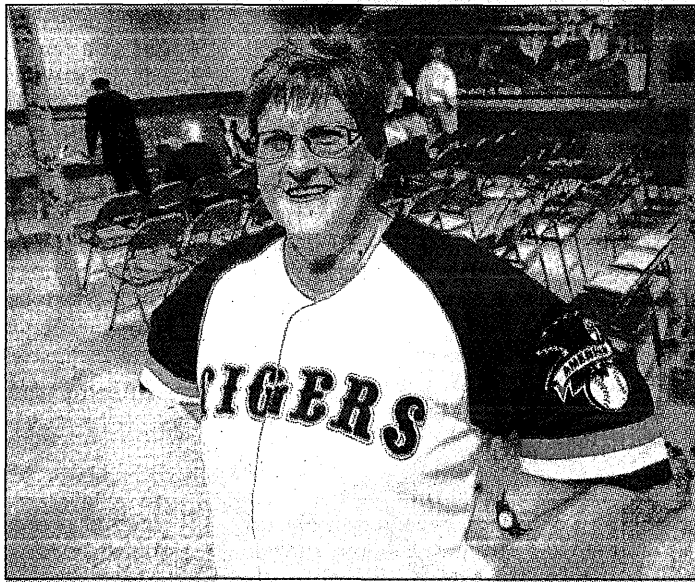
jersey; and Hal Newhouser's World War II uniform.

The Tigers items are on loan from Ilitch Holdings, Inc.

Other exhibit highlights include a mock Tiger Stadium, with auctioned seats; a Civil War print of a baseball game in a Confederate prison; and uniforms worn in the movie *A League of Their Own*.

On March 13, the museum hosted a free baseball-themed lecture that was sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Society.

Among the speakers were Raymond Rolak, who spoke about the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy", and Bill Zepp, a Plymouth Township resident who pitched for the Minnesota Twins and Tigers in the late '60s and early '70s. Zepp related stories about the history of town baseball. Rolak, who played col-



Barbara Bushta of Livonia wore her Magglio Ordenez jersey to the free lecture at the Plymouth Historical Museum March 13.

lege baseball at Wayne State University, talked about players who were awarded the Hillerich and Bradsby Black Bat Trophy, a full-sized black ebony bat that was awarded to all national championship teams — from Little League to

World Series winners. The exhibit opened Feb. 8 and will run through early June.

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

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Hockey is a 'girl thing' in Farmington Hills league

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Remember those old photographs of the stereotypical hockey player, featuring gap-toothed grins?

The image is changing. A gentle revolution is embarking at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills, where players wear hair scrunchies and pink skate laces — and spend far too much time in the locker room chatting about pajama parties than about one-timers.

Yep, those players are girls. And they happily come from all over metro Detroit to play in Suburban's "It's a Girl Thing" house program — geared toward helping those of all experience levels (including true beginners) play hockey in a fun atmosphere.

"My daughter (Sophie) is 8 years old and has been playing for two years," said Redford's Jean Kanar. "And in her words, she 'loves, loves, loves to play hockey.'"

By the way, Sophie loves it so much that she plays on two Under-12 teams there, the Shiver and Ice (which play in different divisions).

PERSISTENCE PAYS

Farmington Hills' Jeff Keyser said he really didn't take seriously how much his daughter, Katie, wanted to play hockey until last year. Of course, like any hockey player, it doesn't take much for the sport to grab hold of someone.

"She kept bugging me for several years to play hockey and I had no idea there was even a girls league in town," said Keyser, whose daughter, 12, is on the Under-14 Freeze.

But she first came home with a flier about a Hockey Day in Michigan youth clinic at Joe Louis Arena and soon found out about the Suburban Ice program.

"I probably dragged her to enough Red Wings games," said Keyser, laughing about Katie's hockey bug. "She just wanted to play. I don't know. She's wanted to play since she was 6 or 7 and kept asking."

"And I never played hockey, so I didn't really know how to get her started. I told her if she filled out the form I'd send it in. She did, she loved it and I asked how to get her going in hockey, and we came here."

Canton resident Sheryl Kosco said her 9-year-old daughter Sarah enrolled in "It's a Girl Thing" the same way, following introduction to hockey at the Joe Louis youth clinic.

The family had moved from Kentucky, where Sarah played at age 7 in a league including 10-year-old boys.

"From there (the clinic), Suburban got a hold of us, with e-mails," Sheryl Kosco said. "In the summer, we put her in a one-week summer camp, she really loved it and we signed her up for the (fall-winter) league."

"She loves it. She loves to skate, for one thing. It's not as scary as playing with boys."

For those and many other families, Suburban Ice had the answers. Staff members



The fun never stops in the 'It's a Girl Thing' house program, as demonstrated by members of the Under-14 Arctic Freeze before last week's opening playoff game. Pictured back row (from left) are Katelynn Pakkala, Elizabeth Smith, Anna Mondrusov, Karly Jenks, Katie Keyser, Taylor Pryde and Kelsey Jenks. In front are Bridget Walsh (left) and Meghan Shannon. The approach must have worked as the Freeze won the game, 3-1.

handled everything about getting started — other than buying equipment and annual league fees, of course.

The Kanars signed up Sophie into the program for the same reason other families did. To play anywhere else in metro Detroit, girls would have to join boys teams, play like boys and probably act like them, too.

FUN'S TOP GOAL

But thanks to the program, which began in 2004, the girls can be themselves and not have to worry about anything other than skating, checking ... and laughing.

"We preach fun," said Suburban assistant manager Cal McGowan, a former professional hockey player. "Obviously, with the girls camaraderie is a big thing. I've heard many people say that part of what they really like is being part of a girls team. They like the sport, too."

Enrollment into "It's a Girl Thing" has skyrocketed since the first year, 2004-05, when only 22 girls registered. The next year, there were enough girls of all ages and abilities to form four squads. This year, there are two four-team divisions (U12, U14) in that program alone.

"When we started, there were a lot of beginner girls just getting into the game," McGowan said. "So the skill range wasn't

quite as wide, even though the age (range) was very wide. We were providing the opportunity to learn how to play, not necessarily the draw of competitive leagues."

What Suburban Ice offers girls is a pretty big draw. Without what they offer there, how many girls would even consider ice hockey?

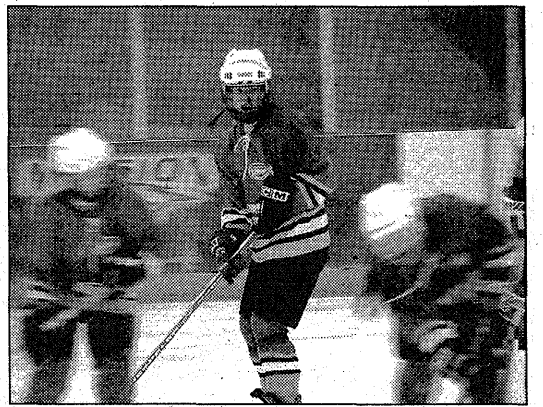
It's a question parents are happy they don't have to answer. They are thrilled about the house program, which also includes the "Incredibles" developmental division for younger girls.

"In my opinion, boys and girls are wired very differently for the most part and are more likely to enjoy the sport with the same gender," Jean Kanar noted. "The game is the same for boys and girls, but the way they learn and the style of play is different. Especially at the younger ages."

"I think the league provides girls with the opportunity to play girls hockey, instead of girls playing 'boys' hockey."

Doug Pakkala, a former Livonian who coaches the U14 Freeze (a team including his 14-year-old daughter, Katie), agreed that the house program provides girls with something very unique, special and most-welcome.

"It's not like boys, you know? Boys start skating real young and a lot of girls don't," he said. "They don't get interested in a sport like



The primary two-pronged goal of the 'It's a Girl Thing' program is for girls to learn the sport while having fun. But, they also focus on playing hard, as shown here by Farmington Hills' Katie Keyser (middle) of the U14 Arctic Freeze.

this immediately."

According to Pakkala, also coach of a boys team, the league shows him just how differently girls approach the sport and team experience.

"Go into the locker room, it's more of a social experience than it is a sporting event," Pakkala said. "The boys get in here, they're getting dressed. Girls go in there and half of them aren't even dressed. They're sitting in there talking. ... Boys and girls are wired differently."

HELPING EACH OTHER

Fun and camaraderie extends to practices, special events (such as annual games at Joe Louis Arena) and holiday skating parties.

When the puck is dropped, however, the girls are just as driven to do well and score goals. They are a bit more polite about it, though.

"If somebody scores everybody congratulates them," said Kosco, whose daughter plays for "Coach Laura" Slenzak on the U12 Chill. "It's a great league, the girls just have a great time."

Meanwhile, Pakkala, as well as the program's other coaches, are parent volunteers who get as much of a kick out of watching a novice player finally "get it" than how successful the team is in the standings.

When mistakes are made, they help the girls with constructive advice and do their best not to be confrontational or overly critical.

For example, after this season started, Pakkala welcomed a then-12-year-old Livonia girl who never played the sport in her life.

It didn't matter: He still gave her as many shifts as anybody else, and as the season is nearing its end, that player is improving and excited to go to the rink.

The approach they take means a lot to Kosco.

"There isn't a lot of pressure to win," she said. "There's good parents, nobody screaming at the refs."

But they're doing plenty of hollering to spread the word about "It's a Girl Thing."

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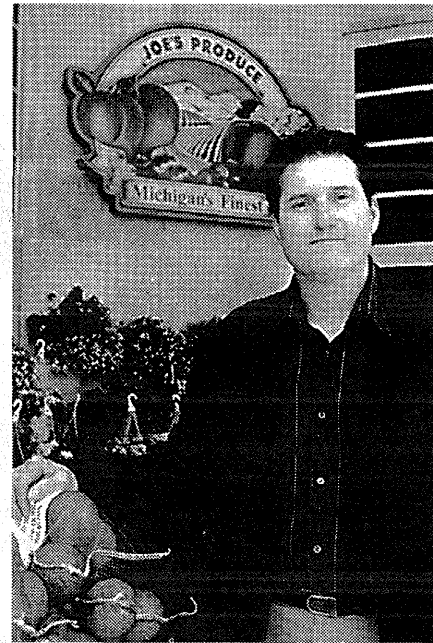
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FIRST-TEAM
PAT MCHUGH, SR. G, LIV. STEVENSON: The senior netminder went 19-1-2 with a 1.2 goals-against average and a save percentage 0.92 en route to Division 1 first-team All-State and All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

"Pat's numbers speak for themselves," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "He was outstanding. His best attribute is that he virtually makes every save look easy. He is one of the best technical goaltenders that I have ever coached. He had wins against Farmington, Catholic Central, Churchill (twice) and tied Trenton."

MARK BEKKALA, SR. DEF., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior defenseman finished with 22 points, while earning first-team All-State and All-WLAA laurels.

He finished with a plus-rating of 35.

"Mark was tremendous for us this year," Mitchell said. "He was a true leader for our defensive corps. He played in all situations and was a huge reason for our success this season. He is very tough to beat one-on-one and makes smart decisions."

NATE MILAM, SR. F, LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior led the area in goals with 46 and added 19 assists for 67 points while earning All-Western Lakes and first-team All-State honors.

Milam, a four-year player, also served as a defenseman when called upon.

"He's a very dynamic skater with unbelievable puck skills," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He plays with an edge, very competitive."

For his career, Milam had a total of 82 goals, including 11 game-winners, with 52 assists and a cumulative plus rating of 130.

MIKE VORAN, SR. F, LIV. STEVENSON: The senior forward finished with an eye-popping 33 goals and 36 assists for 69 points.

The first-team All-State and All-Western Lakes selection also finished with a team-best plus rating of 52.

"Mike was great for us all year," Mitchell said. "Not only was he consistent night-in and night-out, but he did what great players do, which is play great in big games as he demonstrated with hat tricks versus Farmington and Churchill, both in a 2-1 win over CC; and four points versus Trenton a 4-4 tie. Mike was a captain and leader both on-and-off the ice."

GARRETT MIENCIER, SR. F, LIV. CHURCHILL: The first-team All-Stater and All-Western Lakes selection wound up with 48 points on 19 goals and 29 assists during his senior year.

His four-year career numbers also stand out with 45 goals and 58 assists for an overall plus rating of 97. He also had 11 game-winning goals.

"Garrett is a great leader, a classic two-way power forward," Mazzoni said.

KORY SOSNOWSKI, SR. F, CANTON: The senior forward earned First Team All-Western Lakes recognition after carving out a spectacular season for the Chiefs. A first-year high school player, Sosnowski netted 21 goals and 24 assists in just 21 games. The co-captain tallied nine power-play goals while registering an impressive plus-23 goals scored-to-goals-allowed rating.

"Kory was a great addition to our team this season," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "He brought tough-

ness and a lot of offensive skill to our team."

SECOND-TEAM
AUSTIN MESLER, SR. G, LIV. FRANKLIN: The four-year goalie faced a lot of rubber this season and sparked with an .855 save percentage and a goals-against average of 2.1.

"In his junior year, with a very young team in front of him, faced an average of 52 shots per game," Franklin coach Scott Wirgum said. "This year, with a little more maturity in front of him and the hope of change, he was asked: 'Is it better this year?' And he responded: 'Sure, but I still have to stop pucks or the other team wins.'"

"He hopes after leaving high school hockey that he will be able to play juniors. The coaches are hopeful he'll have time to come back and work with our up-and-coming sophomore goalies next year."

JAKE HARBOWY, SR., DEF., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior defenseman was both an honorable mention All-State and All-WLAA selection as he wound up with 14 points and plus rating of 33.

"Jake had a great year this year because he gained more confidence with the puck and was very good in his own end," Mitchell said. "He brought a great deal of passion and intensity to the rink every night."

RYAN BARATONO, SR. F, LIV. STEVENSON: The second-team All-State and All-Lakes Division pick wound up with 12 goals and 21 assists with a plus rating of 43 (only second to Voran).

"Ryan's first year of high school hockey was a successful one," Mitchell said. "Ryan was a big part of our success this season. At times he was able to run over opponents. He's a big, power forward type player who is also a strong skater."

JAKE JOSSEY, SR. F, PLYMOUTH: The senior forward led the Wildcats to the school's best record ever as they advanced all the way to a Division 2 regional final. Jossey accumulated a team-high 40 points (15 goals and 25 assists) while spending time at both forward and as a defender.

"Jake was voted our 'Most Valuable Player', which says it all," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "He's a very versatile player and a great skater who could play both forward and defense equally well. He was a standout on our special teams."

TYLER COTTER, SR., FR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The second-year player came up with six goals and 18 assists during his senior year while making All-WLAA honorable mention.

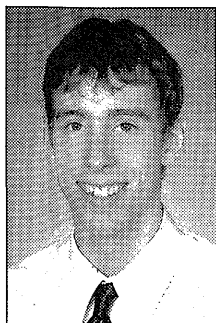
"Tyler had an excellent senior year, he really blossomed into a scoring role," Mazzoni said. "He's a solid, two-way player."

R.J. KIERDORF, JR. F, LIV. STEVENSON: The junior forward had a total of 40 points, including 30 assists to go along with 10 goals en route to All-Lakes Division and honorable mention All-State honors.

Kierdorf also posted a plus rating of 42.

"R.J. is a crafty player," Mitchell said. "He's one of our best defensive forwards, which was a nice complement to his very strong offensive skill set. He played in all situations and was a key component on our power play."

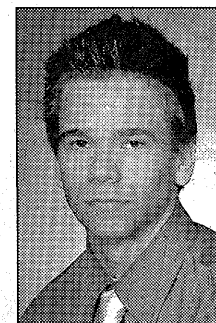
COACH OF THE YEAR
DAVID MITCHELL, LIV. STEVENSON: In his first season as the Spartans' coach, the 33-year-old Mitchell guided Stevenson to a No. 1-ranking and a 23-2-2 overall record.



Pat McHugh Stevenson



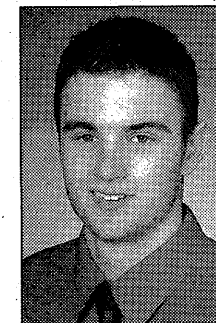
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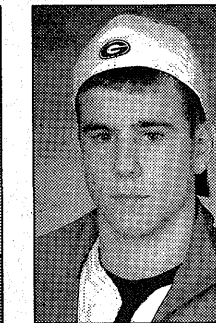
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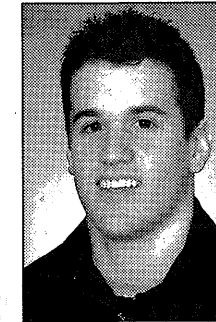
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Tyler Cotter Churchill



R.J. Kierdorf Stevenson



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Churchill senior Nate Milam scored an area-best 46 goals this season.



Mitchell

University goaltender.

"It was truly a special season," said Mitchell, who teaches at Livonia's Holmes Middle School. "I had great players and a staff - Gerry Venton, Tim Pilut and Kyle Zagata, Chris Bolovan - that was second to none. We had solid leadership from our veterans both on and off the ice."

Prior to getting the Stevenson job, Mitchell served as an assistant at his alma mater, Livonia Churchill, and coached in Compuware's AAA program for eight seasons. He said the former Western Michigan

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 Garrett Miencier, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
 Kory Sosnowski, Sr. F, Canton

SECOND TEAM

Austin Mesler, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin
 Jake Harbowy, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
 Ryan Baratono, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
 Jake Jossey, Sr. F, Plymouth
 Tyler Cotter, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
 R.J. Kierdorf, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

Ryan Wagner, Sr. G, Red. Unified
 Don Barlow, Jr. Def., Canton
 Nick Harakas, Sr. Def., Liv. Churchill
 Colin Rolfe, Sr. F, Plymouth
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 Joel Cheesman, Sr. F, Salem

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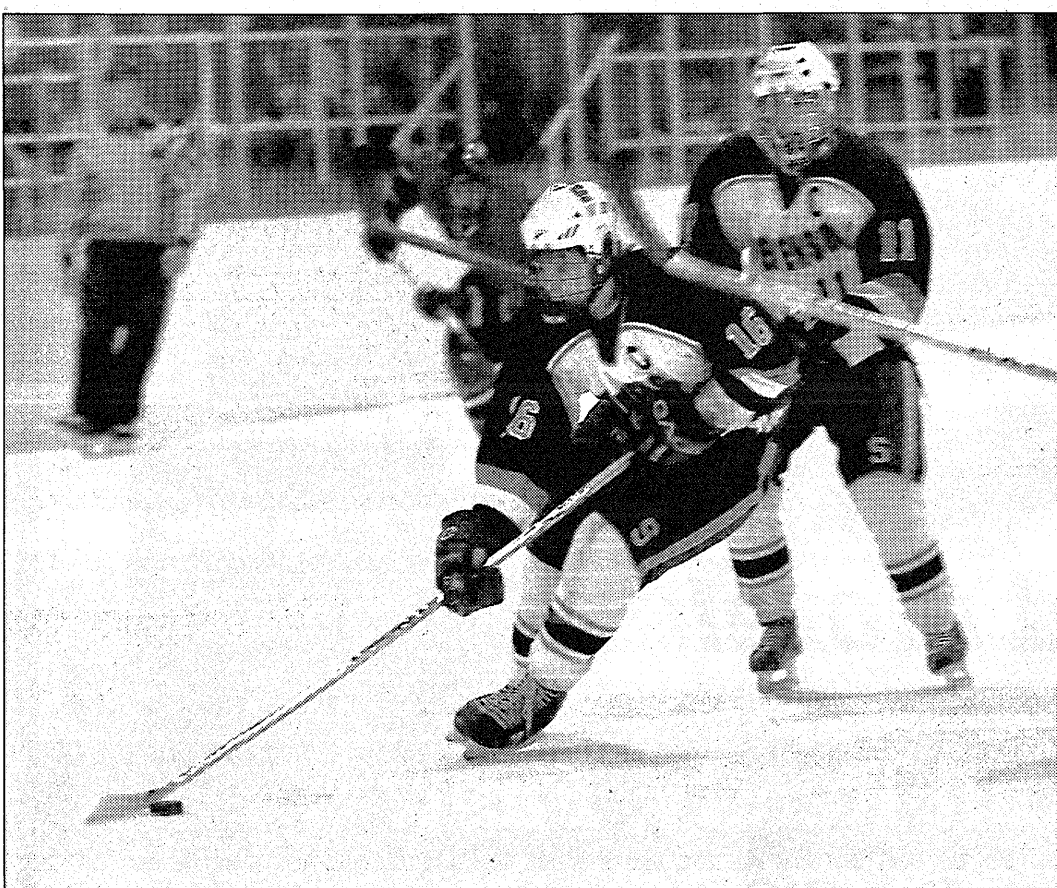
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 Sean Lerg, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
 John Vella, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson
 Jordan Chisholm, Jr. F, Liv. Franklin
 Sean Phillipart, Sr. F, Red. Unified

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Kyle Burke, Mitch Carpenter; Franklin: Tyler Barnes, David Muller; Alex Wypych; Stevenson: Ian Curran, Cole Rochowiak, Jake Wilson; Canton: Nick Tomilenko, Clark Albers, Bryan Davison; Plymouth: Ryan Schultz; Jerry Pitts, Connor Dresser; Salem: Ian Barnaby, Mike Haburne; Redford Unified: Nick Smith, Maxx Scicluna, Scott Bunzeluk, Tim Hall.



