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Planners OK Penn

for rooftop dining

BY TONY BRUSCATO

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Penn Grill and Bar will soon be

able to raise the roof while sit-

The Penniman Avenue res-

taurant already has outdoor

downtown Plymouth's first

rooftop seating.

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sidewalk seating. Soon, owner

Billy Farwell plans to construct

"We want to have a bar up

there which will only be used in the summer time," Farwell

said. "It will be open air, with tables and heat lamps. People

classy, and we think it might draw some new people to

will be able to see Kellogg Park from there. It will be done real

Farwell said part of the proj-

ect will include construction of

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Jacobs climbs ladder

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Newly hired Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel is expected to be in town today and Friday to shorten his learning curve in the district he'll lead beginning July 1.

"We'll spend a couple of days to familiarize him with the district," interim Supt. Ken Jacobs said. "He's a quick learner and I expect him to have an immediate impact when he takes over."

Jacobs, who has filled in as superintendent since Jim Ryan retired Feb. 28, said there will be plenty for Fiegel to study in the district of 18,000-plus students.

"I'm sure there will be nuances coming into the state in terms of funding, finding out where we are and what our goals are and developing his own imprint on the district," Jacobs said. "We have very unique situations given the high school park, the fact we're involved in a year-long research of the administrative structure at the park, and we have our own challenges with our budget situation, given our foundation allowance is lower than most districts around us."

Jacobs, who was the district's assistant superintendent of administrative services before taking the interim superintendent's position, will be rewarded for his efforts with a new

title when Fiegel takes over. At that point, Jacobs will become deputy superintendent, a post that hasn't been filled since Ryan — who was former Supt. Kathleen Booher's deputy — replaced Booher in 2002. Jacobs' assistant superintendent position will not be filled.

Jacobs was hired by Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1968 as a special educa-

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's a crazy scramble as kids search for Easter eggs in more than six inches of snow at Saturday's Plymouth Township Easter Egg Hunt at township park.

Hunting through the snow

Mother Nature's surprise storm can't stop resurrected egg hunt

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Kristen Cupp saw Mother Nature had dumped several inches of snow on the area Saturday morning and was even more determined not to miss the suddenly resurrected Plymouth Township Easter Egg Hunt.

Cupp, a township resident, bundled her two children, 6-year-old Matthew and 4-year-old Ally, against the weather and headed to Plymouth Township Park.

"I definitely didn't want to miss it," Cupp said. "How often do you get to put your kids in snowsuits and watch them hunt for Easter eggs?"

Matthew and Ally were among some 110 children who braved the wintry weather on the fourth day of spring to take part in the hunt. Township officials organized the hunt at the last minute, after the Plymouth Jaycees — who've sponsored the hunt for years — had to cancel it



Three-year-old lan Miller reaches for the Easter treats at Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt at Plymouth Township Park, Ian was there with sister Alexis, 5, and mom Rachel Miller.

because they lost their char-

After capturing some \$1,000 in private donations from residents and businesses, township officials put the hunt together, including finding the Easter Bunny to pose for pictures.

Children were divided into two age groups - 6 and under, 7 and older — and hunted down some 700 pounds of candy (in 1,600 plastic eggs and 1,200 plastic baggies) hidden in the

"Parents had a ball getting



Seven-year-old Serafine Hinz uses the shuffle technique to find candy that other kids missed.

pictures of their kids with the Easter Bunny, and everyone went home with candy," said Treasurer Ron Edwards, the hunt's principal organizer. "Everyone went home with candy. It worked out great."

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an indoor stairway to the roof, as well as new upstairs restrooms for patrons to replace the current broom-closet-size first-floor bathroom. The plan has been approved by the city's planning commission, which considered the noise factor for downtown residents. "After viewing the information we received on where their speakers and televisions will be located, we felt the noise would be minimized," said Jennifer Frey, planning commission chairperson. "The building is

member of the Downtown Development Authority, said he has some concerns about rooftop seating. "I don't think the Penn is well-managed, and that's clearly reflected by the number of

surrounded on three sides by

for this restaurant with the view to the park," she added.

"It's a unique opportunity that

currently doesn't exist in the

Former Plymouth Mayor

Dan Dwyer, who is now a

carries up and out.

city."

brick walls, and noise typically

"We felt it was a unique concept for Plymouth, and unique

drunk driving violations they have," Dwyer said. "Now there will be more trouble, just on the rooftop. "There's not a person down there who bought condos

knowing rooftop bars would be across the street from them," he added. "I don't think condo living and rooftop partying go hand-in-hand."

The DDA, which has no legal standing to block the decision, could discuss rooftop seating at its April 10 meeting. The group can forward its opinions to the city commission, which still needs to rule on the additional parking requirements to accommodate rooftop seating.

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Hairdresser Sue McHugh thinks Kilpatrick should 'own up to his responsibility' as a public official.

Kilpatrick scandal hot topic around Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Speaking mayor-to-mayor, Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell had a message for embattled Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Get out now. In the wake of a dozen charges being filed against Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty in

the Detroit text message case,



'At a time when we're in an economic downturn, it casts a pall over the entire state. I wish he'd step down, it would make it a whole lot easier on the city.'

PHIL PURSELL, Plymouth mayor

Pursell said the scandal puts a dark cloud over the entire state. "At a time when we're in an

economic downturn, it casts a pall over the entire state," Pursell said. "I wish he'd

step down, it would make it a whole lot easier on the city.

"It puts a bad taste in the mouths of suburbanites, and they don't want to go downtown," he added. "If it Karmanos and Dave Bing, they wouldn't go. It's sad all the way around.

wasn't for Mike Ilitch, Peter

The talk around town Monday afternoon — shortly after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced the charges against Kilpatrick and Beatty centered on Kilpatrick, with most saying he needs to

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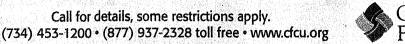
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Comedy Night

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@sbcglobal.net

Cruisers walking

The PCCA Cruisers Walking Club brings community seniors together to enjoy a low -impact form of exercise.

The group meets at the Plymouth Township Park at 9 a.m. Thursdays from May through October, to walk together on the fitness walking trails.

Call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, for more information.

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DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution/Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Northville/Plymouth meet for their annual meeting noon Monday, April 21, at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn, Northville.

For more information, call (734)459-4764.

Moonlight madness

The downtown Plymouth merchants present the Moonlight Madness Spring Sale on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. Sale begins at 6 p.m. Friday, with more sales on Saturday.

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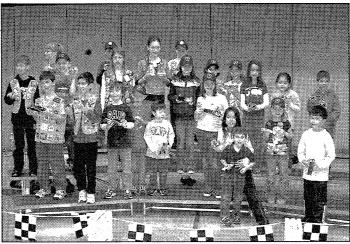
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Pinewood prowess

The Plymouth YMCA Adventure Guides recently held their 20th annual Pinewood Derby. Amy Lawler, 9, of Bird Elementary School, came in first place with her car, 'Dots.' There were 29 cars in the competition, from children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The YMCA Adventure Guides program motto is 'Friends Forever,' and it brings parents and their children together in a structured program of campouts and many other activities throughout the year. The main objective of the Adventure Guides program is to foster companionship and understanding and set a foundation for positive, lifelong relationships between parent and child. For more information regarding the program and how to participate, contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcametrodetroit.org.

for more information.

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!

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Folksinger benefit

Musical storyteller and political satirist Charlie King will perform during a fundraising concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Unity Church of Livonia.

The show will raise money for the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace and Peace Action of Michigan.

Folk legend Pete Seger called Charlie King "one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time" as he performs folk songs about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. His songs have been sung and recorded by other famous artists such as Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Judy Small.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Students pay only \$10.

Unity of Livonia is on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. For tickets or additional information, call 248-548-3920 or 734-425-0079.

Colored pencil exhibit

During the month of April, Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting "Michigan Colored Pencil 2008," a juried colored

pencil exhibition sponsored by the Colored Pencil Society of America District Chapter #104, featuring 100-percent colored pencil works of artists in the Great Lakes region.

The public is invited to view the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception on Saturday, April 5, from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy complimentary light hors d'oeuvres and beverages and conversations with the artists. Awards for best works in the exhibit will be presented at 7 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth.

The exhibition will be on display April 1-25. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

Scrapbook event

Creative Memories hosts a National Scrapbook Day event 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Holiday Inn Express in Canton.

The event provides a chance to spend the day completing album pages, as well as get a look at the newest products and techniques from Creative Memories.

Cost is \$40 per person. The Holiday Inn Express is located at 3950 Lotz in Canton. For more information or to register for the event contact Chrissy Detary, senior consultant with Creative Memories, (734) 454-4321.

CORRECTION

A story in the March 23 Plymouth Observer about the Midwest Rabbit & Rehome

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Filling an urgent need - clinic helps patients avoid ER trip

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

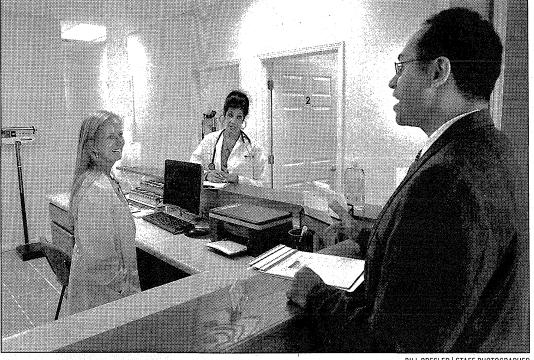
Dr. Amr Abbas saw an urgent care clinic in Plymouth Township as a possible bridge between family doctors and the emergency room.

So Abbas and three other doctors built it.

Abbas and doctors Mahmoud Al-Shami, Mazen Shoukfeh and Paula Turner opened Northville Urgent Care on the border of Plymouth and Northville townships in an effort to serve an untapped market that bustles not only with residential areas but a business climate, as well.

"We were excited to find this location, because it's close to business and close to residential," Abbas said. "This provides patients a great opportunity to be seen without spending a lot of time in an

emergency room." The idea for the clinic designed to treat everything from the common cold to hypertension and other medical illnesses - was conceived by the doctors, who worked with each other at a local hospital. The idea was to build a clinic whose schedule and services fit the clientele.



At right, Dr. Amr Abbas speaks with registered nurse Katy Conroy and Dr. Paula Turner at the new Northville Urgent Care at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

Abbas said the Plymouth-Northville area they've tapped is one where urgent care services are needed.

"It's a great opportunity, especially for patients who don't have primary care doctors," said Abbas, an interven-

tional cardiologist who got his medical degree in Cairo and did his training at William Beaumont Hospital. "That's how you take care of the health needs of a community."

The clinic, easily accessible off M-14, treats common respi-

ratory infections, asthma, does evaluation of chest pain and can evaluate and treat diabetes and hypertension. Clinic staff can perform lab testing for things like blood sugar levels, strep screenings and urine analysis, and it has on-site X-

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ray capabilities.

Being staffed by doctors also on staff at a hospital gives Northville Urgent Care's staff a complete perspective, according to Abbas.

'When you have physicians all the time, a doctor has the complete ability to manage patients," Abbas said. "If we have questions, we can page each other. We see patients in hospital, and we see urgentcare patients. It gives us both perspectives."

Katy Conroy, the veteran registered nurse who helps run the clinic, said it can serve as a sort of liaison between patients and primary-care physicians.

"We can work in concert with doctors in the community," said Conroy, who helps run a similar clinic in Novi. "If we see a patient who needs a certain kind of doctor, we can refer them."

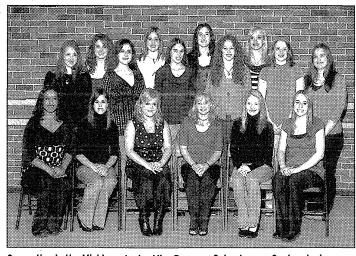
The clinic opened earlier this month, during cold-andflu season, and Dr. Paula Turner said business has been

"It's a little different patient contact than you see in hospital work," said Turner, an internal medicine specialist with a degree from Wayne State University Medical School. "It helps you maintain your diagnostic skills, and it lets you help the community with the medical resources you have available.

"Rather than have a hospital take in minor cases where patients can wait for hours, we can fill in that gap in the afterhours market.'

The clinic is open 3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. weekends. With several high schools nearby, the clinic can do booming business in the high school athletic physical market, as well as being the place to go to avoid hospitals.

"It's a nice area," Conroy said. "People try to avoid the ER at all costs. It's nice to be the place they can do that."



Competing in the Michigan Junior Miss Program Saturday are Canton Junior Miss Whitney Askew (front row), Alpena Junior Miss Katherine Homant, Brooklyn Junior Miss Nicole Bontrager, Houghton Lake Junior Miss Brittany Manifold, Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Erin Wheeler, Prudenville Junior Miss Adrienne Linskey, Redfrod Junior Miss Sara Mayne (back row), Muskegon Junior Miss Christy VanAndel, Wyandotte Junior Miss Samantha Thomas, Clarkston Junior Miss Chelsey Knapper, Bay County Junior Miss Lillian Asiala, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Raven Rickard, Montrose Junior Miss Nicholle Pierce, Ann Arbor Junior Miss Katherine Ballman, Westland Junior Miss Rachel Mlynar and Detroit Junior Miss Jennifer Quaine. Not pictured is Inkster Junior Miss Kiana Sledge.

Seventeen teens vie for Michigan Junior Miss

Seventeen high school girls will be competing for scholarship money and the chance to represent the state in the 50th anniversary edition of the Michigan's Junior Miss Program.

The scholarship program will take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Washtenaw Community College. This marks the first time that Michigan's Junior Miss has been held in the Ann Arbor

The 17 high school seniors from throughout the state will vie for the title of Michigan's Junior Miss 2008, along with \$9,000 in college scholarship

The winner will go on to compete at America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Ala., in June.

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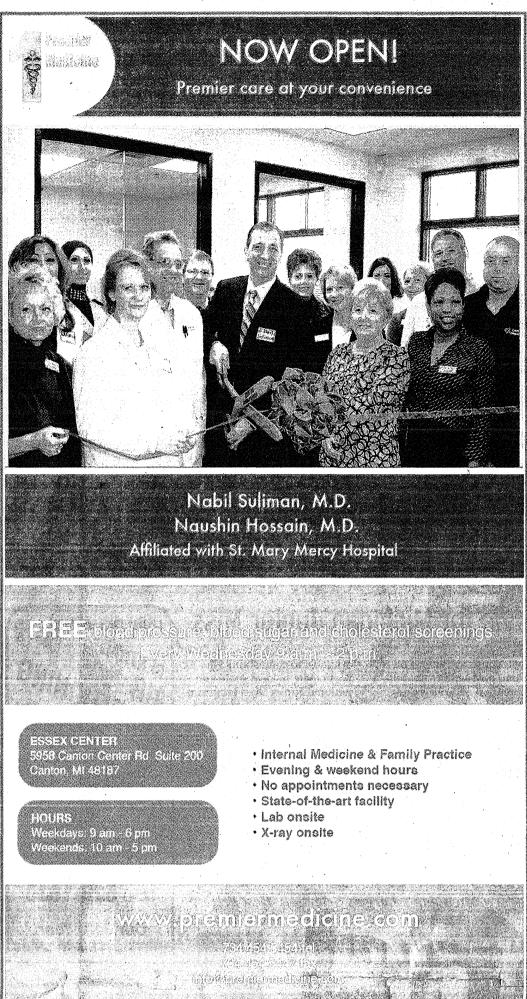
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tion teacher at Pioneer Middle School, and has held just about every administrative position in the district since. He's been an assistant superintendent at the Park, serving two stints as acting principal.

Jacobs moved on to become director of maintenance and operations. He later was named executive director of maintenance and operations, including transportation and food service, before becoming an assistant superintendent, incorporating human resources and all

internal operations to his duties.

"I've been very fortunate, Plymouth-Canton has been very good to me," said Jacobs, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I'm very appreciative of the fact Plymouth-Canton has recognized my strengths and willingness to provide opportunities for me. This is my home, and I'm very interested in Plymouth-Canton's continuing excellence."

Jacobs said when Ryan announced his retirement, there was a moment's thought of applying for the position.

"At one point I may have, but my plan is to retire in a couple of years," Jacobs said. "I knew

the board was looking for someone with longer tenure. I felt more useful in a supportive

Fiegel said he's looking forward to working with Jacobs to learn about the district.

"It sounds great to me," Fiegel said. "He's been there 40 years, and I'm looking forward to working with him and learning from him."

With Jacobs' promotion will come an as-yet-undetermined increase in his \$126,000 annual salary.

"We still haven't determined that," Jacobs said. "That's not of importance to me at this time."

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admit to his alleged wrongdoings and step down.

Worthy charged Kilpatrick and Beatty with perjury, obstruction, conspiracy and misconduct in the text message scandal that led to a secret multimillion-dollar civil lawsuit settlement with three former Detroit police officers. Kilpatrick said he expects "full and complete vindication."

"I think he should own up to his responsibility as a public figure, and if he's guilty he needs to admit it," said Sue McHugh, 44, a hairdresser at Vanity Hair on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, who said the scandal has been the No. 1



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Loyd Stewart of Canton Township said if Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is found guilty of wrongdoing then maybe other highranking politicians will be caught.

topic of discussion among customers. "They think he should be like the New York governor (Eliot Spitzer) and just step down and get out of the spotlight as soon as possible."

Loyd Stewart of Canton Township said if Kilpatrick is found guilty of wrongdoing, then maybe other high-ranking politicians will be caught.

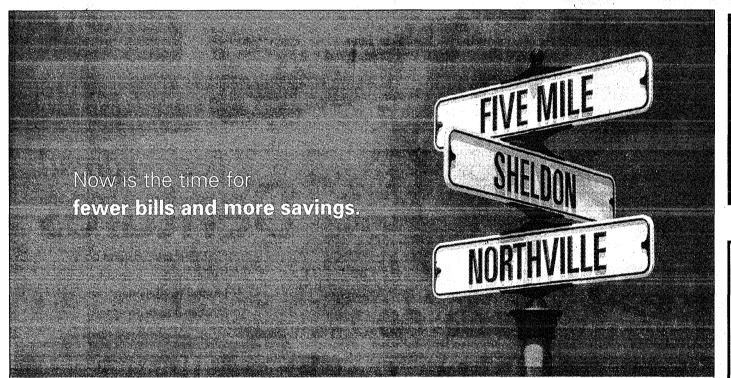
They all think they get can away with this bull ... if it was you or I, we'd be in jail already, no ifs, ands or buts," said Stewart, 56. "They ought to put the guy away."

Christine Scott, 34, of Farmington Hills said the impact on the region and state "is huge."

"I'm glad they're finally forcing him to come clean," Scott said. "How are you going to get people to move back into the city if he continues to do these

kinds of things? "I hope he steps down and doesn't wait until they force him or find him guilty," she added. "It's embarrassing for people outside this area to see what's happening."

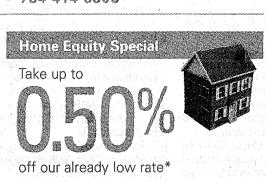




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A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Yack Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Abe Vinitski, Leigh Thurston, Deputy Chief Golles, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Dave Medley, Anna Stump Adoption of Agenda Motion by Zarbo, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. PRESCRIBED BURN 2008 Purposed Areas to Burn Sheldon and Warren Nature Pond and Flodin Park Nature Trail Item 2. 2007 YEAR IN REVIEW - PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN RESOURCES AND EXECTUTIVE DIRECTOR Adjourn Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. — 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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECOMMENDING RENEWAL, REVOCATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN **ACCORDANCE WITH**

The City of Plymouth Liquor **Management Ordinance**

> Plymouth City Commission Commission Chambers 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170 March 20, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

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Men's conference supports lifelong faith

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Paul Dobbs finds it difficult to live his faith in an American society filled with substance abuse and lust. For the last five years he's found respite from the madness at the men's conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Every year thousands of Catholic men enjoy the camaraderie and support they receive at the event featuring inspirational speakers and Mass celebrated by Cardinal Adam Maida. This year the conference takes place Saturday, April 12, at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"The main reason I go is for the support of other Catholic men there. Society is all about trying to support me in drug, alcohol use, lust, entertainment. What I'm looking for in my life is truth, hope, faith, and love and I don't find that. It's good to see ordinary men who believe as I do. Sometimes I feel like I'm alone," said Dobbs who lives in Canton and works

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 27, 2008

What: Men's conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12 (doors open at 7 a.m.) Where: Calihan Hall, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students. Call (313) 237-6532 or visit www.christschosen.com

in Plymouth where he's been a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 36 years.

This is the sixth conference Dobbs will not only attend but help coordinate lunch for the men. In years past Dobbs' son, Christopher, has joined his father not only as a participant but volunteer.

"It's special to have someone from your family share the experience," said Dobbs.

Paco Gavrilides, director of evangelization for the Archdiocese of Detroit, expects at least 3,000 men to attend the conference, "Put Out Into the Deep VI." This

year's inspirational speakers include Richard Lane, cofounder of Qorban Ministries and son of the late Dick "Night Train" Lane; Leonard Defilippis, actor, producer and director of religious theatrical productions, videos and films; Kenneth Henderson, founder of True Knights International Apostolate and self-admitted former pornography addict, and Michael Timmis, author of Between Two Worlds: The Spiritual Journey of an Evangelical Catholic.

The Rev. Timothy Whalen, chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, hosts a break out session for youth. The Rev. John Riccardo, Our Lady of Good Counsel pastor, returns for a sixth year as a speaker. He was born and raised in Birmingham and graduated from Shrine High School. He is the former pastor of St. Anastasia in Troy.

For more information about the speakers go to www.christchosen.com.

Gavrilides formerly worked at St. John's Center in

Plymouth with Rev. Riccardo directing programs for the Cardinal Maida Institute.

"He (Rev. Riccardo) has a special charisma to speak truth to men in a way that inspires and challenges them in their walk in Christ. He can speak to men confidently, honestly and with great affection about living the gospel," said Gavrilides, conference coordinator. "I'm excited about the performance by Leonardo Defillipis on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe who gave himself for his brother in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

We're really going to highlight the importance of Christian men standing together and supporting one another in their Christian walk, taking more seriously their covenant commitment in Christ to lead our lives as faithful disciples of Jesus. We're going to make a special appeal and emphasize having a sense of responsibility and love for one another in Christ, walking together in the jour-



The Rev. Stanley Ulman of St. Mary's of the Hills in Rochester Hills (left) and the Rev. John Riccardo (center) at the Archdiocese of Detroit men's conference last year. Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, returns for a sixth time to speak and inspire men in their faith.

ney, living in righteousness, working together in the service Hills. "I'm looking forward to of Christ in the church, and admonishing one another so as to stay faithful to our duties as fathers, husbands and servants in the parish."

Dr. Greg Elliott especially enjoys attending the conference with his son, Patrick, age

"It's just a beautiful day. It's a wonderful time to spend with my son. He really likes Fr. John Riccardo," said Elliott, a Livonia resident with a den-

tal practice in Farmington Leonardo Defillipis doing the one act play on St. Maximilian.

"I'd like to put out a wonderful invitation to all the Christian men in the area. It's inspiring to hear 3,000 men sing hymns of praise and worship. A worship band comes in, guitars and singers and keyboards and plays Christian music. It's a great day."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon

Monday.

