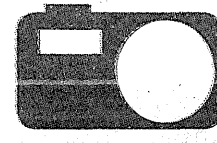


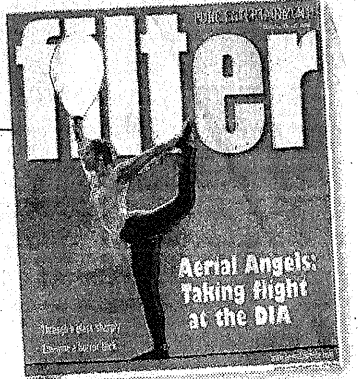


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## Witness: Murder plan hatched weeks before

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Joseph Niskar told jurors in the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz that the death of Daniel Sorensen was an act of self-defense followed by a panicked attempt by a frightened teenager to cover the whole thing up.

But the teenager who helped Orlewicz dispose of Sorensen's body testified Wednesday the whole thing was the end result of an elaborate plan to lure Sorensen to Canton and kill him because he owed Orlewicz \$400 and had stolen a gun belonging to Orlewicz.

And, although Alexander Letkemann agreed to help to erase his own \$100 debt to Orlewicz, he testified Wednesday he couldn't watch Orlewicz behead Sorensen because "it was disgusting."

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and

mutilation of a body in the death of Sorensen, a 26-year-old River Rouge man who died Nov. 7. Police say Sorensen was lured to the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they say the murder took place, by a fabricated plan to extort money from a teenager who'd recently come into an inheritance.

Sorensen's decapitated and burned body was found the next day in a Northville Township field. His head was found in the Rouge River a couple of days later.

If convicted, Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, faces life in prison without parole.

Letkemann, an 18-year-old from Westland, pleaded guilty last week to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of 20-30 years, plus another 10 years to run concurrently for mutilation of a corpse.

Letkemann testified Wednesday it was Orlewicz who not only stabbed Sorensen repeatedly, but also beheaded and burned him.

"(Orlewicz) went around him and cut his throat," Letkemann testified. "He was stabbing him with very quick motions. (Sorensen) kept trying to say things, and (Orlewicz) just kept stabbing him."

### ON THE STAND

At one point, Letkemann testified, Orlewicz told him (Letkemann) to grab a second knife that was sitting on a car parked in the garage and "help, or he's going to win." Letkemann said he picked up the knife, but before he could use it he saw Orlewicz stab Sorensen in the back of the neck and then watched Sorensen sag back to the floor.

"(Sorensen) was gasping for breath, but JP was telling him, 'Let it take over,'" Letkemann said.

Letkemann, Wednesday's biggest witness who was on the stand for several hours, told the



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Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township enters the courtroom Monday for the first day of his trial.

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Stella Wasmer of Plymouth Township reads 'Box Turtle At Long Pond' to Farrand Elementary first-grader Savannah LeClair.

## Senior moments - elder readers get a chance to connect with kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Farrand Elementary Principal Dana Jones took a class over the summer that looked at trends in education.

"One of the things they talked about was the number of senior citizens will be increasing and make up 40 percent of volunteerism in the community, and as educators we needed to tap into that," Jones said. "This school's community has been here for a long time, and there are many seniors who went to school here who would love to come back and be part of the school again."

So, with the help of parent Stephanie Goecke, the Silver



Farrand Elementary Principal Dana Jones said the new reading program at Farrand taps into senior citizens' desire to volunteer.

Foxes Senior Reading Corps was born, seniors volunteering to read one-on-one with students. One of the first to sign up was 85-year-old Stella Wasmer of Plymouth Township, who lives only a few blocks from Farrand.

Read about Farrand Elementary Principal Dana Jones' first year, only at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

"I'm a widow and have a lot of time, and I wanted to do something for the kids," said Wasmer, who has one grandchild in Commerce Township she sees every couple of weeks. "Let's face it, all my friends are older, and I'm tired of going to lunches and looking for something to do. I like being with younger people."

Lynn Barlow, the literacy intervention teacher at Farrand, said the personal connection helps children develop a positive attitude toward reading.

"There's a lot of research that kids who are read to

more become better readers," said Barlow, who pairs up the seniors and students. "They sit next to each other, the child doesn't have to do any reading, and afterwards they do some talking about the book."

Wasmer and first-grader Savannah LeClair, 7, were paired and read a couple of books, including *Box Turtle at Long Pond*.

"I like turtles, when I was at the stream I saw a big tortoise on the rocks," said Savannah, who enjoyed being read to by Wasmer. "I just like being read to. I like books."

Seniors who would like to be part of the Silver Foxes Reading Corps can contact Farrand Elementary at (734) 582-6900.

## Penn Grill-ed

Commissioners hear plenty of complaints about downtown bar

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Business owners near the Penn Grill and Bar told city commissioners Monday they want the embattled Penniman Avenue restaurant to clean up its act.

The city commission's Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC) Monday tabled a recommendation to the full commission that the liquor license of the Penn Grill be renewed in order to give the establishment's attorney, Keith Kecskes of Plymouth, additional time to review his client's case. However, with police reports of drunken driving arrests, assault and battery, fights and public urination, City Manager Paul Sincok called the situation at the Penn Grill "a pattern of conduct which disturbs the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood" and expects the recommendation to be submitted to the city commission April 21.

Melissa Alt, owner of The Doll House — located next door to the Penn Grill — told the committee it's been a "nightmare" for her business because of incidents attributed to patrons of the bar.