Mike Voran (16) earned first-team All-Observer honors for the 23-2-2 Livonia Stevenson.

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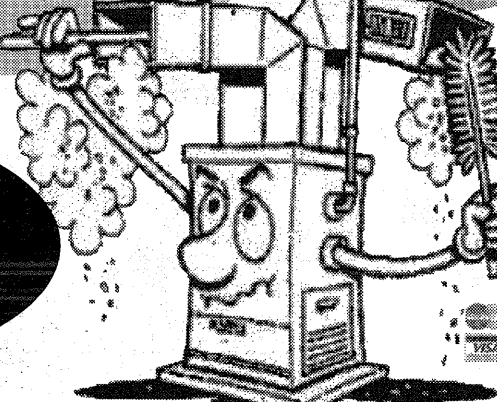
Crush win, raise funds

Canton Crush SQA won the Hockey for Hospice Tournament held the last week of December in Tecumseh, Ontario. After beating teams from Berkley and Amherstburg, Ontario, the Crush beat the Lakeland Hawks 5-3 in the finals. As part of the tournament, each team was required to raise money in the form of pledges to support the local hospice programs. The crush raised \$1,240.

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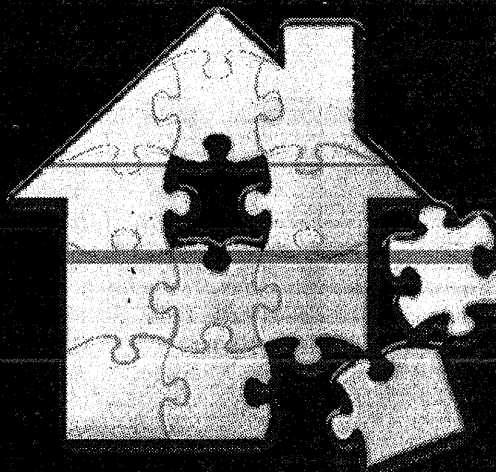
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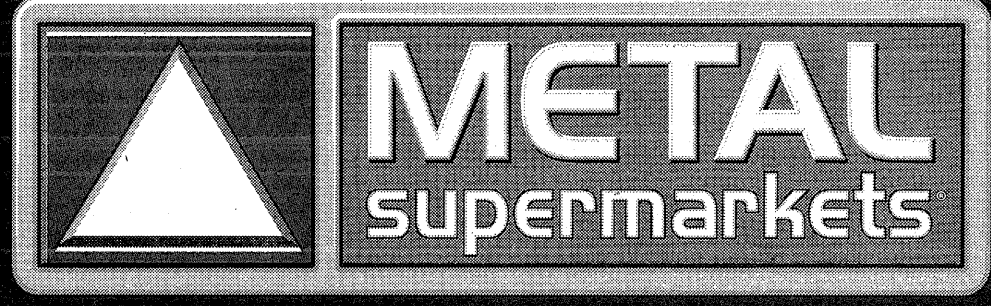


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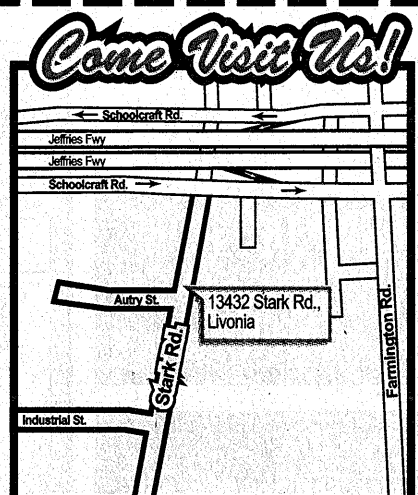
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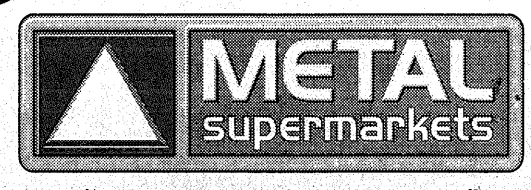
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Conference will explore fair housing issues

Since 1990, fair housing "testing" has resulted in an excess of \$130 million in financial payments to plaintiffs in fair housing litigations. In an effort to explain why this legal technique is so significant, Wayne State University Law School and the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit are offering a daylong Fair Housing Testing Conference from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at Wayne Law's Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium.

The conference will feature national experts who will provide answers to the following and many other fair housing questions:

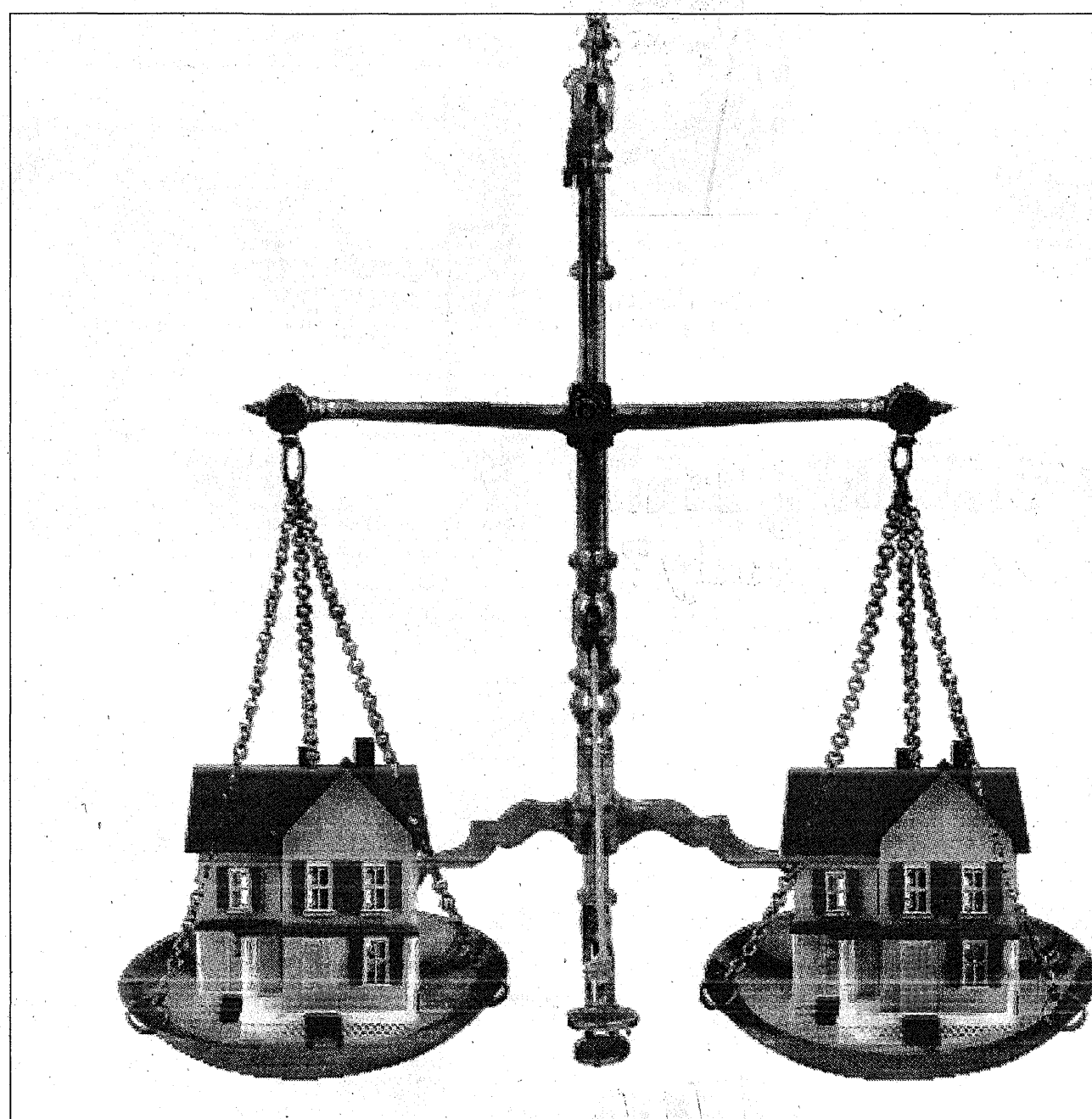
- How is "testing" accomplished?
- In what circumstances can it be used most effectively?
- What impact can it play in successful plaintiff recoveries in court actions?
- How does one select and instruct testers?
- What legal challenges regarding evidence can be anticipated and how should one respond to efforts to exclude such evidence?

Wayne Law professor emeritus Otto J. Hetzel, co-director of the Law School's Fair Housing Education Program and a current practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., will serve as the conference moderator. Before coming to Wayne Law, Hetzel served as associate general counsel of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he was responsible for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. In that role, he was a principal drafter of Title VIII, the 1968 Fair Housing Act. As this April marks the 40th anniversary of the enactment of that landmark legislation, Hetzel will share some of his experiences in development of the legislation and achieving passage of that Act enacted only after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wayne Law professor John Mogk, co-director of the Law School's Fair Housing Education Program, will welcome conference participants and also participate in the conference. Judge Avern Cohn, senior judge, Eastern District of Michigan, who has presided over a number of fair housing cases in which testing evidence was introduced, will be the luncheon speaker. Judge Victoria A. Roberts, Eastern District of Michigan, will provide a summation in the afternoon.

A group of national experts associated with private, local, nonprofit fair housing centers will share their thoughts about the "testing" practice and how to use testing. These experts include:

- Fred Freiberg, field service director, Fair Housing Justice Center of HELP USA, New York
- Ann Marquart, executive direc-



tor, Project Sentinel, Palo Alto, Calif.

- Vince Larkins, president and CEO, Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Fla.
 - Pamela Kisch, executive director of the Fair Housing Center of Southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Experienced litigation attorneys will also share their experiences in utilizing testing evidence in housing discrimination lawsuits. They include:
- P. Rivka Schochet and Michelle Crockett from the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC
 - Judith Levy, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan
 - Liam J. Garland, director of Litigation, Housing Rights, Center, Los Angeles, Calif.
 - Stephen Tomkowiak, Southfield, and an instructor for the National Fair Housing Training Academy

- John Obee, senior partner, Wood Kull Herschfus Obee and Kull
- Angelique Strong, vice president and corporate counsel, The Handleman Company Inc.
- Jeffrey Taren, partner, Kinoy, Taren and Geraghty, Chicago

The FHC-Detroit board chair and attorney Noel Saleh and FHC executive director Cliff Schrupp will also be participating, as will FHC Legal Services coordinator Michael Olshan.

There is no charge to attend the conference. However, the noon box lunches and the attendee packets for the conference will be limited to those who have pre-registered for the conference by March 20.

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Collections: You get what you pay for

Q. I learned of a collection agency at a condo seminar that professed to collect assessments without charging our association before receipt of payment. We now have a situation where we don't know what they have done to collect the monies, and we can't get a straight answer from them. I think that we may need to hire an attorney to deal with the collection agency. What do you think?

A. I think that the association is learning a difficult lesson; you get basically what you pay for. Presumably, anyone handling

your collection of assessments should, at your request, provide you with a monthly status report on the collection activities concerning delinquent co-owners. An

attorney should be aggressively pursuing the collection of the assessments in consultation with the Board of Directors as to the various remedies and alternatives available to the association. In your particular case, I would hire an attorney to contact the collection agency and demand a return of all of your records, which hopefully you can obtain. Unfortunately, there have been instances that I have observed where a collection agency has not done the work that it claimed it did, and the association was left holding the bag. A good and aggressive attorney should be able to resolve the problem.

Q. I have heard about a case in New Jersey that dealt with a resident's right to freedom of expression with respect to political signs and the use of the community room in their views as expressed in their monthly community newsletter. Do you have any information?

A. The case that you are referring to is Committee for a Better Twin Rivers vs. Twin Rivers Homeowners' Association wherein the New Jersey Supreme Court did not follow the rule adopted in a majority of states, which immunizes community associations from constitutional scrutiny on the basis that they are not state actors. Rather, the court concluded that the association's rules were constitutional because they were reasonable as to time, place, and manner and the association had not invited the public to use its property. Whether that decision will be followed in other states is, of course, uncertain.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 26-30, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
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43672 Appomattax Ct		\$155,000
2339 Arcadia Dr		\$123,000
39638 Cather St		\$148,000
2789 Denton Rd		\$220,000
2126 Fairway Cir		\$189,000
6800 Fox Hills Rd		\$227,000
1540 Hendrie		\$350,000
45169 Horseshoe Cir		\$147,000
1311 Mistwood Ct		\$430,000
1947 Mistwood Ct		\$440,000
50920 Murray Hill Dr		\$308,000
1696 Scenic Dr		\$206,000
Farmington		
23578 Wesley St		\$168,000
Farmington Hills		
28740 Appleblossom Ln		\$296,000
21447 Archwood Cir		\$175,000
26320 Hidden Valley Ct		\$335,000

28024 Larson Ln	\$495,000
20819 Pearl St	\$100,000
25682 Pebble Ct	\$190,000
29559 Pond Ridge Rd	\$100,000
26270 Valhalla Dr	\$387,000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$20,000
33566 W Eight Mile Rd	\$1,055,000
29400 Windmill Ct	\$395,000
Garden City	
5735 Arcola St	\$120,000
6951 Dover St	\$122,000
6324 Henry Ruff Rd	\$133,000
29844 James St	\$106,000
29195 Rosslyn Ave	\$79,000
Livonia	
11041 Arden St	\$220,000
11770 Belden Ct	\$420,000
17550 Deering St	\$84,000
17193 Dolores St	\$146,000
18351 Floral St	\$110,000
17443 Louise St	\$341,000
9818 Mayfield St	\$169,000
9216 Newburgh Rd	\$266,000
33714 Norfolk St	\$231,000
29651 Nottingham Cir	\$139,000
29713 Nottingham Cir	\$147,000
34170 Orangelawn St	\$162,000

14410 Ramblewood St	\$168,000
29812 Robert Dr	\$124,000
35198 Scone St	\$183,000
17486 Stamwich St	\$155,000
Milford	
1800 Burns Rd	\$500,000
1900 S Milford Rd	\$134,000
Northville	
18322 Blue Heron Dr W	\$470,000
44849 Broadmoor Cir S	\$294,000
16027 Morningside	\$175,000
16033 Morningside	\$135,000
17480 Mystic Valley Ct	\$839,000
16397 Sherwood Ln	\$375,000
18080 Winchester Dr	\$315,000
Novi	
45290 Bartlett Dr	\$252,000
39870 Crosswinds	\$133,000
24556 Le Bost Ct	\$330,000
25704 Shoreline Dr	\$648,000
Plymouth	
10982 Harvest Ct	\$390,000
11817 Hunters Creek Ct	\$510,000
700 Junction St	\$150,000
40637 Newport Dr	\$104,000
Redford	
9527 Columbia	\$75,000

10032 Farley	\$118,000
11433 Kinloch	\$136,000
14151 Lucerne	\$127,000
19431 Macarthur	\$110,000
19130 Negaunee	\$40,000
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14144 Sarasota	\$105,000
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9166 Virgil	\$170,000
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33658 Avondale St	\$67,000
33510 Harvard Ave	\$230,000
31453 Hazelwood St	\$89,000
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5970 N Dowling Rd	\$185,000
5992 N Dowling Rd	\$186,000
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<p>PLYMOUTH CONDO Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated app'l's & windows. Pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool, & home warranty! \$89,500 (P-699NE)</p>	<p>A SIGHT TO BEHOLD Stunning, elegant, & charming! 2 story marble entry, oak island Kit w/frpl, brick paver Patio, close to parks & library. \$475,000 (P-948OA)</p>	<p>FANTASTIC PRICE 3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, covered ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn coats, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library. \$119,000 (C-824PA)</p>	<p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint, vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in kit, Fam Rm, Dining Area, small animals welcome, & unbeatable location. \$119,500 (C-331PI)</p>	<p>SERENE SETTING Stunning cape cod on 7+ acres in Salem Two offering a 1st fl Mast w/bath & WIC, Kit w/buller's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st fl laun, walkout bsmt, & on a private road. \$1,399,900 (P-610PR)</p>	<p>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS Private wooded lot w/creek running through. Open any floor plan, vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, finished bsmt, Sauna, heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver Patio, & prof landscaped. \$2,400/month (P-295RE)</p>	<p>LIVONIA BRICK RANCH Lovely area w/park, shopping, & schools nearby. Solid home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, hwd flrs, under neutral carpet, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath & immed occup. \$134,500 (P-698RI)</p>	<p>TRANSFER FORCES SALE Sad seller has to part with this fabulous 3 bd West Dearborn home. Newer Pella windows, huge Master w/walk in, 2 updated baths, updated furnace & C/A, fin bsmt, & Deck. \$109,999 (P-644RO)</p>	
<p>THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Awesome home features an open Foyer, large Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, Flex Room, spacious Master w/bath & large WIC, neutral t/o, & beautiful pond views. A must see! \$200,000 (P-183SH)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY This tri-level home move in ready w/new paint, carpet, roof, & sprinklers. Remod bsmt, Master w/bath, 2.5 car Garage w/workshop. \$190,000 (C-845SI)</p>	<p>GREAT LOCATION Spacious open floor plan w/neutra decor, newer roof & windows, huge Fam Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt, great Deck in treed fenced yard, app'l's stay, & 1 yr warranty. \$157,400 (P-399SU)</p>	<p>SPACIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO Clean & neutral t/o. 2 bd, 2 baths, fresh paint, updated rf, windows, bath, hwh, & more. Large Master w/WIC & bath, pool, & great location near back of complex. \$108,000 (P-345SU)</p>	<p>STUNNING COLONIAL 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod in popular Plymouth sub. 2 story foyer, huge island Kit w/nook, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 1st fl laun, & prof landscaped. \$289,900 (P-964WE)</p>	<p>LIKE NEW! Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/frpl, French doors lead to Deck, vinyl insulated windows, new furnace, hwh, C/A, & gutters. Walk to schools & park. \$179,900 (C-611WH)</p>	<p>LOTS OF ROOM 3 bd ranch offering a wonderful Kit & dining area, huge Great Room, skylights, private lot, & Master w/bath. A must see! \$184,900 (P-515WI)</p>	<p>WHY BUILD? Move right in to this home w/over 50k in upgrades! Formal DR, Butlers pantry, Great Rm w/skylights, gourmet Kit w/nook, 1st fl laundry, prof fin bsmt, & too much more to list. \$279,900 (P-244AN)</p>	
<p>RANCH CONDO Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot & quiet setting. Great Kit w/skylight, nice updates t/o, oversized Garage, 2 large bds, 2 full baths, & more. \$166,500 (C-280AR)</p>	<p>DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/frpl, fin walkout bsmt, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows. \$209,000 (C-084BR)</p>	<p>LARGE WESTLAND RANCH Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Fam Rm, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. \$124,900 (C-900CA)</p>	<p>GREAT HOME W/POOL! 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kit, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & in-ground pool - just in time for summer! \$132,000 (C-046CA)</p>	<p>ADORABLE! Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, fin bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard. \$94,900 (C-032CE)</p>	<p>GORGEOUS CONDO Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kit, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laun, & too much more to list. \$255,000 (C-352CH)</p>	<p>WESTLAND BEAUTY This colonial has it all! Large 1st fl Master, 2 baths, LR w/frpl, formal DR, oak Kit, updated roof, furnace, hwh, C/A. Oversized lot, 2.5 car Garage & Home Warranty! \$159,900 (C-259FE)</p>	<p>JUST REDUCED!!! Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd flrs, & app'l's inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. \$119,900 (C-860FI)</p>	
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Parade of Homes winners showcase a variety of lifestyles

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners of its 19th annual Spring Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 62 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place March 14 to April 13. BIA and LaSalle Bank, a Bank of America company, sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to homes in 11 categories, including Green Building and Energy Efficiency. In this category, homes were judged on most complete use of Green Building and Energy Efficient technology and design as well as innovation in the areas of Green Building and Energy Efficiency.