MARCH

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia celebrates the day March 30, with special devotions and a luncheon to which all area Catholics are cordially invited, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. The day begins with noon Mass followed

by 1 p.m. Polish luncheon with stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, sauerkraut, by reservation only, cost \$6.50 adults, \$3.50 children ages 4-12, free age 3 and under. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200 no later than Tuesday, March 25. Followed at 2 p.m. by confessions and rosary. Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m. and includes the exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 27, followed by \$2 bag sale at 4 p.m., at the garage sale presented by the Saint Dunstan Rosary Altar Sodality in the church at 1515 Belton, Garden

Polish church pilgrimage/Easter dinner

Deadline for ticket reservations is March 27 for West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's Historic Polish Church Pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter Dinner (Swienconka) Saturday, April 5. Pilgrimage starts 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels, 4200 Martin, and includes St. Hedwig, St. Francis d'Assisi, St. Andrew, and St. Cunegunda with stops at the former Baptist church on Martin north of Michigan Ave. and former Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church. Parking is secure in Queen of Angels' lot. Pilgrimage and meal \$33 adults, \$28 age 12 and under. Pilgrimage \$25 adults and children. Meal only \$13 adults, \$7 age 12 and under. Checks/ money orders should be made payable to WSDPAHS and sent to Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo, 32101 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. For details, call (248) 477-8518 or send e-mail to Ipalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, Don Samull at (313) 792-0297 or dsamull@ detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.

detroitpolonia.org. **Single Place Ministry**

Upcoming activities include March 27 seminar on how to find relationships that are good for you and avoid those that aren't. Single Place Ministry continues to meet 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 E. Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost \$5 per person.

Mother and unborn baby

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

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call Humby at (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@ att.net, or visit www.members.aol. com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Vespers

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sundays March 30, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia; April 6, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, and April 13, at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy. General public as well as Orthodox Christians invited. Proceeds used for COCC charities and projects. Worshippers also asked to bring nonperishable packaged food for donation to Orthodox parish food pantries for needy in metro area. For information, call Richard Shebib (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Spiritual healing Free lecture on spiritual healing

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

UPCOMING

Blended family workshop

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

Spaghetti dinner

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

Mom to Mom sale

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

Bethany Suburban West All separated, divorced and singles

welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, April 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the multi-faceted theme of spiritual intelligence during each Sunday 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For more information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send email to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Sequence Tournament (board games) 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479, or Michele (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479. Men's conference

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

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in

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

After 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 12, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, April 13, in the Monsignor Alex Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. View large LEGO displays, watch short movies on joys and struggle of Catholic family living, browse Catholic bookstore's display, supervised LEGO play area for the kids. No charge.

Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 13, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$4 adults, \$4 children age 10 and under.

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

lished 17 inspirational novels. Day of Reflection

Bethany Central Board is offering a Day of Reflection hosted by the Rochester Bethany 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. This Mini Conference will have two topics: Social Security Benefits for Divorced People and the Catholic Annulment Process. There is no cost for conference and lunch will be served. For details, call Audrey (248) 613-5461.

Pax Christi conference

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Christo Rey Church, Lansing. Theme focuses on bringing an end to racism. Registration fee \$40 until April 12, \$45 after, visit www. paxchristimi.org, send e-mail to TirakPaxMi@aol.com or call (517)

482-2558. Clothing bank

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

Bethany Suburban West Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight

Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco d'Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St.Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don. Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft

Please see CALENDAR, A7

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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ALWIN L. BRYANT

Age 78, Farmington Hills, MI, passed March 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

BARBARA J. LAUGHLIN

Age 75, Livonia, MI, passed March 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

BESSIE BRIMHALL

October 11, 1900 - March 23, 2008. Age 107, of Redford Twp. Loving of Leland Brimhall, Grandmother to Susan Suomi, Marilee Cullen, Wanda Brimhall, Angela Clingan. Also survived by 11 greatgrandchildren and three great-greatgranddaughters. This amazing woman was "Grandma" to all who knew her. A celebration of Bessie's life will be held at Heeney-Sudquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, on Thursday, 3/27/08 at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Salvation Army.

DORIS VOORHEIS

Age 88, March 18, 2008 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Clifford. Dearest mother of Sybil (Cecil) Grahl, Jane Sadley and Pamela (Donald) Unsworth. Dear grandmother of nine, great grandmother of thirteen and great great grandmother of one. Visitation and services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral home in Wayne on March 21, 2008 with Rev. Kurt Radke officiating.



FRANCIS H. THOMSON March 24, 2008 Age 95. Loving hus-

band of the late Allison. Dear father of Charles Dennis (Meta), Francis "Gar" (Arleen), Mary Moldowan (Michael) and Margaret Leslie Thomson. Beloved grandfather of 12 and greatgrandfather of nine. Funeral service Friday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn, 13-14 Mile) Family will receive friends Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

KENNETH E. MILLER

Suddenly March 23, 2008 at age 57. Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Noelle (Ron) Ryan, Benjamin, Jeffrey (Melanie) and Cindy (Jeremy) Floyd. Grandfather of Marissa, Jarred and Logan. Dear son of Wanda Miller. Brother of Dennis (Marie). A memorial service was held on Tuesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at schrader-howell.com.

View Obits On-line@www.hometownlife.com SHEILA R. WILSON-STEVENSON

Age 51, Pontiac, MI. Passed March 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



JOANNE S. SILVI

Age 73, March 20, 2008. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear sister of Beverly (William) Lyday. Daughter of the late Roger and Marie O'Hara (nee DeMarois). Loving mother of Pamela Varilone, Roger (Jayne), Stephen, Leslie Virag, Joan (Fred Bergman). Cherished Nana to Brandon, Krystyna, Hayley, Brian, Corey, Darcy, Paul, Judy, Jack, Lane and Gina. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Burial at Holy Sepulchre. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or Angela Hospice in Joanne's honor.

JULIA MARY KONARSKI

Age 92, March 21, 2008. Beloved wife Age 92, March 21, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Aloisius, Al'. Loving mother of Anthony (Sharon) of Florida, Jeanette May, Margaret Roy, Phillip (Lydia), and Gregory (Brenda) all of Michigan. Wonderful grandmother of 20 and great-grandmother, Busza' of 28. Dear sister of Bernard (Eleanor) Willmounity and Geneviewe Kay, Also Willmowitz and Genevieve Kay. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation Friday 2-9pm with a 6:45pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.).

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Age 81, of Winter Park, Florida died peacefully on March 19, 2008. Born August 8, 1926 in Payne, Ohio to Basil and Isabel (Leslie) Heaston. Resided in Livonia, Michigan for 28 years with husband Donald while raising three children. Moved to Florida in 1985 and lost husband Donald in 1993. Virginia loved quilting, antiques, history, travel, politics, cats, and her three children. Survived by son, David Heusted of Orlando, Florida, daughter, Deborah Heusted of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Melanie Cybulski of Hastings, Michigan; and grandson, Andrew Cybulski of Hastings, Michigan. Visitation at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio on April 2 from 11:00-1:00 P.M. Graveside ceremony



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CALENDAR

(1-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford, Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Rev. Kern award dinner

In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

ONGOING

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet 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 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit, www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Prince of Peace Church

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

Sunday services

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

Tai chi and strength classes

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

orchardumc.org. Church offerings

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

Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

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

Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

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

Tai Chi class

BELIEFS & VALUES

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

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church

of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

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

8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women). in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

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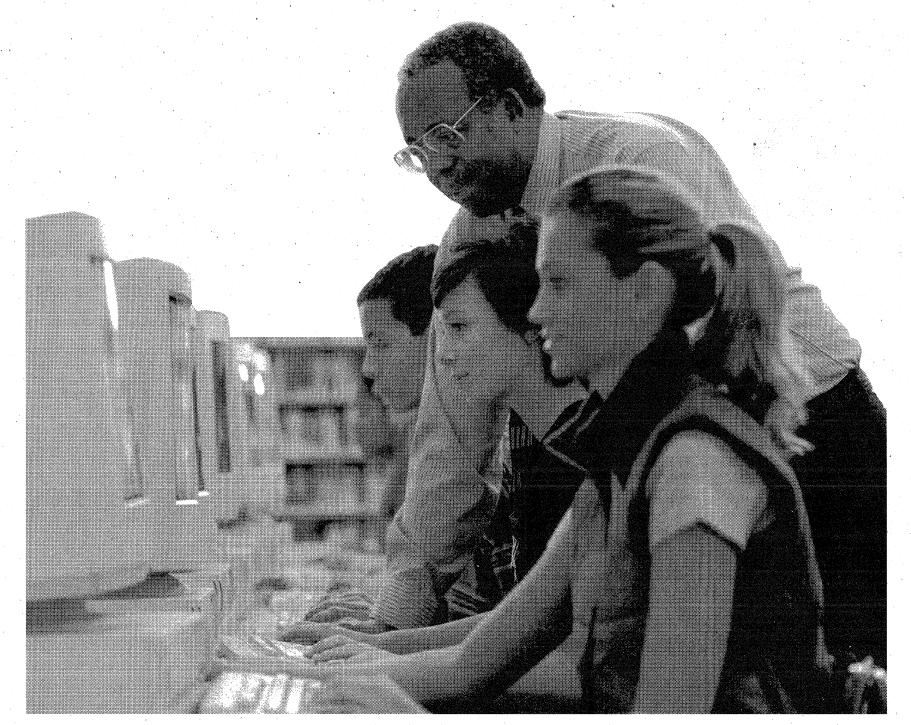
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Investors can learn from mistakes made by Bear Stearns

he stock market has been on a roller coaster ride of late. One day it's up 400 points, the next day it's down 300 points.

Market volatilities are, unfortunately, the norm.

One of the main problems recently has been the real estate downturn and the subprime crisis.

Although many people have seen significant reductions in certain investments — there have been some funds and investment partnerships that have gone belly up — there had been no large name companies put out of business. That changed last week when it was announced J.P. Morgan was buying Bear Stearns.

The reality is Bear Stearns had no alternative. It was forced to sell in order to avoid bankruptcy. The question is: What happened to Bear



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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a century.
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able to survive the Great
Depression,
World War II,

Stearns, and

can it happen

to you?

Bear

Stearns has

been in busi-

the Cold War, the dot-com crash and 9/11. It was, however, not able to survive the sub-prime market.

Although, there are lots of reasons and detailed explanations about why Bear Stearns failed, I believe there are two simple reasons that caused the collapse.

The first problem Bear Stearns ran into was liquidity. Bear Stearns was highly leveraged. When it ran into a cash flow problem, the amount leveraged prevented it from having any flexibility in working out this problem.

The second issue that hurt Bear Stearns was the lack of diversification. The firm had a significant portion of its investments within the subprime market. While things were good, Bear Stearns was doing well, however, when the sub-prime market had its downturn, the firm was hurt.

For the average investor, there are lessons to be learned from the collapse of Bear Stearns.

The first deals with leverage.

I believe that people should not leverage their investments. When people margin their investment accounts it allows them to borrow money against an investment portfolio. The problem with this strategy is when there is a downturn you lose flexibility in your account. Because of the requirement to have a certain amount of equity in a portfolio, investments can be sold, without knowledge in order to cover collateral on the loan.

Bear Stearns lost control and they were forced to sell at an inopportune time. The same thing can happen to the individual investor who overleverages an account.

Keep in mind that a year ago Bear Stearns was selling for \$160 a share. On Friday at the close of business before the Monday sale, it was selling for \$30 a share. The sale price — \$2 a share.

Secondly, Bear Stearns suffered from a lack of diversification.

I always stress the need to diversify a portfolio.

Diversification offers protection against volatile and uncertain markets.

The lessons to be learned from the Bear Stearns situation are: first, that it could happen to anyone. Big companies, small companies, big investors and small investors are all subject to the volatilities of the market;

Second, to be a successful investor, you must diversify your portfolio. Investors who do not diversify are, in fact, gamblers — and the reality of the situation is most gamblers lose;

Third, to be a successful investor you always have to remain in control of your investments. When you lose control — by using margin on accounts — you lose all flexibility.

In spite of this crisis, however, it would be wrong to assume the sky is falling simply because Bear Stearns was sold at a fire sale price. We have seen this in many different industries where for many different reasons companies go out of business. In our own back yard, companies like Highland Appliance and Fretter went out of business because they could not adapt to the changing times.

As investors, we must adapt to the changing environment. However, adapting to change does not mean forgetting about the fundamentals. Don't let that happen to you.

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Sheriff warns about fake IRS e-mails

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is warning local residents about an online identity theft scam that uses bogus e-mails, designed to look like they have been sent by the IRS, to trick people into providing personal information. Evans said his Internet Crime Unit has received several complaints from people who have received these "spoof" e-mails.

Evans said that the bogus e-mails bear the logo of the IRS, or in some cases, the IRS's tax return processing company, eFile, and inform the recipient that they are owed a tax refund. Contained in the e-mail is a link to a fake IRS Web site, which prompts the victim to provide personal information that the scam artist can use to steal the person's identity.

"With a poor economy and this being the height of tax time, a lot of people could fall prey to this scam because the e-mails look legitimate and offer the promise of money to the targeted victim," Evans said. "We want to help protect citizens from being swindled out of a lot more money than they are being offered as part of this scam."

Typically, a spoof e-mail often starts out saying something along these lines: "After the last calculations of your fiscal activity we have determined you are eligible to receive a tax refund," and then specifies an amount the recipient is supposedly due. Evans said that it is important for people to know that the IRS does not notify people via an unsolicited e-mail if they have a return due to them.

"Typically, these are believable amounts, ranging from \$50 or \$60 up to several hundred dollars, to draw people into the scam," Evans said. "The insidious part of this con is that it doesn't really play on a person's greed. The victims are being led to believe that this is their hard-earned money being returned to them."

The e-mail contains an embedded link to direct victims to a web site, which appears to be an IRS Web site, but will have a Web address that has nothing to do with the IRS or federal government, Evans said.

The look-alike web site offers the victim the opportunity to get their refund applied to his or her credit card and asks the individual to provide their account information and Social Security number.

"With just that information, an identity thief can be off to the races and your life can be turned upside-down before you even know anything is wrong," Evans said.

Evans said that because the e-mails are likely being generated outside Michigan, and perhaps outside the United States, anyone receiving a suspect e-mail should report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3. gov, which investigates such complaints.

"We hope that by educating the public to this fraud, no one will fall victim to it," Evans said. "But if they do, or even if they receive one of the bogus e-mails, they should make a complaint immediately through the FBI's Web site, rather than a local agency."



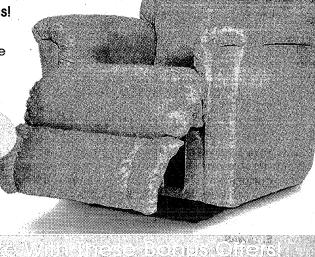


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Stewart a perfect fit for symphony

The Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society made a free-agent move last week as good as anything Dave Dombrowski has done for the Detroit Tigers.

The PCSS snapped up Beth Stewart, the former executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, to take the same post with the symphony when current director Jennifer Philpot-Munson leaves.

If her history is any indication, Stewart, who spent 18 years leading the museum, will provide some stability

to an organization that has undergone four leadership changes in just nine years.

The symphony is lucky to get Stewart, who has been mentioned in connection with many positions since leaving the handled the situation with museum two years ago. She left the museum in the run for the state House of support of the Plymouth Representatives, and her name has since been linked to a range of things from the Plymouth Community

her run for office. She class, remained upbeat and, midst of an unsuccessful most importantly, her active community never wavered.

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Chamber of Commerce to a potential run for Wayne County Commissioner.

Stewart has rebounded nicely from the severe attacks perpetrated on her during her run for office. She handled the situation with class, remained upbeat and, most importantly, her active support of the Plymouth community never wavered.

She's the perfect replacement for Philpot-Munson, who has done a superb job in her stint. Stewart has plenty of experience running a nonprofit agency and knows the arts community in this area inside and out.

The symphony's board is happy with the level of corporate donations and funding from grants — two signs of the solid job done by Philpot-Munson — but they'd like to see a hike in individual giving. Stewart should be able to help there with her knowledge of the community and the people in it.

Miguel Cabrera, the Tigers' newest high-priced acquisition, will make some \$25,000 per at bat under his new contract. Stewart, the symphony's newest acquisition, will make about \$29,000 per year.

We think she'd be a bargain at twice the price.

Root out school elections in May

Daffodils and tulips aren't the only things poking up through the snow and mud this year. So are May school elections in some districts that are determined to keep them separate from traditional August and November state and federal elections.

That could change. H.B. 4507 would require that all school elections be held in November, but following a confusing set of amendments to the bill, it has languished in the state Senate since late November.

It's become increasingly apparent that the business of running a school district is no bed of roses. It's time for the Legislature to prune that bill of unnecessary amendments and insist that school districts hold their elections in November.

That time frame is fiscally responsible and ensures a greater turnout of voters.

Previous state legislation that took effect in January 2005 consolidated elections, requiring that they be held only in May, August and November. Gone were the days of June elections — and "do-over" votes when bond issues

The response has been mixed. According to the Oakland County Clerk's office, 18 school districts have switched to November elections.

Those districts are hoping to avoid a situation like that in Wayne County's Redford Union district, which faces a deficit and had little choice but to move the election to November. Doing so reduces costs by sharing the financial burden with other governmental units.

Some districts, like Plymouth-Canton and Garden City, are trying to minimize the cost by holding their May elections every other year instead of yearly, starting in 2009.

The thinking is that odd-year May elections keep education issues and candidates off of crowded ballots. Unfortunately, that doesn't help improve the traditionally low turnout for school elections. After all, that is what elections are about — hearing the

collective voice of the public.

It's up to the Legislature, and reticent districts like Ferndale and Clawson, to plant a sound foundation for school elections by moving them to November.



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Pass energy standards

It is critical that the Michigan Legislature pass the 10 percent by 2015 Renewable Energy Standard and the Energy Efficiency Standards now! The delay in passing this legislation decreases Michigan's chances of addressing global warming, protecting the Great Lakes, attracting renewable energy investors to the state, and reviving our struggling economy with clean energy jobs. There are seven new coal plant proposals on the table, and the longer we wait to pass these bills, the more likely it becomes that Michigan will build another dirty coal plant. It is time for this great state to leave coal where it belongs, in the past, and move forward to a 21st century energy future.

Kerry Griffith Plymouth

Constitution has been ignored

I would like to see that the federal government is under control, whether both sides agree or not. This is not the case. It has become obvious that the government has been subverted to elements within the Republican Party instead of being American first.

We cannot get officials to respect congressional oversight and the president is using signing statements and executive orders to override laws passed by

The Constitution has been ignored in spite of the fact that all officials take an oath to protect and uphold the Constitution. The time to act has come.

> **Lorraine Norton** Livonia

Fix the mess

How long can we allow our state government, including our governor, to constantly run this state into the ground?

This election faux pas that the House, the Senate and the governor pushed through makes the state of Michigan just a laughing stock of how the people in Michigan can't do anything right.

I ask the leaders in our state — union, business and clergy — to stand up an say "enough's enough" and let's get some help from the federal government and get some good people in this state to right the rudder and put us on the right track.

Melvin Kaftan Birmingham

Still fighting for equality

Michigan like many states in the country had many of its citizens stand together and fight for equality during the civil rights movement. They crossed racial lines and stood together and fought against prejudice so that regardless of the color of your skin you could stand an equal change of getting a high paying job or position.

LETTERS

Many of those great leaders are now gone. And today many think that need to stand against prejudice is over. But it is not. People are people and always will be.

I know that today I do not have as good a chance of getting some high-paying jobs simply because of my sex or the color of my skin. I hope one day we can once again stand together across racial lines and don't give up the struggle to end the evil that is prejudice and the injustice it brings to those who only want to be treated with an even hand.

I pray one day my kids will grow up and stand an equal chance of getting a government job or contract in Michigan. Even though they are white males.

Rick Kennedy

Livonia

No is the answer

Say yes to seat the delegates that were elected in the January Michigan prima ry. The current whining by the Democrat Party to "re-vote" reminds me of grade school kids. We can all remember a child who did poorly on a test and then peppered the teacher with requests to do a "makeup test." These kids were sickening, by asking for special consideration, as if their life was ruined if they did badly on one test.

Are two of these children now running for the Democrat Party presidential candidacy? Or is it the leaders of the Democrat Party who haven't trusted voters to choose the "correct" candidate (Clinton). None of the whining or maneuvering within the primary process seems "presidential" in any stretch of my imagi-

Before the Michigan primary, the delegate counts were: Clinton won 24 (36 percent), Obama won 25 (37 percent).

Of Michigan's 156 delegates, Clinton won 80 and Obama won one, because he took his name off the ballot. The most unpresidential decision he could make, unless of course he was acting as a puppet of the Democrat Party leaders. Currently (excluding Michigan and Florida), Clinton has 1,245 (46.3 percent) and Obama has 1,415 (52.7 percent) of the pledged delegates.

There are still 55 uncommitted Michigan delegates. That leaves three options:

1. The best solution. Leave the Michigan delegates as they were voted. The national Democrat Party made the rules, Obama choose not to participate, and the public voted. Everyone made adult choices. The results are what they are! Let's move on. This option should also include deleting a percentage of Michigan superdelegates (proportional to the uncommitted delegates).

2. Assign the 55 uncommitted delegates to the naive candidates that were convinced to remove their names from the ballot. Assign delegates based on the percentages won in primaries prior to the Michigan vote. Obama would get most of the uncommitted votes, but this process may not match the agenda of the national Democrat Party nor give him a

clear delegate win.

3. Revote. If Michigan Democrat voters get a chance to revote with only Clinton/Obama on the ticket, why shouldn't other states revote now that only two candidates remain? If a revote happens, most likely candidates will win similar percentages of the vote, meaning neither candidate would gain the 2,025 delegates needed to win. So what's the point?

> Lynn McLean Trov

Hollywood hurts UAW

A message to the UAW: Why aren't we protesting the advertising voice-overs Hollywood stars make for foreign cars and other products? I keep hearing Kevin Spacey shilling foreign cars as well as many others and I don't hear a peep from the UAW leadership or rank and

While the Hollywood types are big Democrats and UAW leadership pushes millions toward the Democrats, the Hollywood crew is busy swinging a wrecking ball at U.S. car manufacturing sales - not only through advertisements but by the cars they choose to "promote" when filming and the companies they choose to support in their advertising endorsements.

Yes, they have the right to sell their voices to anyone they please. However, we have the right and should expect that the UAW sit down with the Democratic National Committee and have someone encourage the Hollywood crowd to not help our major competitors sell their foreign cars. In the end it is in their interest too because by putting us out of business, who is going to pay \$9 to go to see a movie here in America?

Certainly the workers at GM, Ford and Delphi are going to struggle at being able to do that in the near future without a little help from Hollywood as well as others. Perhaps we should vote against Hollywood with our feet by not seeing the films of back-stabbing Hollywood stars who promote foreign cars.

> **Ed Johnson** Royal Oak

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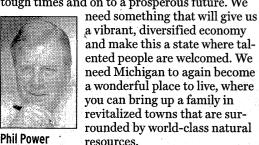
QUOTABLE

"The board was impressed with her commitment to the Plymouth-Canton area ... Her nonprofit experience is exceptional and her community knowledge and contacts are simply amazing. Beth already has a deep knowledge of our organization because in her role as director of the historical museum she did a lot of collaboration with us." - Steve Alexandrowski, president of Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society board of directors, on the hiring of former museum director Beth Stewart

State needs to get serious about reducing its corrections spending

IBM has an old motto that still makes as much sense as ever: "You can't manage what you can't measure."

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resources.

The big issue, of course, is ...
how do we get there?

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Whatever the path, getting there is bound to require an economic compass — a way to measure where we are and check to determine how much progress we have made. We need a set of benchmarks and metrics to measure — and manage — our progress.

So let me offer one. The Center for Michigan has just published a comprehensive benchmarking study, "Michigan Scorecard: Benchmarks for Michigan's Transformation." The Michigan Scorecard sets out 36 measuring sticks for us to compare where we are against other states, as we move forward to develop and put in place a new common ground vision for Michigan.

The news isn't all bad: Ten out of the 36 metrics show Michigan's doing pretty well. We give them a "thumbs up." Sadly, however, another 19 indicate we're falling behind ("thumbs down"), while seven say we're about even with our competitors.

One yardstick much in the news lately has to do with our prison policies and practices. Here's how the Michigan Scorecard reads:

"With a per-capita incarceration rate of approximately ½ of 1 percent in 2005, Michigan was very slightly below the nation's average." Yet, "Michigan's incarceration rate is about 40 percent higher than the average rates of its Great Lakes neighbors."

And the cost of all this has shot through the roof: "The number of Corrections employees has more than tripled since 1980, to the point that today over 30 percent of all state Civil Service employees are in the Department of Corrections. With an appropriation of over \$2.2 billion in 2006, the Department of Corrections spent over 20 percent of Michigan's General Fund budget."