"Every day I come to work there's garbage, and there's vomit and urine on our door," Alt said. "The flowers are being ripped out constantly, and we're tired of it."

"We have severe problems with cigarette smoking filtration (from the adjoining building), to the point where I have to close early because it makes us sick," she said. "And the pounding of music all day long — it's horrible. We have absolutely had it with the Penn Grill and we don't want to be in business next to them anymore."

Julie Howell-Romein from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, and a member of the Downtown Development Authority board, told commis-

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## MEAP scores show some improvements

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools MEAP results indicate reading, writing, English language arts and math scores were either up or mainly steady.

For the third straight year, math scores — except for fifth grade — improved for elementary and middle school students. Writing

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scores also improved at most levels, with P-CCS third-, fourth- and seventh-graders showing the biggest gains. However, social studies scores for the two grades tested, sixth and ninth, were down overall.

Plymouth-Canton reading

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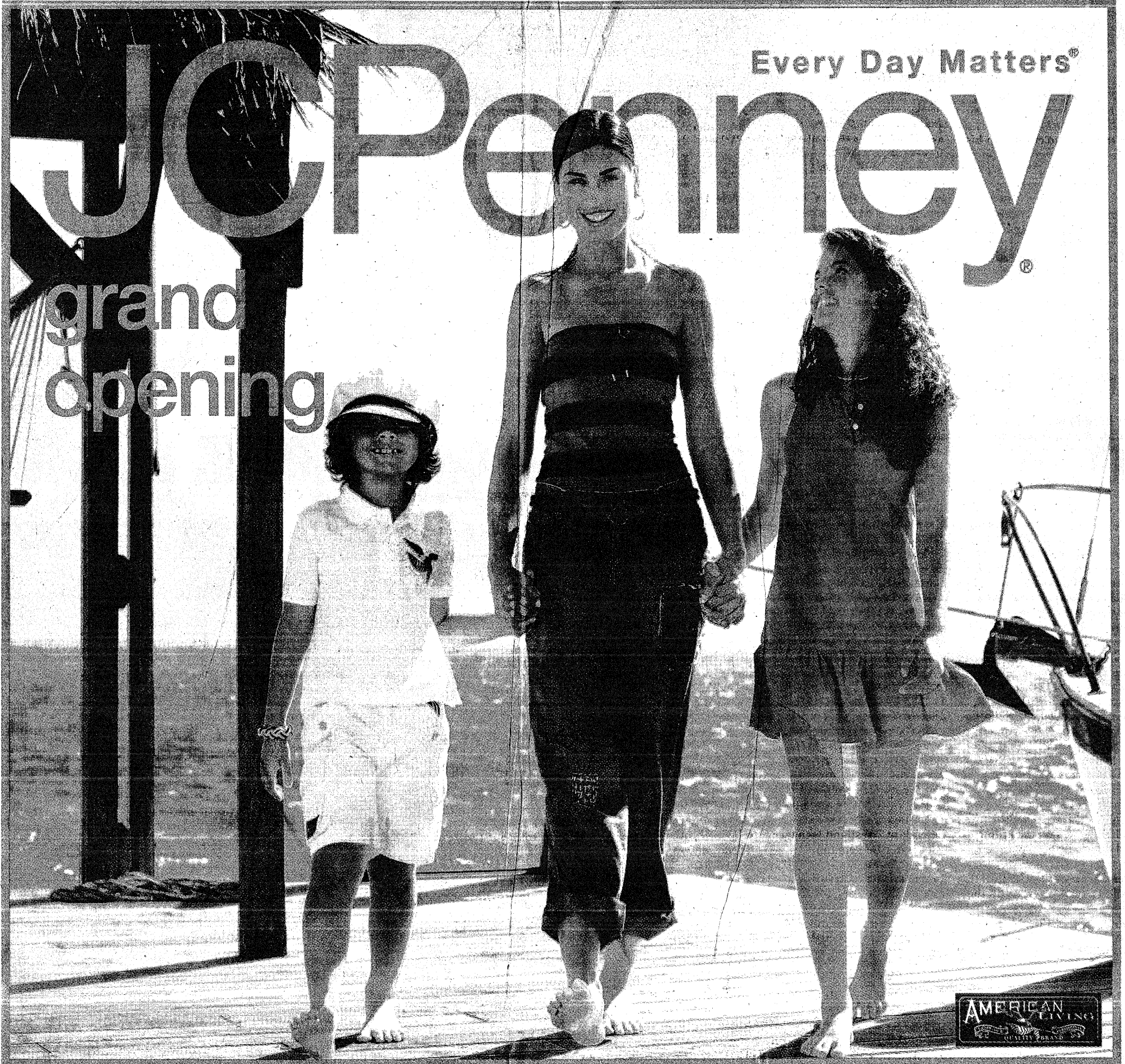
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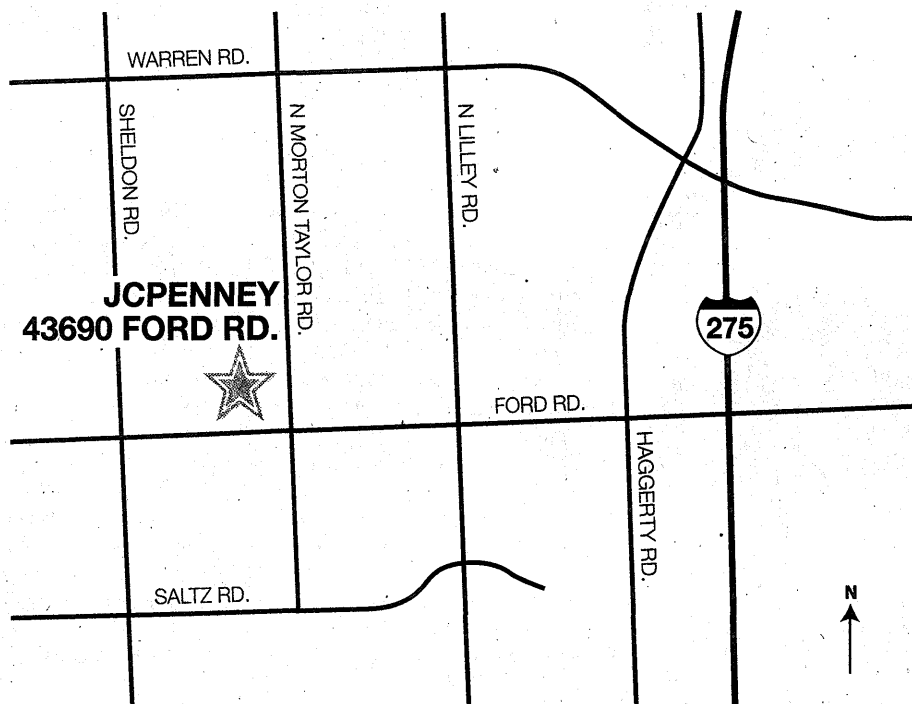