In the other categories, winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price,

best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into 10 categories by price.

"Smart homebuyers know that this is a good time to purchase a new home," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "There's a great selection of homes on the market. Mortgage rates are low and loans are readily available for buyers with good credit. The Parade of Homes offers a selection of homes in every price range and size located throughout this area."

The blue ribbon homes are:

- Green Building and Energy Efficient Homes — Cherrywood Group, LLC for Burlington II, a condominium base priced at \$201,900 and located in Cherrywood Parc Condos in Canton Township.

- Affordable Housing — West Construction Services for St. James priced at \$115,000 plus fees and located in Unity

Park in Pontiac. This home is available to a qualifying family through Lighthouse Community Development. Entry of this home into the Parade of Homes was sponsored by BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation.

- Attached Condominiums Base Priced Under \$225,000 — Robertson Brothers for Tribeca base priced at \$186,990 and located in The Brownstones at the Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

- Attached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$250,000 — George H. Pastor & Sons, Inc. for Biarritz base priced at \$390,000 and located at Frenchtown Harbor in Monroe.

- Homes Base Priced Under \$200,000 — Saylor Building Co. for Covington II base priced at \$194,900 and located in Sunset Terrace in Auburn Hills.

- Homes Base Priced \$200,000 to \$260,000 — Michigan Home Builders for

The Greenbriar base priced at \$259,900 and located in Celtic Farms in Flat Rock.

- Homes and Detached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$260,000 to \$315,000 — MJC Companies for Austin III base priced at \$299,900 and located in Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

- Homes Base Priced Over \$315,000 to \$350,000 — Pinnacle Homes of Michigan, LLC for Kirkway Estates base priced at \$349,990 and located in Kirkway Estates in Northville.

- Homes and Detached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$350,000 to \$500,000 — Windmill Homes for Kirkway base priced at \$496,000 and located in Kirkway Place in Novi.

- Homes Base Priced \$600,000 to \$800,000 — James D. Compo Inc. for Dawson II base priced at \$800,000 and located in Pheasant Hills in Northville.
- Homes Priced Over \$1

million — Lorimer Building Co. for Ivy Cottage base priced at \$1,500,000 and located in Towering Pines in Clarkston.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Dan Palmer, vice president, Bank of America Wealth Management; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., STA Architects; and Erin Kopkowski, design/builder, Residential Design Consulting. The 62 Spring Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biapara-deofhomes.com, March 14 to April 13.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in base price from \$113,000 to \$1,999,900. They range in square footage from 1,150 to 8,256 square feet. There are 25 homes base priced under

\$250,000 and five homes base priced over \$1 million.

For additional information on the 2008 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.biapara-deofhomes.com. Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at all area LaSalle Bank Branches and selected CVS/pharmacy locations. BIA and LaSalle Bank also sponsor a Parade of Homes event each Fall.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

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Get the help you need to start and maintain a successful business with an eight-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, March 25 & 27, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus,

22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

This seminar is designed to help make sense of and remove the unknowns of purchasing, starting and maintaining a successful business. It will teach you how to analyze a business from the financial development and marketing to implementing your plan. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is

preferred as classes may cancel. Call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On site registration with payment is acceptable.

BIA

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 directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a professional contractor.

The panel of experts includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of BOA Construction, Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council.

Exhibitors will be on hand to show their remodeling products and services, including Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply, Affordable Spaces/Four Seasons, Andersen Windows, Carnovale Associates, Closets Plus, Inc., Hinkson Construction Co., Michigan Shelf Distributors, Newmyer Remodeling and Shea Company Construction. The event is free to everyone. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

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.

The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

Registration is \$75 per person. After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online.com

or www.builders.org

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road.

In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

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.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPSn of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPSn of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments. Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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(BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Wilmar staff will instruct attendees in aspects of pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

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'Tools of the Trade'

Real estate author, speaker and expert forecaster Stefan Swanepoel will present his visionary "Top 10 Trends" for 2008 as Realcomp II Ltd. hosts its annual "Tools of the Trade" Expo, Thursday April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Swanepoel will serve as the Expo's keynote speaker.

Free and open to all Michigan Realtors and support personnel, the all-day, Big Top-themed event will also feature presentations, technological displays and more than 50 exhibitors sharing industry innovations. A catered lunch will be served by Opus to Go.

"Each year, the Expo provides Michigan Realtors with a comprehensive forum for networking as well as discovering new resources and information designed to enhance their business and ability to serve their customers," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "As attendance for our event continues to grow, we are looking forward to more than 1,000 Realtors joining us this year. 'Tools of the Trade,' we are quite happy to say, has truly become one of Michigan real estate's most anticipated events."

To register for the Expo or to obtain information, visit online at: www.RealcompExpo.com.

Broker Summit

The Michigan Association of Realtors will host its sixth annual Broker Summit Conference on April 15-16. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The 2008 Broker Summit will feature industry speaker Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of Research for the National Association of Realtors.

Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of *The Eight New Rules of Real Estate*; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland, counsel to the Michigan Association of Realtors; Kelly Myers, of McClelland & Anderson, LLP; Nancy Haynes, director of Fair Housing Center of West Michigan; and Brian Westrin, MAR manager of Legal Affairs. An expert legal panel and MAR update are also scheduled. For more information, visit the MAR web site at <http://www.mirealtors.com/brokersummit/2008.html> or contact Joe Kras at (800) 454-7842.

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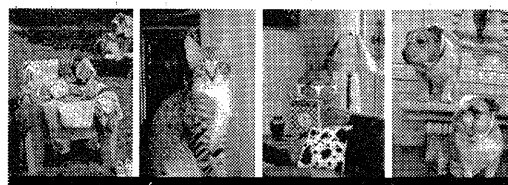
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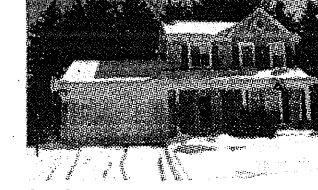
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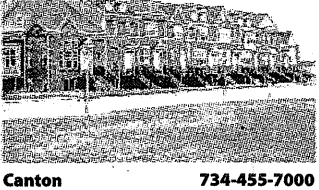
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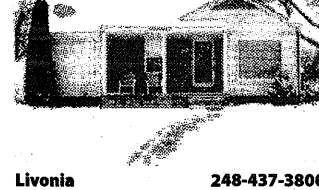
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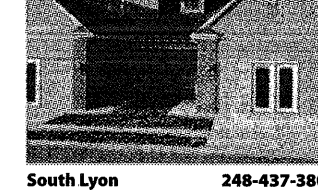
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(28022884) \$154,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Location For This Neutral Condo Mstr Br Has 1/2 Ba & Dressing Area. Lg Brkfst/dining Area. Dv w/privt Patio. Assoc Fee Includes Gas, Water, Tennis, Clubhouse, Pool, Playground & Ext. Maint.
(27198080) \$113,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Luxury Condos New Construction! 2 BR, 2 BA ranches starting at \$174,900 & 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cods starting at \$184,000. Std features include hickory cabs w/42" uppers, granite cntntrs, much more
(26015094) \$174,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
Sharp 1994 3 BR w/pos. 4th BR or office in approx. 400 sq. ft. fin. bsmt. Open fir plan w/ beautiful wrap around deck. Heated 2-car garage. Lake Privileges.
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Canton 734-591-9200
Simply the best unit in complex! 3 BR end unit condo in Morgan Creek w/open fir plan, unique hdwd flrs, 2stry foyer, cath clngs. Huge MSTR STE w/lg WIC & pvt ba, Open Sunday 1-4pm.
(27116434) \$189,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
NEWER CONSTRUCTION W/5 BR 3.1 BATHS 2900+ SF. Cooks kitchen w/stainless appl, granite counters, wood floors t/o. Composite deck off breakfast rm. FR w/gas fp. Formal DR. Fin. LL w/kit, FR & BR. MBR suite.
(27226726) \$319,900



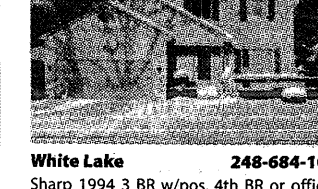
Livonia 248-851-1900
3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/4 doorwalls. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.
(28037435) \$148,700



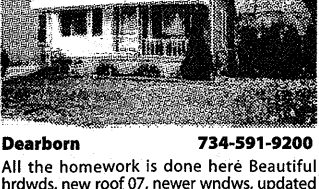
Pleasant Ridge 248-348-6430
TOTALLY CHARMING TOTALLY UPDATED 2952 sq ft colonial. 4 Bedroom, 3.5 baths. Large private yard. Too many amenities to list. Must see www.pleasantridgehome.com. Sandy Bartley
(27000026) \$535,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches!
(27165531) \$139,900



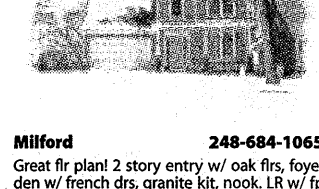
Royal Oak 248-348-6430
Spotless and updated Colonial. 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fin'd. lower level w/full bath. 2 car insulated/heated garage. Updated kitchen and bath, leaded glass windows, art deco F.P.
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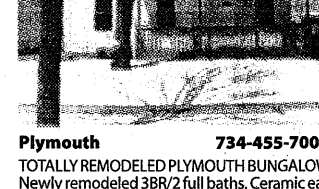
Dearborn 734-591-9200
All the homework is done here! Beautiful hrdwds, new roof 07, newer wndws, updated kit & bthrm, new hwh, glass blk wndws, newer appls, deep lot w/ Indspng, 20 x 20 2 car det gar, a/c
(28036745) \$125,000



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



Milford 248-684-1065
Great fir plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.
(27207304) \$369,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newly remodeled 3BR/2 full baths. Ceramic eat-in kitchen. All new systems. Part. fin. basement. 2 car garage.
(28039773) \$209,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Well maintained ranch condo Freshly painted unit in quiet location close to pool. Beautifully decorated, most appliances stay. Large storage room in unit.
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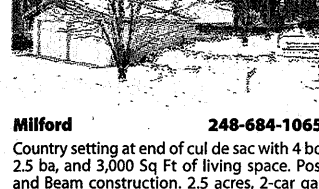
Van Buren Twp. 248-208-3990
Just call it home. This roomy 3,488 sq. ft. 5 bedroom colonial is the dream home you've been looking for! Large great room with a natural fireplace, large upper rec.
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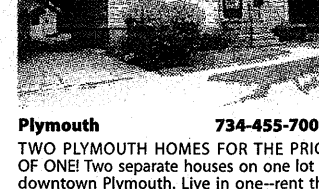
Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
Perfection Shines Thru-Out This Super Sharp Ranch, New Pergo Flrs, Beautiful Kit W/New Cbnts, Newer Wndws, All new Doors & Trim, Newer Bthrm in Fin. Bsmnt W/A 4th bedrm/ Office. Also for lease!
(28031840) \$119,900



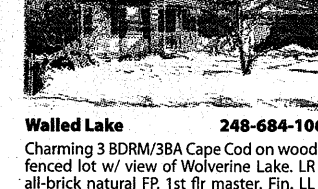
Farmington Hills 734-591-9200
Sharp Updated Very Spacious Condo Lgstr Fir Pln In Complex, Perfect End Unit, Neutral Decor t-o, Complex Refurb In 03-Incl: Roof, Frlng, Kit, Bthrms, Pool Table & Pingpong Table Incl, All Appls incl
(28031829) \$169,000



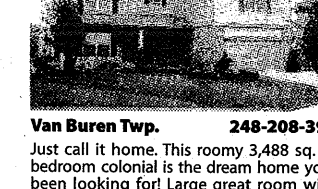
Milford 248-684-1065
Country setting at end of cul ds sac with 4 bd, 2.5 ba, and 3,000 Sq Ft of living space. Post and Beam construction. 2.5 acres, 2-car gar, upscale kitchen.
(27112734) \$334,999



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



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Charming 3 BRDM/3BA Cape Cod on wooded, fenced lot w/ view of Wolverine Lake. LR w/ all-brick natural FR. 1st flr master. Fin. LL w/ FR, office, BA.
(28033615) \$199,900



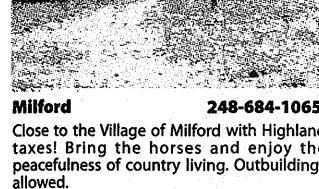
Romulus 248-208-3990
Brick front ranch with new vinyl siding. Quiet starter home for a first time home buyer or an investor. Bank owned being sold "as is".
(27210874) \$50,000



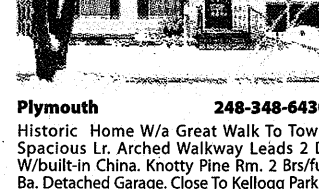
Detroit 248-348-6430
I am GORGEOUS inside!! ALL NEW kit w/ ceramic, fir, counter & bkspsh! Freshly painted w/ NEW carpet, wndws, blinds, light fixtures and plumb. Buy w/ CONFIDENCE a new home warranty!
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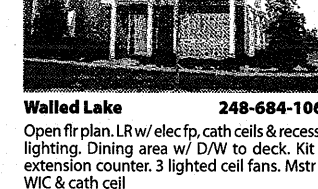
Hamtramck 734-591-9200
Value Value Value This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Fully remold main fir kit & bath, hrdwds. Laun rm in rear. Use upstairs as In-Law Suite, feat full-bath, liv rm & kit. Home Warranty
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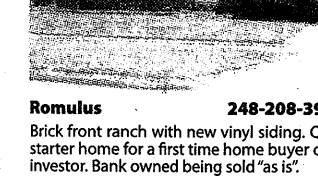
Milford 248-684-1065
Close to the Village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed.
(28033996) \$139,900



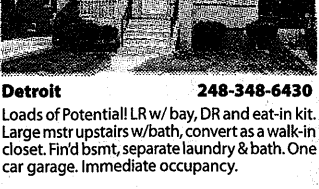
Plymouth 248-348-6430
Historic Home W/a Great Walk To Town! Spacious LR, Arched Walkway Leads 2 Dr W/built-in China, Knotty Pine Rm, 2 Brs/Full Ba, Detached Garage. Close To Kellogg Park & Downtown Activities.
(27209594) \$199,000



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Ready to move in bungalow w/ contemporary art deco decor. Remodeled inside and out. HDWD floors, paver patio, ceramic tile, appl. included, loft. Lake priv.
(27172981) \$154,800



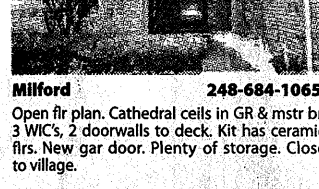
Canton 248-208-3990
Don't miss this opportunity to own a 3 bedroom condo at a great deal. Master bedroom has its own bath and fireplace. 2 car att. gar and basement.
(2723327) \$170,000



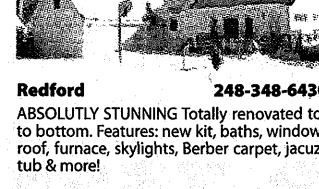
Detroit 248-348-6430
Loads of Potential! LR w/ bay, DR and eat-in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/ bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Find bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.
(27133297) \$54,900



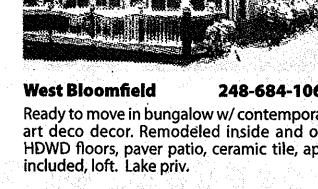
Hartland 248-684-1065
Immaculate ranch w/ fin. w/o and bar. 3-4 BR/3 full BA. Includes appliances, 2 skylights in Great Room w/ FP. Eat-in Kit. Deck & stone patio.
(28033511) \$189,900



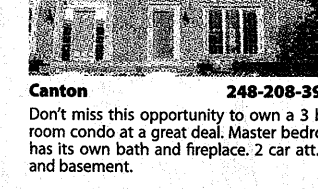
Milford 248-684-1065
Open fir plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WICs, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.
(27055667) \$139,900



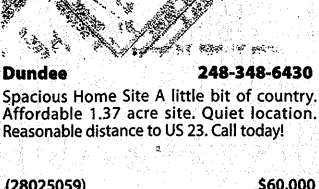
Redford 248-348-6430
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! Totally renovated top to bottom. Features: new kit, baths, windows, roof, furnace, skylights, Berber carpet, jacuzzi tub & more!
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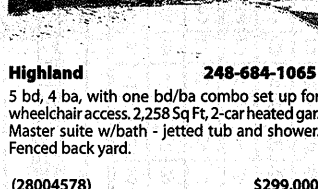
West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Largest 2 BR Floor Plan in Complex Decorated with designer colors. Upgrades include hdwd in entry, kit and breakfast area. Plumbing fixtures in baths, carpet, cabinets in kitchen.
(27197155) \$144,900



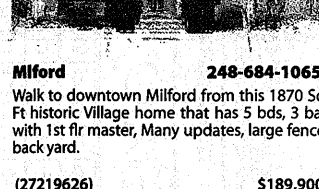
Ypsilanti Twp. 248-208-3990
Stunning home in newer subdivision, nice bank owned. Property offers lovely fireplace in family room, formal dining room.
(27224159) \$175,000



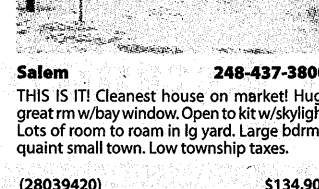
Dundee 248-348-6430
Spacious Home Site A little bit of country. Affordable 1.37 acre site. Quiet location. Reasonable distance to US 23. Call today!
(28025059) \$60,000



Highland 248-684-1065
5 bd, 4 ba, with one bd/ba combo set up for wheelchair access. 2,258 Sq Ft. 2-car heated gar. Master suite w/bath - jetted tub and shower. Fenced backyard.
(28004578) \$299,000



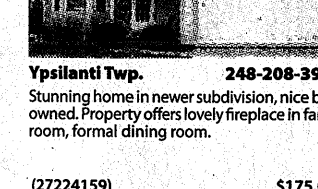
Milford 248-684-1065
Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft Historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master, Many updates, large fence backyard.
(27219626) \$189,900



Salem 248-437-3800
THIS IS IT! Cleanest house on market! Huge great rm w/bay window. Open to kit w/skylight. Lots of room to roam in lg yard. Large bdrms-quaint small town. Low township taxes.
(28039420) \$134,900



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'The View' winner plans to update Bloomfield Township home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Carla Johnson isn't the sort of person who regularly buys a lottery ticket. But The Bloomfield Township resident proved to be a winner recently - and even heard her name announced on national television.

She was among 16 winners of Kimberly-Clark and *The View's* \$25,000 Room-a-Day Giveaway. As a faithful watcher of *The View* on ABC weekdays, Johnson had entered the contest last year. "This is the second year I've done it," she said.

The news was announced on Valentine's Day - and despite the snowy, cold temperatures, she said, "it brightened my day." She was the 14th person chosen out of 16 total winners.

Johnson didn't have a specific strategy when it came to winning the sweepstakes. She entered the contest once a day, as permitted, which was made easier because once you enter you receive an e-mail reminder and a link each day afterward. She got the call and was faxed forms to sign a full week before her name was announced on *The View*.

"I wanted to tell everyone, but nobody was home," said Johnson, who heard the news in the middle of the day. "It was exciting."

Though the name of the contest is Room-A-Day Giveaway, Johnson doesn't have a specific room makeover in mind. But she has thought of plenty of ways to spend the \$25,000 windfall, as she called it.

The first order of business is her mailbox. It's in need of replacement. She also hopes to purchase a new sofa to replace her old one. Her kitchen still has plenty of appliances that date back to "the '60s," she said, and she may need to replace her furnace sometime soon. So the money will surely go to good use.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful feeling," said Johnson. She received calls from her family and a neighbor whom she said was "jumping up and down" when she saw the announcement on TV.

Johnson said she isn't one to enter a lot of contests.