To put this in perspective: Michigan spends more today to hold criminals in jail than we do to educate our kids in public colleges and universities. According to the Pew Center for the States, we share that very unhappy distinction with only three other states.

Moreover, according to the nonpartisan, nonprofit Citizens Research Council, we spend around 30 percent more per inmate per year than our neighboring states. CRC also estimates that if our spending on prisons just matched that of our neighbors, we'd save around \$500 million each year.

For a state that's financially challenged, that's a big number. And, not surprisingly, it's provoked fierce partisan disagreement about how to find that half-billion dollars.

Republicans generally talk about privatizing various aspects of the corrections system, going so far as to advocate turning entire prisons over to the private sector. Democrats talk about reforming the prison sentencing laws to reduce the number of people in the slam.

Looking at how many inmates are either drug users or dealers, some lawyers and law enforcement experts are urging a system of "drug courts" that sentence people convicted of drug-related crimes to a strict treatment regime and tethers, rather than far more expensive time behind bars. Lawyers and advocates for youth oppose Michigan's juvenile lifer law, which forces judges to sentence kids as young as 14 to life in prison without parole for first-degree murder.

Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, Lansing's leading advocate of tough treatment for criminals, disagrees. He says that the real benchmark is Michigan's high violent crime rate, arguing that "if we adopt other states' practices, we'll arrest less offenders" and see our violent crime rate go up even further.

There are two ways to solve this argument.
One is to get impartial, independent advice.

That's coming from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center, which is currently doing a study on finding efficiencies in Michigan's prison system.

Noting how much prisons cost us, the Justice Center's Michael Thompson says, "If you're going to spend that kind of money, you'd hope for better outcomes." Its report is supposed to be released in time for the 2009 legislative session.

The other is for all sensible men and women of good will to stop being boxed in by ideologues of both right and left. If privatization could save money, we should look for proof from other states.

If that comes, why not experiment? And if changing Michigan's "lock 'em in jail and throw away the key" sentencing guidelines will save lots of money at little risk to the public, why not try it?

Either way, the stakes are too big and the costs too enormous not to benchmark our prisons against other states and measure our progress (or lack of it.) The Michigan Scorecard is bound to help ... if people are sensible enough to make use of it.

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Obama speech offers an explanation — and a vision

hile sorting out a basement shelf a few weeks ago, I came across a class photo from my elementary school days.

There we were, all scrubbed, all smiling, all white.



Wayne Peal

It's different for my son. His second-grade class is truly diverse. It's diverse in terms of race — not just white-black, but white-black-Asian. It's diverse in terms of religion — not just Christian-Jewish, but Christian-Jewish-Muslim-Hindu. It's diverse in terms of culture, containing not just the North American-

born, but those from Europe and the Far East as well.

In short, it's the true melting pot. Yet the suburban Oakland County community in which we live is far more Oyster Bay than Ellis Island.

I've thought about all these things a lot these past few days, especially in the wake of Barack Obama's speech on race.

Like him or not, vote for him or not, the Illinois senator touched on some uncomfortable truths about our attitudes, all our attitudes, on race. He also offered an example of how we can transcend those attitudes and move, however haltingly, toward the future.

In part, he himself is the proof. His pastor may have railed on (not entirely inaccurately) about how power in America is concentrated in the hands of "rich white men."

But millions of Americans, white and black, rich and poor, are more than ready to hand the most powerful office in the land to Obama. Millions of others, just as diverse, are willing to give that job to Hillary Clinton.

That just hasn't happened before. To think that choice isn't the product of an evolving America is neither true nor correct.

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Of course, injustices linger and old attitudes die hard.

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Obama's presidency, should it happen, might even churn the cultural waters more than calm them. The issues are bigger than Obama and his pastor, bigger than white and black alone, bigger than any of us can realize. Yet even now, win or lose, there's no going back. This isn't the 1960s or even the 1980s. This already is a new America and we must adjust our attitudes, across the board, to meet its realities.

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Nor can we continue to avoid the real issues of poverty and privilege in our society.

My son's classmates, whatever their race, color or creed, are afforded a much better education than many of their peers, even some who live just a few miles down the road.

Our families, stressed as they might be by Michigan's horrid economy, still have better access — and more choices — regarding health care than do many of our neighbors, especially those who have lost their jobs.

Too many Americans continue to fall behind, too many remain isolated by race, culture or creed.

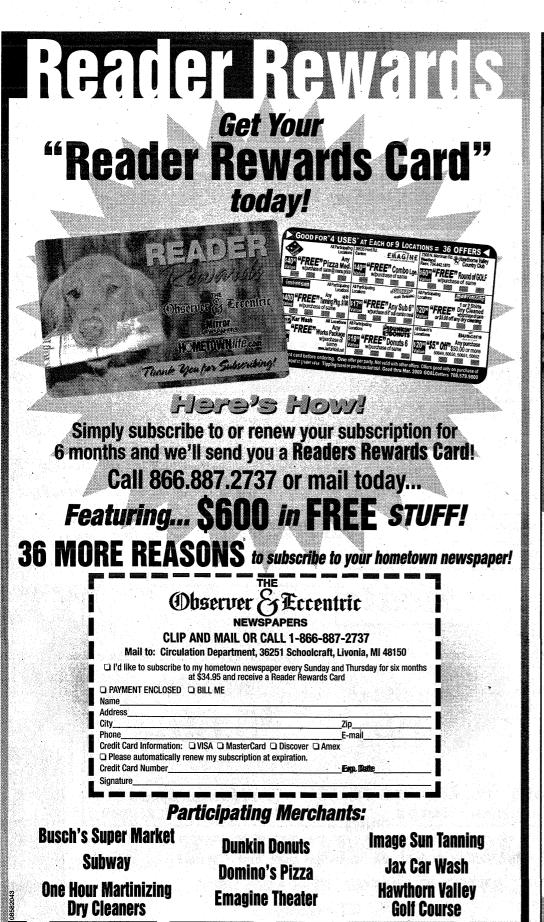
Yet when I look at my son and his classmates, I see a vision of that new America, one where all can live and learn together.

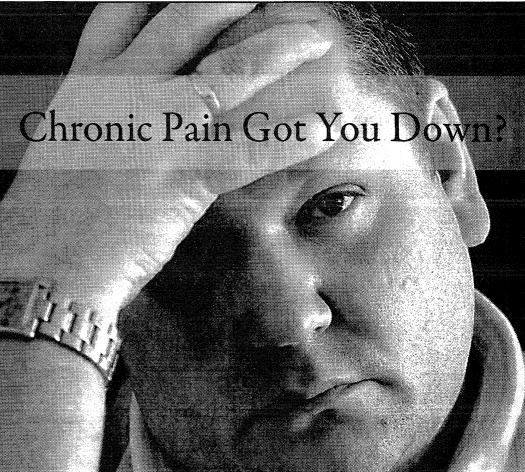
It's the kind of America to which I pledged allegiance — at least in principle — in my all-white classroom those many years ago.

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2008 OHL Playoffs: Plymouth vs. Kitchener

Rangers seize commanding 3-0 advantage

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

By the time you read this article, the Plymouth Whalers have either: A) set the groundwork for a dramatic comeback in their Ontario Hockey League first-round playoff series against Kitchener; or B) unlaced their skates for the last time until training camp in August.

Heading into Wednesday night's Game 4 at Compuware Arena, the Whalers' backs were against the proverbial boards as they trailed 3-0 in the best-of-seven series against the No. 1-seeded Rangers. (Wednesday night's results can be found on www.hometownlife.com.)

If a Game 5 is necessary, it will unfold Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Kitchener. Game 6 — again, if necessary — would be played at Compuware Arena on Saturday with a 7:05 p.m. start.

A climactic Game 7 would be played Monday on the Rangers' home ice.

Last Monday before 5,659 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, the Whalers dropped a 7-3 decision to the Rangers as Matt Halischuk tallied two goals — his fourth and fifth of the series for the winners.

The Rangers surged to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals from Mike Duco and Mikkel Boedker, and never looked back to secure a 3-0 series advantage.

Kitchener led 4-2 after 40 minutes. Chris Terry paced the locals' offensive attack with a pair of goals. The high-scoring center also assisted on Joe McCann's

second-period net-finder. Nazem Kadri, Justin Azevedo and Mike Mascioli found the back of the net for the Rangers, who received solid goal-tending from Josh Unice, who stopped 20 of the 23

shots he faced. Jeremy Smith made 25 saves for the Whalers.

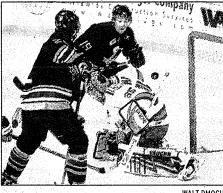
On Saturday in Plymouth, Kitchener prevailed 6-4, in a game that was highlighted by missed opportunities by the Whalers.

Plymouth failed to capitalize on a pair of golden second-period scoring chances — a two-minute, two-man advantage situation and a penalty shot — that ultimately led to the two-goal defeat.

The Whalers outshot their foes 40-38, making it just the fifth time all season the Rangers had been outshot.

Terry gave the hosts a 1-0 lead 8:14 into the contest off assists from Andrew Fournier and Jozef Sladok.

Please see WHALERS, B3



Plymouth Whalers forwards A.J. Jenks (foreground) and Patrick Lee fail to slip the puck past Kitchener goalie Steve Mason during Saturday's 6-4 Ranger win at Compuware Arena.



NATALIE SHAVER

Plymouth Whalers center Chris Terry visited 16-year-old Redford Township resident Bobby Suvoy just a few hours before the team's March 15 home game against Sarnia. Suvoy was originally scheduled to attend the game with several family members and friends, but worsening affects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis prevented the trip to Plymouth.



Plymouth Whaler Chris Terry on the ice.

THE BOOK ON TERRY

Name: Chris Terry;

Age: 18; Hometown: Brampton, Ontario;

Drafted by Whalers: second round (29th overall) of the 2005 OHL draft;

Drafted into NHL: fifth round (132nd overall) by Carolina in 2007 draft;

Accomplishments: The 5-10, 187-pound center registered a team-high 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists) during the '07-08 regular season, which ranked him sixth in the entire Ontario Hockey League;

Favorite hockey movie: "Mystery, Alaska"; Who inspires him?: "My parents, definitely. My dad was a very good hockey player growing up. He was drafted into the CHL, but couldn't play. My parents have helped me every step along the way."

Most memorable moment with Whalers: "Winning the OHL title last year. It was a phenomenal feeling, the way everybody on the team came together for one goal."

Whalers' Terry brightens the life of seriously ill Redford teenager

BY FD WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The capital "A" that's sewn into Plymouth Whaler center Chris Terry's Jersey stands for "Alternate captain," but it could just as easily have stood for "Angel" one afternoon earlier this month.

With a pivotal Ontario Hockey League game against Sarnia looming less than six hours away, Terry hopped in a car driven by Whalers Sales and Marketing Administrator Natalie Shaver on March 15 and the two made an improvised 25-minute trek to the home of 16-year-old Redford Township resident Bobby Suvoy, who was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in August.

Earlier in the week, the Whalers had donated 20 tickets to that night's game to Suvoy's family and close friends. However, the paralyzing affects of the usually fatal condition - better known as Lou Gehrig's disease — prevented Suvoy from making the trip to Compuware Arena where he was to meet Terry (his favorite player) prior to the game against the Sting.

Emotional meeting

When the Whalers' No. 1 scorer met his No. 1 fan that afternoon, it was difficult to say whose life was enriched

more — Terry's or Suvoy's.

"I can't say enough nice things about what Chris did that day and what he's done for my son since," said Bob Suvoy, Bobby's dad. "Bobby was smiling the entire time Chris was there and he was smiling long after he left.

"Even though Chris had a game later that day, he stayed for more than an hour to visit with Bobby. Since then, he's given out shouts to Bobby when he's been interviewed on TV during and after games. I'll tell you what, it brings tears to my eyes thinking about it."

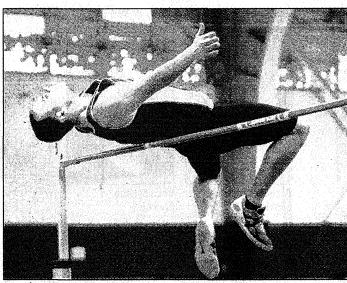
Two-way inspiration

Terry, the Ontario Hockey League's sixth-leading scorer during the regular season (101 points), said the visit was a life-changing experience for

During the meeting in Suvoy's sports-themed bedroom, Terry pledged to try to score a goal for Bobby and for further inspiration — he wrote the following phrase on the stick he used that night: "Do it 4 Bobby."

"Meeting Bobby helped show me how valuable life is and how we should cherish it," said Terry. "It helped me realize how good I have it and how fast things can change."

Please see TERRY, B3



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann has worked his way into becoming a topflight decathlete at Eastern Michigan University. A senior, Waidmann tied for first at the Mid-American Conference indoor championships in February.

Up, up and a-Waid

Ex-Chief Waidmann making big strides in decathlon at EMU

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If you placed the tools of Brad Waidmann's athletic trade at the feet of someone ignorant to the sport of collegiate track and field, they'd probably guess they were the instruments of a mighty

In Waidmann's case, that presumption wouldn't be far from the truth.

Armed with a spear-like

javelin, a 16-pound metal ball (for the shot put), an air-slicing discus and a set of muscles that can run and throw far and fast, the former multi-sport star at Canton High School and current Eastern Michigan University senior is one of the Mid-American Conference's top performers in the decathlon, a 10-event competition that requires a warrior-like body and mindset.

The decathlon menu consists

of a 1,500-meter run, discus, shot put, pole vault, long jump, high jump, javelin, 110 hurdles, 400-meter run and 100-meter dash.

Earlier this month, Waidmann tied for first in the heptathlon at the MAC Indoor Championships at EMU. Even though the heptathlon is a scaled-down version of the decathlon — it consists of seven events, not 10 — the show-

Please see WAIDMANN, B3

Plymouth Wildcat baseball camp

The Plymouth High School baseball team will be hosting its annual Spring Training Baseball Camp Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school's baseball complex.

The camp is open to the first 100 kids in grades third through eighth that register. The fee is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt and lunch.

The camp is designed for aspiring young players who are looking to improve their skills for the 2008 season and beyond. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun and learning environment.

Camp attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth coaching staff and players.

Among the topics covered will be mental preparation and plate discipline; base running; and infield and outfield play.

There will also be controlled scrimmage games.

For more inforiation, can John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

PCS Lacrosse Face-Off Classic

The inaugural Plymouth-Canton-Salem Face-Off Lacrosse Classic will be held Saturday at the PCEP varsity stadium. Competing in the scrimmage will be Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Grosse Ile, Holland and Vicksburg.

Games are set to begin at 9 a.m. and will run until 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Bridges saluted

Madonna University senior forward D.J. **Bridges (Canton High)** recently earned 2008 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) honorable mention All-America honors in men's basketball.

The 6-foot-3 Bridges, who averaged 18.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's first-team.

He saved his best game for last, setting a new career-high with 36 points in a lateseason game against Cornerstone.

Bridges ended his career in the top five all-time at MU in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots.

The Crusaders wrapped up the best season in school history, posting a 19-13 record, their first winning season in the program history. MU also set a new benchmark for WHAC wins with

Kvle Hermann

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All-Area swimmers among the best in the state

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL CHRIS BEHLER, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (200 FREESTYLE): The junior earned a third at the WLAA meet in the 200 freestyle and had a seasonbest time of 1:49.47.

He also added a fifth for the WLAA champions in the 100 freestyle, while posting an area best of 49.31 where he finished 18th in Division 1.

MIKE CONGER, SR., PLYMOUTH (200 IM): The most glaring highlight of a highlight-filled season for Conger came at the Division 1 state meet when he finished ninth in the 200-yard IM with a time of 1:59.56 — a 25-second drop from his best time as a freshman. Conger is considering swimming at the next level at Olivet and Alma, among other schools.

"This season was the culmination of a lot of determination and hard work for Mike," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "He was a big-time swimmer for our team and he performed his best in big meets such as the WLAA conference meet and the state meet. He is a young man of fine integrity, a superb role model for others and he was a great captain and leader."

KYLE HERMANN, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (50 FREESTYLE): The senior led the area with a season-best of 22.55. which earned him a third in the Western Lakes meet.

In the Division 1 state prelims, Hermann took 21st overall.

He also placed fourth in he 100 freestyle at the WLAA meet and ranked second in the area with a clocking of 50.04. KEVIN SMITH, SR., SALEM (DIVING):

The senior was runner-up at the WLAA conference meet and capped an outstanding season by placing 25th at the Division state meet at Oakland University. Smith's efforts earned him the team's "Most Improved Athlete" award.

"Kevin has been an outstanding competitor the past two years at 'Salem," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "The bigger the competition, the stronger his performance.

ROBERT LUKE, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (100 BUTTERFLY): The senior was WLAA champion in the 100 butterfly and wound up seventh in Division 1 with an area-best 52.55.

Luke also took fifth in the state meet in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 53.44, also best in the area.

He also added a runner-up finish in the 100 backstroke at the WLAA meet.

CHRIS MCGINNIS, SR., CANTON (100 FREE-**STYLE):** The senior was one of the top freestylers in Observerland as he posted best times of 23.37 in the 50 free and 50.94 in the 100. He's also a top-notch pole-vaulter on the Chiefs' track-and-field contingent.

"Chris was one of our moreexperienced swimmers this year," said Canton coach Dave Le. "He was primarily a sprinter, but was also used in the backstroke."

ADAM SEROKA, FR., SALEM (500 FREE-STYLE): The ninth-grader made a sudden impact as he was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 200 IM, 500 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

An All-WLAA first-team swimmer in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle, Seroka was voted the team's MVP and will serve as a captain in 2009. Seroka is also an All-Star in the classroom as he's compiled a 3.8 grade-point

average. "Adam had an outstanding freshman year," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "As a coach, I was never surprised with Adam's success because you compete the way you prepare. Adam's physical and

FINAL BOYS SWIM LISTING 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:39.81 Plymouth 1:44.51

Salem 1:44.53 Canton 1:49.36

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Diving: Kevin Smith, Sr., Salem
100 butterfly: Robert Luke, Sr., Stevenson
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100 breaststroke: Joey Wingett, Jr., Stevenson
200 medley relay: Stevenson (Luke, Wingett, Mike Cruce, Ryan Scott)
200 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Scott, Behler, Aaren Marecki, Hermann)
400 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Cruce, Behler, Marecki, Hermann) SECOND TEAM

200 freestyle: Richard Zhang, Jr., Canto 200 freestyle: Richard Zhang, Jr., Canton
200 IM: Cruce, Jr., Stevenson
50 freestyle: Scott. Jr., Stevenson
Diving: Travis Holt, Jr., Livonia Churchill
100 butterfly: Nicholas Anthony, Sr., Livonia Franklin
100 freestyle: Aaren Marecki, Soph., Stevenson
500 freestyle: Daniel Schoff, Soph., Stevenson
100 backstroke: Kellen Schoff, Sr., Stevenson
100 breaststroke: Stan Chen, Sr., Salem
200 medley relay: Plymouth (Conger, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson)
200 freestyle relay: Canton (McGinnis, Chris Marinica, Patrick Jenner, Zhang)
400 freestyle relay: Canton (McGinnis, Kevin Karlinski, Brandon Tolinski, Zhang)
Coach of the Year: Doug Schade, Plymouth

mental preparation showed in his results.

BRYAN BIELICKI, SOPH., LIV. STEVENSON (100 BACKSTROKE): The sophomore took third in the Western Lakes meet with a time of 56.91 and was 28th overall during the Division

Bielicki also took eighth in the WLAA meet and posted a seasonbest of 2:06.83.

JOEY WINGETT, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (100 BREASTSTROKE): The junior enjoyed a productive Division 1 state meet by placing eighth overall. He also captured the Western Lakes title in the breaststroke with an areabest time of 1:00.80.

Wingett also placed sixth in the Western Lakes meet in the 500 freestyle and posted a P.R. of 5:04.26 in that event.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

200 MEDLEY, LIV. STEVENSON (ROBERT LUKE, SR.; JOEY WINGETT, JR.; MIKE CRUCE, JR.; RYAN SCOTT, JR.): This quartet was head-and-shoulders above the rest in the area posting a WLAA championship time of 1:39.81.

The Spartans were seeded fifth going into the Division 1 state meet, but a disqualification kept them from reaching the finals.

200 FREESTYLE, LIV. STEVENSON (RYAN SCOTT, JR.; CHRIS BEHLER, JR.; AAREN MARECKI, SOPH.: KYLE HERMANN, SR.): The Spartans just missed out on All-State honors placing ninth in the Division 1 finals after going a season- and area-best 1:29.7 in the prelims.

This quartet also placed third in the Western Lakes meet with a time of 1:30 65

400 FREESTYLE, LIV. STEVENSON (MIKE CRUCE, JR.; CHRIS BEHLER, JR.; AAREN MARECKI, SOPH; KYLE HERMANN, SOPH.): This foursome earned an 11thplace finish in the Division 1 state meet with a season and area-best time of 3:18.55 after going 3:20.2 in the prelims.

Cruce, Behler, Marecki and Hermann also took third in the WLAA in 3:21.92 SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUAL

RICHARD ZHANG, JR., CANTON (200 FREESTYLE): The junior enjoyed a break-out season by posting the second-best clocking in the 200 freestyle in the Observerland area (1:49.53). The state qualifier was also fifth in the area in the 100 free (51.14) as well as a vital member of several Chief relay

"Richard was one of our most versatile swimmers," said Le. "He was able to compete in any event that we put him in. He was voted MVP by his fellow swimmers and was very close to qualifying for the state meet in both the 200

free and 100 free.' MIKE CRUCE, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (200

Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 22.55 Chris Behler (Stevenson) 22.62

Ryan Scott (Stevenson) 22.93 Jereme Pesta (Stevenson) 23.11

Aaren Marecki (Stevenson) 23.12 Chris McGinnis (Canton) 23.37 Shane Shelton (Franklin) 23.37 Mike Cruce (Stevenson) 23.67

Jordan Holland (Wayne) 23.76 Nathan Spala (Salem) 23.78

Jared Diebel (Stevenson) 23.88

(11 dives) Jeff Kinsvater (Stevenson) 315.75

Travis Holt (Churchill) 290.40 Kevin Smith-(Salem) 276.30

Luke McKay (Stevenson) 245.85 Andrew Richards (Churchill) 237.60 Christian Osorio (Plymouth) 232.00 Kyle Wilkenson (Plymouth) 229.35

Frank Henius (Franklin) 225.75

Paul Krutty (Salem) 222.65 Cody Roe (John Glenn) 221.45 100 BUTTERFLY

Robert Luke (Stevenson) 52.55 Mike Cruce (Stevenson) 53.67

Nick Anthony (Franklin) 56.13

Jereme Pesta (Stevenson) 56.50

Scott Geverink (Stevenson) 56.78

1-METER DIVING

in the WLAA meet with a time of 2:01.47 in the 200 IM and was

> (53.67) at the Division 1 finals. Cruce also qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle with a entry time of 4:49.33, which earned him runner-up honors in the WLAA. He finished 21st overall in Division 1.

10th overall in the 100 backstroke

He also qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 500 freestyle.

RYAN SCOTT, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (50 FREE-STYLE): The junior placed fourth in the Western Lakes meet in the 50 freestyle with a blocking of 22.93. Scott also placed 10th in the WLAA meet in the 100 freestyle

and had a season-best 51.18. TRAVIS HOLT, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL (DIVING): The junior placed third in the WLAA meet with an 11-dive total of 270.45.

His season best was 290.40 at the West Bloomfield Invitational. while his best six-dive total was 179.35 versus Canton. Holt also made the second round of the regional.

"Travis stepped up at the conference meet to be our number one scorer," Churchill coach Aaron Rieder said. "He surprised himself and his coach with a solid meet. His performance at conference was based on his ability to avoid error and focus on each

NICK ANTHONY, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN (100 BUTTERFLY): The senior captain, who earned the Coaches Award, placed fifth in the 100 butterfly at the WLAA meet with a personal best of 56.13.