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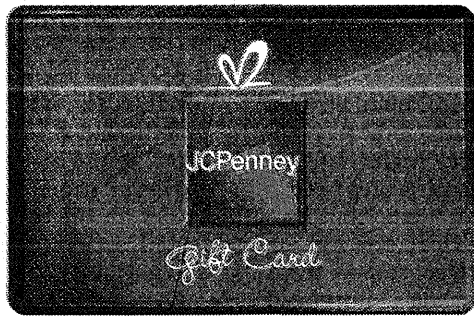
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# MURDER

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jury he left the garage during the beheading and said when he came back in, Orlewicz had Sorensen's head cradled in his hands and actually used one hand to move Sorensen's jaw.

"He moved the jaw ... up and down and said, 'How's it going, Alex?' as if mimicking (Sorensen) saying it," Letkemann testified.

Letkemann said he and Orlewicz, with help from a third friend, Isam Ayyash, loaded Sorensen's body into the back of Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 pickup and drove it to a field in Northville Township, where they dumped it. Letkemann said Orlewicz then doused the body with gasoline and set it afire.

The pair then left Sorensen's car in a Meijer parking lot in Westland, and disposed of his head the following day by throwing it in the Rouge River in what Letkemann called a "desolate" part of Hines Park.

Ayyash testified Wednesday he got a call from Orlewicz summoning him to the Canton garage and, when he got there, he testified he kicked the body, which at that point had been wrapped in a tarp, because he thought "it was some kind of sick joke."

Ayyash said he helped Orlewicz load the body into the truck, then gave Orlewicz his jeans and T-shirt because Orlewicz's clothing was bloody. "He said he stabbed (Sorensen) and killed him ... he cut his head off ... the head was in a blue container," Ayyash testified.

Letkemann and another teen, Alex Mullins, who testified Tuesday, said the killing had originally been planned for a day earlier. Mullins, a friend of Orlewicz who initially denied any involvement in the crime, said Tuesday in Wayne County Circuit Court he stood "lookout" outside the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's

grandfather during the aborted murder attempt the day before the actual killing.

## TEEN TESTIFIES

Mullins testified the death was actually supposed to take place Nov. 6, and Orlewicz asked him to be the lookout in case his (Orlewicz's) father showed up. Mullins said Orlewicz helped him cover garage windows with a "some-what worn" tarp, and that Orlewicz covered the garage floor "with a blue tarp ... it looked new."

Under questioning from Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran, Mullins said he first heard Orlewicz talk about killing Sorensen "weeks earlier." "He said he wanted to stab him ... bag him in a tarp ... and hang him upside down burning," Mullins testified. "JP told (former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann) and me that (Sorensen) owed him money and he was angry about it."

Police say Orlewicz abandoned the idea of killing Sorensen on Nov. 6 because Sorensen had been dropped off by his girlfriend, who would then have been a witness to Sorensen's last whereabouts.

After the failed plan on Tuesday, Mullins said Orlewicz asked him to come back the next day (Nov. 7), but Mullins testified he decided not to.

"At first I wasn't objecting, but eventually I ... decided I didn't want to be part of it," Mullins said.

Mullins admitted on the stand Tuesday he had initially lied to police about his involvement, but told the truth when Canton police questioned him in the wake of a plea accepted by Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Westland teenager Alexander Letkemann.

Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse in return for his testimony. At sentencing later this month, Letkemann is expected to be sentenced to 20-30 years on

the second-degree murder and 10 years on the mutilation, with the sentences to run concurrently.

Mullins admitted Letkemann's plea was a factor in his decision to admit his involvement. He said he didn't tell the truth initially because "I was scared and didn't want to get dragged into it."

Other witnesses testified about Sorensen's movements the day of his death. Girlfriend Breanna Milowe, 21, of Redford said Sorensen told her he had to "meet JP" the afternoon of Nov. 7, and arranged to see each other again later that evening when Milowe got out of class. The pair met on Myspace.com about a month before Sorensen's death.

Ashleigh Scarlett, 23, of Livonia testified she and Sorensen shared some fast food at the Subway restaurant at which Scarlett worked. Scarlett testified Sorensen left shortly after 3 p.m., saying he had to "meet with JP."