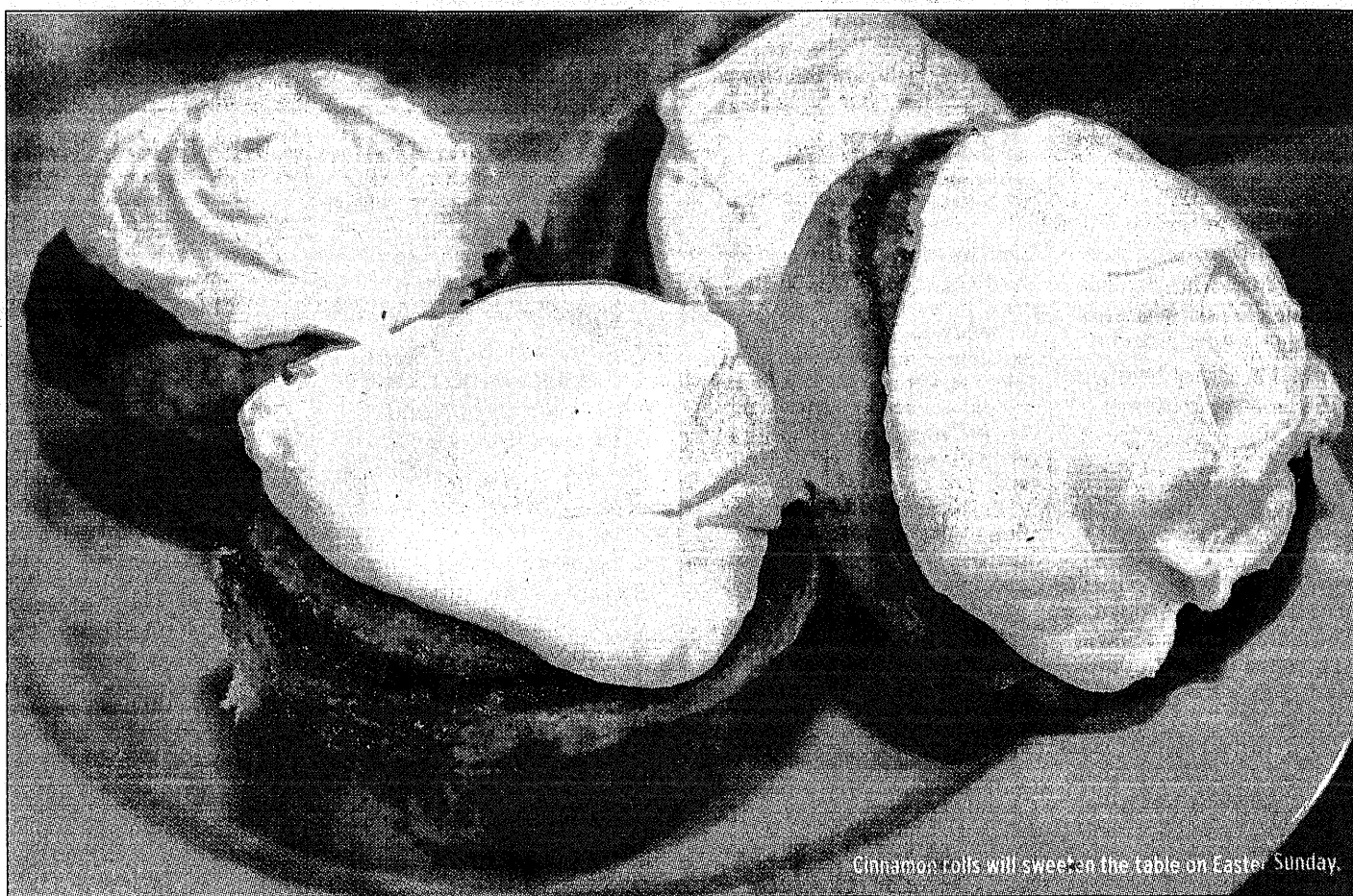
She's not a big traveler, so trips don't appeal to her. She has entered HGTV's Dream Home contest in years passed - but this is her first big win.

It will take 10 to 12 weeks for the money to come in, and Johnson said, "I'm trying not to spend it before I get it."

As a pet owner - she has two dogs and two cats - she's contemplating buying a robotic vacuum cleaner - a purchase she wouldn't have risked before. "Now I can afford to try it," she said.

All of the Room-A-Day Giveaway winners are listed on www.RoomADayGiveaway.com where, Kimberly-Clark and parenting guru Stacy DeBroff, have listed tips on tackling the daily routine and suggestions for ways to "relax, renew and restore" life at home.

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Cinnamon rolls will sweeten the table on Easter Sunday.

Sunday special

Add a little variety to that Easter brunch

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O&E STAFF WRITER

This weekend marks Easter Sunday, the first holiday get-together this year for many families. The day's schedule may consist of a morning at church, followed later by a meal, which can consist of a brunch or a dinner. Some families may visit restaurants, while others may decide to celebrate at home.

Easter brunch doesn't have to be a mad dash to the store or a harried flurry of activity, according to Stacy Sloan, director of Mirepoix, Holiday Market's cooking school, in Royal Oak.

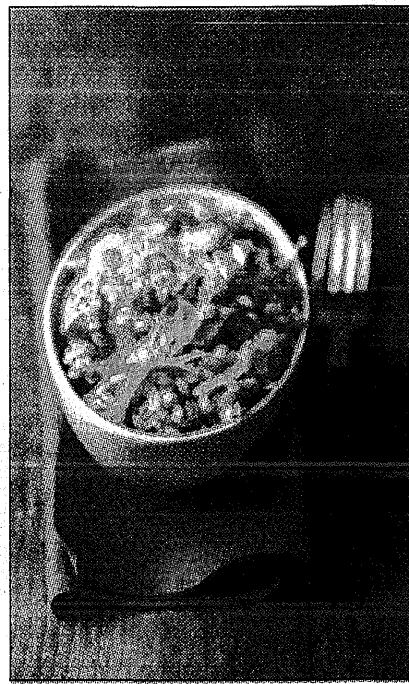
"We try to teach people to be organized and think ahead," Sloan said. "A lot of the things you can do ahead of time."

"With cinnamon rolls, you can make the dough ahead of time. You can sit down, think about the menu and organize your shopping list."

Before you head to the store or the market, check the pantry. You might save time and money, and brunch will be easier. "Keep things on hand you normally use," said Sloan.

Before you chop or mince, mix or mash, review your recipes. "Don't do anything you haven't done before," Sloan said. "If you have time to practice (that is, test a dish), we would prefer that people do that. A lot of recipes aren't written well." That means taking time

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WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Looking for a little variation on Easter ham or something to do with ham leftovers? This light salad entrée pairs smoked ham with crisp cabbage, savory green onions and sweet carrots in a salad base of whole grain barley. For the recipe, see page D2.

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

No matter how old you get, the thrill of getting an Easter basket never goes away.

Karen and John Wezner, of Northville Township, still create Easter baskets for their five children, never mind that they're grown.

"Easter baskets aren't just for little kids... They're for big ones too and they can be filled with items they need," Karen said. "There are those of us moms who still do baskets and, yes, my kids still eagerly await this on Easter Sunday."

The Weznars wed almost four years ago, blending their

families along with their holiday traditions.

Karen had always delighted in filling Easter baskets with candy, stickers and books when her children were young. As they got older, the baskets grew with them.

Gone are pennies and jelly beans hidden in plastic eggs that grandma and grandpa used to give, Karen said.

"Since all of our kids are in college and some work and do both, they are all on a limited budget with specific needs that always seem to be there," she said.

So, for Lisa Nycek, 25, a

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Karen and John Wezner, of Northville Township, believe their kids are never too old to enjoy an Easter basket.

Icewine: Easter dessert in a glass

Our first experience with the delicious dessert wine made from frozen grapes was with German Eiswein. Ripe grapes, left hanging on the vine until

they freeze, are harvested in the dead of winter, pressed, and the sweet elixir is made into wine.

Focus on Wine The first record of German Eiswein is 1794, yet the story

began in the New World nearly 200 years later when Donald Ziraldo and Karl Kaiser founded Inniskillin at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. By the 1980s, Ontario was taking its place as one of the world's best cool-climate wine regions. By the 1990s, their icewines were widely recognized as some of the world's finest.

HISTORY RECORDED

Short of making a trip to Inniskillin, we recommend *Icewine: Extreme Winemaking*, Key Porter Books, Canada \$40 hardcover, 192 pages, where Ziraldo and Kaiser skillfully describe the art, science and taste of icewine made on the Niagara Peninsula. Every step of the process is handsomely illustrated from seeing the frozen grapes on the vine covered with snow to pairing this luxury beverage with haute cuisine.

According to Ziraldo and Kaiser, icewines have two primary tastes: refreshing acidity and intense sweetness. At first, this may sound like sweet and sour, but consider that sweetness without acidity is cloying. Great dessert wines are deliciously sweet yet refreshing and that's what keeps you coming back for another sip.

The last 50 pages of *Icewine: Extreme Winemaking* present the handsomely illustrated recipes of the late Izabela Kalabis-Sacco, long-time Inniskillin resident chef who pairs icewine with food in the most creative and imaginative ways.

ULTIMATE LUXURY

For the ultimate in icewine luxury, try the Inniskillin 2006 Cabernet Franc Icewine (\$95 per 375mL). Most icewine is white, but because cabernet franc is a red variety, this wine has a deep red color.

It highlights strawberry and raspberry aromas with a creamy smooth palate impression. It's sweet but with great acid balance and the unique distinction of pairing beautifully with chocolate. How great is that?

Because of cabernet franc's thin skin, it falls victim to damage from the frigid winter winds, but the unique 2006 vintage worked its magic on the grapes to give you a rare dessert in a glass to end your Easter Sunday meal.

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nursing student, the Weznars included jugs of car wash detergent and tire shine in her Easter basket. "Items she complains are gone when she goes to wash her truck — most often due to her brothers using them up," Karen said.

Jonathan Wezner, 25, serving in the Army in Seoul, Korea, will get an American Eagle shirt, novelty boxer shorts and flip-flops — a comfortable change from his uniforms and Army boots.

Since Brian Nycek's 1996 Monte Carlo leaks oil regularly, the 23-year-old will find a 5-quart container of 10w30 oil in his Easter basket.

Matthew Wezner, 23, and Steven Nycek, 20, will get gift certificates for Subway, Coldstone Creamery and Speedway.

For all five, the Weznars threw in fun stuff kids never outgrow, like bubbles, Silly Putty, airplane kites and sidewalk chalk.

And of course, no basket would be complete without candy, so the Weznars tucked chocolate bunnies, jelly beans and foil eggs into the Easter grass as well.

"The cost of each basket was about \$28, but our kids work hard getting their careers together so we don't mind splurging on them a little," Karen said.

They'll hide the cellophane-wrapped baskets the night before Easter. Karen said they

IDEAS FOR EASTER BASKETS

■ Instead of stuffing the basket with sweets, send healthier options such as the dried fruit, trail mix, and other healthy snacks.

■ As an alternative to the usual plastic basket, try a small toy wagon or toy shopping cart for young children. A small laundry basket is a fun idea for kids of all ages, and you can decorate it with paint, markers or stickers.

■ Keep your "tweenager" excited about Easter with addition of a gift card or two, for music downloads, coffee or restaurants.

■ Know what your giftee likes in advance. If they don't like white chocolate, raisins or mint, avoid them. Not sure? The safest bet is a mix of traditional items such as jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, etc.

Source: Birmingham-based deLaFlowers, www.deLaFlowers.com

enjoy looking for the baskets as much as tearing them open.

The family attends Mass at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, where Karen works as choir director.

"Then, we'll all meet at home for brunch and they'll have to find the baskets. They're in pretty tough spots because our home's a pretty good size, so there's plenty of places to hide them," Karen said. "They can get pretty frustrated looking for the baskets, but that fun of finding them never goes away."

Garden center gives away daffodils

English Gardens ushers in the first day of spring on March 20 by giving away bunches of daffodils to the first 100 customers in each store.

The giveaway begins at 9 a.m. at all six English Gardens stores. This is the fourth year English Gardens has given away daffodils to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

English Gardens also hosts an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at six English Gardens stores. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photographs from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is free

and open to children ages 2 through 12.

Both events occur at the following locations: 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak (Troy) (248) 280-9500; 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506. English Gardens also will open its seventh retail store this spring in Brighton at the site of the former Leppke's Nursery on Grand River.

Call 1-800-335-GROW (4769), or check the web site at www.englishgardens.com for information.

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to tweak recipes that may not come out just right. "When people do follow the recipe, that doesn't always mean they will be successful," Sloan said.

Think about seasonal produce. (OK, so you can't grow and harvest asparagus in Michigan until late May, but that product from California is cheaper at the stores right now than it was

three weeks ago.)

"Buy the highest quality ingredients," said Sloan. "The best butter makes the best pastries. Whatever your budget is, spend within the budget, but realize the quality of the ingredients affect the quality of the final product."

"Set the table a couple nights before the event," Sloan said.

What should hosts serve? "Cinnamon rolls are fantastic," Sloan said. "I'll do a fresh ham. I don't like the taste of

nitrate (or cured) ham. Fresh ham tastes like a roast."

Serve the fresh ham with a mango chutney or a prune chutney, she suggests.

When creating the menu, start with a main course and work "backward" to the appetizer, then the fresh seasonal vegetables, she suggests. Mix green beans with garlic and olive oil, then season lightly, and add freshly squeezed lemon juice or flavored vinegars, she recommends.

Always buy "what looks good," Sloan said.

"Think about what you can do so there's not so much scrambling around," Sloan said. "Of course, if you know of a place to go where to get something 'scratch made,' you can save yourself time and energy." Holiday Market features Dujour Island for such items.

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RECIPES

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with plastic wrap; allow to rise for 1½ hours at room temperature.

Before dough is done rising combine ½ cup each granulated sugar and brown sugar, 3 tablespoons cinnamon, softened butter, kosher salt, and nuts. Stir to combine well and keep butter soft.

Push the air out of dough and dump out onto floured work surface. Dust lightly with flour, and divide dough into two equal portions.

Roll one piece of dough out to ½ inch thick rectangle and spread half of the butter/sugar/nut mixture over the surface.

Gently roll into a log, wrap in plastic and chill for 15-20 minutes. Repeat with remaining dough and butter mixture.

Remove plastic and use a serrated knife to slice dough into 1-inch pieces. Place together snugly in greased casserole dish and allow to double in size, about 30 minutes.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

To prepare cream cheese frosting, stir cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla together and spread onto the warm sticky buns.

CUBAN-STYLE FRENCH TOAST

- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup cream or half and half
- ½ cup dark rum
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cardamom
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne
- Pinch cloves
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 baguette sliced into 1-inch thick slices
- 1-2 tablespoons oil for cooking

Mix together all ingredients except bread and oil. Toss all the bread slices with the custard mixture and let sit for about 5 minutes.

Pre-heat a non-stick pan over medium heat. Pour a small amount of oil on the pan and add 1 or 2 slices of soaked bread. Cook until golden brown on the first side; turn over and cook the second side for about 2-3 minutes.

Place cooked French toast in a 300 degree oven to keep warm, then repeat until all slices are cooked.

Serve warm with powdered sugar, fruit salsa or maple syrup.

TROPICAL FRUIT SALSA FOR FRENCH TOAST

- 1 cup fresh pineapple, diced very small

Mix ham with whole grain for lighter salad entree

HAM AND BARLEY SALAD

This light salad entrée pairs smoked ham with crisp cabbage, savory green onions and sweet carrots in a salad base of whole grain barley. Mustard and shallots add depth and spice to the fresh vinaigrette dressing. Serves 4-6.

- 2 tablespoons whole grain mustard
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 6 tablespoons canola oil
- Pinch of brown sugar (or a bit of honey)
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 3 cups water
- 1½ cups quick-cooking barley
- 3 cups green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 12 to 16 ounces ham, julienned (about 2½ cups)

To prepare the vinaigrette, place the mustard,

shallots, vinegar, oil, brown sugar, salt and pepper in bowl and whisk together until blended. Set aside.

Bring water to boil in medium saucepan. Stir in quick-cooking barley, reduce heat and cover. Simmer for 10-12 minutes or until water is absorbed, then remove from heat and let rest for a few minutes.

While barley is cooking, assemble the cabbage, onions, carrots and ham in large bowl and toss lightly together. Once barley is cooked, spoon over salad and toss. Add the vinaigrette and toss again. Serve immediately while warm or chill to enjoy later.

Nutrition information per serving (315 grams): 410 calories (160 from fat), 18 grams total fat, 2g saturated fat, 17g protein, 47g total carbohydrate (8g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 25 milligrams cholesterol, 960mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of Whole Foods Market.

- ¼ cup papaya, peeled, seeded and diced small
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and diced small
- 1 mango, peeled, flesh removed from pit and diced small
- ½ teaspoon red chili flakes
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup lime juice (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro (optional)
- ½ teaspoon sea salt or kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons dark rum (optional)

Mix all ingredients together and taste. Add more sugar (or rum) if desired.

Store in refrigerator for up to three days.

CINNAMON RUM CHANTILLY CREAM

- 2 cups heavy or whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-3 tablespoons dark rum
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4-6 tablespoons powdered sugar (or to taste)
- ½ teaspoon sea salt

Place cream in a chilled bowl of a mixer (or in any large chilled bowl if whipping by hand) and whip for about 1 minute until thickened and "soupy" looking.

Add all ingredients (start with half the sugar, then add more to taste) and continue whipping until cream forms firm peaks.

Taste and add more sugar or rum to taste. Stir to combine. Serve with Cuban-style French toast.

EGGS BAKED IN PIPERADE (SPICY TOMATO SAUCE)

- 1 large onion, small dice
- 2 roasted bell peppers, peeled, seeded, small dice
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup basil leaves, chiffonade (cut in very thin ribbons)
- 1 teaspoon chile flakes (or more to taste)
- 2 (14-15 ounce) cans petite diced tomatoes, with juice (see note)

- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup crumbled French feta cheese

Heat a heavy-bottomed, oven-proof saute pan over medium high heat. Add olive oil and onions, and sauté until onions are golden brown, about 8 minutes. Add peppers, chili flakes, and tomatoes and cook until flavors combine and sauce thickens, about 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste and stir in basil.

Crack eggs into the bowl of a ladle. Use the ladle to press each egg into the sauce so that it is about halfway submerged in the sauce. Repeat with all six eggs.

Sprinkle feta over the top of the sauce. Pour a small amount of olive oil on top of eggs and sprinkle them lightly with salt and pepper.

Bake in a 350 degree oven until yolks are just set but still slightly runny, Cook 14-16 minutes. Serve hot with crusty bread and a salad for brunch.

Note: As an alternative, use 2 quarts of your favorite marinara sauce instead of the tomatoes.

EGGS BAKED IN FILO PASTRY CUPS

- 12 eggs
- 2 boxes filo pastry, thawed overnight in the refrigerator
- 4-6 thin slices ham, Boar's Head preferred brand
- 2 tablespoons minced sundried or marinated tomatoes
- 4 ounces fontina cheese, shredded
- 2 ounces parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 cups heavy cream, reduced by half (until about 1 cup left)
- 3 cups baby spinach
- 1 teaspoon freshly minced garlic
- 10 basil leaves, sliced into tiny strips (chiffonade)
- 1 cup melted butter mixed with 2 egg whites and ¼ teaspoon salt
- Salt, pepper, cayenne, lemon juice, and nutmeg

Reduce cream (while it reduc-

es, prepare the rest of the recipe)

Prepare filo by laying out one layer at a time, brushing it lightly with butter/egg white mixture, then repeating with two more sheets for a total of three layers with butter between each sheet.

Cut the filo into three equal pieces. Place one section in one cup of a muffin tin, then top it with another section, turned slightly so as to create an overlapped cup with eight points. Repeat with final section, then repeat entire process with more filo dough to create 12 filo cups.

Bake cups in a 425 degree oven for three to five minutes, or just until slightly crisp and set. Set aside to cool.

Pre-heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add a tablespoon of butter and the spinach; and wilt until just bright green and tender, about 30 seconds. Add garlic and cook briefly, season with salt and pepper, then remove from pan into a strainer and press out as much excess moisture as possible.

Combine spinach and reduced cream in a bowl. Add basil, parmesan, lemon juice to taste (about ½ teaspoon), salt, pepper, and a pinch each of nutmeg and cayenne.

Cut ham into 12 small circles, just slightly larger than the bottom of the muffin cup and place one into each filo cup.

Top the ham with some of the fontina (repeat in each cup). Carefully break an egg into a cup, then pour it on top of the cheese; sprinkle it very lightly with salt and pepper, then top it with about a tablespoon of the spinach/cream. Repeat with all 12 eggs.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for about 15-20 minutes, or until eggs are just set (yolk should be slightly liquid in the center; if filo gets too brown, cover with foil while eggs continue cooking). Remove and cool 10 minutes before serving.

FOOD CALENDAR

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Artisan Cheesemaking

Demonstration of the creation of delicious homemade cheese with Dr. Larry Faillace, how four simple ingredients can be used to create high value cheeses for home use or commercially, 7:30 p.m. March 20; also a book signing at 5:30 p.m. with Linda Faillace, author of "Mad Sheep," an account of one family's struggle against a government agency that supports corporate agriculture; Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, cheese demonstration is free, but reserve a spot by calling (248) 538-4600.