He also added a ninth in the 200 freestyle (1:52.89) at conference and posted a P.R. of 5:14.74 in the 500 freestyle. "He works hard at practice and

enjoys racing," Franklin coach Kevin Hafner said of the fouryear letter winner. "Nick became a very smart racer this season putting together some of the best splits by any Franklin swimmer over the past decade.

"Nick's commitment and dedication has helped him improved the team. His efforts in the pool helped lead Franklin to a 4-4 record, the most wins in a single season in well over a decade.'

AAREN MARECKI, SOPH., LIV. STEVENSON (100 FREESTYLE): The 10th-grader was a key contributor to Stevenson's Western Lakes championship run finishing eighth in the 100 freestyle while posting a season best of 50:21.

Marecki also added a seventh in the 200 freestyle at the WLAA meet in 1:50.46.

DANIEL SCHOFF, SOPH., LIV. STEVENSON (500 FREESTYLE): The sophomore's best time was 5:03.02 where he placed IM): The versatile junior took third seventh in the Western Lakes

Chris Behler (Stevenson) 58.39 Sida Chen (Salem) 58.95

Adam Dabowski (Stevenson) 59.65 Chris Marinica (Canton) 59.72 100 FREESTYLE Chris Behler (Stevenson) 49.31

Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 50.04 Aaren Marecki (Stevenson) 50.21

Chris McGinnis (Canton) 50.94 Richard Zhang (Canton) 51.14

Ryan Scott (Stevenson) 51.18 Nathan Spala (Salem) 51.30

Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 51.69 Chris Wilson (Plymouth) 51.78

Jared Diebel (Stevenson) 51.81 500 FREESTYLE Adam Seroka (Salem) 4:48.05 Mike Cruce (Stevenson) 4:49.33

Mike Conger (Plymouth) 4:56.31 Daniel Schoff (Stevenson) 5:03.02

Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 5:04.26 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 5:04.78 Nick Anthony (Franklin) 5:14.74 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 5:14.82

Matt Collingwood (Salem) 5:19.84 Aaren Marecki (Stevenson) 5:20.38 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:29.70 Canton 1:33.38

Wayne Memorial 1:36.35

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meet. Schoff also added a 10th in the 200 freestyle at the WLAA meet (1:53.3).

KELLEN SCHOFF, FR., LIV. STEVENSON (100 BACKSTROKE): The ninth-grader ranked fourth in the area in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.06 and placed 10th in the Western Lakes with a clocking of 5:06.78 in the 500 freestyle.

SIDA CHEN, SR., SALEM (100 BREASTSTROKE): The senior closed out a brilliant high school swimming career by placing second in the 100 breaststroke at the WLAA conference meet and 14th in the same event at the Division 1 state meet. A 3.9 student, Chen was honored with the team's "Rock Kilgore" award, which is presented for "outstanding athletic and academic achievement."

"Stan is a perfect example of term 'student/athlete' that makes Salem High School proud," said

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS 200 MEDLEY, PLYMOUTH (MIKE CONGER, SR.;

DAN STOSCUP, JR.; PAUL SNYDER, JR.; CHRIS WILSON, SOPH.): This quartet earned the distinction of becoming the first relay team in the history of Plymouth High School to qualify for the Division 1 state meet.

"This relay team is a testament to what young men can accomplish when they buy into a program, decide to continually improve themselves, change what they do in the water and train hard," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade.

200 FREESTYLE, CANTON (CHRIS MCGINNIS, SR.; CHRIS MARINICA, SR.; PATRICK JENNER, SOPH.; RICHARD ZHANG, JR.): This foursome posted the second-fastest time (1:33.38) in the talent-rich Observerland area.

"Both our 200 and 400 freestyle relays were experiments all season," said Le. "We were trying to find the right combination to enable us to qualify for the state meet. We were able to do it in the 400, but came up just short in the

400 FREESTYLE, CANTON (CHRIS MCGINNIS, SR.; KEVIN KARLINSKI, SR.; BRANDON TOLINSKI, SOPH; RICHARD ZHANG, JR.): The Chiefs qualified for the state meet and posted the second-fastest time in the area (3:23.85), behind only Livonia Stevenson's 3:18.55 COACH OF THE YEAR

DOUG SCHADE, PLYMOUTH: Schade guided the Wildcats to the best season in school history as they placed second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division behind only Division 1 juggernaut Northville. The Wildcats defeated both PCEP neighbors Canton and Salem for the first time in a season and sent four swimmers to the Division 1 state meet. Schade is assisted by Tonya Schade, Adam Gagarin and Matt Breen.

"What made this team so successful was the teamwork that we had throughout the entire program," said Schade, who coached at Lansing Eastern, Waverly and Redford Union prior to coming to Plymouth when the school opened in 2002. "We get a lot of different kids who come from many different USA and middle school programs, and we expect them to adopt our philosophy. Our kids did a really great job of buying into what we were teaching, accepting whatever role they were given on the team, allowing us to coach them, and refusing to be happy with their current level of achievement.

'We had a lot of unselfish athletes on this team that genuinely wanted to see each other have success. There is something special about a group of guys that really likes each other and truly wants everyone on the team to have success."

Livonia Franklin 1:36.51 Plymouth 1:36.84

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Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 1:01.00 Jimmy Vayis (Stevenson) 1:00.11

Mohamed Ghoteimi (Stevenson) 1:01.17 Nick Hoffmeyer (Salem) 1:02.27

Alex Suriano (Salem) 1:03.37 100 BREASTSTROKE

Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 1:00.80 Sida Chen (Salem) 1:02.08

Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:04.22 Kevin Karlinski (Canton) 1:04.38

John Loria (Stevenson) 1:04.55 Dan Stoscup (Plymouth) 1:05.01

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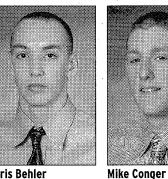
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Livonia Stevenson 3:18.55

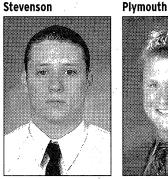
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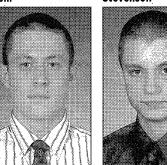
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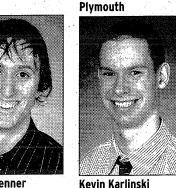












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Robert Luke Stevenson









Kellen Schoff

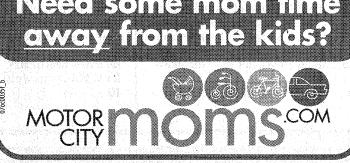




Patrick Jenner Canton



Doug Schade



Arctic Edge skaters shine at championships

When the World Ice Dancing Championships ended last week in Gothenburg, Sweden, three teams that train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton had placed among the 10 best in the world.

One of those teams, Canadian national champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, earned the world silver medal in only their second appearance at the event.

At ages 18 and 20, respectively, they are the youngest team ever to win a medal at the World Championships.

'We were just excited to go to the Senior World Championships as the Canadian champions," said Virtue. "Being the silver medallists here is a great accomplishment that caps off a wonderful season for us."

Life changed at an alarm-

ingly fast pace for the Suvoy

family late last summer

when the popular, athletic

teenager started experienc-

usually strikes individuals

two to three times his age.

Within months, Suvoy,

who would be a sophomore

at Redford Thurston High

School, was bed-ridden. He

The grim diagnosis proved

unbelievable for those close

to Suvoy as well as many of

the most knowledgeable neu-

rologists across the country.

tors all over and only one

"We talked to a lot of doc-

a doctor at Johns Hopkins

in Maryland — had ever seen

someone as young as Bobby

with this disease," said Bob

everywhere we can and tried

Suvoy. "We've taken him

calling the following:

is currently receiving hospice care and is reliant on a

breathing machine.

ing symptoms of ALS, which

"We were well-prepared by our coaches, Igor Sphilband and Marina Zoueva, so we were ready to compete," said Moir. "Relaxing, enjoying our skating and skating our best was our goal. Winning the free dance portion and the silver medal at the World Championships is a dream come true for us.'

Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto, five-time United States ice-dancing champions, twotime World Bronze Medalists and Olympic silver medallists, were slated to be the champions of the world this year, but due to an unfortunate and unexpected fall in the first portion of the competition — the compulsory dance - they had a lower placement than expected to start out with and had a lot of points to make up.

With the difficult competi-

everything we can, but ..."

exhibited March 15 sur-

prised no one who knows

the personable 18-year-old

native of Brampton, Ontario.

"Chris is not only a great

player, he's a great kid," said

director of communications.

"Nothing he does in a chari-

table way off the ice surpris-

es anyone that knows him."

Carolina Hurricanes in

the 2007 National Hockey

League draft, Terry enjoyed

the Whalers, registering 44

He also notched a num-

ber of key points during the

team's run to the OHL title

"Last year, playing with

guys like (Tom) Sestito,

(Evan) Brophy and (Jared)

Boll, I was a member of the

supporting cast," said Terry.

"This year, with those guys

goals and 57 assists.

in 2006-07.

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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a breakout regular season for

A fifth-round pick of the

Pete Krupsky, the team's

The act of kindness Terry

Typical Terry

tion they faced in Sweden, Belbin and Agosto could not catch up to the leaders in spite of skating well in the next two segments and ultimately placed fourth.

"We are proud of ourselves for not giving up and were especially pleased with our free dance tonight," said Belbin.

"The free dance was good," added Agosto, "and we only missed being bronze medalists by...less than half a point."

'Tanith and Ben were very good in the free dance, especially," said Sphilband. "We will all work hard next year to help them get back on the podium."

U.S. silver medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White skated fast and close together with great unison, which was noticed and rewarded by the judges at worlds. Davis and

gone, Andrew Fournier and I

"Team-wise, I think we've

exceeded a lot of people's

expectations. Some of our

critics were saying we'd be

lucky to make the playoffs,

We were in the fourth or

end of the season."

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so we've proven them wrong.

fifth slot until the last week-

Although Terry couldn't

deliver Suvoy a goal on the

night of March 15, he plans

on delivering something just

as meaningful to his devoted

fan once the Whalers' season

used that night in my locker,"

inspiration until the season's

over, then I'd like to give it

Of all the meaningful

assists Terry records this

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season, that one may rank

said Terry. "I'll keep it for

"I still have the stick that I

knew we needed to raise our

games up a bit.

White started out in seventh place and ended in sixth after the free dance portion of the competition.

"This is a great finish for us in only our second year at the Senior World Championships," said White.

"All of our skaters handled themselves well in Gothenburg given their various circumstances," said Sphilband. "We are looking forward to another year of excellent training and to more great and exciting skating from all our teams both here and at home in Canton."

The 2006 national champions and 2007 U.S. pairs skating bronze medalists Brooke Castile and Ben Okolski, who train with coach Johnny Johns at the Arctic Edge, placed 11th in the hotly contested pairs skating event in Sweden.

Kitchener defenseman Yannick Weber knotted things up at 1-all with a blast just inside the blue line at the 14:36

scored successive goals late in the first period and mid-way through he second, respectively.

Christian Steingraber (from Ryan Hayes) and Patrick Lee (from Fournier) tallied thirdperiod goals for the Whalers,

but it proved too little, too late. Mason kicked away 36

Whaler shots while Smith smothered 22 Ranger attempts.

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mark of the first stanza.

The Rangers took the lead for good when Kadri and Halischuk

A.J. Jenks banked home a rebound past Kitchener netminder Steve Mason 15:16 into the second period to bring his team to within 3-2, however, Duco, Weber and Kadri netted three straight to put the decision

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be

sold at public auction April 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will

be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI

48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and

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ing was an eye-opening one for the former Chief.

"The key to being a good decathlete is that you have to be an all-around athlete and Brad certainly is that," said EMU head track and field coach Brad Fairchild. "Brad's one of those guys who when you show him how to do something, he gets it the first time.

"For example, when Brad came here as a freshman, he had never pole-vaulted before. Now he's clearing close to 15 feet, which would probably win the state tournament (in high school). He can get up really well for someone who is 6-foot-3 and over 200 pounds.'

It was Waidmann's performance in his self-proclaimed "weakest event" that earned him the first-place tie at the March 1 MAC meet.

Going into the last event – the 1,000-meter run

- if the leader (Akron's Daniel Kinsey) beat me by more than six seconds, I would have finished second overall," recalled Waidmann. "If he would have beaten me by less than six seconds, I would have finished first by myself.

Well, as it turned out, I ran my personal-best by 13 seconds and he beat me by exactly six seconds, so we tied."

Considering the volume of events and the short time span competitors are allotted to finish them, it's not surprising that elite Olympic decathletes are widely considered "the world's best athletes."

The decathlon is broken up into a two-day competition

with five events each day, so perseverance and endurance are essential.

"Decathletes have to be like golfers in a way," Fairchild said. "If you have a bad event — or if a golfer hits a bad shot — you have to forget about it and move on to the next one or it will come back and haunt you.

"Brad had a difficult time doing that at first, but he's gotten better with time."

'The toughest part is probably waking up at 8 a.m. the second day and everybody else on the team is sleeping in because they don't have to compete until later in the day," Waidmann said, smiling. "You get out to the track and there's hardly anybody there, so you have to be self-motivated.

Then, later in the day when it's about 85 degrees and sunny, the sprinters are loving it because it's ideal running conditions for them. But we're on our ninth or 10th event and totally exhausted. I love it, though."

Waidmann is already getting a jump start on his future career as a physical education instructor as he's served as an assistant track coach at Discovery High School in Canton the past two springs.

Fairchild said he anticipates a stellar spring on the track for Waidmann as the Eagles attempt to defend their MAC outdoor crown.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how well Brad does," the veteran coach said. "I think he's going to do really well. He's very good in seven of the 10 events and he's improved a lot in the other three."

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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 10, 2008 for the following:

SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, 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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN FY 2006 "CAPER"

On April 9, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Revival Outreach Center (ROC), \$2,500; Canton Township Leisure Services "Totally Canton Totally Arts," \$2,000; Canton Township Sheldon School playscape and landscaping improvements, \$45,000; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000; Program administration, \$70,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. The FY 2006 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) covers CDBG program activities between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FROM DADCO TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION **CERTIFICATE NO. 2007-185 TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2008**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 08, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from DADCO to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2007-185. The original application contained certain personal property acquisitions, which did not occur and were replaced with other acquisitions increasing the amount stated in the original application by more than 10%. The facility is located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, Wayne County,

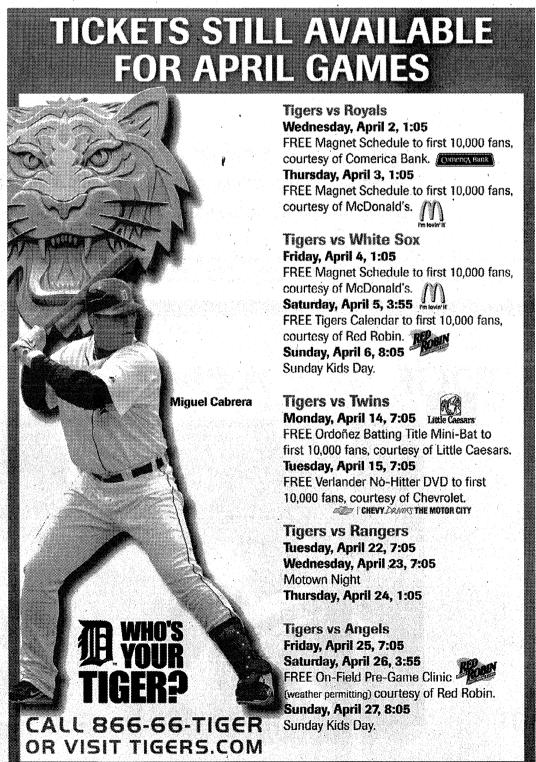
The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

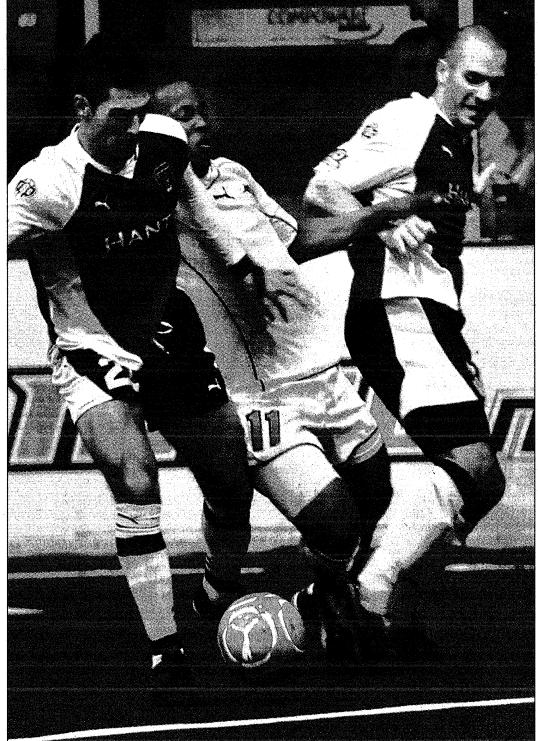
The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 08, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

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Detroi Ignition players Jonathan Greenfield (left) and Ze Roberto (right), pictured in a game earlier this season, both played key roles in the team's impressive 29-12 victory over California Saturday night.



Ignition sets record over Cougars

Unlike the weather, the Detroit Ignition is heating up.

The second-year Major Indoor Soccer League squad netted a franchise-record number of goals in its 29-12 triumph over California Saturday

The Ignition's seventhstraight victory improved its record to 19-7 while the Cougars slipped to 9-18.

Defending league scoring titleist Jamar Beasley ignited the goal-rush with a two-pointer 17 seconds after the opening kick. It was the slick-dribbling Beasley's first of five net-find-

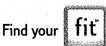
Detroit rookie Leo Gibson

scored a pair of goals in the first quarter to help give his team a 9-2 edge after the open-

ing 15 minutes. Detroit led 21-8 at the intermission on a Jonathan

Greenfield goal. The Ignition will host the New Jersey Ironmen (13-14) on Friday at Compuware Arena.





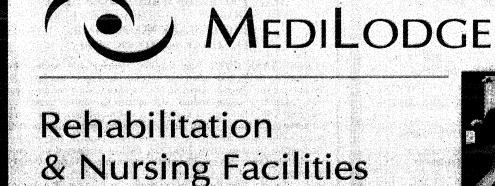
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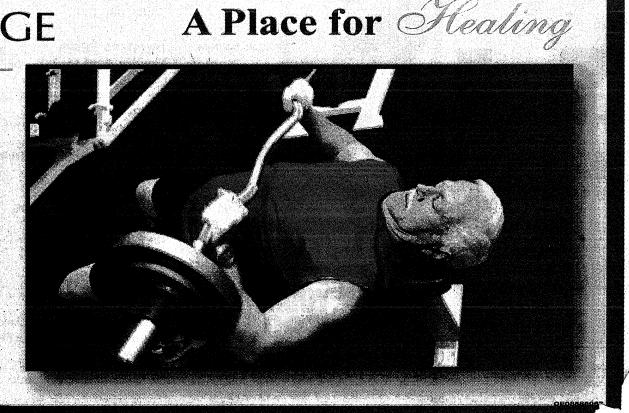
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Local Habitat volunteers head to Gulf Coast

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Come May, local Habitat for Humanity volunteers will travel to the Gulf Coast to work on areas ravaged by Hurricanes Katrina and

"We have 50 people going," said Sally LePla, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, based in Pontiac. "It's amazing. People are paying their own

The build, May 11-16, follows a trip the Oakland volunteers took just after the hurricanes struck to Bay St. Louis, Miss., and subsequent visits to work on housing.

"It was pretty much destroyed," Rochester Hills resident LePla said of the area they visited.

For the 25th year, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, will call attention to both the need for affordable housing and Habitat for Humanity's work to help low-income families realize the goal of homeownership.

While great strides have been made in the recovery efforts since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the work is far from over," said President Carter in a statement. "Along with the thousands of wonderful volunteers, Rosalynn and I look forward to creating not only new houses, but new awareness about the dire need for affordable housing in the Gulf."

Biloxi and Pascagoula, Miss., still recovering from the devastating 2005 hurricane season, will serve as host cities for the build. Volunteers will help construct and rehabilitate 60 houses and frame up to 48 more in the two cities. Houses also will be built and repaired by volunteers in Gulf Coast communities in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama.

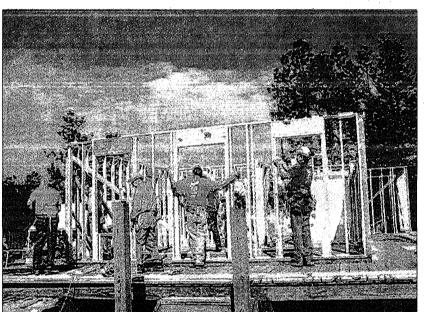
The kickoff will be May 11, LePla said, with home dedication on May 16. "It's an amazing, amazing thing," she said.

LePla will go to Mississippi with the group. She noted the Carters have usually alternated between international and U.S. projects (Los Angeles was last year), but chose to continue with a U.S. effort this year due to the Gulf Coast's great needs. "They are doing the Gulf region that was devastated by the storm," LePla said, adding many local volunteers are using vacation time, paying their own way "and spend that week build-

We have an incredible volunteer cadre," the Oakland County director said. "They are the ones who raise the walls and raise the tresses.



Ute Brantsch of Detroit, Pat Palmer of Grand Blanc and Mimi Zwolak of Rochester Hills were among those on last year's Habitat trip to Mississippi.



Local volunteers raise walls during a Habitat trip to Mississippi last year.

"Michigan has a high level of giving hearts," LePla added. There will be volunteers from Macomb and Detroit Habitat going as well: local volunteers have worked extensively

in the Gulf region, but this is the first time for the Carter partnership.

Gretchen Hurlbert of Lake Angelus is volunteer coordinator for the Mississippi recovery, and can be

reached as ms@habitatoakland.org. LePla's e-mail is director@habitatoakland.org. The Web site for the Oakland County affiliate is www. habitatoakland.org and the phone is (248) 338-1843.

The local group will go to Hancock County in Mississippi, said Hurlbert, a former teacher who's a retiree like her husband. The local volunteers will likely build two houses, the total group 10 in May. The volunteer spots are filled for the May trip, but another build with local volunteers is planned for November 2008, and those interested should contact Hurlbert via e-mail.

"I would say talk to anybody who's been there," Hurlbert said. "They will convince you" to go.

"It's such a huge event we were able to expand it," said Hurlbert, who's taking her fifth trip to the Gulf Coast with Habitat since the hurricanes hit. "There's still so much need in the Gulf Coast." She and LePla agreed the Carters are helping to draw attention to the region, which some

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HOMES.

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 3-7, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales

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Farmington		36733 Sherwood S
31831 Grand River Ave	\$34,000	28141 Terrence St
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36566 Saxony Rd	\$191,000	18256 University F
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27900 Berrywood Ln	\$81,000	615 E Buno Rd
24267 El Marco Dr	\$195,000	2775 Tall Timbers
28108 Harwich Dr	\$267,000	
Garden City		16460 Brook Trout
28802 Elmwood St	\$98,000	16477 Brook Trout
32115 Hennepin St	\$73,000	49186 Freestone D
31766 James St	\$68,000	19709 Hayes Ct
32326 Rosslyn Ave	\$129,000	21332 Lujon Dr
28840 Rush St	\$117,000	990 McDonald Dr
Livonia		16035 Morningside
18807 Arleen Ct	\$265,000	51101 Park Place D
20238 Brentwood St	\$90,000	17998 Ridgeview D
32987 Brookside Cir	\$240,000	49010 Running Tro
20626 Golf Ridge Cir	\$325,000	19903 Schoolhous
34425 Grove Dr	\$190,000	16811 Yellowstone
11807 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000	16859 Yellowstone
14628 Ingram St	\$156,000	
37203 Ladywood St	\$223,000	45231 Bartlett Dr
39348 Lyndon St	\$172,000	1203 E Lake Rd
32314 Maryland St	\$120,000	27973 Hopkins Dr
11975 Merriman Rd	\$160,000	51255 Luke Ln
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A. In a similar case in Illinois, when the owners defaulted on a construction mortgage and then



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gave a deed in lieu of foreclosure to the bank, when they subsequently tried to close the account. the bank asserted a right of setoff on the grounds that the construction loan had not been satisfied in full.