She testified Sorensen told her he and "JP" were going to get \$3,000 from an unidentified friend of JP's. Sorensen told Scarlett "they owed it" to them.

When asked if "JP" was in the courtroom, both Milowe and Scarlett identified Orlewicz.

The first two days of testimony saw lawyers for both sides follow the path they each mapped out in their opening statements. Moran Monday called the murder a premeditated act that was the result of a well-thought-out, deliberate plan.

Defense attorney Niskar called Sorensen's death an act of self-defense and a case of panic in its aftermath. Niskar called Orlewicz "a loving son, a loving brother, a loving friend" and said the teenager acted in self-defense after an angry Sorensen, upset that the intended victim of the extortion hadn't shown up, pulled a gun on Orlewicz.

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# MEAP

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scores were mostly steady, with seventh-graders showing the biggest decline.

"We either improved over last year, or stayed about the same in just about every category," said Mike Bender, P-CCS director of secondary education. "We're pleased with the work of the students, as well as the work of the staff in helping students perform at a very, very high level. Each year there's a different version of the test, so now we'll go through an extensive process to examine the results to gather a lot of detail on how the students performed."

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S.A.	86.4		57.4				90.2					
4	91	91	50	57	85	86	92	93				
S.A.	84.5		44.5				85.8					
5	92	90	71	70	88	89	91	90	91	91		
S.A.	81.6		58.8				74.2		81.7			
6	92	90	85	86	90	90	88	89			88	86
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S.A.	72.5		76.6				72.7					
8	87	86	81	82	86	86	84	87	87	91		
S.A.	77.1		69.8				71.6		79.2			
9											88	86
S.A.											70.6	

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, April 6, *Plymouth Observer* should have said Michigan's Junior Miss Erin Wheeler of Plymouth was a student of Sheryl Sulek at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi. The story should have said Sulek recommended Erin enter the competition because of her over-

all qualities which include academic achievement. All contestants first must meet an academic standard of at least a 3.5 grade point and 20 ACT, and be a senior in high school to meet the entry requirements. Erin met those requirements with a 3.72 grade point and 24 ACT.

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## Child seat inspections

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

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3232.

## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Newcomers road rally

The Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors host their annual Road Rally 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

During the annual rally, competing teams will race around town to solve clues and puzzles that will challenge your senses and your vast knowledge of the community. The race will end at a secret party destination revealed at the end of the game. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

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The starting location will be revealed in a clue sent after you register. Cost is \$20, which includes dinner. Registrations must be received by April 8.

To register, contact Robert Keller at robertplusjanet@aol.com or (734) 451-1940.



## Flute performance

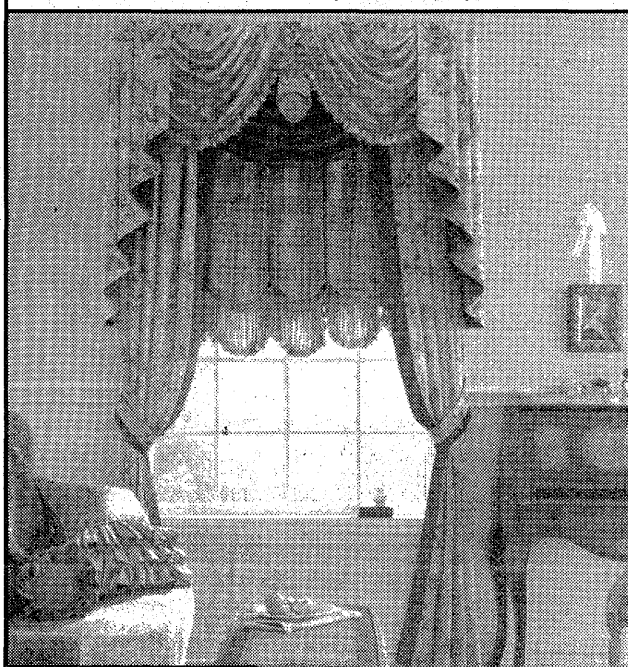
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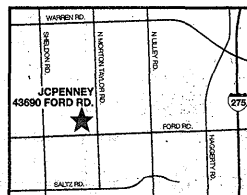


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## PENN

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sioners she wants all downtown businesses to thrive, but not at the expense of other businesses and city residents.

"What I do not want is for that growth to threaten or compromise the integrity of a downtown which business, patrons and the residents have worked to enjoy an atmosphere that is wholesome and family-oriented," Howell-Romein said. "I would strongly urge you to use this decision as an opportunity to send a message that the type of behavior we have seen as of late — disregard for the law, violence and disrespect for others and their businesses — is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in this town."

Kesckes said he has not received official notice from the city about the "real or perceived" reasons for the action, but does say the first objective is to meet with city officials to develop a positive resolution.

"The three liquor license holders live in Plymouth and Plymouth Township and want to be good corporate citizens," said Kesckes. "They want to make it clear they want to be

part of the community and not a problem in the community."

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said if the problems at the Penn Grill continue, he may ask commissioners to hire more police officers.

"If we're going to have this level of bad behavior, and we're expected to police it, I'll be asking for a couple more cops," Carroll said. "I don't know where you're going to get the money."

Mayor Phil Pursell said owners of the Penn Grill continue to deflect responsibility for their actions.

"Selling liquor is a privilege and with it a responsibility, and they seem to fail to live up to that responsibility," Pursell said. "I think we can only ask for non-renewal."