Gluten-free Substitutes

Learn about gluten free products, check out available recipes (or bring your own for others) and discuss with others on a gluten-free diet ways to deal with the allergy, 7 p.m. March 26, Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton, Rochester Hills, call Aimee at (248) 652-2100 or aimee.soltis@wholefoods.com, for more information or to register.

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Question: I missed my favorite TV show last night. Now what?

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Take Hulu (hulu.com), a joint venture between NBC and News Corp. After signing up for a free account, you can watch full-length episodes of shows like *The Simpsons*, *The Office*, and *Firefly* (one of my personal favorites).

There are caveats, of course: You have to sit at your PC to watch, and you have to sit through the occasional commercial (though nowhere near as many as broadcast TV—yet).

But Hulu's selection is quite good, and it even includes movies like *The Usual Suspects* and *Sideways*. All you need is a Web browser, a high-speed Internet connection, and a comfy chair.

Want even more choices? In addition to Fancast and Joost, check out AOL TV, Prime Time Rewind, and Veoh.

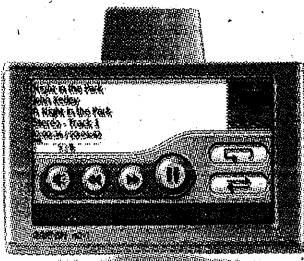
And don't forget the individual networks' sites (ABC.com, Fox.com, etc.), some of which offer streaming in high-def. ABC even lets you download some shows for offline viewing, a nice option for travelers who want to watch on the run.

On numerous occasions I've recommended adding a TV tuner to your PC so you can watch and record shows. It's rapidly getting to the point where that's no longer necessary. Thanks to these new services, you have on-demand access to shows past and present.

Try not to turn into a mouse potato.

But it also has its own internal speaker in case there's no open FM frequency on the dial. Plus, it can auto-dial locations in its points-of-interest database, a very cool capability.

The Nuvi 660 has a staggering list price of \$749.99, but you can find it online for as low as \$350.



The Garmin Nuvi 660 navigation system not only gets you where you're going, it offers hands-free calling and even music via your car's FM radio.

of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including "How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device," Sixth Edition. He



Free video-streaming services like Hulu let you watch all the TV shows and movies you want on your PC.

Tech Savvy

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Q: I'm looking for a hands-free speakerphone for my car. Any suggestions?

A: I have two, actually. The first is the Venturi Mini (myventuri.com), which Verizon was kind enough to loan me for review (they're the exclusive reseller, but the device works with phones on any network).

The \$129.99 Venturi links to your phone via Bluetooth and to your car stereo via FM; all audio gets routed wirelessly to your car's speakers.

In other words, when you place or take a call, you hear the caller on your stereo. And if your phone supports Bluetooth A2DP and you've stocked it with music, you can stream your tunes through the speaker system. (You can also connect an iPod or similar player to the gizmo's line-in jack.)

As an added plus, the Venturi features a USB port that can power devices like phones, headsets, and iPods—anything that can recharge via USB.

It's a pretty cool little gadget, with a crisp little OLED display and an easy-to-master menu system.

However, because it plugs into—and juts out several inches from—your car's cigarette lighter, you may have trouble positioning it for easy accessibility. And if your lighter is positioned near the floor instead of up on the dashboard, the microphone will be too far from your mouth for callers to hear you well.

The bigger issue: Most FM transmitters don't work too well, and this one is no different. I frequently heard bits of static while listening to music, especially as I drove around town and encountered "competing" FM signals.

Furthermore, although I could hear callers pretty well, they routinely informed me that I was hard to hear and sounded "like I was on a speakerphone."

I had better hands-free luck with the Garmin Nuvi 660 GPS, which, in addition to being a terrific navigation system, connects with your phone and car stereo in much the same way as the Venturi.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MARCH

The Lord's Supper
A Musical Celebration of Worship 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, at

Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. Written and composed by John Michael Talbot, a rock musician turned Franciscan monk, featuring Trinity Church musicians and singers and guest soloist tenor David Reilly. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

Prepare for Easter
At St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland on Venoy, north or Ford. Holy Week services 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.

Easter week services
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.

Holy Week
At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Services 7:30 p.m. Maundy (Holy) 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.
Holy Week
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21.
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ELVIRA SERB
Age 87, of Farmington Hills, passed away March 16, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

FRANCES I. FORTIN
Age 89, March 16, 2008 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Theodore Alfred. Loving mother of Carol and Dean (Sue). Dear grandmother of Jennifer (Dan) Callen and Great-grandmother of Andrew and Evan. Predeceased by sister Helen, granddaughter Shannon and Daughter-in-law Carol. Visitation Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 2pm until time of Memorial service at 3:30 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association or Odyssey Hospice appreciated. Leave condolences at www.schrader-howell.com

GENEVIEVE R. "GEN." MASSEY
March 13, 2008. Age 88. Beloved wife of the late Mertice "Mert." Loving mother of Ken (Katherine) Massey and Linda (Vince) Cordero. Devoted grandmother of Graham, Nathan, Ryan and Robin. Preceded in death by her sisters Edna and Vera. Survived by brother Roy and sister Evelyn. Visitation was held Monday at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. The funeral service was held Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

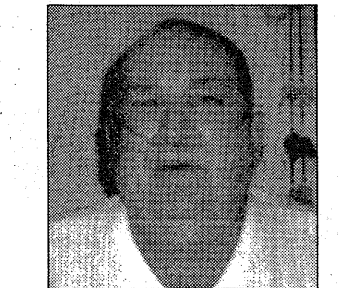
GEORGE A. KARKER
March 16, 2008, age 70. Survived by Gale Karker and their children Georgina (Dennis) Furton, James (Sharon) Karker, Casey Karker and Charles Karker. Grandfather of Taylor, Shelby, Dylan, Brady, Maddie and Shawna. Brother of Joyce Stevenson, June Karker and the late Frances E. Karker. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral service Friday 11 am at the funeral home.

HELEN M. SMITH
Age 91, formerly of Dearborn, MI, passed away March 16, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

JOYCE RUTH LEMASTER
Age 68, March 18, 2008 of Livonia. Loving mother of Kenneth and Douglas (Toni). Dear sister of Don (Carol) Larson. Funeral Service Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 10 AM (instate at 9AM) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. 6 Mile Road, Northville. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. Her family suggests contributions to the Michigan Humane Society. Please sign Joyce's online guestbook at www.rggharris.com.

MARY KATHERINE ROBINSON
Age 82 a longtime resident of Dearborn, died Friday, March 14, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. Mrs. Robinson was born August 24, 1925 in Magee Mississippi the daughter of the late Mr. A.H. Collier and the late Mollie (nee: Thompson) Collier. She was raised in Mississippi and moved to Michigan in 1947. Mary was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Robinson. She is the dear mother of Charles (Judy) Robinson and the loving grandmother of Michael Robinson. Also surviving are her siblings, Louise "Minnie" Royal and Wiley Leroy Lucas; sisters-in-law, Dora McDonald and Mildred Czeck. Mrs. Robinson cherished her grandson and enjoyed sewing her own clothing, gardening, and cooking. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Redford and worked for many years at J.L. Hudson Company as a cashier in the cafeteria at the Northland Shopping Center. A memorial interment service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, Warren, Michigan. Please share memories at: www.Temrowski.com

ROBERT G. BROWN
Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Loving father of Thomas (Ceceile) Brown of Brighton and Robert T. (Barb) Brown of Livonia. Dearest grandfather of five, great-grandfather of 14. Dear brother of Vivian Cameron of Royal Oak. Visitation Tuesday 5-9PM at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 6 Mile, Livonia. A Healing Farewell Wednesday 10:30AM Mass of Christian Burial St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd. Livonia. Instate at Church 10AM Burial Grandlawn Cemetery. Please leave a verbal message of comfort to Robert's family at 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at: www.borek-jennings.com. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

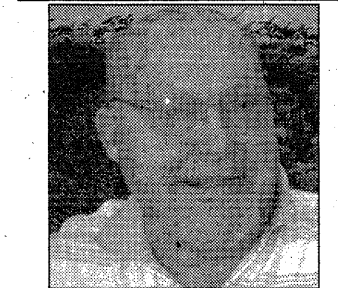


JIMMY DON ARNOLD
Age 70, March 5, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Lee, Brad, and Todd (Teresa) Arnold, and Becky (Kevin) Krupa, and their mother, Kay Arnold. Dear brother of Jayna Eckler and Betty Lampher. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Loving friend and companion of Lois Mize. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 10:30am at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 N. Sheldon Rd. His family suggests donations to the American Lung Association. Please sign Jimmy's online guestbook www.cremationmichigan.com

SERGE JOHN SEGUIN
July 19, 1957-March 8, 2008. Age 50. Beloved father of Jamie. Son of Therese and the late John F. Seguin. Brother to Suzanne (Michael) Hudson, John F. Seguin, III, Mary (Matthew) Danko and uncle to six nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

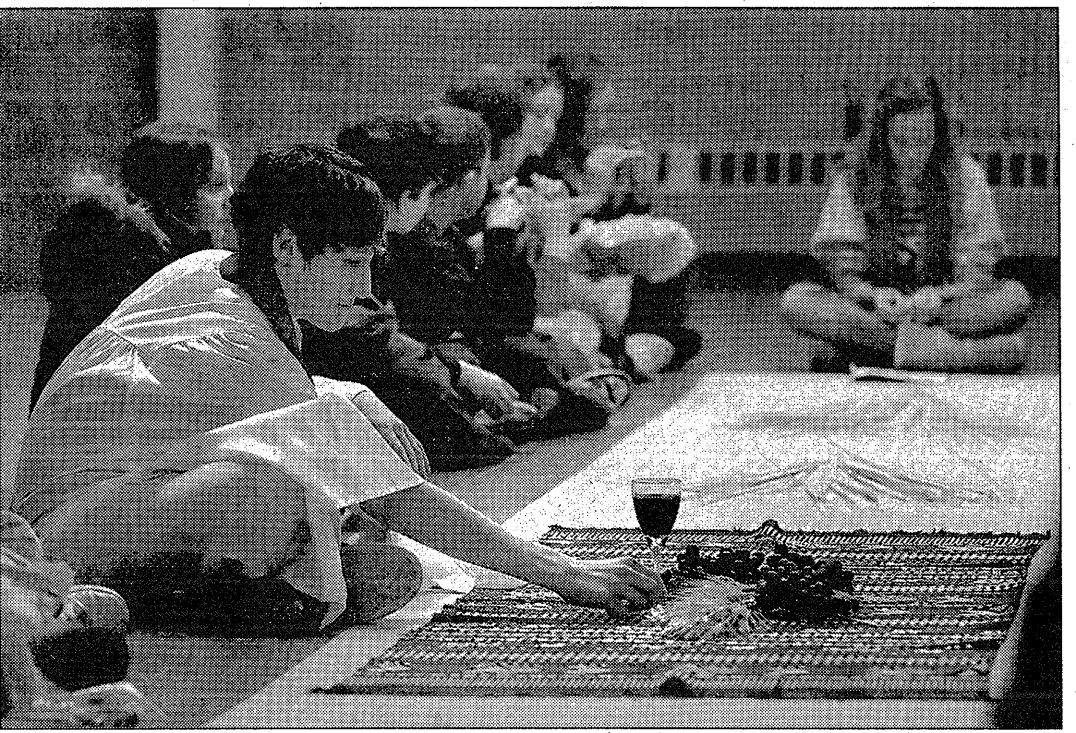


Sister Marie Georgette Poulin, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Teacher, Artist
(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Marie Georgette Poulin, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 61 years, died at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills on March 17, 2008. She was 80. She was born to Alexander and Zenaide (Bisaillon) Poulin on April 26, 1927 and named Georgette at her baptism. The family moved from her birthplace of St. Philomene, Quebec, Canada to Vergennes, Vermont where she, her three brothers and four sisters attended local schools. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1947. She received the name Sister Mary Wilfrid and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1952. Sister Mary Wilfrid began her ministry as a student nurse but after two years changed to elementary school teaching. She earned her bachelor's degree at Mercy College of Detroit and studied art at Eastern Michigan University. She returned to her baptismal name and became known as Sister Marie Georgette. For 37 years she taught in Mercy staffed schools in Berkley, Cheboygan, Holland, Muskegon, Cadillac, Auburn, Hemlock, Midland, Bay City, Posen, Traverse City and Rogers City, Michigan. Following a year of personal renewal, she served as director of clothing for the sisters at McAuley Center. She cared for her mother in Burlington, Vermont for three years, and upon her return to McAuley Center became involved in a number of volunteer activities. Sister Marie Georgette is remembered as a gentle and artistic woman who shared herself without reserve. As a teacher she was attentive to the needs of each child and her classroom bulletin boards were works of art. She was devoted to prayer and to helping others whenever she could, and used her artistic gifts to design greeting cards and create lovely, small gifts. Shortly before her death, Sister Marie Georgette designed and prepared the background scenery for Holy Week and Easter services. She enjoyed a good game of cards or dominos and was an active member of a monthly card playing group. Her warm smile and positive attitude marked her presence. Sister Marie Georgette is survived by her sisters, Sister Marie Therese, RSM of Farmington Hills; Lucille of Burlington, Vermont; and Frances Ryan of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; her brothers, Philip of Essex Junction, Vermont; and Jean-Paul of Barefoot Bay, Florida; nieces, nephew, friends and the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will take place on March 18, 2008 at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a remembrance service at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on March 19, 2008 at 11 am, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336.



HOWARD HECTOR REGAL
The Villages, FL - Heaven welcomed Howard H. Regal, 78 of The Villages, FL on March 13, 2008, following a prolonged illness at Lady Lakes Specialty Care Center, surrounded by his family. He was a native of Michigan and lived in Hendersonville, North Carolina for 18 years prior to moving to The Villages, FL in 2005. He was born on March 19th, 1929 in Detroit, MI and was the son of the late Hector and Leda Regal. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and employed as a sales engineer in the industrial diamond tool industry. He was a lifetime member of the BPOE (Elks Club). He volunteered for Hospice and Habitat for Humanity and was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Patricia, who passed away in 2004, as well as five brothers. He is survived by five children: Dennis Regal and his wife, Lori, of Hamburg, MI; Cindy Halse and her husband, Gary of Commerce, MI; Tom Regal and his wife, Diana of Mahomet, IL.; Mary Regal of Asheville, N.C. and John Regal and his wife, Amy of Fowlerville, MI; sister, Carol Simms and her husband, Lowell of The Villages, FL; 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 10585 Hamburg Rd., Hamburg, MI, ph # 810-231-3220. Luncheon to follow. (A private burial will take place in the Memorial Gardens of St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, NC at a later date) Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lake and Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778

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Matt Cezat, as Jesus, offers a cup of grape juice to the students at the Last Supper.

Children learn the meaning of Holy Week events

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Cezat ripped the pita into small pieces as a symbol of the bread Jesus used to feed the apostles during the Last Supper. The 13-year-old Livonia boy was playing the lead role as part of a Holy Week walk through at the Catholic church of Divine Savior in Westland on Monday night. Three rooms were set up so religious education students from first to eighth grade could experience the three days of events leading up to Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Sister Gemma Legel organized the program to bring to life the story of Jesus's crucifixion and rebirth. Years ago stores closed during the traditional noon to 3 p.m. observance of Jesus dying on the cross. Today Legel says for many people it's business as usual. Jesus's suffering is all but forgotten.

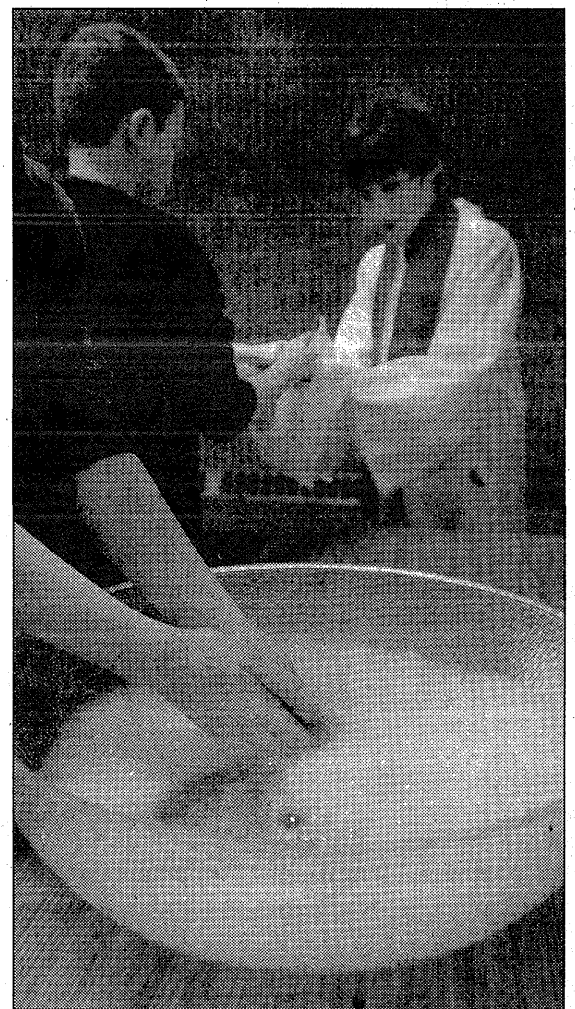
"The walk through is to give kids an experience, to whet their appetite to want to come to church to experience these High Holy days, to make it concrete," said Legel, director of Faith Formation at Divine Savior.

Eighth grade students took the children through the three days leading up to Easter which will be celebrated during the regular religious education class on March 31. In the Good Friday room students examined their conscience, wrote their sins down on a piece of paper which was burned, and received a nail as a remembrance of Jesus's crucifixion.

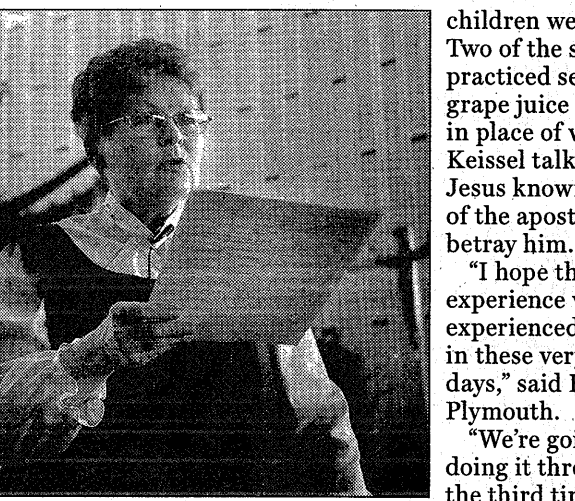
For Holy Saturday the children stepped up to watch the candles being lit to teach them Christ is the light of the world. Legel estimates there are about 100 students in the Faith Formation program taught by about a dozen catechists on Monday nights at Divine Savior.

"We're forming them in faith, not just to have their faith but practice it," said Legel. "It's also worship. It all comes together and flows together: worship and service."

Throughout Lent students were encouraged to place paper flowers on a living tree which is beginning to bud inside the lobby of the church.



Eric LaBerge of Livonia washes his hands. Matt Cezat of Livonia, as Jesus, dries the hands of Tyler Demarec of Garden City.



Sister Gemma Legel explains the Holy Week experience to the children.

"The flowers represent the good deeds they've done in and outside of their homes using their hands," said Legel. "Easter lasts 50 days and it's not over in a day. Everything we do is counter cultural. Our place is in church but if we can't get there to observe we can be home - quiet, reflective, in prayer or doing good works for someone else."

For the walk through of Holy Thursday children sat on the floor just as Jesus's followers did when they shared bread and wine. Instead of washing their feet, Cezat and religion teacher Judy Keissel symbolically wiped the hands of the children after they dipped them in a bowl of water.

Keissel coached Cezat and the eighth grade students shortly before the younger

children were to arrive. Two of the students practiced serving the grape juice being used in place of wine. Later, Keissel talked about Jesus knowing that one of the apostles would betray him.

"I hope they will experience what Jesus experienced in these very important days," said Keissel of Plymouth.

"We're going to be doing it three times. By the third time it will be awesome."

One by one the eighth grade students entered the Holy Thursday room and picked up their scripts. Allison Leonhard, 13 of Westland reads that it was customary for servants to wash feet of the guests. Jesus wanted to show he was their servant as a sign that we need to take care of each other.

Brea Richard, 13, of Westland continued, whenever you wash your hands remember they are meant to help others.

Richard said she was excited to be reenacting the Last Supper "because it's helpful for kids to know what it looked like."