In Illinois, the deed in lieu of foreclosure statute provides "acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure shall relieve from personal liability all persons who may owe payment or the performance of other obligations secured by the mortgage ..." The court held that the statute would have prevented the bank from suing for a deficiency judgment on the debt, but the court interpreted it as not precluding the bank from exercising its setoff right. In that case the parties had entered into a written deed in lieu of foreclosure agreement, in which the bank was to "have no further recourse towards borrowers with regard" to the note and mortgage. The court considered this language to be ambiguous but held that this language, like the statute, did not bar setoff. In short, you should check with a knowledgeable real estate attorney regarding the ramifications of your giving a deed in lieu of foreclosure to close all loopholes.

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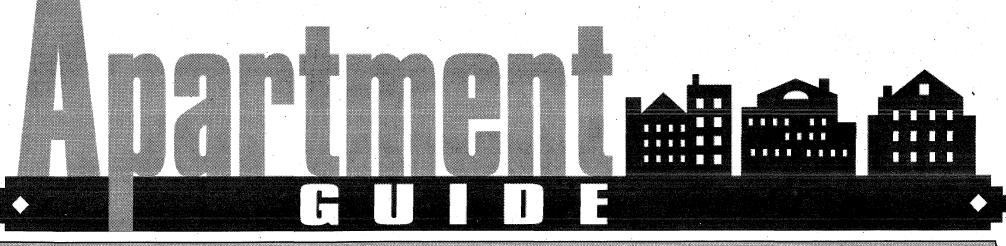
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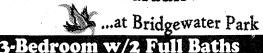
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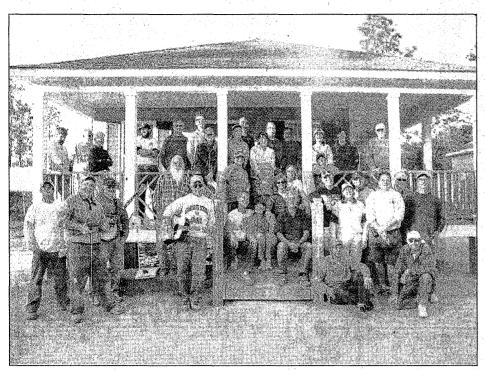
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This is the Habitat house in Mississippi the Oakland volunteers built last year in five days.

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have forgotten.

Hurlbert considers herself fortunate to be able to volunteer: "They're the nicest, most unassuming people in the world," she said of home recipients, who work on their homes during construction. "It's very special.

Local Habitat affiliates of Oakland, Macomb and Detroit jointly held a fund raising concert at The Palace in December 2005, with help of the Detroit Pistons. In sub-freezing temperatures, volunteers stick built a house in the parking lot of The Palace, in one day, the Habitat affiliate in Jackson, Miss., picked a family for that house, and they were flown to Michigan, so that they could get their "ceremonial keys" at the Country Cares Concert. Following the concert, organizers dismantled the house, and shipped it on a truck to Mississippi where it was reassembled and finished for the hurricane victims. Proceeds from the concert were also sent to Mississippi

Since then, the Oakland Habitat group has maintained a partnership with the group in Bay St. Louis, Miss. That affiliate didn't exist before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed or damaged more than half a million houses along the Gulf Coast. According to a 2007 RAND Corp. study, 60 percent of all houses in Harrison County, Miss. which includes Biloxi, were damaged. More than 12,000 FEMA trailers are still in use today throughout Southern Mississippi.

In 2008, the annual, weeklong event was renamed the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to recognize the former first lady's years of dedicated service to help raise awareness and provide simple, decent and affordable housing in partnership with families in need.

To date, Habitat for Humanity's Gulf Coast Recovery program has completed or begun construction on more than 1,300 houses. In addition to building homes, Habitat also is working to serve as a catalyst, bringing together organizations to address low-income housing and recovery on a scale that Habitat alone would not be able to accomplish. Habitat has also forged other ongoing partnerships and collaborations with community and faith groups and long-term recovery committees in the region. Habitat has partnered with Church World Service to raise funds to repair homes for low-income families and with The Salvation Army to increase building capacity, volunteer accommodations and affordability of homes along the Gulf Coast. Lutheran Social Services and other Katrina Aid Today consortium members are engaged in assisting families in finding appropriate housing solutions, including Habitat homes.

LePla came from a corporate background, and is glad she made the switch to nonprofit work. "I love it out here and I'm a few minutes from work that way," she said of her move into Rochester Hills. She's been on the job with Habitat almost a year. Her mom retired from Michigan Bell and also volunteered for Habitat.

"She inspired me to go into the nonprofit side," LePla said.

Hurlbert has worked on a couple dozen homes in the Pontiac area, and jokes she has "Habitatus maximitis," not curable or fatal. "We can always use volunteers in Pontiac," she added of those not traveling to Mississippi. Volunteers are welcome at all local Habitat affiliates, including Western Wayne's, based in Plymouth, which can be reached online at www.habi- Remodeling and Shea

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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.

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The 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

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 members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

■ Building Industry Association of (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,

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tion, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

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CAPS, 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 **■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on 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 covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-tak-

ing 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 several aspects of proper pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Registration 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) 862-1033.

'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."

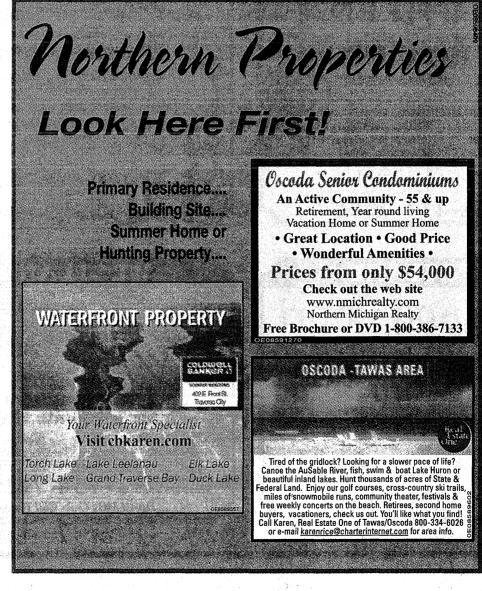
To register for the Expo or to obtain more information, visit online at: www.RealcompExpo. com.

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 highlight-

ing 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.



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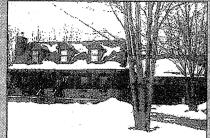
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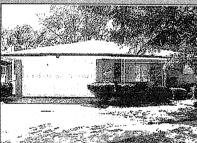
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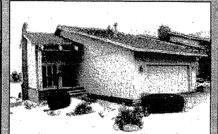
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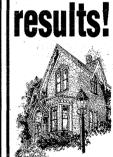
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By Dale Buss

Honda Accord and Tovota Corolla are icons of the Japanese automakers' rise to U.S. market dominance over the last generation - reliable performers on the road, steady draws in the showroom, dependably lauded by public and press alike. And the OEMs have just produced a new generation of each venerable model.

Both makes are facing challenges from proliferating competition and from the fact that they've been around so long - 1966, in the case of Corolla, and since 1976 for Accord. But Toyota and Honda are doing everything they can to make sure that the bulwark vehicles hang onto and even enhance their impressive accomplishments.

Corolla sales slid by 28% in February and by 24% for the first two months of this year, compared with 2007, while Toyota's overall car sales (including the Scion brand) were off only by 7% and 6%,

Toyota is trying to thwart the drag on Corolla in at least a couple of ways. First is a new approach to design, expressed in the 2009 version. "It's lower, and the character lines are more flowing," is how Toyota spokeswoman Cindy Knight described it. "It's more aerodynamic than ever before, with a slightly wider stance. It's more eye-catching, because often our styling is called vanilla."

Second, Toyota is goosing Corolla marketing. Its target is "more of a mainstream consumer than for Scion or [Toyota] Matrix," Knight said. Ages are 18 to 49, with a "sweet spot" of 26 years old, a young professional just starting to make it in their field. They're very much into success - and styleconscious." She called Corolla's customer base "youthful, optimistic and upwardly mobile."

As part of identifying with twenty-something targets, Knight explained, Toyota is presenting Corolla "not only as more stylish but also more in tune with their self-image. One of our key tactics is using humor." So TV advertising appears, among other places, on cable TV's Comedy Channel and the

Accord customers are demanding the car's new VCM six-cylinder engine.



show Adult Swim.

"Our unifying theme is mock pretension, poking fun at to-the-manor-born silliness," Knight said. Thus, Toyota created a "crest" for the new, tenthgeneration model, "Corolla X." And its new ad, popular during the Super Bowl, uses a caricatured old-money backdrop to set up an incongruous demonstration of Corolla's interior quiet featuring a momma badger and a very nervous driver.

Toyota also is ramping up digital-marketing efforts to reach what Knight called Corolla's "very connected audience." That includes advertising online at sites including The Onion, YouTube and Myspace as well as "hosting" some comedy channels on Google, and a growing number of mobile applications. Corolla has 20-some interactiveadvertising initiatives, Knight said, more than for any other Toyota nameplate.

Accord sales dropped by about 10% for the first two months of January compared with 2007, while Honda's overall car sales drifted down only by about

Honda is confident it understands at least a couple factors in Accord's short-term distress. First, with the new model that was introduced in September, the automaker has eliminated the huge incentives it was offering on the nameplate a year

Honda's Gary Robinson, senior product planner, said that Accord incentives last year averaged about

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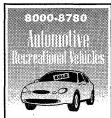
A second reason that Accord's sales numbers have been disappointing so far this year, Robinson said, is that Honda has gotten caught in a bit of a powertrain mismatch. Strong demand for the V6 is very quick for the V6, and grosses are "very high," he said. But while executives are happy about the development, to this point a supply-constrained Honda hasn't been able to keep up with demand.

mix and engine choices," Robinson said. "But since what we've been losing is compact buyers moving up to Accord, and what we've been gaining is downsizers, it almost goes the other way."

the V6. But Robinson said that the company is determined to make more V6s available in the new more," he said. What about the significantly streamlined styling

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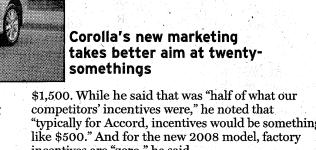
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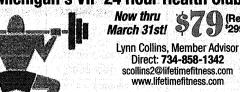
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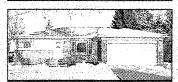
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West Bloomfield 248-684-1065 82' of frontage on Upper Straits Lake. Open flr plan & hdwd flrs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ priv ba, jet tub, shower & WIC. 2nd flr br/den



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POOL AND SPA SHOW

Homeowners who want to purchase a pool, spa or hot tub can check out the Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show March 28 – 30 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Hot tubs made in Michigan from standard to luxury styles complete with waterfalls and foot and neck jets will be on display. Vendors who carry vinyl pools in several sizes and colors and custom gunite, steel wall or fiberglass inground pools and spas will set up booths at the show. Some products offer solar powered lights and multiple water jets shooting to the center of pools along with music systems.

Patio furniture that can be customized with hundreds of fabrics, finishes, sizes and models will be on display.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals. Rock Financial Showplace is located on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3 - 9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8. For more information, visit www. NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

HEALTHY LAWN CARE

Do you have guestions about lawn maintenance? Learn about proper care from Gary Eichen, turfgrass specialist, who discusses mowing, fertilizing, watering, and weed management with the environment in mind. The session is free and begins at 7 p.m. tonight at Oak Park City Hall, 13600 Oak Park Blvd. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com to register in advance. The event is sponsored by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for the Clinton River Watershed.

PASSION FOR SPRING

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

DESIGNING TABLE

Ginny Newman, master flower show judge, will demonstrate how to design a functional table and an exhibition table at 7 p.m. April 1 at the monthly meeting of the Livonia Garden Club. The club meets at the Livonia Senior Center (Five Mile and Farmington roads). Visitors are welcome.

GO GREEN

A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment, are scheduled as follows: Going Green, (native plants, water saving principles, lower pesticide use), 7:30-9 p.m. April 15 or 10-11:30 a.m. April 17: Landscaping for a Healthy River, 7-8 p.m. April 17; Nature Near You, 1-2:30 p.m. April 21; Spending Lean on Building Green, 7-9 p.m. April 23; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1. Classes will be held at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

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turn basement

BY LANA MINI O&E STAFF WRITER

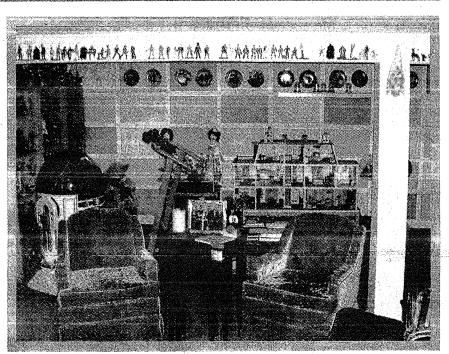
The decor on the main level of Mike and Heather Johnstone's home, for the most part, seems like your "normal" Plymouth suburban family house.

But look at a few of the wall hangings and realize, there's more to this family past their regular day jobs and raising two chil-

> Not every home has a Hammer Horror Dracula print hanging over the fireplace or Mexican folk

art in their bedroom celebrating the important Day of the Dead Mexican holiday. "It's not until you get downstairs

that you see who we really are," said



The lower level of Mike and Heather Johnstone's home brings guests into a completely different world. On top, from Paul Wasterberg posters to a Sesame Street lunchbox - the basement is about fun. Above, color is as important as the collection.

Heather Johnstone.

The lower level of the home brings guests into a completely different world that's all about fun - cartoons, film, music and comic book collectibles. It's not just what they have, it's how they display it that shows their creativity.

Lined perfectly along the perimeter of the room and on shelves are countless miniature comic and movie figurines collected over the years from Spider-Man, Star Wars, Planet of the Apes and more.

The walls are bright pink and green in some areas, and squares of orange and golds in others. Hand painted chairs, paper Oriental lights, a collection of Pez dispensers... gazing at the collection seems endless.

His favorite items are anything from Star Wars. "We wanted a room that was fun to hang out in and a place where we could keep all of the toys and other fun things that we had," Heather

Mike Johnstone is in retail management, Heather's career is in purchasing and direct marketing. Together they're raising their kids and with the little spare time they have, they try to use their creative skills to transform their basement into something that represents their personalities. He loves music, film and toy collectibles. She loves music, dancing, sewing and art

Please see SPACE, D2

Taste the bubbles in this popular Asian drink

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

Within minutes Margaret Yee can whip up a whimsical beverage that she claims is more popular among Asians than that everpresent cup of Starbucks coffee.

It's caffienated and can be creamy or slushy, icy or steamy - all without an ounce of carbonation. Bubble tea is a Taiwanese beverage that often blends sweetened red tea and cream with chewy tapioca pearls. Fans know it's the sort of drink you also chew - and it requires an extra-wide straw.

Around since the '80s, it's most common to find bubble teas at Thai restaurants. Rexy's Bangkok Cuisine in Royal Oak serves a host of such bubble beverages, from the original chilled variety to a smoothie to a bubble drink blended with ice. Flavors include Thai tea or coffee, fruity varieties like mango, strawberry, lychee or honey dew, and the even sweeter stuff from almond to chocolate, mocha to

But an extensive menu can be found at Kim's Restaurant in Troy, too. While it's rather unusual to find bubble tea at a

ORDER UP: WHERE TO FIND BUBBLE TEA

Kawaiian Café: Asian Village, 200 Renaissance Center. Call (313) 259-0025. Kim's Restaurant: 102 E. Long Lake Rd, Troy. Call (248) 524-9207 or visit www.kimsrestaurant.com.

Rexy's Bangkok Cuisine: 30923 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak. Call (248) 288-0002 or visit rexysbangkokcuisines.com

Tiki Tea: Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Road, Novi. Call (248) 348-9400.

traditional Chinese restaurant, this family-owned establishment started cooking up the tapioca treat more than a year ago. Yee said her customers at Kim's began inquiring about where to find bubble tea in the metro Detroit area. She researched recipes and makes a truly authentic Taiwanese variety right inside the eatery

Customers can order bubble tea with a meal or just grab a quick drink to go. Kim's bubble teas come in traditional,

Please see TEA, D2



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Cool off with a bubble drink, like this one made at

Kim's Restaurant in Troy.

HONEYDEW GREEN BUBBLE TEA 1/2 to 1 cup tapioca pearls,

cooked according to package directions and soaked in honey or sugar syrup for a few minutes

4 teaspoon Sencha green tea 11/2 cups water

2 tablespoon sugar a few small slices of fresh ginger

2 cups fresh honeydew chunks Bring water to a boil. Remove from heat and let

sit for 2 minutes. Pour water over green tea. Steep for 3 minutes. Strain tea. Add ginger slices to tea. Dissolve sugar in tea. Chill. Remove ginger slices from tea.

Place as many tapioca pearls as you like in the bottom of each glass. Put tea and honeydew into blender with some cracked ice (about six cubes) Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses. Insert wide straws.

Makes 2 bubble teas. Recipe courtesy of bobafind.com

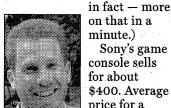
For a world-class Blu-ray player, look to the Sony PlayStation 3

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 27, 2008

Question: Now that the highdef DVD wars are over, which Blu-ray player should I buy?

Answer: Believe it or not, my top choice is the Sony PlayStation 3 game system. It may sound crazy, but hear me out.

The PS3 includes a Blu-ray drive, meaning it can play Blu-ray movies just as well as a standalone player. (Better,



Rick Broida

on that in a minute.) Sony's game console sells for about \$400. Average price for a standalone Blu-ray player: about \$400. If you're

not a gamer,

you're probably thinking, "Same difference. I'll go for the player." But as it turns out, an upcoming PS3 update will give the console an advantage: support for Blu-ray Disc Profile 2.0, a.k.a.

That technology affords benefits like picture-in-picture and downloads of bonus material. Current Blu-ray players don't support Profile 2.0, and they can't be upgraded to add the newer capabili-

Plus, let's not forget, the PlayStation 3 is arguably the most advanced game system on the planet — quite the bonus for your \$400.

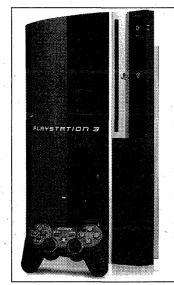
Question: How can I keep files in sync on two or more PCs without manually copying them all the time?

Answer: This is a common wish for folks who have a PC at home and another at work, and need to access the same files on both.

FolderShare (foldershare. com) makes the process a piece of cake. Just sign up for a free account, then install the FolderShare program on your computers. Choose the desired folders and/or files and presto: FolderShare keeps them synchronized on the selected PCs.

You can also use the program to share files with friends and access files remotely. Point of interest: FolderShare is Microsoft product, so think about this great freebie the next time you're bad-mouthing the company (I do).

> Joe Gannon We're recommended



Sony's PlayStation 3 game console doubles as a Blu-ray movie player, and a state-of-the-art one at that.

Question: How can I protect the data on my thumb drive in

case it gets lost or stolen? Answer: Thumb drives are great for transporting data, but they're also easily misplaced or snatched up by thieves. That could create problems if you're carrying sensitive information like financial data or work docu-

Your best bet is to encrypt the data so that no one but you can access it. Try TrueCrypt (truecrypt.org), a free utility that works on-thefly, meaning it encrypts and decrypts data as you access it.

The software also works with individual files and entire hard drives. If you don't supply the correct password or encryption key, your data stays locked up tight. And I mean tight: TrueCrypt supports a variety of high-grade encryption algorithms.

Thankfully, it's pretty easy to use and totally transparent once it's up and running. Check out the handy beginner's tutorial (http://tinyurl. com/2uw6bu) before getting started.

TrueCrypt is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux systems. It's open-source, meaning it costs nothing to

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Think about traffic before building walls

Cleo of Canton asks: "My husband and I are planning on finishing our basement. What things should I consider when deciding where to place the

When finishing a lower level, often homeowners will just finish the perimeter walls and install carpeting, a suspended ceiling and fluorescent lights.

This approach does not maximize the potential of the

Sit down with your husband and decide how you want to use this area. Will this be a play-

Solutions

Design

Terri Guastella

area, a craft room, or a second kitchen? Weigh out the importance of each area you require in this new space. I

room for chil-

dren, a place

play cards?

to entertain or

Do you need

a lot of storage,

a home theater

also must stress that you purchase a back-up sump pump to ensure protection of this

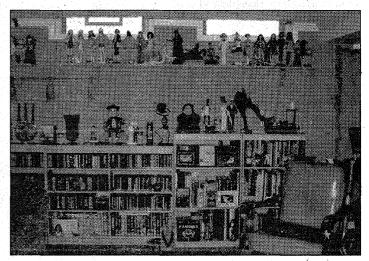
Once you have decided which areas will be included in the new lower level, think about traffic flow between the rooms. For example, if someone is watching TV in the new home theater, how far will they have to travel to the bathroom or to get a can of soda?

Try your best to bury as many of the support columns inside the new walls. This helps to eliminate the "basement" feeling of the lower level. It also creates more openness and can alleviate some of the dilemmas faced with furniture

Lastly, make sure your contractor gives you a detailed drawing of how the new lower

level will look. Keep in mind that you will want cable hookups and outlets placed in convenient locations. Consider all of your lighting options, too.

Pendants, wall sconces, and recessed lights are great choices, even when mixed with fluorescent fixtures. Using multiple types of lighting will give you maximum control over creating a specific mood for a particular event.



Mexican folk art blends is displayed with other pieces the family has

projects. Heather Johnstone says she's not an artist (even though she has a degree in fashion, creates clothing and costumes and also paints).

Their homage to music includes a Freddie Mercury (frontman of Queen) statue, several original posters from bands like The Ramones and The Rollins Band and a pink Johnny Lydon wall clock that Heather Johnstone made herself from a vinyl record back in her high school days. Their basement is a collec-

tion of items found at antique shops and thrift and toy stores. And maybe the saying is true

that a couple who plays together, stays together. "It is definitely a work in progress," Heather said. "We've always had an interesting col-

lection, most of what we have are things from our childhood. "Unfortunately we don't get to spend as much time as we would like to down there, and usually when we are down there it is to work on decorat-

ing it."

collected over the years.

Do residents with disposals dump more grease?

story wriiten by Adam Hochberg of NPR in Raleigh, N.C. dated March 17 recently caught my eye. The story informed readers that new garbage dis-

posals were to be banned in Raleigh, N.C.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Officials said the appliances allow grease to accumulate in sewers, leading to sewage spills. Many homeowners, and a company that makes the kitchen appliances, consider the ban misdirected and invasive.

City crews use a special truck to flush away grease with water and chemicals in an attempt to prevent environmentally damag-

ing sewage spills. That truck works on every sewer line in Raleigh twice a year.

Raleigh's mayor said the annual maintenance costs millions. He blames much of the problem on garbage disposals, which he says encourage bad kitchen habits.

The mayor believes that residents with garbage disposals increase the dumping of grease by about 20 percent. Across that city it means thousands and thousands of gallons, he believes.

So as of now, new garbage disposals are outlawed in Raleigh. While people who already have them can keep using them, no new ones can be installed. The mayor hopes residents will start

composting their food scraps. But it's clear that many aren't ready to give up their disposals. One council member heard so much outrage about the ban that he's reconsidered his support for it.

David MacNair, a vice president of InSinkErator, the world's largest maker of what it calls "household food waste disposers," says his company's appliances are good for the environment because they reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. He says disposals shouldn't be singled out as the only source of sewer grease.

InSinkErator and other industry groups successfully lobbied New York City to repeal a similar ban on garbage disposals

11 years ago. Now, MacNair says they'll try to do the same thing in Raleigh.