The City Commission Monday night approved renewal of the licenses of 14 Class C liquor license holders in the city. Along with the Penn Grill, the LLRC will wait until April 21 to determine if it will recommend the liquor license renewal for Sean O'Callaghan's Public House because \$24,300 in overdue property taxes on the building have yet to be paid.

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APRIL

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kocpzyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, east of Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights. \$2 bag sale at 2:30 p.m. Call (313) 274-3820.

**Open house**  
4-7 p.m. Friday, April 12, open house with silent auction to celebrate completion of the conversion of St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory into a new multi-purpose, handicap accessible youth house, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

**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. 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. 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

Callihan 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 information, visit www.christischosen.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/mom-2mom.html](http://kirstemoline.com/mom-2mom.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.

**Church schedule**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Vespers**  
Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sunday, April 13, at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy. General public as well as Orthodox Christians invited. Proceeds used for COCC charities and projects. 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](mailto:paschabooks@sbcglobal.net).

**Rummage sale**  
Donations accepted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16; Congregational Pre-Sale 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17; Public Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon (\$2 bag sale) Saturday, April 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**The Petticoat Ladies**  
Meet Sarah Polk, Mary Todd Lincoln, Julia Grant and Ida McKinley at a presentation 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. No charge but reservations requested. Call (734) 421-7249 by April 11.

**Holy Cow rummage sale**  
Pre-sale noon to 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17 (cost is \$3); 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

**Rummage sale**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty roads. \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

**Evening of evangelization**  
The Archdiocese of Detroit's

Office for Evangelization invites all area Catholics to join Rev. Alex Kratz of the Archdiocesan Mobile Evangelization Team 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The evening will begin with a Holy Hour, followed by small-group discussions, teaching, and fellowship. The series continues on May 9, and then resumes Sept. 19, and runs through December. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

**Card party**  
St. Simon and Jude Church will hold a Happy Days luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. The cost of the non-smoking event is \$7 per person and there will be table and door prizes and 50/50 raffles. For ticket reservations, call (734) 722-1343.

**Mom2Mom**  
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at Garden City First United Methodist Church. Admission \$1. Tables still available for \$20. Call Rhonda at (734) 795-6921 for more information.

**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.

**Day of Reflection**  
Bethany Central Board is offering a Day of Reflection hosted by the Rochester Bethany II 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.paxchristi.org](http://www.paxchristi.org), send e-mail to [TirakPaxMi@aol.com](mailto:TirakPaxMi@aol.com) or call (517) 482-2558.

**MAMA's Coffeehouse**  
15th anniversary celebration Saturday, April 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open Mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Features The Biddies (Jan Krist and Kitty Donohoe), Floyd King and the Bushwackers, Joel Mabus, Matt Watroba, Jim Bizer and Mustard's Retreat. Admission \$15, \$13 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve a spot for Open Mic, call (248) 626-4650.

**Blood drive**  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

**Spring rummage sale**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the hall at St. Joseph Parish, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn. Call (313) 336-3227.

**Rummage sale**  
Books, clothes and lots of odds and ends 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. There will be a bag sale at 12:45 p.m.

**Seekers of spiritual intelligence**  
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the multi-faceted theme of spiritual intelligence during the 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 information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to [beaconhillccdoc@aol.com](mailto:beaconhillccdoc@aol.com).

**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, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to [sean.humby@att.net](mailto:sean.humby@att.net), or visit [www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html](http://www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html).

**Vacation Bible School**  
Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**UPCOMING**  
**Spring fund-raiser**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd., south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

**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.org](http://www.CantonCF.org).

org.  
**Bethany Suburban West**  
Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. 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 (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

**Father 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.single-place.org](http://www.single-place.org). Cost is \$5.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.orchardumc.org).

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

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

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

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

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

**Living Water series**  
Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

**Couple prayer series**  
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series ([www.coupleprayer.org](http://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.

**ENDOW**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at [www.endowonline.com](http://www.endowonline.com). St. Michael's complex 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 Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to [mkschmidt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkschmidt@sbcglobal.net).

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

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

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

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

**Sunday worship**  
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

**Worship service**  
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

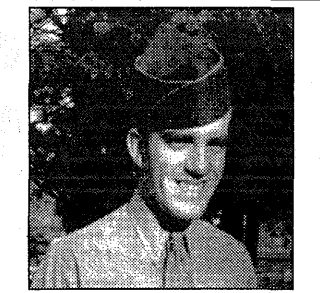
**F.I.R.E. ministries**  
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**New worship schedule**  
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

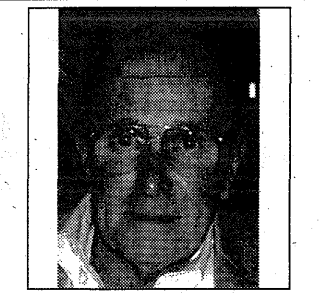
**Sunday worship**  
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.