"It will be fun to teach everyone else what I know," said Jordan Tubaro, 13, of Canton.

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CALENDAR

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21 and Easter Sunday, March 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.
Holy Week services
 At Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Call (313) 937-2424. Services continue 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
 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. 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.
Holy Week worship
 At Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, 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.
Holy Week/Easter devotions
 7 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 20, Mass of the Last Supper at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Good Friday services begin at 12:15 p.m. March 21, with Stations of the Cross followed by The Last Seven Words of Christ choir presentation, concluding with Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters at 10 a.m., Blessing of Food at noon,

Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. For details, (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livonia-st-michael.org.
Easter exhibit
 Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will host an exhibit on The Shroud of Turin (replica) 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, in the parish social hall on the lower level 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. For 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
 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
 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.
Holy week services
 Noon and 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, noon to 3 p.m. (concludes with symbolic sealing of tomb of Christ), and 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, and 7:25 a.m. (symbolic unsealing of tomb), 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. communion services (breakfast

8-11 a.m., free will offering) Easter Sunday, March 23, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. For information, call (313) 567-3100 or visit www.historictrinity.org.
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
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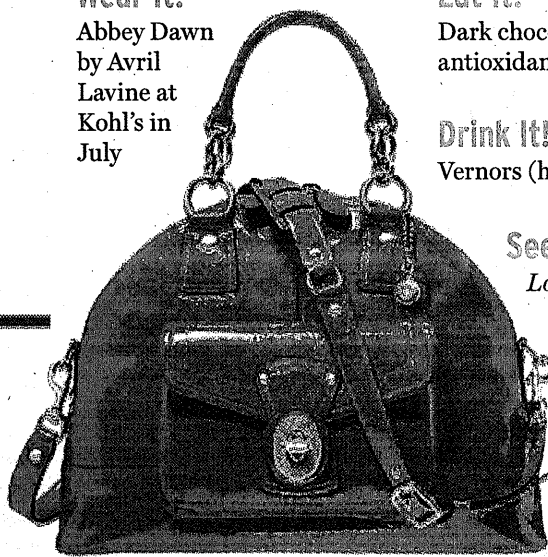
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Baby Loves Disco brings parents back to the club — with toddlers in tow

When I was single, I used to go clubbing at places like The Shelter, Motor Lounge and Envy. It was fun to dress up, have a few drinks, and dance with abandon.

Those days are so over. As the married mom of a toddler, I'm lucky if I can stay awake past nine. The few times I've made it out to local hotspots, I've ended up feeling old, under-dressed and hopelessly out of date. And if I thought going to clubs was expensive when I was single, add the price of a baby sitter onto admission and drinks times two. It's just not worth it anymore.

But now, Baby Loves Disco has revived the club scene for aging hipsters like me. The nationwide phenomenon was ushered into metro Detroit in February by two West Bloomfield moms, Robyn Dvoskin and Julie Hirsch. The concept opens a trendy bar, in our case Eden Nightclub and Ultralounge in Ferndale, on Saturday afternoons for family-friendly fun.

Considering every local Baby Loves Disco has sold out well in advance, I must not be the only parent jonesing for the good old days.

I took my 2-year-old to Baby Loves Disco last Saturday and soon realized the club experience isn't quite so glamorous with a toddler in tow.

After changing Verick's stinky diaper in the backseat, I stuffed supplies into my huge handbag (no stylish evening clutch for this club mama) and we made our way to the door. Despite my mom jeans and practical ponytail, the bouncer let us right past the velvet rope. Yep, this was my crowd.

Inside, we got wristbands (not for the VIP room, but to prevent Verick from wandering off with the wrong mom), collected goody bags and let our

eyes and ears adjust to the light show and loud music.

Unfortunately, my son, like most guys, refused to dance, so we staked a spot at the edge of the dance floor to scope out the scene.

It was much more wholesome than I remember from those nights at Tonic and Taboo. As DJ Ryan Richards spun disco, Moms twirled children in their arms, while dads helped sons to hula hoops and daughters to dance scarves. A machine pumped bubbles into the air.

Despite my coaxing, Verick never caught the disco fever, but it turned out there was plenty else to do.

Eden's bar was stocked with kid-friendly food, like goldfish, animal crackers and pretzels. The cash bar was open for parents, while kids got complimentary Capri Suns. The beds that constitute the Ultralounge part of Eden (normally offering refuge for romance) were filled with helium balloons and hyper kids.

En route to the bathroom, we discovered the entire downstairs was converted to a "chill out area" where parents relaxed on couches or indulged in professional chair massage, while children romped through a playground of stuffed animals, pup tents and toys.

Ten years ago I would have been surveying Eden for hot guys. This time, I picked up a mom.

"Come here often?" I asked a cute blonde with her daughter on her lap.

Turns out it was the first time at Baby Loves Disco for Mary Beth Stacy, a stay-at-home mom of three from Pleasant Ridge. She, too, used to go to clubs like Bookie's, Todd's and Nunzio's back in the day.



JEFF DWOSKIN

Sophie Dvoskin of West Bloomfield hula hoops on the dance floor at Baby Loves Disco.



WENDSY VON BUSKIRK

Mary Beth Stacy of Pleasant Ridge with her son, Gabe, and daughter, Harper in the Chill Out Area at Baby Loves Disco.

"I grew up in punk and disco bars in the 80s," said Mary Beth, as her 3-year-old, Gabe, bounced off the walls and one-year-old Harper wriggled away on the floor. "I'm an old bar fly so this is right up my alley. I think it's great."

Mary Beth and I closed the place down as we chatted about music, family and how hard it is to get out of the house these days.

"Everything changes when you have kids," she said.

Then, Donna Summer's "Last Dance" began blaring upstairs.

It was time to pack the diaper bags and call it a day. At 4 o'clock (p.m., not a.m.), I straggled out of the club covered in sweat (not from dancing, but from wrangling my son) and realized how different my life has become.

Baby Loves Disco proves late nights, last calls and sleeping in are things of the past.

Now, it's all about Verick, but I wouldn't go back to the singles scene for anything — even my old abs and size 6 wardrobe. As I drove home with my

son safely strapped in his car seat, I realized I forgot to ask for Mary Beth's number. We had a lot in common. I would have liked to ask her on a playdate.

I'll be looking for her at the next Baby Loves Disco.

Baby Loves Disco, for children 6 months-7 years and their caregivers, returns to Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge, 22061 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, 1-4 p.m. April 26 and May 31. Tickets (\$12 per walking human; non-walkers free) sell out fast so get them now at www.babylovesdisco.com.

Malls & Mainstreets

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Cathy Horyn Fashion Talk

DETROIT — Cathy Horyn, New York Times fashion critic and former Detroit News fashion journalist (1986-1990), returns to Detroit 7 p.m. March 20 for a free lecture at MOCAD in conjunction with ReFUSING FASHION: REI KAWAKUBO. Horyn, who wrote "Bare Bless" (Harper Collins, 2002), and blogs at runway.blogs.nytimes.com, will discuss Kawakubo's history, work process and vision. ReFUSING FASHION runs through April 20. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocaddetroit.org.

Craft Uprising Showcase

WYANDOTTE — Biddle Gallery will host Craft Uprising: Creating a Design Revolution, 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 21. The event features the wares of indie crafters. The theme, Green Bunny,

celebrates recycling, reusing, and, of course, Easter. Biddle Gallery is located at 2840 Biddle Avenue. Call (734) 281-4779 or visit www.biddlegallery.com.

Detroit Fashion Week Returns

DETROIT — Detroit Fashion Week will present Fall/Winter '08, Urban, Ready to Wear, Couture and Wedding lines over the course of seven days of events, runway shows, presentations and after parties March 23-28 at Asian Village, 521 Atwater, Detroit. An Accessories Marketplace will feature designer lines of jewelry, handbags, scarves, shoes and more. Call (313) 244-3066 or visit www.detroitfashionweek.com.

Custom Easter Hats

DETROIT — Forever Sweeney Millinery & Designs invites ladies to purchase custom hats for Easter Sunday. Choose from high fashion to casual styles made of various fabrics including straws, fibers and leather. Create a customer profile on the company's

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Easter Bunny at GLC

AUBURN HILLS — The Easter Bunny will hold court at Great Lakes Crossing through March 22 with steps of the children's play area, in a natural flowering Easter set courtesy of Backer Landscaping. Children will receive a free gift. Custom photo packages available at a cost. Visit www.shop-greatlakescrossing.com.

Solstice Mother's Day Event

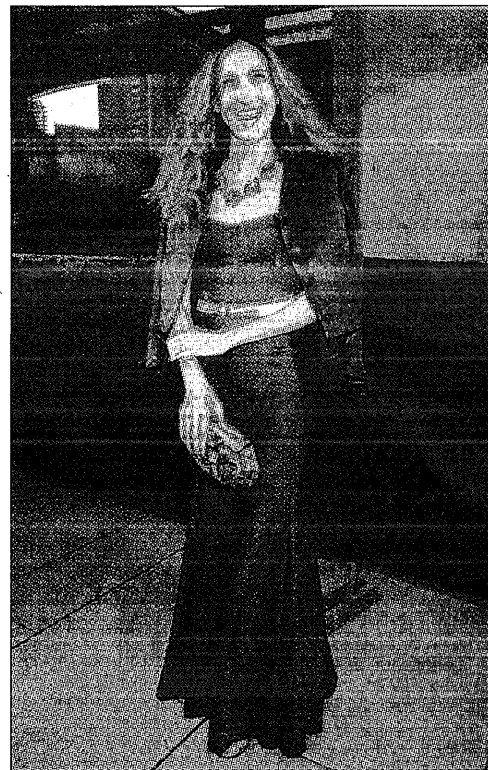
DEARBORN — Solstice Designs self-expression jewelry invites the public to its Third Annual Project Mother's Day, 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 26 at Pizza Papalis, Dearborn. Preview the spring/summer line and help provide necklaces for First Step children to give to mom on Mother's Day. Visit www.jcdesign.com/solstice/ or call (313) 724-9400.



This embroidered Martini Tie by Taryn Boyd of TalkingSquid is among offerings available at CRAFT UPRISING: Creating a Design Revolution, 6-9 p.m. March 21 at Wyandotte's Biddle Gallery.

Sorenen fashion show fund-raiser

Be in the fashion company of Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon, Hilary Swank, Christina Aguilera and J-Lo by bidding on dresses by Farmington Hills native Peter Sorenen at the Celebration of Creativity fashion show, auction and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. New York-based designer Sorenen will donate seven dresses for auction, with proceeds to benefit the Farmington Area Arts Commission. Sorenen will be on hand to pay tribute to his mother, Jody Sorenen, a former Farmington Hills mayor who lost her battle with cancer in 2005. His designs have been featured in Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Modern Bride, and more. Bids will start at \$200 for the gowns, which are valued at up to \$5,000. His creations may be seen at www.petersorenen.com. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or by calling (248) 473-1848.



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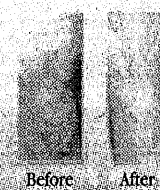


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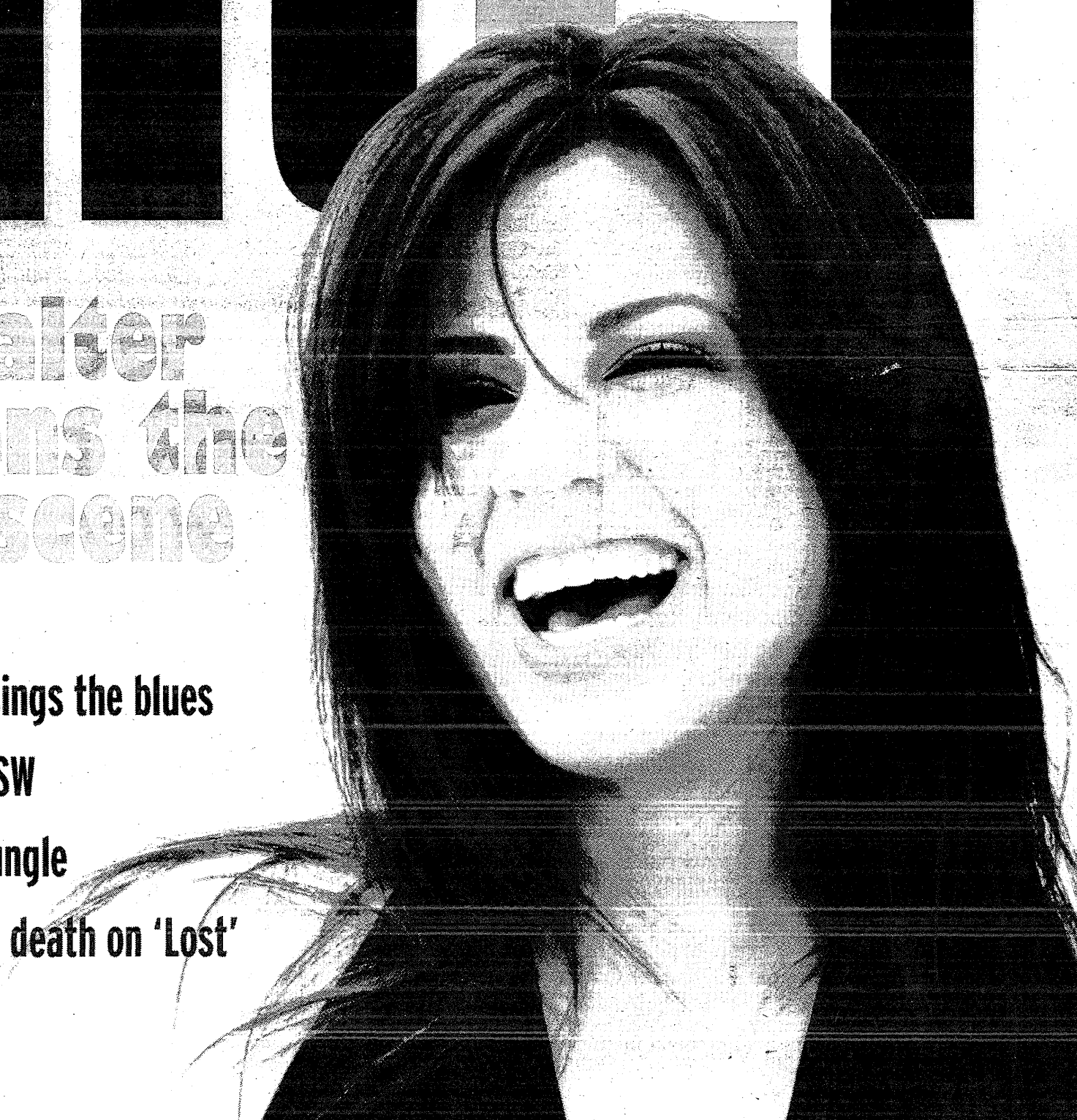
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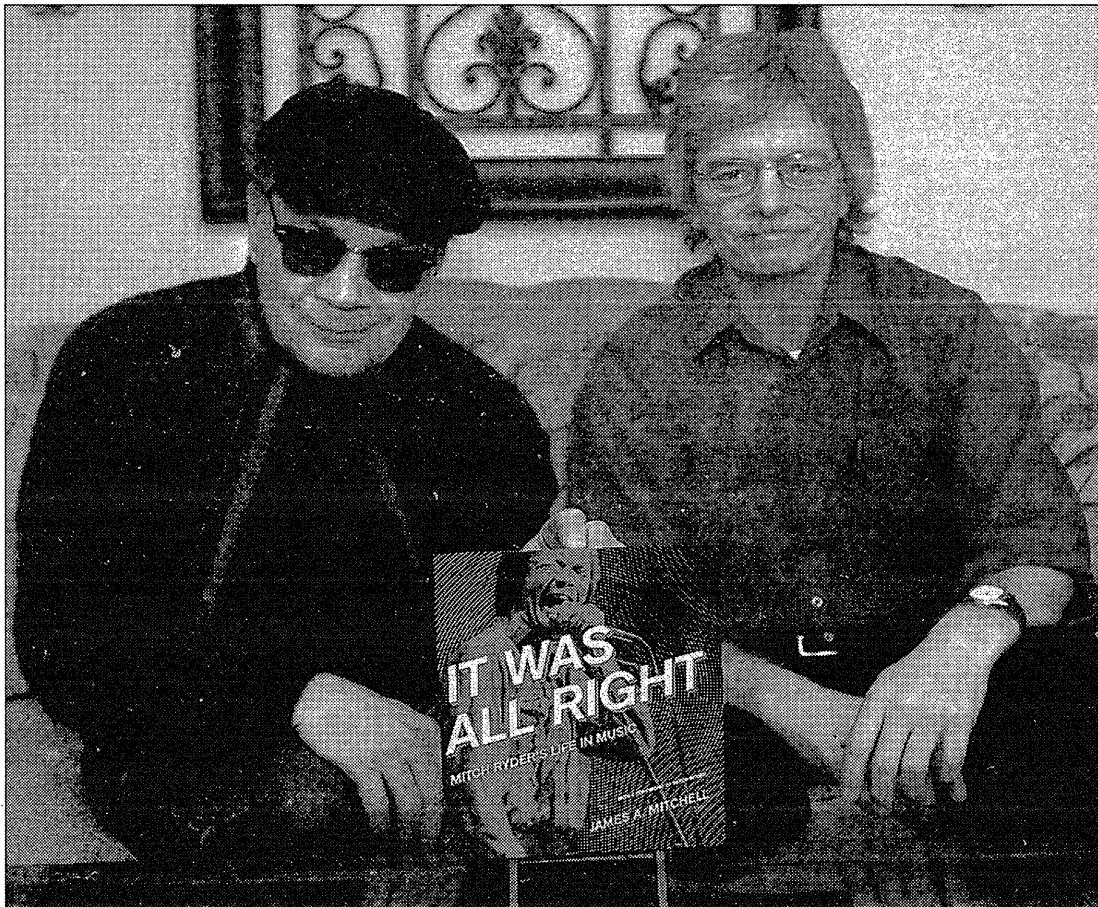
Bracing for tonight's death on 'Lost'



Legendary Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder sees life in print

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Author James Mitchell (right) wrote the book on Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder. He'll sign copies of 'It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music' after Ryder's concert March 22 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.



Their relationship started with a fund raiser for a small orphanage halfway across the world.

But now, three years later, South Lyon Herald editor James Mitchell and South Lyon resident Mitch Ryder will see the culmination of their partnership with the release of *It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music*, the authorized biography of Ryder's life.

Ryder, 63, became famous in the 1960s with his two Top 10 hits *Devil with a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly* and *Jenny Take a Ride*.

Ryder said he's been asked repeatedly about a book on his life. Specifically, the book would be a compilation of the road stories he experienced throughout his life. And when he met Mitchell, he realized he found the perfect biographer.

"Reading the Herald, I saw an article by Jim, and I liked his writing style," Ryder said. "I approached him with the proposition of putting this road story book together. That's how it began."

The result, however, wasn't what Ryder envisioned.

In interviewing Ryder, Mitchell quickly realized all the events and people that played a role in Ryder's life, whether other musicians or places he's lived, wouldn't make the most compelling of stories. But the more he talked with Ryder, the more he learned this could be a work of art.

"What he had in mind was anecdotes from life on the road. All these little 'road stories' as he called them," Mitchell said. "To his credit, he said 'it's your book. Write it the way you want.'"

And what Mitchell said, he said, was someone akin to Forrest Gump: someone who has witnessed and experienced a number of significant events and individuals throughout his life. In this case, a musician who lived firsthand the highs and lows of change in the music industry.

"It's more than just the music. It became part of the social, political, cultural movements," he said.

Ryder, admittedly a modest man, said he enjoys how Mitchell portrays him and his life.

"I like the way he starts," said Ryder. "It's a very good introduction. I like the way he talks about the problems that I encountered. I think it's hard for me to take compliments, so when they appear in the book, it seems weird."

While the book can be considered a must-read for Ryder's fans, his place in the changing musical world helps open the book to fans of all types of music and modern American history.

"Ryder is your tour guide of the changes in the '60s and '70s and the music industry," said Mitchell.

Anyone reading the book should come away with a better understanding of what it's like to find fame at such a young age — Ryder was 20 when he first broke the Top 10 in the Billboard charts.

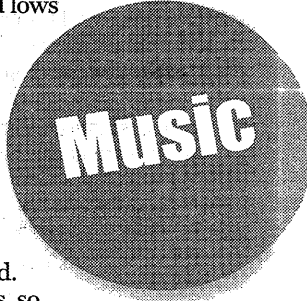
"Fame and success ain't all it's cracked up to be," said Mitchell. "Instant early fame is no guarantee of a long, enduring career."