This story brings to mind some very interesting questions for all of Detroit and surrounding suburbs. I for one do not remember ever reading or seeing articles on the subject of grease buildup in our sewage systems. Do we spend millions of dollars cleaning up all our sewer lines twice a year? Has this problem contributed to the many sewage backups that have occurred in different neighborhoods?

I have read stories about how old the sewer pipes are and how they fail at increasing rates. Maybe, this grease factor has some strong merit to it.

I would certainly like to hear from you if you have information on this topic. Stay

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@ hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe

served hot or cold, or can be blended with milk or cream. ice for a slushy or vanilla ice cream for an even sweeter

Bubble teas come in two sizes, 12 or 16 ounce. Milk tea, made with red tea, is the most authentic of the bubble varieties but Yee will substitute green or Oolong tea by request. Add flavors to any variety, like a cranberry-pineapple Aloha or apple-pineapple Hawaiian. Or, if you're adventurous, attempt to make your own bubble tea at

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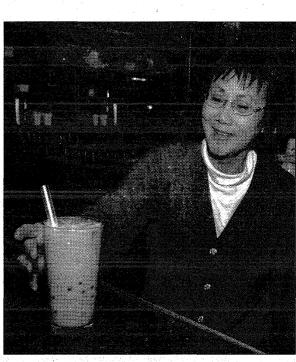
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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, the first day of August, and the first day of September in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Noxious Weed Ordinance, Chapter 34, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

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Margaret Lee, of Kim's restaurant in Troy, serves up a refreshing mango bubble tea drink.



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a ride across the lagoon from a dolphin named Nate, a woman seated on the rock next to me spoke up.

"Research has shown that being around dolphins causes people to be happier," she said. "Something about their voice,



ple feel happy.' She smiled. watching her kids frolic with another dolphin named Diego.

Dr. Brad Davis While I had (and still have) no idea if what she was saying is true at a scientific level, none of the faces of the 30 or so people in the water lacked a smile.

While swimming with the dolphins in the ocean is illegal, theme park Discovery Cove of Orlando, Fla., makes it possible in dolphin lagoons.

Located practically across the street from its sister park, Sea World, Discovery Cove offers clientele unique handson experiences with the animals. The park features three lagoons in the dolphin area, each having their own selection of dolphins. A beach area rolls into the water, creating a comfortable, natural feel.

Before the dolphin experience, groups go through a brief orientation in a cabana, then are taken out into the chilly water for their interaction periods. After touching, petting, and learning about dolphins from a trainer, each person gets the highlight of the experience, being towed by a dolphin across the lagoon.

You don't have to know how to swim to get this amazing memory, as life vests — and alternative interactions — are available.

Along with trainers who give a "dolphin talk," a photographer and a videographer film every moment of the dolphin fun. Photos and DVDs of the dolphin experience can be purchased later in the day.

I opted to sacrifice my turn so that my wife could have two turns, which would a) make me a hero, and b) keep me dry and

Even without experiencing the dolphins, visitors can have an outstanding theme park

DISCOVER COVE

Hours: Opens at 9 a.m, but check-in begins as early as 8 a.m. The park closes at 5:30 p.m. Admission: \$269, includes food, parking, etc. at the park, and also includes admission to SeaWorld Orlando or Busch Gardens (located in Tampa, about 90 minutes from Orlando) for a week.

Other notes: The park also offers a Trainer-for-a Day package, which gets you even closer to the dolphins. See the Web site for more information. During the summer, the park has evening programs, giving opportunities for twilight dolphin swims and twilight snorkeling.

Don't forget to bring grooming supplies (for after the end of the day shower), your swimsuit, and water sox/water shoes, which makes walking around the park more comfortable than going barefoot.

More information: Visit www. Discoverycove.com, or call the reservations department at (877) 557-7404.

experience, different than anything else in central Florida.

Anyone who visits the larger parks knows that crowds can be a huge big negative. Long lines limit the available activi-

For visitors to Discovery Cove, the number of people allowed in the park is limited and entry is by reservation only, usually booked well in

Also, the park is all-inclusive...just walk up to the snack bar and ask for a pretzel, cookies, even a beer (remember, Sea World properties are owned by Anheuser Busch), and there's nothing to pay.

That's not to say the visit is free. The cost for a reservation could give anyone some sticker shock. Once you arrive, however, you can leave your wallet in your locker until it's souvenir

Arrival at the park begins at about 8 a.m. Workers check you in by computers and set up your dolphin interaction time. Park workers then take

tour, ending at the tent where you get your wet suit, snorkeling gear and sun tan lotion that's safe for swimming with the animals within the park. If you have glasses, you can go to guest services, where they will try to give you a mask that matches your prescription.

Walking from one end of the park to the other takes only a few minutes, so you're never far away from your locker, and you don't need to carry everything with you.

Though the dolphins are the stars of the show, the park does have a lot more to offer, and it's separated from the dolphin lagoons by a blue bridge, which serves as a park landmark.

Crossing over the blue bridge takes you to another beach area. To the left are the Manta Ray Pool, and the Coral Reef. The Ray Pool allows visitors to wade in and see these creatures up close, even petting them as they zip by. They are friendly, and all but harmless, although one did swim into my leg pretty hard as I walked around the

Pulling on your snorkeling gear, you can then enjoy the great Coral Reef area. This area simulates being in the ocean to snorkel. The pool is full of fish, including rays. One area within this pool allows visitors to look in at a barra-

Lunch is also included with the park admission, and looks like any cafeteria line in any theme park, except with more impressive food.

Lobster salad, fried chicken plates, vegetarian plates...there were eight to 10 choices available, and the outdoor dining area had a live steel drum band performing throughout the meal time.

Although expensive, Discovery Island delivers bang for the buck, and makes sure that your day will be memo-

For anyone who's a dolphin lover, a day at Discovery Cove should not be missed.

It's almost certain the dolphins will make you happier.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Rd., Garden City and a host on the Animal Talk radio show. Visit the Web site at www.Animaltalkradio.com.

Dolphins create a happy scene Feeding a wine passion groups on a short orientation

owadays, many college students strap on a backpack and head for Europe. During his sophomore year on summer break, Robert "Bobby" Kacher did just that.

Focus on Wine Ray & Eleanor Heald

backpacking in France, he discovered a lifestyle of wine, food, family, vineyards and cuisine. These grew to be his all-consuming passion which he began to fulfill by first working in

a retail wine

While

shop and eventually becoming a retail wine consultant in Washington D.C. Before long, he became a top executive at World Shippers and Importers. At 22 years old, he founded Robert Kacher Selections, and today, has developed one of the finest portfolios of French boutique estate wines.

KNOW THE GROWERS

The best importers of smallproduction wines strive to know the growers and producers intimately. To do this during the first 20 years of Robert Kacher Selections, Kacher spent half of each year in France, traveling from region to region with a hands-on approach, working side by side with growers and producers to ensure the quality and authenticity of wines in his collection.

Today, Kacher is aided by the president of his company, Antoine Songy, who respects his owner's passion and knows the background of each wine in the Kacher portfolio. Recently, Songy introduced us to the following wines which we highly recommend that you seek out at your favorite wine shop because they are available and afford-

WHAT TO BUY

If you're looking for a lightbodied dry white, they don't get better than 2006 Domaine de Pouv, Cotes de Gascogne (\$9.75) in the foothills of the Pyrenees, near the appellations of Madiran and Jurancon. It's 60 percent

WINE PICKS

Peak ovster season ends next month. If you like oysters, here are your sauvignon blancs (they're good with sushi, too): Outstanding: 2007 Sauvignon Republic Marlborough, NZ \$18 Excellent: 2006 Dry Creek Vineyard Fume Blanc Sonoma County \$15 2007 The Crossings Marlborough

2007 Kim Crawford Marlborough, NZ \$17 2006 Kenwood Reserve \$20 2006 Joseph Phelps Napa

Valley \$32 -- fermented sur lie 10 months in combo of new and season French oak. Sophisticated rendition. Very Good: 2007 New Harbor Marlborough,

NZ \$11 2006 Benziger Family North Coast \$13 2006 Flora Springs Soliloquy \$25

2006 Benziger Family Casey's **Block Mendocino County** Sauvignon Blanc \$29 Wallet Friendly: 2007 Sebeka South Africa \$9 2007 Man Vintners South Africa

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

ugni blanc (known as trebbiano in Italy) and 40 percent columbard with an intense green apple and ripe pear skin fruit profile that is refreshingly crisp. Great with sushi.

It's peak oyster season, so make a perfect match with 2005 Benjamin de Vieux Chateau Gaubert (a 50/50 blend of sauvignon blanc and semillon) from the Graves region (\$18). White peach fruit and fresh fig notes are accompanied by a wet stone minerality and intriguing textural components.

Seeking a new red wine taste experience at a great

price? Domaine de Gournier is located in the Cevennes region of France, between the cities of Avignon and Nimes. The 2006 Grenache Noir (\$10.50) from this producer is a 100 percent stainless steel production to focus on the purity of grenache fruit. Cherries and spice notes dominate both the aromas and flavors of the well-structured wine that's hard to beat at the

So, you're still bashing merlot? You won't after you taste the 2004 Domaine de Gournier Merlot (\$10.50) with dark cherrv-berry fruit elements in and easy-drinking value wine.

Wines from the southern Rhone Valley of France are among the hottest wines in the marketplace. Showcasing attractive red fruits, cherries and currants with a hint of spice, 2005 Domaine Andre Brunel Cotes du Rhone (\$13.50) is a blend of grenache, syrah and cinsault. It's food-friendly with a rich finish.

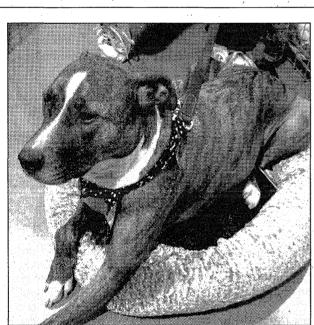
If that style appeals to your taste buds, here's a real bargain: 2004 Domaine Sainte-Eugenie from the Corbières region (\$11). It's generously fruited from nose to finish as a blend of carignan, grenache and syrah.

Jumping up in price a little, but worth every penny are two other red Rhone varietal blends: From Domaine de Gournier, 2004 Hommage (\$15.50), a blend of syrah cabernet and mourvedre is full, rich and generous; and 2005 Domaine Santa Duc Cotes du Rhone Les Vieilles Vignes (\$15) with splendidly ripe, rich fruit and a delicious finish as a blend of grenache, syrah and mourvedre.

Go wine shopping. You won't see French wines at these prices much longer.

The devalued U.S. dollar against the Euro is making it nearly impossible for producers to sell to the U.S. at moderate pricing since they can get top prices from consumers in China and Russia.

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Spring makeup contributes to your serving of five fruits a day

hen it comes to makeup and beauty products, fruit is now ripe and in season. The Spring lines of brands from Tarte to Aqua Dessa to Juice Beauty have



Stephanie Casola

black current and apple, but the beneficial fruit extracts too. Sure products infused with natural boosters like soy or green tea

have been around for years. And it's easy to feel good about looking good when your daily beauty routine includes natural, organic ingredients - the sort that are easy to pronounce. But that's just the beginning when it comes to these warm weather must-haves.

As the temperatures start to rise, **Tarte Cosmetics** unveils a new line of anti-aging, skinrestoring products that give back to the environment. The brand's new t5 complex, a blend of superfruits that perfect blush in warm are rich in nutrients weather. and minerals, can

be found in a new Full Blossom Lychee Tea Refresher Facial Cheek Stain and a collection of ultra-shiny Double Dose Berry Boost lip glosses. With the purchase of either, Tarte pledges to support the Amazon Rainforest and help improve living conditions through the Sambazon's Sustainable Acai Project.

At \$21 each, the glosses blend high shine with lush fruit extracts that fight free radicals (acai), reduce redness (pomegranate), soothe skin (maracuja) and more. To get a perfect blend of pigment and shine, be sure to squeeze the tube from the top. For more color, squeeze from the middle.

There's a shade to suit any skintone from raspberry to peach, blush to red. Your lips

won't just look dazzling, they'll feel the spark of peppermint and benefit from the conditioning agents of shea butter. It's the perfect way to move from winter's chill to the heat and humidity of summer, a switch that can wreak havoc on your lips.

And once the weather begins to swelter, give your cheeks a punch of color without the pinch. At \$28, Full Blossom Cheek Stain is best applied with your fingers. It harkens back to the days of real rouge with a sheer rosy glow that's sure to last all day long. Made with carnauba and candelilla

> wax, you'll get natural protection from the environment, along with the moisturizing power of safflower seed oil.

Sun protection is a must and these days it's easy to find a go-to daily moisturizer with a helpful SPF boost. For \$38, Juice Beauty's Green Apple Moisturizer carries an SPF of 15 and it's made from organic apple and lemon juices to offer a skin bright-

tion. To keep skin looking fresh and feeling balanced, try Aqua Dessa's

ening effect and

anti-aging protec-

Toner for \$25. Made with green tea, and fruit extracts like lychee and black current, it's meant to diminish the effects of previous sun damage and protect against environmental toxins. Like all the products listed above, it's fruit-fortified. Find these and more at makeup.com, sephora. com or area Sephora locations at Troy's Somerset Collection or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola loves her lip gloss, even if she forgets to reapply mid-day. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



Femilia will debut its first collection for sale on Saturday night during Detroit Fashion Week.

Local fashion label Femilia featured at DFW

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **0&E STAFF WRITER**

Fotoula Lambros and Emily Thornhill are committed to helping Detroit become a fashion hub.

The pair will present a high-energy runway show of their clothing line, Femilia, on Saturday night during Detroit Fashion Week's hottest time

Lambros, 25, of Ferndale, and Thornhill, 22, of Milford, met at International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy, where they both studied fashion design. They remained close through their senior internships, but after graduating in 2006 found themselves floundering to create fashion

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Friday, March 28: 6:30 p.m. VIP Reception; 8 p.m. Runway Show featur-

Saturday, March 29: 2-6 p.m. Accessories Marketplace; 5-7 p.m. Jazz

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Designers: Jill Robertson, Ferndale: Buelah Cooley, Detroit: Femilia,

Ferndale: Brandi Wade, Ypsilanti: Angela McBride, Royal Oak: Tanya Seals,

Atlanta, Ga.; Michael Humphrey, Detroit; Rani-St. Pucchi, NYC; Jovani and

Tickets: \$20-\$35 for individual events; \$75 for all-access pass Saturday;

Sherry Couture-Viper Apparel, Saginaw; Kristine Fergusson, Midland.

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design careers.

Lambros believed in their ability, and decided to rally her friend to start a clothing line.

"I literally sat her down and said 'We're so talented',' Lambros explained. "We live in Detroit and we're not going anywhere, so let's go somewhere here'.

They combined their first names to create 'Femilia,' and launched their business in January, 2007.

The pair spent a year designing a sample collection, promoting themselves and building a professional portfolio. DFW marks the debut of their second collection, for Spring/ Summer 2008.

"We didn't allow the sale of our first collection, but this is the one we're pushing to sell,"



Fotoula Lambros, of Ferndale, and Emily Thornhill, of Milford, are the talent behind Femilia clothing.

said Lambros, a graduate of Ferndale High School. "Now we're ready to get our buyer's kits out there and see what we can do."

Although the Detroit area has produced many talented designers, it is notoriously difficult to maintain a high fashion business here. Tracey Reese, Anna Sui and Peter Soronen, for example, achieved their success and notoriety in New York City.

That's something Brian Heath, organizer of Detroit Fashion Week, hopes to change.

Detroit Fashion Week began in 2005 at 4731 Gallery, and was staged at the St. Regis Hotel last year. This year, the week's worth of action is taking place at Asian Village of

Detroit. "So often at local runway shows, designers will show their collections but there will be no buyers in the audience. That's what a fashion show is traditionally for, to show buyers your new clothes for the season," Heath said. "We want to bring people in the industry together to show professionals they don't have to leave to have a career."

Lambros said Heath has been very supportive, and that's part of the reason Femilia has high hopes for Detroit.

"I think drive, dedication and passion don't discriminate. It's not where you are, it's really where you take it," she said. "We're happy to be settled here for now, home-based. Our company is still in the beginning stages, but I think we've come pretty far in a year. We're quite blessed."

Femilia's inspiration often starts with fabric, Lambros said, and they create 80 percent of their garments by draping directly on dress forms. Their clothing — mainly dresses, skirts, blouses and bustiers - feature ruffles and plenty of feminine details.

"We try to strike a balance between the strong woman of today, but with the class and poise of the 1930s woman," Lambros said. "They were a little more reserved. Today's woman is more focused and driven than ever before."

For more information, visit www.femiliastreetcouture.com.

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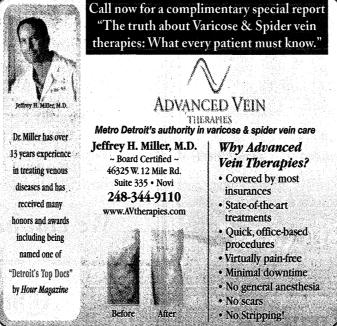
Sole Sisters Shopping Frenzy

Someone in the room has to have the cutest shoes; it might as well be you! Gather your sole sisters for Parisian's Salon Shoe Preview Event Saturday, 8-10 a.m. Saturday March 29. Attendees may enjoy coffee and sweets while snatching up all their favorite Spring/ Summer shoes. Guests will save 30 percent on their entire Salon/Better purchases during the event. Call Parisian Laurel Park, (734) 953-7500;

Parisian Partridge Creek, (586)226 0621 or Parisian Rochester Hills, (248) 276-6705.

Macy's Hosts Nubian Heritage Founder

SOUTHFIELD – Macy's Northland will host Nubian Heritage Founder Richelieu Dennis, Founder and Chief Experience Officer of Nubian Heritage, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Mr. Dennis will share information about his 100 percent organic products, as well as his inspiring story. Customers can sample Nubian Heritage products, enjoy complimentary mini hand massages and receive a free gift with a purchase of \$25 or more. RSVP today by calling (248) 443-4323.



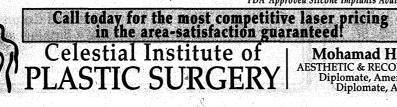




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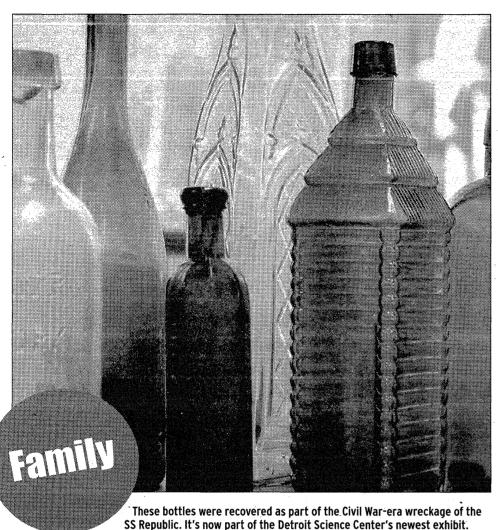
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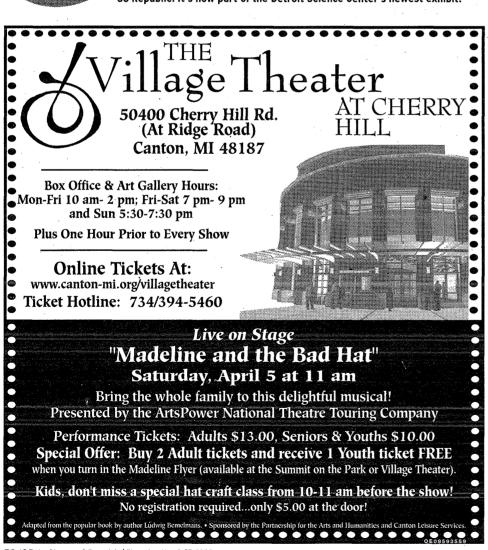
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Detroit Science Center calls all mateys to exhibit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Sink into the Detroit Science Center's latest exhibit and you'll find a combination of rich history, handson technology and deep sea adventure in the form of Shipwreck! Pirates & Treasure

Making its Midwest traveling debut, the extensive exhibition comes courtesy of Odyssey Marine Exploration, a world leader in deep ocean shipwreck exploration. It centers on the 2003 discovery of the SS Republic, a ship ravaged by a hurricane near the coast of Georgia in the late 1800s.

Kelly Fulford, director of marketing for the Detroit Science Center, came across Shipwreck! when searching for a new traveling exhibit to bring to the science center. Originally housed in New Orleans, she said, it was meant to be a permanent attraction in Louisiana. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit the shores, plans changed and the exhibit was transported back near Odyssey headquarters in Tampa, Fla. where it was shown at the Museum of Science and Industry.

The educational aspect demonstrating the impressive technology used in recovering shipwreck treasures fits into the Detroit Science Center's mission, said Fulford. And she noted, there is something for everyone. "It depends on your interests."

Visitors will step over the bridge and weave through elaborate seafaring displays that feature more than 30 interactive activities and more than 300 authentic artifacts recovered from the sea.

An informational video introduces visitors to the technology used to locate sunken ships — even a century after the fateful voyage that sent the ship plummeting to the bottom of the ocean. The SS Republic, recovered from the Atlantic Ocean, gave way to actual treasure. Using a remote operated vehicle called Zeus, Odyssey officials were able to collect more than 50,000 gold and silver coins from the wreckage. And this exhibit allows visitors to see that treasure for themselves, as well as attempt to operate



This angelic figurine is part of the Odyssey's exhibit.

SHIPWRECK: PIRATES & TREASURE

What: Go 1,700 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean to the site of the SS Republic in this new exhibit.

When: Open now through Sept. 1. Where: Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R. Street, Detroit Tickets: \$13.95-\$15.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www. detroitsciencecenter.org. a machine remotely to experience the challenges associated with marine archeology.

Two hurricane tubes recreate the experience of coping with the high winds of a natural disaster. Step inside and feel the wind advance to speeds exceeding 80 miles per hour. Step out with a completely new hair style.

Metro area residents who remember the *Titanic* exhibit hosted at the Detroit Science Center in 2003 will have a sense of some of the preserved artifacts. But *Shipwreck* contains many more hands-on displays. Learn about the passengers who traveled on these ships. Choose an item on a wall full of glass bottles and seek it out on a nearby touch screen to learn more about it.

To augment the exhibit and bring the reality of a shipwreck disaster rather close to home, the Detroit Science Center has compiled artifacts from the Great Lakes. Just before wandering into the official exhibit, visitors can peruse Great Lakes Lost & Found, containing items recovered following the wreck of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975 and the SS Regina in 1913. From original china to a perfectly preserved glass thermometer, the items provide a suitable precursor to the interactive displays and historical accounts found in Shipwreck!

"With Detroit's proximity to the Great Lakes and its history of shipwreck exploration, the city is the ideal location for an exhibit that explores deep ocean adventures and

features treasures recovered in several of our marine archeological expeditions," said Greg Stemm, chairman and CEO of Odyssey.

Pirate fans can also get their fill. Storybook-like displays reveal details about such famous pirates as Edward "Blackbeard" Teach, and spooky glass cases show the dangerous fate that pirates would suffer once they were captured. Shake a box of treasure and guess what might be inside or marvel over the perfectly-preserved tea cups or silver serving spoons recovered from the SS Republic. It's a timeless exhibit suitable for all ages. And it runs through Sept. 1.

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Cash legend lives on stage

Ring of Fire honors the man in black

BY LANA MINIO&E STAFF WRITER

The music of America's most beloved rebel, the man who lived his life on his terms, will be celebrated this week at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The first national tour of Ring of Fire, the Music of Johnny Cash — is a Broadway hit featuring more than 30 of his most popular and favorite songs.

Stories of passion, redemption, humor and salvation set the stage ablaze in the musical production. Ring of Fire includes such hits as I Walk the Line, Jackson, I've Been Everywhere, Folsom Prison Blues, A Boy Named Sue and the title track Ring of Fire.

The performance is hailed by critics and Cash fans.