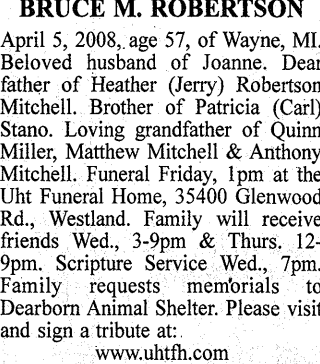
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**ANDREW C. THOMAS**  
April 7, 2008, age 89 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Gladys. Dear father of Sharon (Dave) Fleming, and Judy (Doug) Marks. Loving grandfather of Kara (Joe) Liguori, Krysten Marks, Kayle Fleming and Alyssa Marks. Great-grandfather of Tristan. Also survived by an extended family of in-laws, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 11:00 am from the First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI. Memorials to Kewadin Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by Querfeld Funeral Home, Dearborn, MI [www.querfeldfh.com](http://www.querfeldfh.com)



**JAMES (JIM) SWANSON**  
Born June 10, 1932, passed away April 6, 2008, age 75. Beloved husband of Dorothy Swanson, devoted father to Steve, Kim, Ann, Tom, and Bill Swanson. Grandfather to ten. Member of the United States Navy 1951-1953, 44-year career Design Center engineer at Ford Motor Company. Art major from the University of Illinois, 1955. Loved golf, fishing, art, and traveling the world. Memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, April 11 at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI, 48150. Memorial donations can be made to Nativity United Church of Christ.



**BRUCE M. ROBERTSON**  
April 5, 2008, age 57, of Wayne, MI. Beloved husband of Joanne. Dear father of Heather (Jery) Robertson Mitchell. Brother of Patricia (Carl) Stano. Loving grandfather of Quinn Miller, Matthew Mitchell & Anthony Mitchell. Funeral Friday, 1pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Wed., 3-9pm & Thurs. 12-9pm. Scripture Service Wed., 7pm. Family requests memorials to Dearborn Animal Shelter. Please visit and sign a tribute at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



**MARGARET R. (MOLLIE) FELIKS**  
Died April 6, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in Livonia. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth M. Feliks, and her son, Christian M. Feliks, both of Redford; her parents, Richard and Gail McKnight of Westland; her mother and father-in-law, Nancy and Thomas Feliks of Livonia; her brother, Edward (Mihwa) McKnight of Livonia; her grandmother Marion McKnight of Kalamazoo; her birth mother, Mary (Mark) Amas of Spokane, Washington; her birth siblings, Christa and Matthew Shulters of Michigan, and Chelsea (Andrew) Napier of Washington State; her nieces and nephews, Sam, Gina, Jessica and Kimberly Taylor and Emily McKnight of Michigan; Miranda and Kaitlyn Ball of Florida, Troy Meister of Michigan, and Rylan and Kaitlyn Napier of Washington State; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mollie was a 1990 graduate of Churchill High School and was employed as a dental technician at Expertec in Westland. Visitation will be from 1-9pm Friday, April 11, with a service of remembrance at 7pm at the L.J. Griffin Funeral home, 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland. Memorial service will be at 11 am Saturday, April 12, at the funeral home. Family requests contributions to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation in lieu of flowers. Memorial tributes may be made at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)

**HELEN PATRICIA (Gawthrop) KIRKPATRICK**  
Passed away on March 28, 2008 after a long illness. Helen was born on February 3, 1922 in Huntington, WV, the second of four girls and daughter of Dr. Joseph Ford Gawthrop and Iris Catherine (Klinzing) Gawthrop. Her sisters, Catherine Hiner and Lucy Kautz, still reside in Huntington and her youngest sister, Lois McCallister, resides in Pennsylvania. Helen attended Marshall University and then married her high school sweetheart, the late Robert ("Kirk") Kirkpatrick on March 4, 1944. Helen and Kirk lived in CA during WWII and eventually settled in MI in 1950 where they raised their family. They spent many winters in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and eventually moved there permanently. Helen raised four daughters; Wallace, who resides in Corte Madera, CA, Robin, who lives in Chicago, Nancy from Bloomfield Hills, MI and Chris Millis who lives in Clarkston, MI. There are seven grandchildren to whom Helen was very devoted; Sarah, Ted, Peter, Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. Helen was a remarkable wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, grace and gentleness. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

**LILLIAN MCINTOSH**  
Age 84, Livonia, MI, passed April 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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# Franciscan priest to lead Evening of Evangelization

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alex Kratz is so enthusiastic about spreading the word about Jesus Christ he recently took a break from his vacation in Rome to e-mail information about an upcoming Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

The series begins Friday, April 18, and continues May 9 then resumes in September and runs through December.

Kratz is a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team and serves as a sacramental minister at St. Colette's Parish in Livonia on weekends. A Franciscan priest, Kratz was an Associate Pastor at St.

## EVENING OF EVANGELIZATION

**What:** The Rev. Alex Kratz leads a Holy Hour followed by discussions, teaching and fellowship  
**When:** 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18  
**Where:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Series continues May 9, then resumes Sept. 19 and runs through December. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Michael's in Southfield for four years. He is currently in residence at St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Kratz writes, "Catholic Evangelization is revolutionary in a good sense because it deals with every aspect of life. It is

based on continuing conversion in one's relationship with Jesus Christ as it seeks three goals (from the U.S. Bishops): to renew all Catholics to have such enthusiasm for their faith they will freely share it with others, invite all others to have a faith home in the Catholic Church, and transform society with Gospel values by promoting the dignity of each human person seeking the common good and promoting family life."

Kratz grew up in Cincinnati. Every summer he would visit his mother's side of the family in Italy. This gave him a global experience that explains why he believes Evangelization can solve the world's problems.