"For a brief period, he was as popular as you can get in this country. He was invited to private parties with The Beatles. He was close to getting a part in *In Cold Blood*. He almost joined up with Jimi Hendrix."

The Ryder book, published by Wayne State Press, is the second for Mitchell, 47. His first book, *Applegate: Freedom of the Press in a Small Town*, is based on his experiences working as editor of a small-town newspaper in rural Macomb County. He is currently working on his third work, *But for the Grace: Profiles in Peace from a Nation at War*.

Your first chance to pick up a copy of *It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music*, will be March 22 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, where Ryder will perform with his band, The Detroit Wheels. After the concert, Ryder and Mitchell will sign copies of the book.

The book will also be available online at wsupress.wayne.edu, Borders Books and Music or the South Lyon Herald offices in downtown South Lyon.



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When: 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 22

Where: Michigan Theatre, 603 E Liberty St., Ann Arbor

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Jazz singer Jesse Palter of West Bloomfield.

Blues legend Alberta Adams releases CD at 90

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Alberta Adams' entire life, all 90 years of it, has been about living with the blues.

"Everyone's life is the blues, every day," she said. "Your life is the blues, you just don't know it, but it is. There's a blues song in your every day."

The legendary blues singer, born in Indiana and raised in Detroit, still lives in the city despite her reputation as one of blues' best.

She's sang with all the greats like Duke Ellington, Dizzie Gillespie and T-Bone Walker. This Saturday, March 22, Adams is celebrating the release of her new CD *Detroit is My*

Home with a show at The Jazz Cafe at Music Hall.

As the queen of the blues in Detroit, Adams began her career as a dancer in the late 1940's. Born in 1917 she still sings with soulful power, writes much of her own music and continues to represent "old school" music.

While she could have relocated and been an even bigger success in New York or Chicago, Adams said there's something about Detroit she can't explain, that consistently lures her back.

"When I'm coming back from a show out of state and I see that *Welcome to Detroit* sign I feel happy," Adams said.

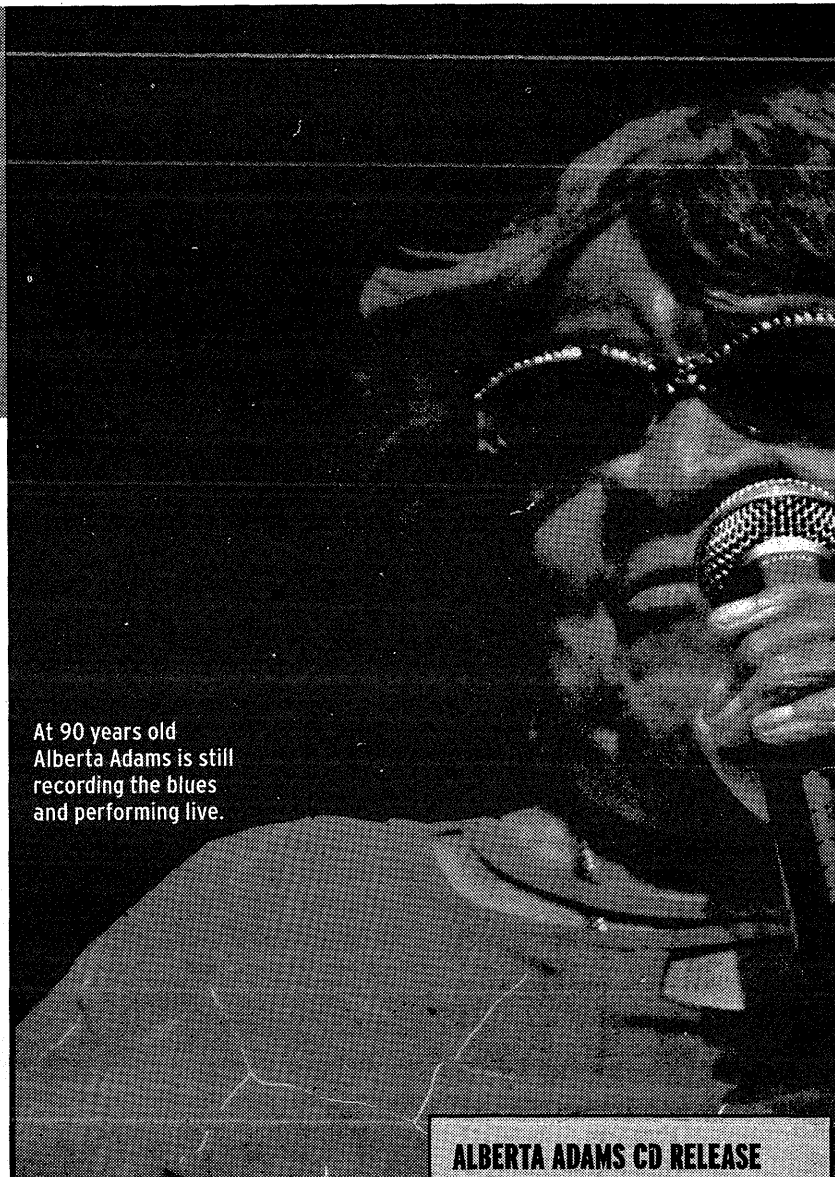
That's why she chose to name her CD after The Motor City. The LP is her third on the Eastlawn Label. On it she sings with three notable pianists: Mark Braun, a.k.a. Mr. B; Al Hill, from the Bettye LeVette Band; and Ann Rabson who is a member of Saffire, a popular international all-female blues outfit.

Each pianist brings out a different facet of the blues: boogie-woogie, old-time music and roots-oriented.

"I thank God that over the years there are so many musicians who want to perform me," Adams said.

At her show and on the CD she will sing boogie-woogie, slow blues, ballads, New Orleans style R&B and more. Joining her on stage are some of her favorite musicians, she said, such as longtime manager and drummer RJ Spangler, guitarist Paul Carey, pianist and vocalist Shawn

At 90 years old Alberta Adams is still recording the blues and performing live.



ALBERTA ADAMS CD RELEASE

What: A concert to celebrate the release of "Detroit is My Home"
Genre: Blues, boogie-woogie, ballads and New Orleans-style R&B
When: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22
Where: The Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
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McDonald and upright bassist Ben Lutermoser.

In between sets, Adams likes to socialize with her audience, and although she's proud, she doesn't brag.

However, if you question her politely, she will tell stories of her encounters with other legends.

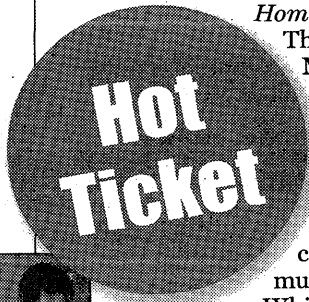
How many women can say they were physically struck by Billie Holiday?

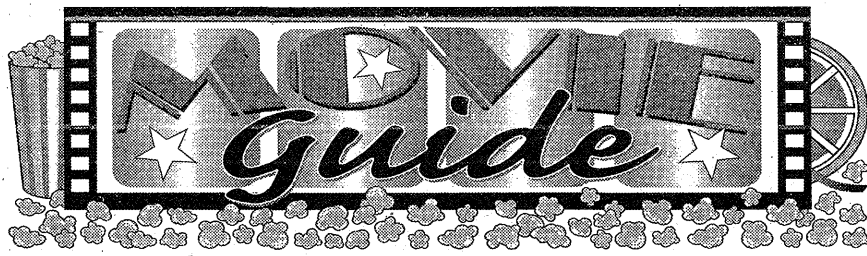
"I was at a bar and wanted to go backstage into Billie's dressing room to meet her, so I walked in and I was whistling," Adams said. "And she slapped me. She told me never to do something like that ... don't walk into someone else's dressing room eating peanuts and whistling. I was just a young girl, she taught me the fundamentals of show business and etiquette."

Today she teaches younger singers those same fundamentals, minus the slaps, she laughed.

"I've never been afraid or nervous to face and audience and when I see these new young women who are afraid I tell them ... if you have a voice then just go out there and *sing*. Show them what you got."

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JESSE PALTER QUARTET

What: Featuring jazz artists Jesse Palter and Sean Jones.
When: 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday March 22.
Where: Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant, 25333 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, in the Star Theatre complex.
Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call (248) 357-6009 (Arturo's Box Office) or visit www.arturosjazz.com/
Menu: Starters include items such as artichoke dip with French baguette; soups are French onion and the soup du jour; an array of salads includes a Caribbean-inspired dish; entrees include Jambalaya; side orders range from sweet potato fries to asparagus to smooth mashed potatoes; desserts are cheesecakes, mousses and tortes.
Hear her: myspace.com/jessepalter

When a jazz band performs together 250 times a year — and spends off-stage time jamming and socializing together — expect intimacy and excitement on stage.

When musicians actually love one another and trust each other, their performance confidence soars, giving them freedom in their musical improvisation. It's rare when that magic happens, but it does with the Jesse Palter Quartet.

"You can go anywhere with the music when you know your band has your back," Palter said. "When that love is on the stage, I think the whole room can feel it and join in on it."

At just 22 years old, Palter, of West Bloomfield, has sung hundreds of concerts each year for the past three years — giving her the experience of a much older performer. Her grace, passion, range and emotion — whether raw or loving — can be felt in every song. A perfect example is to simply click on her site myspace.com/jessepalter and listen to her painful, beautiful version of the standard *I'll Be Seeing You*.

This Saturday, March 22 Palter performs on the main stage at Arturo's Jazz Theatre, a restaurant and bar, in Southfield. The quartet also consists of pianist Mike Jellick, bass player Ben Williams and drummer Marion Felder. Renowned trumpeter Sean Jones joins them for the night.

Jones is lead trumpeter of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and the professor of jazz studies at Duquesne University.

"Adding a horn is something different for us," Palter said. "I'm really excited about this show."

While Palter is proud to call Detroit home — and feels humbled that her fan base ranges from jazz students too young to get into nightclubs and aficionados who tell her stories of seeing Ella Fitzgerald perform — she said a departure from Motown seems imminent.

"We play in New York at least once a month, and I take vocal courses there," Palter said. "It seems like Chicago or New York will eventually become home, at least for a little while."

For the young singer, jazz is her life. From the moment she wakes in the morning and works out physically — or on her vocal chords — she's focused on building her knowledge of jazz. She avoids foods like dairy or soda that can impact her voice. She trains for hours, and spends hours listening to masters like Miles Davis.

Through training and instinct, Palter has grown into one of the most accomplished singers (and songwriters) on the Detroit jazz scene in years. She's racked up her resume credentials performing at important clubs like Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Firefly Jazz Club, Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, Seldom Blues and the new MGM Grand Detroit — with upcoming dates at Motor City Casino.

In February 2007 she performed her New York debut at the Blue Note Jazz Club and The Living Room. She's also performed nationwide at important locales like Andy's Jazz Club in Chicago, Dizzy's in San Diego, Ortlieb's Jazz Club in Philadelphia, plus the Birmingham Jazz Fest and the Detroit Jazz Festival. She's shared the stage already with Rodney Whitaker, Ron Blake, Christian McBride, Marcus Belgrave, James Carter, Greg Hutchinson, Geoffrey Keezer and Paul Keller.

The quartet was awarded a full scholarship to JAS Academy Summer Sessions — the nation's only all-scholarship jazz residency program that brings young jazz artists together with the world's jazz legends.

Her first CD, *Beginning to See the Light*, includes originals and standards like *One For My Baby (And One More For the Road)*.

And her music is popular on iTunes, with her most downloaded song being the Kermit the Frog classic *Bein' Green*.

Jesse Palter and her quartet plays in Southfield.

Jungle Java is wild time for kids of all ages

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

At Jungle Java, children cavort on a huge indoor playscape while parents relax in the adjoining coffee shop sipping cafe mochas. Theoretically.

Whether you can actually lounge with a latte depends a lot on the age of your children and the time that you go.

My husband and I visited with our 2-year-old on a Saturday afternoon — Jungle Java's busiest day — and didn't get a moment's peace. The place was packed, and Verick was a bit overwhelmed.

According to Jungle Java co-owner Laurel Hess, it's normal for children to take a few visits to find their jungle legs.

"It depends on the personality of the child and if they have older siblings or older friends with them," she said. "I also would advise people to call ahead to see whether we're busy, and find a better time to take a smaller child who might not feel completely comfortable."

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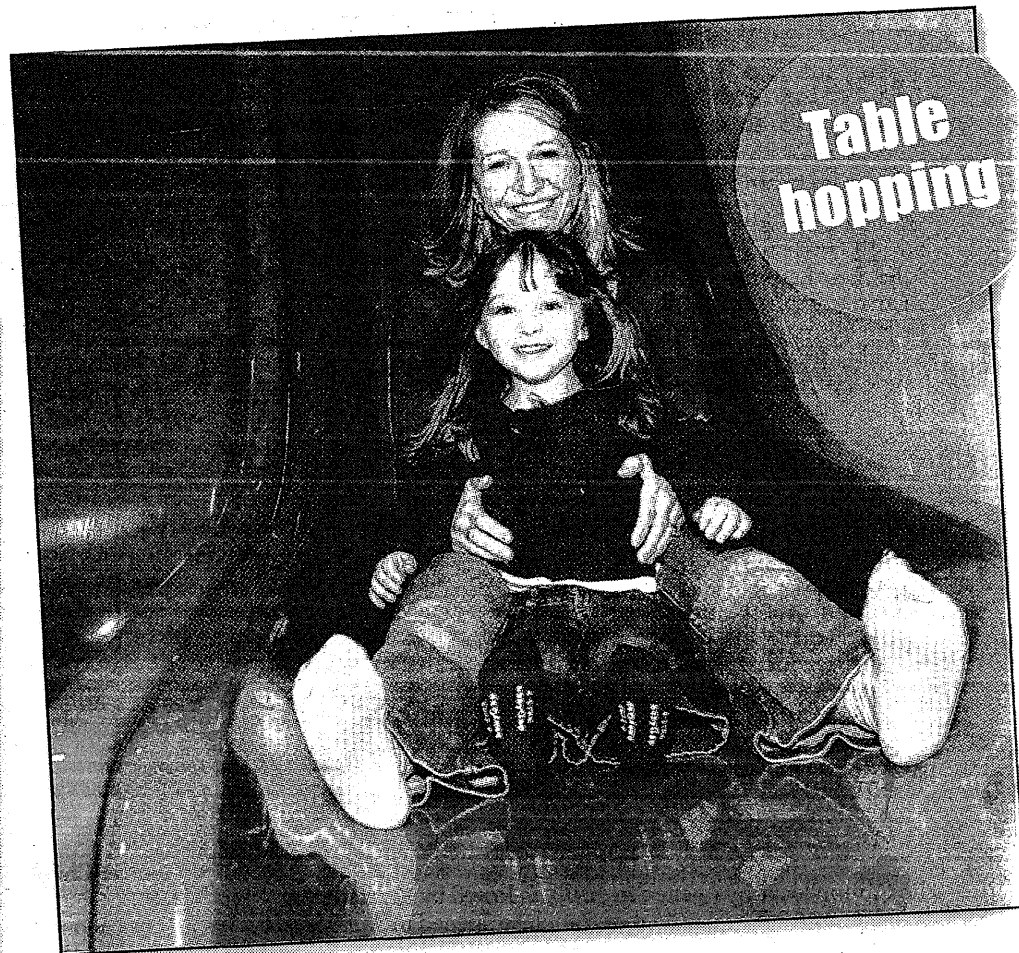
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Online: www.JungleJavaPlay.com

Menu: Coffee bar drinks include chai teas, lattes, espresso-based specialty drinks and smoothies (\$1.75-\$3.95); food includes salads (\$5.85); seasonal soups and chili (\$2.85-\$3.20); sandwiches (\$3.50-\$6.15); and fresh baked goods.

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Breakfast with The Bunny: Easter Bunny will hop into Canton's Jungle Java 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 21. Admission includes free pancake breakfast for kids. RSVP at (734) 927-9600 or canton@junglejavaplay.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura Telepo and daughter Emma, 4, slide down the play structure at Jungle Java. They live in Canton and were at Jungle Java with dad Kevin Telepo celebrating little brother John's 2nd birthday.

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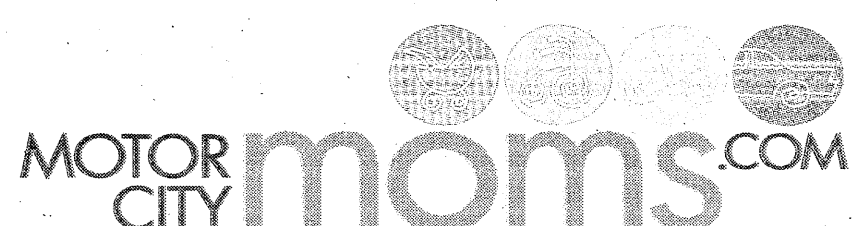
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JUNGLE JAVA

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The slowest days at Jungle Java are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Hess said, while older kids are at school. Parents with small children can always find refuge in the specially-designed Toddler Safari areas, walled off and full of colorful foam structures. The Farmington Hills toddler site will be remodeled this summer.

Older children have an absolute blast at Jungle Java, and their parents really can relax and have a bite to eat.

Jungle Java's menu is simple, consisting of salads, soups, sandwiches and a wide selection of beverages for adults and children. Wrap sandwiches range from Ham & Swiss to Turkey & Provolone, and Chicken Caesar to Spicy Black Bean and Garden Veggie Burger wraps. Kids love all-beef hot dogs, mac and cheese, grilled cheese pretzel rolls and pb&j's (although the Ann Arbor location is entirely peanut-free).

Hess said Jungle Java focuses on healthy food and active play. "We want kids to run around, interact, work up a sweat and work their muscles," she said.

Customers often recognize Hess, of Canton, as the host of Comcast Newsmakers. After graduating from U-M, her broadcasting career spanned Alpena, Cadillac, Lansing and Grand Rapids before she landed a job as a general assignment reporter for WDIV in Detroit. Then, she quit her full-time job to freelance and raise a family.

Hess met her husband, Eric, at the Alpena TV station, where he worked as a sports anchor. The couple decided to partner with friends Denise and Doug Mehl, also of Canton, to launch Jungle Java.

The Canton location opened in 2003, followed by Farmington Hills in late 2006. The Ann Arbor franchise opened in April of last year, and another franchise is on its way in Austin, Texas.

Hess, whose boys are now 6 and 8, said she's glad she made the career switch.

"I was just telling my husband how lucky I am that I love my job," she said. "I love coming into the store, interacting with customers, and I love the kids."

Restaurants open Easter Sunday

Looking for a restaurant to take the family on Easter Sunday?

The following establishments will be open, but it is probably a good idea to call and check on table availability first:

DETROIT:

Coach Insignia at the Renaissance Center, (313) 567-2622

Sweet Georgia Brown, 1045 Brush, www.sweetgb.com, (313) 965-1245

OAKLAND COUNTY:

Big Fish Seafood Bistro, 1111 W. 14 Mile Road, **Madison Heights**, (248) 585-9533, www.muerm.com

Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester Road, **Troy**, (248) 828-2825

Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Road, **Troy**, (248) 879-2060, www.muerm.com

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, 323 N. Old Woodward, **Birmingham**, (248) 723-0134

Meriwether's, 25485 Telegraph, **Southfield**, (248) 358-1310

Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 39495 N. Woodward Ave., **Bloomfield Hills**, (248) 646-7900

No. VI Chophouse, 27790 Novi Road, **Novi**, (248) 305-5210

The Moose Preserve Bar & Grill, 43034 Woodward, **Bloomfield Hills**, (248) 858-7688

WAYNE COUNTY:

1 Under Banquet Facility, 35780 Five Mile, **Livonia**, (734) 464-5555

Deadwood Bar & Grill, 18730 Northville Road,

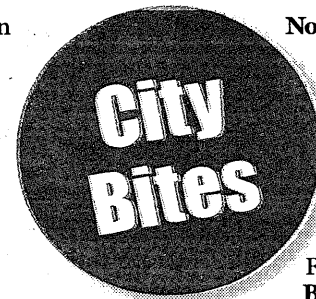
Northville, (248) 347-4353

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, **Livonia**, (734) 542-9463

George Murphy's At the Creek, 36000 Seven Mile Road, **Livonia**, (248) 473-1300, www.georgemurphys.com

Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, **Plymouth**, (734) 354-0001

Beaver Creek, 1609 N. Wayne, **Westland**, (734) 722-5330.