More than four years after his passing, Cash remains one of the most popular entertainers of all time with 10 Grammy Awards plus a Life Achievement; inductions into both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Rock Music Hall of Fame and a Kennedy Center Honor.

He's had 48 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 Pop charts and more than 130 hits on the Billboard Country singles chart — more than anyone in history. Plus, his autobiography *Man in Black* has sold more than 1.5 million copies.

How well do you know the man in black? Take our quiz and see! (Answers listed below.)

1. Johnny Cash was born in:

A. 1932 B. 1947

C. 1928

D. 1931

2. He was raised in:

A. Memphis, TN B. Detroit, MI

C. Dyess, AK

D. Des Moines, IA

3. Cashwas good friends with:

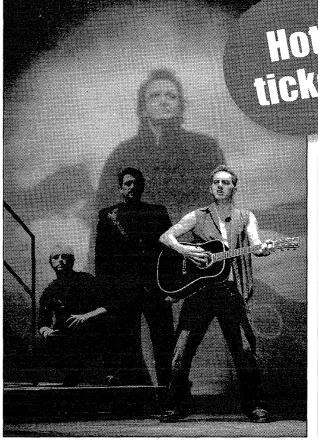
A. Charo B. Jimmy Carter

C. Wayne Newton D. Liz Taylor

4. Cash's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame is significant for many reasons including:

A. He was the youngest singer to be inducted at age 48

B. He was the oldest singer to be inducted at age 84



RING OF FIRE

- THE MUSIC OF
JOHNNY CASH

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C. He was never inducted
D. He was severely wounded when kicked by on ostrich at his farm

5. Cash had the idea for mariachi-style horns in the hit song "Ring of Fire" because:

A. His wife, June, loved mariachi
B. It came to him in a dream
C. The song was originally
recorded in Spanish
D. His mom never let him play a horn

6. Cash worked for two weeks at a plant in which Michigan city? A. Royal Oak

A. Royal Oak
B. Pontiac
C. Westland
D. Grosse Pointe

7. The last song he wrote was:

A. Like the 309 B. Walk the Line C. Good Morning, Friend D. Jesus Was Our Saviour and Cotton Was Our King

8. Cash recorded a cover album that included which song:

A. Personal Jesus, by Depeche Mode B. One, by U2 C. Hurt, by Nine Inch Nails D. All of the above

9. Cash was featured in commercials for which Michigan-connected company: A. GM B. Vernors C. Lionel Trains D. Stroh's Beer

10. Which punk band remade Ring of Fire:

A. Sex Pistols
B. Ramones
C. Social Distortion
D. The Germs

II.At the beginning of each concert, what did Cash say?

A. Thank you, I love you B. You wanted the best and you've got the best C. I'm a cowboy, baby D. Hello, I'm Johnny Cash

12. How many times did Cash propose to June Carter before she accepted his hand in marriage?

A. They never married B. She proposed to him C. Once D. More than 30

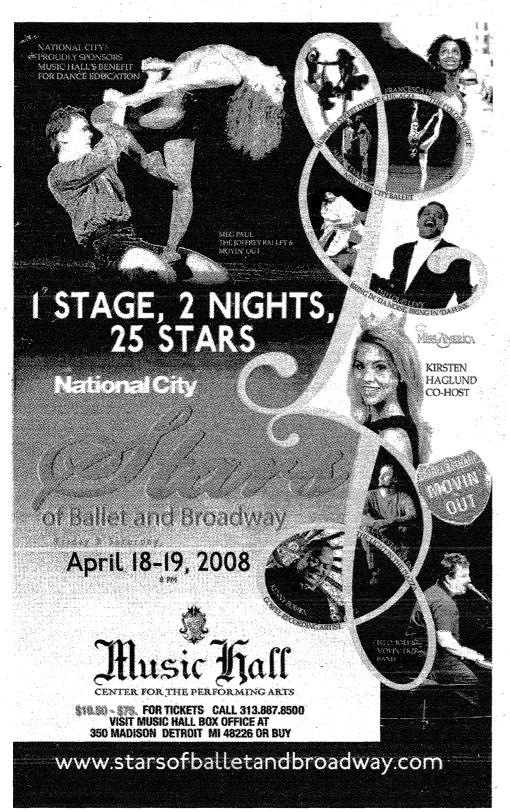
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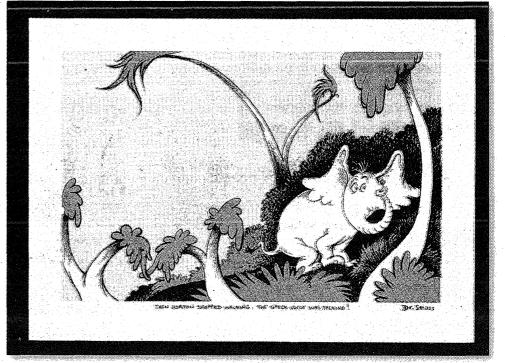
1) A. 1932; 2) C. Dyess, Arkansas; 3) B. Jimmy Carter; 4) A. He was the youngest singer to be inducted at age 48, although he was kicked by an ostrich, that has nothing to do with the Hall of Fame; 5) B. It came to him in a dream; 6) B. Pontiac; 7) A. Like the 309; 8) D. All of the Above; 9) C. Lionel Trains; 10) C. Social Distortion; 11) D. Hello, I'm Johnny Cash; 12) D. More than 30.

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The Speck-Voice Was Talking!, limited edition Dr. Seuss print, \$225 unframed at Art Leaders Gallery through April.

Who in Who-ville isn't delighted by Dr. Seuss? Celebrate March is Reading Month by going beyond the pages of this beloved artists' books.

HORTON HEARS A WHO!

In theatres now, Horton Hears a Who! brings Dr. Seuss characters to life in delightful animated glory. Horton (voiced by Jim Carrey) hears a faint cry for help coming from a tiny speck of dust floating through the air. The elephant doesn't know it yet, but that speck houses all of Who-ville, led by the Mayor (Steve Carell). See how Horton saves the particle ... because "a person's a person no matter how small" in this fanciful flick. From the makers of Ice Age, rated G.

GREEN EGGS AND HAMADEUS

"I do not like green eggs and ham; I do not like them, Sam-I-Am!" The classic story unfolds in music as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Green Eggs & Hamadeus Saturday, March 29 at Orchestra Hall. Narrated by nine year-old Kyle Alexander Brenn, the program includes Mozart's

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, original works by conductor Rob Kapilow, and guest soprano Sherry Boone. Performances will be staged at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with plenty of family fun between. Tickets are \$10-\$46. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com.

DR. SEUSS'S SECRET ART

Children adore the doc's illustrations, but few know the artist also created 'a secret collection' geared toward adults. Through April, Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield will host an exhibition and sale commemorating the 104th birthday of Dr. Seuss. The free exhibit includes more than 50 limited-edition works ranging from illustrations and paintings to bronzes and whimsical taxidermy sculptures — inspired by his zoologist father — that incorporate real beaks and horns. Art Leaders Gallery is located at 33030 Northwestern Hwy. Call (248) 539-0262 or visit www.artleaders.com.

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Street Unicorn, from Dr. Seuss'

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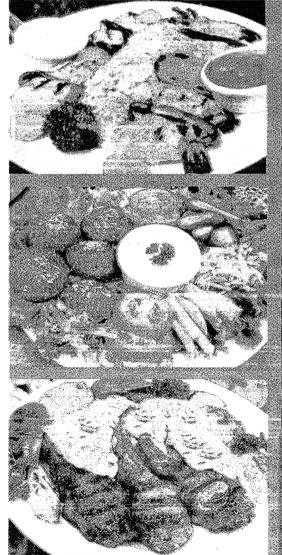
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BEYOND BAD

Don't 'Return to the House on Haunted Hill': it's dumb

he most fascinating thing about Return to the House on Haunted Hill is the closing credits.

I haven't seen a credit list like this since Ben-Hur, or the mammoth Titanic. Return... certainly isn't one of those. Apparently this was filmed in Bulgaria and the producers seem to have hired everyone in the country to

take part.



Greg Kowalski

I know what grips and gaffers are, but how many films have a staff ophthalmologist? And what is a C camera puller? And the list just goes on and on.

I'm sorry to spend so much time dwelling on the credits, but not only are they the most fasci-

nating thing about this movie, they are the only good thing.

The story itself is standard glop. Well produced glop, but glop nevertheless.

You may remember the original 1959 House on Haunted Hill, which was a terrific William Castle cheesy thriller starring Vincent Price. I liked the 1999 remake, mainly because it didn't take itself too seriously.

But Return ... well, they should never have gone back.

This time around a group of people go to the asylum (it's not a house anymore) to track down some mumbo-jumbo heathen statue that gives the place life. They encounter various murderous ghosts, including the evil doctor who created the place. He is played by the wonderful Jeffrey Combs, who is almost completely wasted in this role, which could have (and perhaps should have because it would have added another interesting list to the cast) been played by a mannequin.

In fact this movie is so dumb that it will leave you rooting for the monsters and cheering every time one of the idiot characters is slaughtered. At least there is a fair amount of that going on.

But really, go and check out the original. At least it's fun.

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Lunafest celebrates women in films

RY I ANA MINI **0&E STAFF WRITER**

A film festival that focuses on women returns to the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak this Sunday, March 30.

Lunafest — a festival that travels the country — features short films, about 90 minutes worth, from women filmmakers from across the globe.

It was wildly popular here last year. "It's a special treat," said movie-goer Teri Williams, spa director of Radiance MedSpa of Birmingham, who is helping to promote the festival just because she loves it. "These films are made by women, for women and are about women's issues.

Lunafest (luna means "moon" in Italian) is sponsored by the popular Luna energy bar. The goal of Lunafest is to help promote women filmmakers. Ten percent of proceeds go to local breast cancer

> Don't think men can't attend the event.

"I brought my husband and daughter last year; both were amazed and can't wait for this year's festival," Williams said. The estrogen buzz will feel like a big warm and fuzzy hug."

The 7th annual festival includes nine shorts from quirky animations to touching documentaries.

After, a viewing of director/producer Carrie LeZotte's short film called One of Us, will be screened. The 40-minute short depicts a woman's emotional ordeal after she is raped by an acquaintance. LeZotte will be at the Main Art Theatre to talk with audience members, over coffee and sweet rolls, after the film. Films with their

My Other Mother - When her baby sister



Celebrate women in films at Lunafest at The Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak, March 30.

LUNAFEST

When: Sunday, March 30 Time: Begins at 4 p.m.

Where: Main Art Theatre, 118 North Main St. Royal Oak, (248) 263-2111

Tickets: \$15

Visits: For advance tickets please go to www.oneofusfilms.org or www.lunafest.org Running time: About 90 minutes

dies, Margo's other mother shows her how

Make A Wish - A young Palestinian girl will do whatever it takes to buy a birthday

Dona Ana / Mrs. Ana - A seller of medic-

inal plants shares the joys and hardships of her life along with her love of strawberries.

Happiness - Iwona buys a box of happiness at a strange discount store and has to decide what to do with it.

Family Reunion - Katrin leaves New York to visit her native Iceland, in this whimsical tale of family secrets.

Daikon Ashi - A young girl struggles with adolescent rebellion and the reality of

Breaking Boundaries - A documentary reflection on one female Olympic athlete's determination and success.

The Guarantee - A dancer's hilarious story about his prominent nose and the effect it has on his career.

Pockets - A pocket becomes an abstract metaphor for the journey of motherhood.

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Ann Arbor film lovers bring heavy metal horror flicks to the masses

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

When Ann Arbor-based writers and film-makers Jason Buchanan, Jason Gibner and Brad Torreano joined forces, they sought to shine a light on the oddities of modern horror cinema. Taking the name The 42nd Street Drive-In, this collective recently partnered with Synapse Films and Emagine Theaters in Novi to offer a double-feature drive-in series meant to screen "the strangest of the strange," films meant to be seen on a big screen — though they rarely are.

Buchanan, who works as a full-time writer for the All Movie Guide in Ann Arbor, spoke with FILTER recently, and shared the following insights into the 42nd Street Drive-In's latest venture:

FILTER: How and when did the 42nd Street Drive In collective come about?

Buchanan: "(We) had all attended 24-hour horror marathons and other unusual screenings at movie theaters outside of the Detroitarea, and began talking about what we might do to bring that sense of unpredictability to a region where theaters don't really seem to be offering much more than the typical multiplex and art-house fare. There are so many great and interesting movies out there, and seeing these lesser-known flicks in a crowded theater is a much different experience than watching them at home alone or with just a few friends."

FILTER: What is your interest or background in film — are you all filmmakers yourselves?

Buchanan: "We're all lifelong film enthusiasts. Brad and (I) have been watching and making films together since we first met as film students at Eastern Michigan University, and shortly after graduating we met Jason Giber through our friend Jeremy Wheeler (Jeremy and Jason Giber collaborate on a popular monthly dance party called The Bang!

at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor).

FILTER: Is this the first double feature film festival (of sorts) you've hosted at the Emagine in Novi? How did it come about and how did you choose the theater?

Buchanan: "This is our first series. We wanted people to check local movie listings and have to do a double-take — this stuff is so bizarre that they can't believe it's actually playing in a theater. We chose the Emagine because they seemed open to the idea of trying something different."

FILTER: What criteria did you use when choosing films to showcase?

Buchanan: "The main criteria this time around is that they had all been released by Synapse. Synapse is a Novi-based DVD distribution company that releases some of the most obscure, bizarre, interesting and entertaining flicks ever made. If this series proves a success, we hope to expand it by teaming with other companies like Synapse."

FILTER: Who do you feel these movies will appeal to?

Buchanan: "These movies will appeal to adventurous moviegoers with an open mind and a warped sense of humor."

FILTER: How do you hope these events might impact movie-going in metro Detroit?

Buchanan: "We hope that this series will show Detroit-area moviegoers that going to a movie can be an event, and that it can be fun. These are the kind of movies that will shock and surprise viewers in ways they might not expect, but we're giving them much more than just outrageous movies — We'll be selling Synapse DVDs in the theater, giving away special prizes, holding costume contests, hosting an appearance by Nightmare SINema host Wolfman Mac, and raffling off one of the fantastic lobby posters designed by local artist Jeremy Wheeler.

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The 42nd St. Drive-In staff (left to right) includes Ann Arbor's Brad Torreano, Jason Gibner and Jason Buchanan.

THE 42ND STREET'S DRIVE-IN DOUBLE FEATURES

What: The 42nd Street Drive-In has curated some rarely seen double-feature horror movies for the big screen.

When: Films begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays, starting April 3. Each event features a contest, costume-related or otherwise, and often a special guest. Vintage cult trailers will be screened along with the films, and all films will be available for sale. Where: Emagine Novi, 44425 West 12 Mile Road in the Fountain Walk Shopping Center, west of Novi Road in Novi.

The Films:

April 3: Heavy Metal Horrors with "Rock 'n' Roll Nightmare" (1987) and "Black Roses" (1988). A Special Synapse prize goes to the rocker with the best heavy metal outfit. April 10: Alien Terror and Horrific Hooch with "Deadly Spawn" (1983) and "Street Trash" (1987). Meet Detroit horror host Wolfman Mac and win the Ultimate Street Trash kit.

April 17: Japanese Punk Rock Zombies and Killer Schoolgirls featured in "Wild Zero" (2000) and "Stacy" (2001). A Special Synapse prize goes to the brain-eater with the best zombie costume.

April 24: Nightmare Noir Mayhem and Shotgun Revenge in "Thriller: They Call Her One Eye" (Vengeance Edition, 1974) and "Singapore Sling" (1990). Attendees can enter to win the Ultimate Thriller Revenge Kit.

Tickets: \$7, log onto www.emagine-entertainment.com



Tiger-town offers plenty of post-game eateries

With Opening Day at Comerica Park just around the corner, Detroit sports fans already have visions of home runs and hot dogs in mind. But there are plenty of options for great food and drink outside the ballpark, too — giving baseball fans a chance to make the most of any game day in the city.

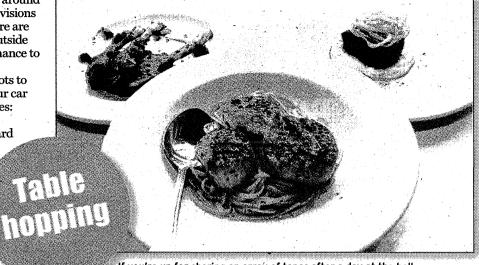
The Filter staff uncovered a few prime spots to find great grub. Chances are you parked your car well within walking distance of these eateries:

Small Plates: If your appetite tends toward something more sophisticated than brats and beer, Small Plates' original Detroit location offers tapas inspired by dishes from across the globe. Go for something simple to share like a BBQ Chicken Pizza or order up an array of those signature small plates, like Empanadas, Fish Tacos or Pan Asian Lettuce Wraps. 1521 Broadway, Detroit. Call (313) 963-0497.

Detroit Beer Co.: Sure they sell beer at the stadium but if you're thirsty for a locally-made micro brew like People Mover Porter or Detroit Red, The Detroit Beer Co. has got you covered. And they go great with a Detroit Burger, made however you like it, Sausage and Bell Pepper Pasta, or Brewmaster's Shepherd's Pie. 1529 Broadway, Detroit. Call (313) 962-1529.

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola

Johnny Rockets: I always have fun when I'm in a Johnny Rockets. I love the 1950s diner-style, the indi-



If you're up for sharing an array of tapas after a day at the ball park, try Small Plates. Chefs there dish out such sophisticated fare as lamb, scallops and petite tenderloin.

vidual jukeboxes on each table where I can hear Dion's *The Wanderer*, the Coke with cherry syrup added to it ... a perfect spot for a pre-Tiger game lunch (after it's usually too crowded). I crave the Streamliner burger that comes with the original meatless Boca burger, grilled onions, fresh lettuce, ripe tomato, pickle & mustard plus fries of course. Add grilled mushrooms at an extra charge. 2239 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 471-3446.

Hockeytown Cafe: This place is great because of its rooftop. You can watch crowds going into the ballpark while sipping on one of 50 different beers — or a non-alcoholic fruit blend. Indulge in the fried mushrooms and if you feel guilty eating something battered, follow it with the Bases Loaded Salad with greens, cucumbers, red onion, tomatoes, black olives, banana peppers, black bean salsa and alfalfa sprouts. Or, you'll never strike out with the deep dish pizza. 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 471-3464.

Loco Bar and Grille, Greektown: The staff is always friendly, the crowd is laid-back and usually hip and the Tex-Mex menu items are interesting. Plus Loco "Crazy" Bar is a fun name. The portions are big, so this is a place to go if you want to fill up in fajitas and cerveza. If you want your food spicy, tell them and they certainly will accommodate. Loco is open til 4 a.m. on weekends, so go have fun! 454 E. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit. Call (313) 965-3737.

Compiled by Lana Mini

Nemo's: Still a great place before and after the Red Wings or Tigers (the bar runs shuttles to and from the games). In 2005 Sports Illustrated named it No. 3 among the "25 Best Sports Bars in America." It was also the first place Mike Ilitch brought the Stanley Cup after the Red Wings won it in 1997. While the abandoned Tiger Stadium deteriorates nearby, Nemo's still remains an old standby and a favorite among loyal sports fans. Grab a burger and brew at 1384 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 965-3180.

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TIGERS

Elwood Bar & Grill: In 1997, the Elwood was saved and moved by owner Chuck Forbes to make way for Comerica Park. Its proximity to Comerica Park (behind the park's scoreboard) and Ford Field makes it a convenient destination. Built in 1936 by Detroit architect Charles Noble, the historic Elwood Bar & Grill is downtown's most recognizable Art Deco diner. The menu features traditional bar fare (burgers, chicken wings, potato skins) and not-so-traditional grub (portabella burgers and walleye fingers). One of the salads is the Ty Cobb — with romaine lettuce, chicken, bacon, gorgonzola, avocado, hard-boiled egg and bleu cheese dressing — although we wonder whether Cobb truly was a fan of romaine and gorgonzola 300 Adams (at Brush), Detroit. Call (313) 962-BEER

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk

Town Pump Tavern: This self-described 'hipster English tavern' offers 18 beers on tap, a full kitchen serving until 11 p.m. and free wireless Internet access so sports fans can stay connected to games across the street and the nation. Order up a Pumptown Burger with Better Made potato chips on the side, or a famous 12-inch hand tossed Rock Shrimp or Cheeseburger pizza. 100 West Montcalm, Detroit. (313) 961-1929.

Park Bar and Bucharest Grill: This come-as-you-are bar doesn't have a sign, but those 'in the know' love the scene here. Big windows overlook Park Avenue and a circular bar makes for a social atmosphere where you can catch up with old friends and make new ones. The eclectic beer selection specializes in Michigan micro-brews, and you can fill up on Romanian food for cheap (\$4-\$6). Try the shawarma with pita, or a specialty sausage if you didn't get your ballpark frank. 2040 Park Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 962-2933.

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk

Westland eatery offers movie-dinner deal

Alexander The Great Restaurant in Westland will offer a deal for Emagine theater moviegoers. The restaurant has made a dinner and movie package available for \$29.95.

"We recognize that the economy is rough right now," said Tom Tomich, owner of Alexander the Great. "As part of this community for 30 years, we also know that people still want to be able to go out and enjoy themselves from time to time. At \$29.95, we feel like people can still enjoy a night away from the kitchen and catch a show, but feel comfortable that they are getting a pretty good

bang for their buck."

Alexander The Great previously offered their dinner and movie package with Showcase Cinemas, which recently closed its Wayne Road location. Valid tickets purchased under the previous arrangement will be honored by Emagine. Movie tickets are good at both Emagine Theater's Canton and Novi locations.

The movie-and-dinner package is available for purchase at Alexander The Great, located at 34733 Warren Rd. (1/2 block east of Wayne Road), in Westland. Call (734) 326-5410.

VINO MARIA

The Community House in Birmingham presents Vino Maria with wine tasting, wine games, food and a live jazz band 7:30-10 p.m. April 3. Proceeds from the event will benefit Children's Health and Wellness in Oakland County on behalf of the Junior League of Birmingham as well as The Community House's 21st Century Leaders Program.

Attendees can learn about wine in an entertaining set-

ting. The event will feature wine tasting, short seminar and wine trivia games combined with live jazz band and a wide array of hors d'oeuvres.

Certified sommelier Nidal Daher hosts the event. Daher has been working in the wine industry and consulting for wholesale distributors for over 15 years. He has served as the wine director, event sommelier, and catalogue scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction.

Tickets are \$60. The Community House is located at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com for information.

MONDAVI VISITS MORTON'S

As part of Morton's The Steakhouse's 30th anniversary celebration, Morton's in Troy will be participating with the Charles Krug Winery and the Make-A-Wish Foundation to host a wine dinner on Tuesday, April 22. This event is in conjunction with Morton's national "30 Wishes for 30 Years" campaign with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Peter Mondavi, Jr., owner of Charles Krug Winery, and Tylor Field, vice president of wine and spirits for Morton's The Steakhouse, will personally host the wine dinner. In addition to four courses of Morton's cuisine and wine from Peter Mondavi Jr., guests will have the opportunity to place a bid on a 27-liter bottle of 2005 Charles Krug, Vintage Selection, Cabernet Sauvignon, with 100 percent of the funds generated by the auction benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The 27-liter bottle will be on display for three weeks before the wine dinner for silent bids open to everyone. The cost of the dinner is \$150 per person and includes the reception at 6:30 p.m. with Peter Mondavi and Tylor Field as well as a 4-course dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. with specially selected wines with each course.

To make reservations, call Morton's The Steakhouse in Troy at (248) 404-9845.







Classical trio

Birmingham Temple Vivace presents The Verdehr Trio featuring Walter Verdehr, violin; Sylvia Roederer, piano, and Elsa Ludewig-Verdehr, clarinet; at 7:30 p.m. April 6 at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. The Michigan State University-based trio has performed in Russia and 14 European countries in concerts. General admission is \$21 or \$18 for members, students and seniors. For tickets, call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Wensdy Yon Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48167 Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (734) 953-2058 or e-mail wvonb@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, a photo (if available), address, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information.