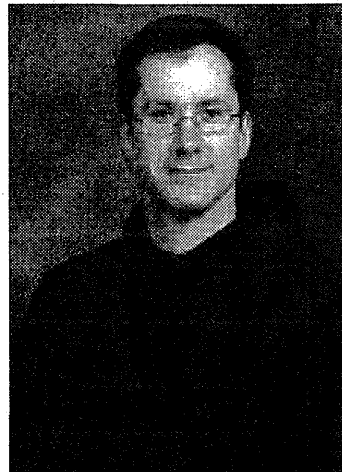
Kratz actually wanted to be a professional soccer

player until he read about St. Francis of Assisi and through him "came to know Jesus Christ." Even in high school Kratz knew he would be doing evangelization work and went on to study theology at the University of Notre Dame. He earned a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago after studying biblical archaeology and Scripture in the Holy Land. During this time he stayed in Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The town happens to be in Palestinian territory. Kratz saw the people's suffering and felt God's call to "comfort, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

After a year of living in a Christian Palestinian town in

the Holy Land, he returned to Michigan. Eventually Kratz was led to Paco Gavrilides, the director of the Mobile Evangelization Team which helps parishes learn "to share their faith more openly and freely" and to think creatively about how to be more inviting to the unchurched, the young, young adults and others.

The Evening of Evangelization begins with a Holy Hour of prayer and intercession that the Holy Spirit open doors and hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, writes Kratz. Then the priest will present a half hour of teaching from the U.S. Bishops' document on Catholic Evangelization: Go and Make Disciples. This will be followed by fellowship.



Rev. Alex Kratz returns from Rome to lead an Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

"Many people feel alone in this work and will come to be pleasantly surprised when they come to know other like-minded individuals," wrote Kratz.

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## OUR VIEWS

### These days, no bomb threat should be taken lightly

Plymouth-Canton officials got it right when they made the decision not to cancel classes last Friday at Central Middle School after a crude bomb threat was found written on a bathroom wall.

Some parents might question why they didn't just cancel classes, since the note said the bomb would go off Friday, but it is clear that school officials took all the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of students and staff.

After school Thursday, bomb dogs from the Michigan State Police and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration swept through the school and didn't find anything. The school was then secured so nobody could enter the building until Friday morning. When the approximately 900 students arrived for school Friday, they could only enter through two entrances, and Plymouth and Plymouth Township police officers were there to search them.

Letters were also sent home with students, so parents could make their own decision about whether or not to send the kids to school.

Years ago, school officials probably would've treated this situation a lot less seriously and more like the prank it likely was. But we live in a post-9/11, post-Columbine world where every threat carries with it a potential tragedy.

The shame of this situation is that whatever student scrawled those words on the wall probably doesn't understand how serious a mistake he or she made. It may have been funny at the time, but it isn't going to be so humorous when school officials figure out who did it. Not only does that student (or students) face immediate expulsion, but they may also be on the hook for paying restitution for the services provided by the police agencies. It will be a costly prank.

Unfortunately, that is the world we live in — something our school officials know all too well.

### State needs to move ahead in addressing energy issues

Two weeks ago, the Michigan Senate passed a bill setting renewable energy standards for state government. The bill would require that the state purchase at least 25 percent of electrical energy from renewable sources by 2025.

Environmentalists called it a good first step, but it's far from the comprehensive energy package that some have expected. The Senate and the House have each been struggling with a number of energy-related issues. Getting all parties to agree has been difficult and differences don't always break along partisan lines.

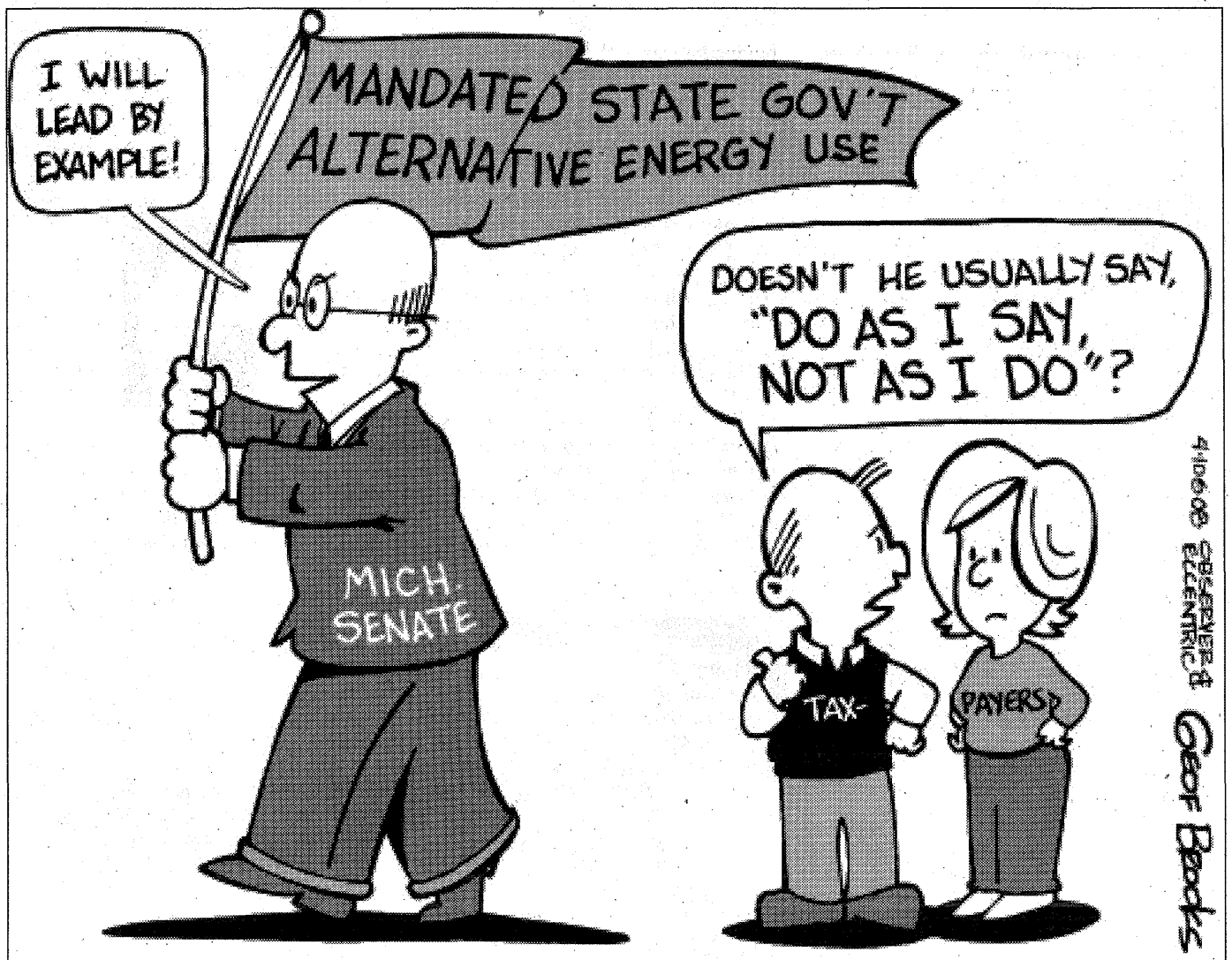
Environmentalists are fighting efforts to bring new coal-fired electrical plants online. They are pushing for higher RPS, which would involve replacing a percentage of coal-generated electricity with such alternatives as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro. They are also pushing energy-efficiency programs that would provide some kind of tax credit for more efficient energy use. But alternative energy sources are controversial. Michigan has a good wind supply in some areas off of Lake Michigan, but many object to the unsightly windmills needed to capture that energy. Solar is promising, but Michigan has fewer sunny days than most other states. Utility companies are concerned whether they can meet the standards being discussed in the Legislature.