SANDWICH SERVES AS MUSE

Café Muse, the eclectic European style café in Royal Oak, is celebrating their second year of business with recognition on a national level. The March issue of *Esquire* magazine (www.esquire.com/features/food-drink/sandwiches) featured Café Muse's grilled cheese as one of the "Best Sandwiches in America." Only two restaurants in Michigan achieved this honor — the other being long-time Ann Arbor favorite Zingerman's Delicatessen.

Esquire describes the Café Muse sandwich as a blend of "harvarti for creaminess, mozzarella for gooeyness, fontina for bite, honey to linger on the tongue, paired with the sharp anise nip of fresh basil and the sweet tang of grilled tomato."

Café Muse brings a blend of organic and European-styled cuisine to Royal Oak. The restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Mondays. Prices for main dishes range from \$6.75-\$9.95. Café Muse is located at 317 S. Washington Ave., north of Fourth, in Royal Oak. Call (248) 544-4749.

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ART EXHIBITS

Birmingham Unitarian Church: Farmington Artist in Residence from 2000, Marjorie Chellstorp presents 26 works, through April 13, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

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/plymouthcoffeebean.

North Farmington High School: Student Art Shows, "Fish Bowl" through April 2; City Gallery, Costick Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856.

ART GALLERIES

Art Leaders Gallery: Dr. Seuss Exhibition and Sale, 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, through April 11; free, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

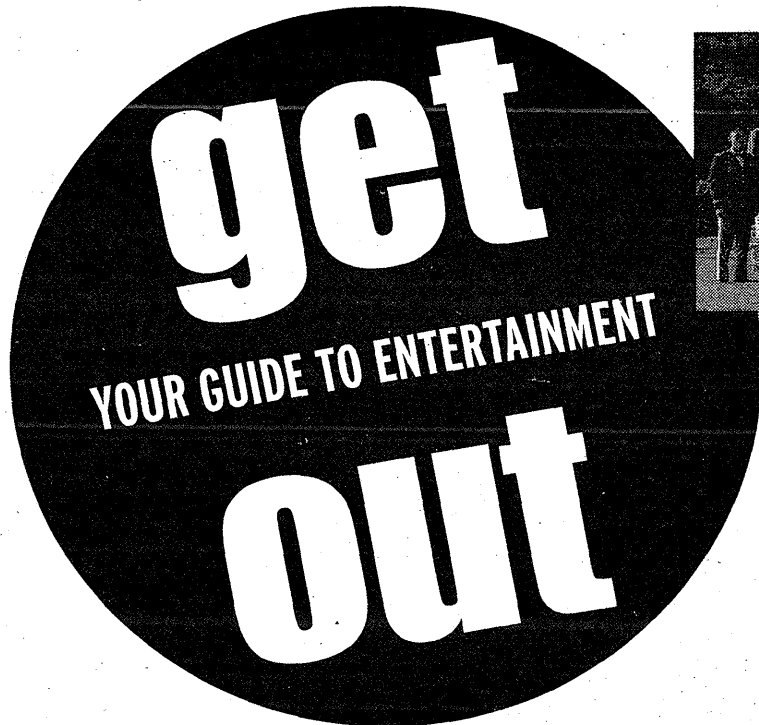
Clay, Etc. Studio and Gallery: "Tea Time at Clay, Etc.," through March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

Elaine L. Jacob Gallery: "Still Pulling: Traditional Printmaking in the Digital Age," group show, March 21-May 16; opening reception, 5-8 p.m. March 21, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

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

Lemberg Gallery: "Intertwined," Ted Lee Hädfeld and Janet Hamrick, through April 19; 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Lotus Arts Gallery: "Fresh Expressions: An Exhibition of Local Artists," 12 emerging Michigan artists, multimedia, through March 27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART.



Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Main Gallery: "Installations," group show featuring installation works by five Michigan artists, through April 19; First Floor Gallery: "Sherry Moore - Landscapes and Dwellings," mixed media drawings and sculptures, through April 19, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

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

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

BOOKS

Oakland Community College: Colleen Gleason, author of "The Rest Falls Away" and "The Bleeding Dusk," 6:30 p.m. March 25, followed by book signing at 7:30 p.m., Highland Lakes campus, Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford, www.colleengleason.com.

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Bach's St. Matthew

Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

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.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Something Old, Something New, 3 p.m. April 13, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; 3 p.m. April 20, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Oakland Brass Band: Wind of Springs concert, 8 p.m. March 28, Royal Oak High School, \$12, \$9 seniors and adults (248) 931-5169 or email treasurer@oaklandbrassband.com.

Orchestra Canton: Fusion Festival with Inspirations from India, 8 p.m. March 29-30, with sitar artist Hasu Patel, Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton (734) 394-5460 Ext. 0.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: American Romance, concert season finale, 8 p.m. April 5, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd in Northville, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Opus 3 Piano Series features Vladimir 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.org.

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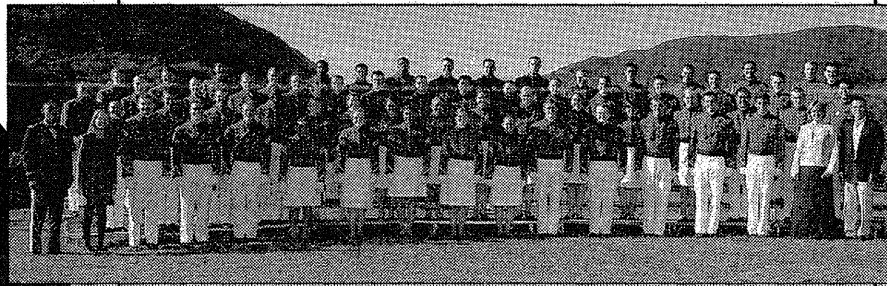
The Ark: Rachael Davis and Steppin' In It dual CD release party, March 20, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org.

Bachelor's One: bugs Beddow Band, March 21 and 22, 1967 Cass Lake Rd., Keego Harbor (248) 682-2295.

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.

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.

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



West Point cadet glee club returns

For the first time in 24 years, the U.S. Corps of Cadets Glee Club will perform in Michigan. The chorus from West Point will sing at concerts 7:30 p.m. April 5, and 2 p.m. April 6 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Organized in 1903, the Cadet Glee Club is now a 65-voice mixed chorus whose members serve as musical ambassadors for West Point and rank among the nation's most prestigious college choirs. Tickets are \$20, available from the church office or by mail before March 23. Remit ticket requests to Judy Hood, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Indicate which concert(s) you desire to attend.

Make checks payable to Nardin Park UMC. Visit www.nardin-park.org for more information.

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.

Edison's: bugs Beddow Band, March 28 and 29, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

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

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.

Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Rush, June 10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Majestic Theatre: 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: 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

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 28, \$12 per child, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

FILM

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

PAH Fest: Submit 6-minute student videos by April 1 for Christopher Coppola's film festival; event set for May 8-13, awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit www.pahnation.com.

Plymouth: Thursday Movie Classics, featuring free Alfred Hitchcock movies in March, 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, Cretopia Pottery and Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, visit www.downtownplymouth.org for information.



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Book signing

Meet authors Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce as they sign copies of their books "Magic Tree House #39: Dark Day in the Deep Sea" and "Sea Monsters: A Nonfiction Companion to Dark Day in the Deep Sea" at 7 p.m. March 26 at Barnes & Noble in Rochester Hills.

Surviving South By Southwest: Or how I learned to stop worrying and love the music

It was something of a last-minute decision, a flight purchased on the fly. With so many bands descending upon Austin, and my good pal — and Westland native — Monica Kritzman living and working right there in the Texas state capital, I just had to return for this year's South by Southwest music conference.

The revelry had started days earlier, so by Thursday morning the festival's main artery — Sixth Street



Stephanie Casola

— was already flooding with people. I took a sip of my morning coffee and began plotting my course while standing on the corner near the Driskill Hotel — and Perry Farrell (Jane's Addiction, Porno

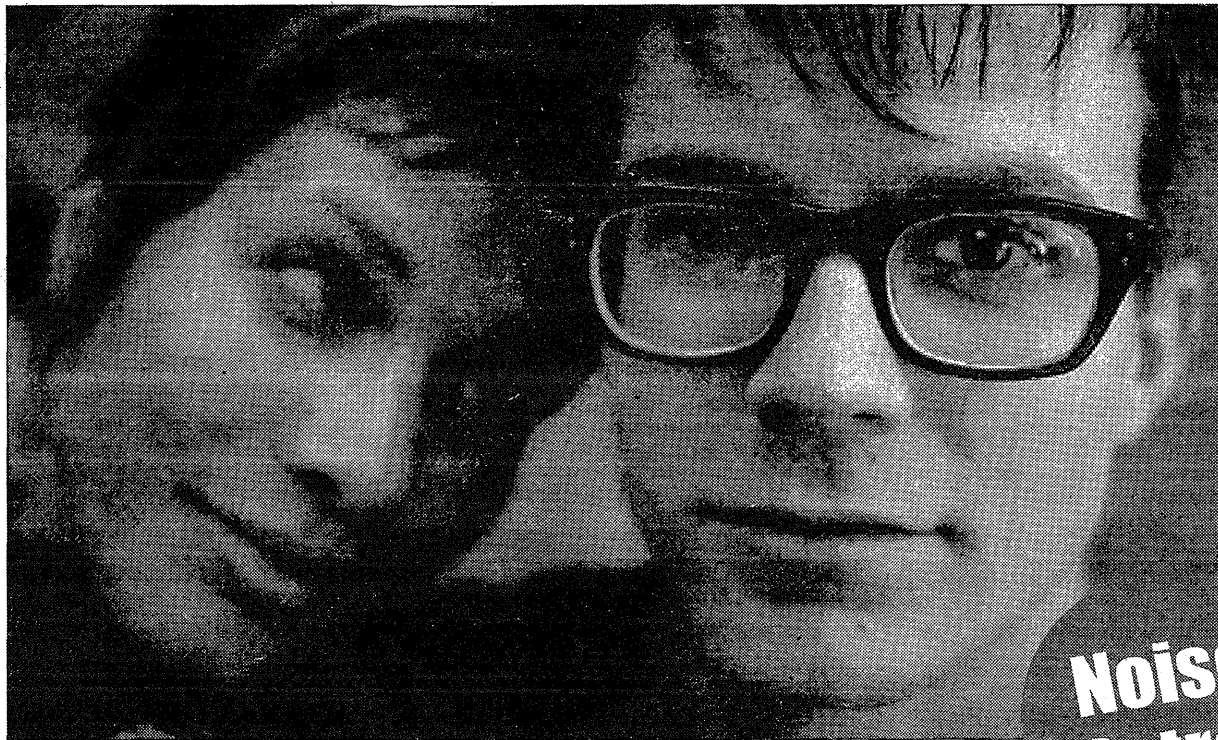
for Pyros, Satellite Party) sauntered past me like some vivid reminder that I wasn't in Detroit anymore.

A line began to form outside The Parish club as early as 11 a.m. to see the likes of Swedish sweetheart **Jens Lekman** and New York's **Vampire Weekend**. It's indescribably odd to run into rock stars in the A.M. Just about everyone looks a smidge out of place in their skinny jeans and faded band tees with the sun beating down.

Still, the SXSW day parties kick off around noon — and musicians of all kinds take over every bar, alleyway, sub shop and grassy knoll you can find in Austin.

Our first official stop was The Onion's **A.V. Club and Canvas Media Party** hosted at Emo's Thursday afternoon. With two stages to ensure a constant flow of music and comedy — courtesy of **The Most Serene Republic**, **The Constantines**, **The Stills** and my favorite discovery from last year's SXSW — **Tokyo Police Club** — there was plenty to see and hear. And it was all punctuated by the spiciest Bloody Mary I've ever consumed. Food and drinks flow freely at every location, the challenge is remembering to eat and drink lots of water amid all the surrounding madness. Imagine four days in rock 'n' roll Disneyland.

Around 2 p.m., we trekked down the street and happened upon a fuzz-rock favorite, **The Ravonettes**, just about to hit the outdoor stage at Red Eyed Fly. Sune Rose Wagner and Sharin Foo's Jesus and Mary Chain-inspired harmonies sounded shimmery and strong — even if the band's live performances tend to be augmented by pre-recorded material. With a new album on Vice titled *Lust Lust Lust*, the band performed a well-mixed set of old and new material. Following our fix of *Love in a Trashcan*, we high-tailed it to Stubb's — one of Austin's most notable out-



Matt & Kim

door venues and BBQ joints. Though the line stretched well down the street we managed to sneak in to see **Motorhead** in the middle of the afternoon. The crowd full of Harley tee shirts and headbang-worthy hair braved the beating sun and rising temperatures to hear Lemmy's raspy vocals — and by the final song (*What else, Ace of Spades*) they looked plenty satisfied.

Kicking up dust, we returned to Emo's in time to catch the final band — and one of my favorites — **Tapes n' Tapes**. But the day began to wear on us. Rather than battle the capacity-sized crowd we found a sunny spot on a bench barely in view of the stage.

Whether it's an official showcase, a media-sponsored day party or a spandex-sporting street performer who's nabbed a slab of sidewalk downtown, there is music coming from every corner of the city.

After a short break, we switched up the schedule and headed over to the Beauty Bar for an **IHEARTCOMIX** DJ showcase. The location lived up to its name as nearly anyone in the bar could've passed for model material. We missed the madman that is **Juiceboxx**, but made it in time for the crowd to go insane to LA's **Lo** and Ben of **HEARTSREVOLUTION** and followed by the Parisian-based emotronics of **The Toxic Avenger**.

Thanks to Monica's handy all-access Transmission Pass we skipped out and skipped a considerable line at Mohawk to perch behind the soundbooth for **Jens Lekman's** set. From the hand-claps and his ability to instantly switch up instruments from guitar to keys, Jens never disappoints.

A singalong erupted for **Black Cab** and he performed an amazing version of the *Opposite of Hallelujah*. It appears on his latest, *Night Falls Over Kortedala*.

Friday began with 10:30 a.m. breakfast tacos and music at the **Front Gate Tickets** party. By mid-day we set up camp on the rooftop of Mohawk where we snagged a table and slurped sweet tea and vodka to the sounds of **British Sea Power** onstage below. Sporting their requisite short pants, the band was a serious draw. Their latest album, *Do You Like Rock Music?* is out on Rough Trade records.

Meanwhile Texas's favorite alt-country sons, **Old 97s**, were in mid-photo-shoot just to the left of the Torchy's Taco stand on the same rooftop. As Rhet Miller and Co. mugged for the camera, the band promoted their first album in four years. It's titled *Blame it On Gravity*.

As the afternoon shindig began to clear out and the sun started to sink, it was time to seek out the **IHEARTCOMIX** party on some newly-constructed garage rooftop. Climbing flight after flight of stairs seemed worth it for the view of the city, the still-warm wind, the sounds of **Film School**, and frenetic antics of Brooklyn's cutest boyfriend-girlfriend duo **Matt & Kim** — whose set (powered by the hit *Yea Yeah*) seemed to start and end way too soon.

Saturday's main event meant spending the entire day seeking shade at Waterloo Park for the **Mess with Texas** party, where three dusty stages of music and comedy kept going all day and into the night.

I started to feel like a rock 'n' roll zombie



Grab a copy of Jens Lekman's "Night Falls Over Kortedala."

who just needed to be pointed in the direction of something that sounded good. Whether that meant giggling at the Google-inspired jokes of **Human Giant's Aziz Ansari**, or **Eugene**

Mirman's sarcastic story of his fight with a New York gas company, the Flying V-metal-mania of **Jay Reatard**, cooing over **Yeasayer** or envisioning a Jefferson Airplane-resurrection in the form of **Black Mountain**, **Mess** With Texas felt like a festival in its own right.

Out of sheer exhaustion it was also the last SXSW stop in a weekend that required a lot of recuperation time afterward. I could barely walk another step and it still felt like we hadn't scratched the surface of all the musical possibilities. I missed many, many of the bands and musicians I'd truly wanted to see — due mostly in part to the massive size and scope of SXSW.

Detroit-based bands like **The Great Lakes Myth Society**, **The Von Bondies** and **The Hard Lessons** played several shows apiece. In fact, I caught a touch of The Hard Lesson's Koko belting out the infectious lyrics "Oh baby won't you come back to me" while walking down Sixth Street. Her unmistakable voice managed to drown out the crowds and confusion enough for that line to sink right into my head. Detroit-based **Small Stone Records** held its own showcase and **Yarr! PR** hosted a pirate-themed day party.

Even with media credentials it's nearly impossible to get in to the most coveted spots — super-hyped shows and tiny clubs fill up fast. So I'll have to wait until the next time **Rogue Wave**, **The Watson Twins**, **MGMT**, **Times New Viking**, **Ladyfinger**, **The Forms**, and **The Deadly Syndrome** (to name a few of the bands I'd hoped to catch) make it back around to Detroit. By then I'll surely be well-rested. I hope.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola could use a post-SXSW nap. She writes about music and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric. (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Filtered Top Five: Boys Like Girls

Columbia recording artists Boys Like Girls might as well be a touring machine. The boys — singer Martin Johnson, drummer John Keefe, bassist Bryan Donahue and guitarist Paul DiGiovanni — have opted to stay out on the road in tour of their self-titled debut album. A new Deluxe Edition of the Matt Squire-produced (Panic at the Disco anyone?) record now features bonus audio and video content. Singles like *The Great Escape* are certified platinum and MySpace.com has ranked 23.8 million plays for this Boston

band. It's heart-on-your-sleeve rock at its finest. And it made us at FILTER wonder — what are Boys Like Girls listening to on that tour bus? Here are drummer John Keefe's Filtered Top Five:

RECORDS

1. *O* by Damien Rice
"Love this record because it's so simple, all the sounds are very real, there's no big production on anything and the songs really make you feel like sh*t."
2. *Plans* by Death Cab For Cutie

"Clever lyrics, raw sounds and cool song structure make this record a favorite of mine."

3. *Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace* by Foo Fighters

"Dave Grohl is the man, this record is so cool and mature — just an amazing straight up rock record, with some cool vibey acoustic tracks."

4. *Sam's Town* by The Killers

"Everything about this band is amazing, they have mustaches in their press shots, so they definitely don't take themselves too

seriously, which is awesome because the music is amazing, the melodies are brilliant, and the songs massive."

5. *Boys Like Girls* by Boys Like Girls
"I am proud of it, I still love it and listen to it. I know you're saying who the hell listens to their own record, well like Julie Gianni said in *Vanilla Sky* 'If I weren't me I would buy my record.' Nothing wrong with a little shameless self promotion."

Boys Like Girls are currently opening for Avril Lavigne and touring across North America. See them March 22 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50, (248) 645-6666. For more on the band visit www.boyslikegirls.com.

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Who dies next on 'Lost'? I say Claire

Tonight on *Lost*, they say, someone will die.

Not sure if I want any more sadness after seeing Jin's tombstone last week. Sure Sawyer is sexy with those squinting eyes and constant three-quarter-turn facial pose, but he's not nearly as dreamy and deep as our beloved Jin.



Lana Mini

My initial prediction was that tonight John Locke will get the axe. The once spiritual man seems to be turning into a Ben: he's getting pretty creepy. But, there's still too much of his story to be told

since the island deems him as one of the special ones, curing his bullet wounds and paralysis.

I want Juliet to go, just because she gets on my nerves for no apparent reason.

But instead I'm going to predict: Claire in a shoot-out, with the ship people.

We already know that Kate raises Claire's son once they leave the island and it seems that Claire isn't one of the Oceanic Six. So, I'm assuming a bad ending for sweet Claire.

And tonight we'll learn what happened to Michael. He's now known as Kevin Johnson to the crew members of the *Kahana* ship. Michael is obviously Ben's spy, right?

And who knows where Walt is, seems Ben has hidden him.

Don't forget Michael can't be trusted. He killed Ana Lucia and Libby. He'll do anything for his son at the expense of everyone else.

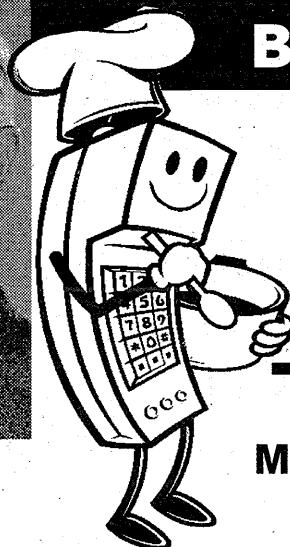
We also know Desmond's time may be ticking, and he could be the next to go, but it's still too soon. And how and why is Penny's dad involved with the ship? Is he somehow connected with Jack's father who we are all waiting to see again?

My head is spinning.

Send me your predictions. Has *Lost* lost its mojo, or are you still as captivated as in the earlier days? I'm hooked.



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