ART EXHIBITS

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. Goldner Walsh: Floral Paintings by Andrea M. Tama, 6-8 p.m. April 3, light refreshments, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, (248) 332-6430.

Linda Ross Contemporary Art + Projects: "From Childer Street/London, England to East Grand Blvd./Detroit, Michigan: Paintings and Drawings by Fraser Taylor and Marcia Freedman, through April 12, Birmingham Rail District, 2243 Cole Street, (248) 892-2985, www.lrosscontemporary.com.

Plymouth Coffee Bean: "You Are What You Eat," pop art by Plymouth resident Tony Hope, through March, 884 Penniman Ave., (734) 454-0178, www.myspace.com/plymouth-coffeebean.

North Farmington High School: Student Art Shows, "Fish Bowl" through April 2; City Gallery, Costick Center, Farmington Hills (248) 473-1856.

The Community House: Artists of the Month
– David Dolby and Paulette Width, of
Bloomfield Hills, through March 31. 380 S.
Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832, www.
communityhouse.com.

ART GALLERIES

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, through May 16, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art.

G.R. N'Namdi Gallery: Alexis Peskine: Freedom Fried, through May 3, artist reception, 6-9 p.m. March 27, 1435 Randolph St., Detroit. (313) 831-8700, www.grnnamdigallery.com. Janice Charach Gallery: "Mad About Glass: New Works from Old Friends and Brothers" with Robert and Andrew Madvin and CCS graduates, opening reception 7 p.m. March 27; An Evening of Cultural Arts with the Madvin Brothers, 7 p.m. May 1, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Lawrence Street Gallery: "Visual Music" by

Frances Cocagne, through March 29; "Exposures Photography '08 Exhibition," April 2-25, opening reception 6-9 p.m. April 4, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com. Lemberg Gallery: "Intertwined," Ted Lee Hadfield and Janet Hamrick, through April 19; 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Lotus Arts Gallery: "Michigan Colored Pencil 2008," juried colored pencil exhibition, April 5-25, opening reception 6-8 p.m. April 5, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART.

Next Step Studios & Gallery: First Show, glass by College for Creative Studies students, April 5-May 3, opening reception 6-11 p.m. April 5. 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.

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.

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.

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Arab American National Museum: Free gallery talks: Sari Khoury's Inspiration and Love for Abstract Art, presented by Suheila Khoury, 2-3 p.m. March 30; Learning to Look at Abstract Art, presented by Jennie Williams, DIA, noon-1 p.m. April 11; 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 582-2266, www.arabamericanmuseum.org.

D & M Art Studio: Oil and Acrylic painting classes for teens 11 and up, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays; register for 18th Summer Art Camp "Wild Things"; free portfolio consulting for college bound art students. 8491 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, \$24, (734) 453-3710, www. dmartstudio.com.

Farmington Area Arts Commission: Nominations accepted through April 2 for 2008 Artist in Residence, visit www.fhgov.com or call (248) 473-1856.
Orchard Lake Schools and Friends of Polish Art:

Orchard Lake Schools and Friends of Polish Art: 2008 Annual Youth Art Competition, open to students ages 7-18, all media and categories, entries due March 29 for public exhibition through April; opening reception 2-5 p.m. April 6 in the Orchard Lake Schools Galeria. (248) 683-0345.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: For the Love of Art! Art.In and Out of the Box, fund raiser, 7 p.m.-midnight, April 5, La Sala Banquet Hall, \$90 per person, (248) 651-4110; www. pccart.org. The Community House: Classes: Artists'

The Community House: Classes: Artists' Watercolor Workshop, 1-3:30 p.m., 9 sessions start April 3, \$119; Drawing Basics, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 10 sessions begin April 3, \$106, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

BOOKS

Bad Things Happen: Ypsilanti's Harry Dolan is among 10 finalists in the biggest publishing competition in history, sponsored by Amazon.com and Penguin Group. Log onto www.amazon.com/abna through March 31 and vote for Dolan to win a publishing contract worth \$25.000.



CLASSICAL

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit: 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.

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 e-mail treasurer@oaklandbrassband.com. University Musical Society: Lang Lang, April 2, Eighth Blackbird's The Only Moving Thing, April 10, Hill Auditorium, www.ums.org. University Musical Society: Andras Schiff's Beethoven Sonata Project Concerts 3 and 4, April 20 and 22, Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor, www.ums.org.

CLUBS

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. 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 accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674. Crofoot Ballroom: 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 Middlebelf at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

The Magic Stick: Tapes n' Tapes, April 12, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700. O-Zen Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul; old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

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.

COMFOY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Patrice O'Neal, March 27-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

Fox Theatre: In Living Color stars Damon Wayans, Tommy Davidson and David Allen Grier, March 29; \$51.50-\$78; Katt Williams, April 24, \$53.50-\$73.50; Jerry Seinfeld, May 16, \$48-\$78, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515

Holly Hotel: Chili Challis, March 28-29; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.licketmaster.com.

Michigan Theatre: Bob Saget, 8 p.m. April 19, mature audiences, \$29.50-\$39.50, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666. Royal Oak Music Theatre: Craig Ferguson, June 13,

Noyal Dak Music Ineatre: Craig Ferguson, June 13, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272 The Second City: Sex and Second City, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Sasha & Digweed, April 10; Jim Norton, April 12; Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666. DTE Energy Music Theatre: Gigantour, May 3; Tim McGraw, May 22; Jimmy Buffet, June 10; True Colors Tour with Cyndi Lauper, Rosie O'Donnell, B52s, Tegan & Sara, June 11; Jack Johnson, June 18; Chicago and the Doobie Brothers, June 21, Steve Miller, June 27; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore Detroit: Feist, April 10; Tokio Hotel, April 17; My Chemical Romance, April 19; The Mars Volta, May 15; Panic at the Disco, May 20, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Pioneers of Hip Hop, Whodini, Doug E. Fresh, MC Lyte, Big Daddy Kane, Biz Markie, Sugar Hill Gang, Kurtis Blow, May 3; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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Joe Louis Arena: Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Raven-Symone, June 6; Rush, June 10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Majestic Theatre: Eels, April 5, Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag, April 18; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700 Masonic Temple Theatre: Duran Duran, May 15, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 433-1515.

Meadow Brook Music Theatre: James Taylor, June 4; Trace Adkins and Kellie Pickler, July 17 on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Santana, April 18; Celtic

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Santana, April 18; Celtic Woman, April 19; Lynyrd Skynyrd and Hank Williams Jr., April 19; Mary J. Blige, April 25; Kanye West, Rihanna, NERD and Lupe Fiasco, May 22; Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, May 31; The Police with Elvis Costello, July 26; Celine Dion, Sept. 26, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: The Black Keys, April 15, Iron & Wine, April 18; Hanson, April 19; The Swell Season, May 10, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272

St. Andrew's Hall: Nada Surf, April 5; Bone Thugs N Harmony, April 12; Bamboozle Road Show with Saves the Day, And Armor for Sleep, Set Your Goals, Metro and Lydia, April 26; Kate Nash, April 30; Rooney, May 6; Augustana, May 14; Mike Ness, May 19, 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.

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Oakland Community College: Ballet de Maria Luz, a
Mexican dance group, 7:30 p.m. March 28, \$15,
proceeds will fund student scholarships for
study in Oaxaca, Mexico, Royal Oak campus, 239

S. Washington (248) 341-2270.

FAMILY

Co Diego So! The Great Jaguar Rescue: May 10-11, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$18.50-\$40.50, call (248) 433-1515.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: "Nature Tots: Winter to Spring," topics for 3 to 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.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Harlem Globetrotters,

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Harlem Globetrotters, April 6, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

FILM

Banff Mountain Film Festival: 7:30 p.m. April 5, deSalle Auditorium, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$7-\$10, available at Moosejaw Mountaineering locations in Birmingham and Rochester.

4/1 Mitten Movie Project: 12 short films (11 of them Michigan made) April 1 at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Pre-screening mingle, 6:30 p.m.; screening, 7:30 p.m.; followed by Q&A with filmmakers. S8, advance; \$10 at door. Afterglow, Mr. B's. (248) 892-1495, www.myspace.com/mittenmovieproject.

Detroit Film Theatre: "The Willow Tree," April 3-5;
"The Duchess of Langeais," April 4-6, "Daddy
Long Legs," April 5; "In Search of Mozart," April
1-13; "Woman on the Beach," April 11-13; "The
Freshman," April 12; "Last Year at Marienbad,"
April 18-20; "Flight of the Red Balloon," April
19-21; "Short Films of Buster Keaton," April
19; "Aguirre the Wrath of God," April 24-25,
"Beaufort," April 25-26; "The Mystery of Kaspar
Hauser," April 27; at the Detroit Institute of Arts,
5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

Thursday Movie Classics: featuring free Alfred Hitchcock movies in March, The Trouble with Harry, March 27; shows start at 7 p.m. at Penn Theatre, pick up passes at Frameworks, Andy's Hallmark, Creatopia Pottery and Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, visit www.downtownplymouth.org for information.

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

Southfield Public Library: Thelonius Monk: Straight No Chaser, 6:30 p.m. April 1, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.southfieldlibrary.

PAH Fest: Submit 6-minute student videos by



Back with the Wind

This weekend Meadow Brook Theatre will welcome original "Gone with the Wind" castmember, Mickey Kuhn, (above) in time for a special forum to accompany the currently running comedy "Moonlight and Magnolias." The show transports audiences back to 1939 Hollywood, a time when show business icons attempt to "fix" the script for 'Gone with the Wind." Kuhn, who played Beau Wilkes in the movie, will be in town to participate in the Gone With the Wind Forum 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29. Local collector, Kathleen Marcaccio of Royal Oak, will also be on hand showing her own memorabilia from the film. Tickets cost \$5-\$10 for the event. Dubbed 'Windies Weekend,'' theater-goers have three opportunities to see "Moonlight and Magnolias," with showtimes at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 29 and 2 p.m. March 30. The show continues through April 13 at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com,

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

Spring Film Series: "Singing Birds," 1 p.m. April 12-13, free with admission to Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-1805.

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Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Gospel Shōw 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Detroit Windsor Jazz Club: Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Ragtime Rick, April 5; Dave Bennett Quartet, April 19; Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Band, May 3; Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, South

MORE MUSIC

Nardin Park Music Series: U.S. Military Academy Glee Club, 7:30 p.m. April 5, 2 p.m. April 6, \$15; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

Oakland Community College: Flamenco Jazz Fusion, 8 p.m. April 19, \$20, Orchard Ridge campus, Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Ridge Farmington Hills, www.oaklandcc.edu/entertainment, (248) 341-2270. Program: Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford

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except for Vincent show, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20; (248) 341-2270. Palmer Woods concerts: Straight Ahead Trio, 6 p.m. April 26, Detroit Golf Club; A. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry, 8 p.m. May 24; tickets will be available for purchase online at palmerwoods.org, call (313) 920-4864 for information

University Musical Society: Brad Mehldau Trio, April 4, Lila Downs, Mexican singer, April 12, Michigan Theater, www.ums.org.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," through Sept. 14, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, call (877) GO-CRANBrook (1-877-462-7262) or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is "It's a Nano World." Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook institute of Science: The PGA
Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts
and memorabilia, May 23-July 30, museum's
west entrance building, free with museum
admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield
Hills (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Historical Museum: "New to the Collection," with artifacts from Tiger Stadium; and "Detroit's Classic Radio Voices," featuring Bob Allison, Sonny Eliot, Ernie Harwell, J.P. McCarthy, Dick Purtan and Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg; Author Series features Marilyn Bond, co-author of "The Birth of the Detroit Sound: 1940-1964," 6-8 p.m. April 9, Saturday Series features tour of Prohibition & Smuggling in Detroit, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 12, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805

Detroit Institute of Arts: NPR's Frank Deford lectures on "Sports: The Hype and Hypocrisy," 2 p.m. April 6, tickets \$12; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

The Henry Ford: Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T, through September, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.

hfmgv.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Gold fund-raiser for MOCAD 7:30 p.m. March 29, visit "Holy Hip Hop! New Paintings by Alex Melamid: and "Refusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" through April 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-6622.

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

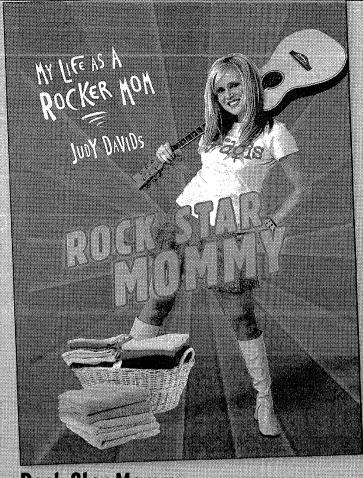
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata, May 10-11, 14, 16-18; "Margaret Garner," Oct. 18-25; "Madame Butterfly," Nov. 15-23; "Elixir of Love," March 28-April 4, 2009; I Paglaiacci, April 18-25, 2009 and "Carmen," May 9-17, 2009, all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

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Judy Davids, Royal Oak rocker and founder of the Mydols is celebrating the release of her new memoir, "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom" (Citadel Press, \$12.95), released this week. Find it at local and online book stores, and get it signed by Davids at the Hazel Park Memorial Library, 123 E. Nine Mile Road, 6:30 p.m. April 10; Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak, 3 p.m. May 4; and the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road, 7 p.m. May 6. Visit www.mydols.com or www.judydavids.com.

Night Dames, April 12; Championship Doubleheader, May 10, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, www. detroitderbygirls.com, (248) 645-6666.

Detroit Zoo: Wild Winter Weekends, held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends through March, at the Ford Education Center, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717.

Henry Ford Community College: 'Nothing Gold Can

Henry Ford Community College: 'Nothing Gold Can Stay-A Spring Star Talk' free planetarium show, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through June 17, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9628 www.hfcc.edu.

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

Starry Night Gala: Farmington Community Arts Council and City of Farmington Hills presents gala to raise money for Festival of the Arts 2008, with dinner, music, dancing, auction, casino and art sale, 6:30-11 p.m. April 26, Costick Center of Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1870 ext. 1857.

THEATER - COLLEGE

Oakland Community College-Farmington Hills:
"Fools" by Neil Simon, 8 p.m. April 3-5,
Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road,
Farmington Hills. \$5-\$8, (248) 341-2270.
University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company: "The
Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425
W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players: "Little Shop of Horrors," April 25-27, May 2-4, 9-10, at 1185 Washington Blvd. (one mile west of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, reserve tickets by calling (248) 608-9077.

The Farmington Players: "A Funny Thing

Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Henry Ford Community College: "Oliver," April 18-27, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.

Oakland Theatre Guild: The Importance of Being Earnest, March 28-30, April 3-6, Starlight Theatre, Summit Place Mall, 315. N. Telegraph Road, Waterford.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "Greater Tuna," April 11-19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www. StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "Manuscript," April 26-May 24, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

Village Players of Birmingham: "Into the Woods," March 28-30, April 4-6, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.
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Flutist shares world music with youngsters

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

O&E STAFF WRITER

Ginka Ortega understands the value in exposing children to music at an early age. The world-renowned flutist and

Bloomfield Hills resident took up her first instrument, the piano, at the tender age of 7. "My family was very musical," said the Bulgarian-born performer.

She'll reach out to her youngest audience yet this Saturday, March 29, as she performs as part of the Macy's Super Saturdays at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. The **Detroit Symphony** Orchestra offers two events, a **National City** Young People's Concert cleverly titled Green Eggs & Hamadeus at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Orchestra Hall. while Ortega takes the stage at 10:30 a.m. for a Tiny Tots performance in The

Ortega discovered the flute around age 14, and said she fell in

Music Box.

love with the instrument the first time she heard it. "I'm a frustrated singer," she said. "It's the next best thing to the

Ortega's musical influence goes from classical to world music and in this performance she'll offer a selection of songs that span the globe. "Music is like storytelling in a way," she said. "So I just like to tell the story of what I'm playing." Compared to esteemed performances at Carnegie Hall, an upcoming show for the United Nations and her travels around the world, Ortega said this show

will not be as formal. "I try to involve a young audience rhythmically," she said. The show will offer more of a participatory experience, a lesson in using your imagination and in how to listen to music, she said.

> Ortega holds degrees from Varna State School of Music in Bulgaria, Wayne State University, Oberlin Conservatory and the University of Michigan. She carries the title of Michigan Musical Ambassador and has received a State of Michigan Arts Award. She is founder and artistic director of Musica Viva World Music Concerts, which brings musicians to Michigan from all over the world. "I did it before it became in fashion," she said. "Now everyone does that."

Choosing to remain here in the metro area with her husband and children, Ortega considers music to be a universal language — one that translates in any country where she performs. "I feel that clas-

sical music as we

know it, it is so important to keep that tradition that has been given to us," she said. Ortega will perform with pianist Raffaella Maurato for the Tiny Tots show.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the KidZone will be open in the Atrium. Children and their parents can visit the instrument petting zoo, meet balloon artists, participate in arts and crafts, enjoy kid-friendly food and drinks, and meet DSO musicians.

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Ginka Ortega

MACY'S SUPER SATURDAYS AT THE MAX

What: Flutist Ginka Ortega performs in the Tiny Tots Concert Series Where: The Music Box at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. When: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29 Tickets: \$12, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com,

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Love.' The show also delves into girl groups with songs like 'It's My Party,' and 'Respect.' And pop culture addicts should listen for TV and movie theme songs from 'Star Trek' to 'Dr. Zhivago' and 'Love Story.' Showtimes are 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 28; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

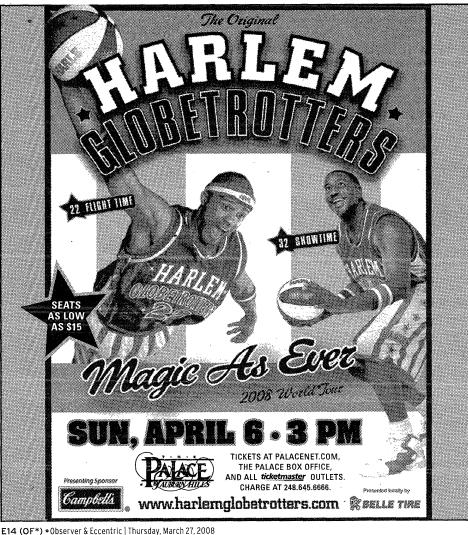
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BY LANA MINI O&E STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra's season finale showcases American music at its finest on Saturday April 5 with American Romance.

On a completely different end of the music spectrum, a week earlier, Orchestra Canton presents world sounds in its first annual Fusion Festival featuring Inspirations from India on Saturday and Sunday March 29 and 30. The festival aims to share world music with American audiences.

In April, at the PSO season finale, composer and string bass virtuoso Clark Suttle will be featured in the world premiere of his Esh Olam (The Eternal Flame) concerto for the MUSIC new electric Bass and Orchestra, a new commission by the PSO.

The composer will explore exciting possibilities with an electric bass that's performed like a regular, standup bass but with additional electronic effects.

Suttle has performed with the Michigan Opera Theater, Flint and Kalamazoo Symphonies and formerly as the assistant conductor of both the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Phoenix Symphony. A shining star in his career is his acclaimed 13-year tenure as the Music Director & Conductor of the Monterey Symphony in California.

The season finale is of course conducted by Nan Washburn of the PSO who has earned more than 16 prestigious awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the League of American Orchestras.

"Having Nan as our music director has revolutionized the Plymouth Symphony and created a novel and visceral excitement to the concert-going experience," said PCSS Executive Director, Jennifer Philpot-Munson.

The second half of American Romance focuses on American icon George Gershwin with Catfish Row - the suite from his ground-breaking opera, Porgy and Bess. The suite includes the standards such as Summertime and I Got Plenty o'Nuttin.' Also on the program is Oedipus Tyrannus Prelude by John Knowles Paine, the first American to write a symphony and gain wide recognition as a composer.

CLASSICAL MUSIC EVENTS

of Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra's 62nd season, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile Road in Northville. Fusion Festival: Orchestra Canton at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30. The festival includes two free workshops; one on the sitar instrument at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Indian dance at 4 p.m. on Sunday prior to

American Romance: The season finale

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Washburn.

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INDIA INSPIRATIONS

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Patel plays the sitar in a unique style known as Gayaki Ang (Singing Style), in which the sitar replicates the fluidity and subtle nuances of the human voice.

This innovative technique, which is credited to her Guru Ustad Vilavat Khan Saheb of Imdad Khani Gharana, is the most significant contribution to her music inheri-

She has performed worldwide. Hasu is affiliated with the Ohio Arts Council (Ohio Artists on Tour), Greater Columbus Arts Council, Mid-America Arts Alliance and International Alliance of Women in Music and teaches sitar, tabla and vocal music.

"My Music, My Dream — It gives me an eternal pleasure when I teach the students and play before music lovers around the world. The more one plays, the more humility captivates one," Patel said.

Chamber society's popularity grows

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BY LANA MINI0&E STAFF WRITER

It's ironic.

The Chamber Music Society's reputation is so strong nationwide that music lovers from throughout the country come here for its concerts. Its popularity is consistently growing.

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And loyalty is necessary to keep the program alive. What the CMSD wants everyone to know is that Chamber music can be enjoyed by anyone — whether or not you're even knowledgeable about the music itself.

"Much of the general public still doesn't know what we offer right here in our own backyards," said Lois Beznos, president of the CMSD. "When new people come, they are always welcomed by our warm audience."

On March 22, the CMSD announced the celebration of its 65th anniversary. Last week it began its *Opus 3 Series* — a concert series that occurs over three Saturdays in March and April featuring a different world-renowned pianist each time.

On April 5 the show features Argentinean Ingrid Fliter who is the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Gilmore Artist Award. The final concert of *Opus 3*, on April 12, features award-winning Jean-Yves Thibaudet, who is French. Thibaudet's concert is in collaboration with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Each concert is held at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills

Fliter will perform Schubert Impromptus, Op. 90, Nos. 1 and 2, Beethoven: Sonata No. 31 in A-flat major, Op. 110, Chopin

Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 3 and Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op. 58.

Thibaudet performs
Debussy 12 Preludes, Book
2 (complete) and Brahms
Piano Sonata No. 3 in F
minor, Op. 5.

Before that performance at 6:45 p.m. is a pre-concert discussion featuring Steven

Rings, assistant professor of music at the University of Chicago who will discuss the evening's repertoire.

The CMSD hosts some of the world's best musicians in acoustically outstanding venues.

Concert-goers are encouraged to subscribe to the series to be assured available seating, but handfuls of tickets often remain at the door on show night.

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What: A three-concert series by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit

When: Began last week and continues 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 5 and April 12

Where: Seligman
Performing Arts
Center, 22305 West
13 Mile Road (at the
corner of Lahser
and 13 Mile roads),
Beverly Hills, on
the campus of the
Detroit Country Day
School.

Tickets: Individual tickets to each show are \$43-\$75, students \$25. Series subscription prices range from \$87-\$210.

Information: Call (248) 855-6070 or visit www. ComeHearCMSD.org



Planist Ingrid Fliter performs on Saturday, April 5.

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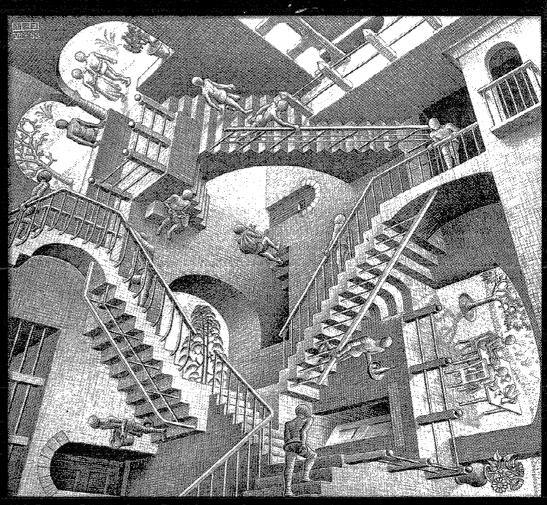
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