Another issue is Public Act 141, which led to the partial deregulation of electric utilities. The act allowed for choice in the purchase of electricity, which has saved some large power customers money but may be creating higher rates for others. Utilities want to limit that choice.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, is in the middle of these issues as chair of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee. He says the Senate will be moving on energy issues over the next two months. He has long sought an overall approach to regulated and unregulated energy issues.

We continue to support a move toward a higher RPS for the state. We understand the complexity in dealing with these issues and the contending stakeholders. But our state needs to address these issues from a broad perspective that assures our energy needs, protects our environment and keeps us in step with other states in energy policy.

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## LETTERS

### Business as usual

A detailed response to your March 20 editorial "Issues to watch with schools chief" is greatly needed. The point of view you express would be exasperating if we had not been subjected to it so many times before. Allow me to address your editorial point by point.

"It didn't take long for the grumbling to start once the PCCS Board of Education tapped Craig Fiegel as its new superintendent." Why would it? The grumbling from the taxpayer should have been instant. Clearly, the board has chosen "business as usual" as opposed to being innovative in their search for a new super. The salary issue is HUGE. Just the increase (\$34,000 per year) from Jim Ryan's large salary is more than many struggling parents make in a year. Or put another way, that \$34,000 could go to pay for a new teacher as opposed to making an administrator even more wealthy.

The issue of Fiegel's experience you raise is valid. However, we should not be worried about the "huge learning curve" he admittedly faces if he is truly the best and brightest administrator out there. I am not confident of the board's choice for these reasons: 1. As Trustee Gonzales stated, the Board did not get to see all of the applications, but only the ones fed to them by the search firm. How is the public served here? How can we have any confidence that the best candidates were interviewed by the board? 2. Was the public made aware of all the contracts and relationships this firm has? 3. This search firm is not elected by the public in our district and in reality is not accountable to us. The only thing we really know about them is that they have 25,000 of our scarce tax dollars ... which could have gone to pay teachers who actually interact daily with kids.

Now to the most offensive statement in your editorial: "This hire was always going to cost the district more money. It's the price of doing business." By this you must mean government doing business as usual. Your acceptance and support of this premise spits in the face of the taxpayer and helps feed the growing sense of entitlement and elitism that has too long infected the public sector.

Who determined this HAD to cost more? Did the citizens vote on this and give their blessing? Does this board think this is the mood of the electorate, even after denying the last two bond attempts by the district? Or is this just the way things are always done in our district? Damn the foreclosures, full speed ahead!! Falling property values and wages ... What, me worry? Well, those at the *Observer* and those running our school district may not worry, but I do. And I am confident I am speaking for many taxpayers in our district.

As more rationale for why we "had" to pay the new super more than the

\$161,000 we paid Jim Ryan, was that the finalists presented to the Board were each already making more than he was. Isn't that convenient for the new hire? Are we to believe that there were no qualified administrators anywhere in Michigan who were used to making less than \$161,000 per year? This is ridiculous on its face.

With all of the buyouts and downsizing of middle management and white collar workers in Michigan, the pool of qualified administrators is massive, and I'm sure much larger than the selective pool used by the search firm. In fact, I am willing to bet that a couple low cost ads in the *Free Press* or *Detroit News* would have supplied our district with hundreds of eager, qualified applicants who would have been elated to work for somewhere between \$100,000 and \$125,000 per year.

I am also sure that their learning curve would have been no more "huge" than Fiegel's. (The phrase "huge learning curve" is attributed to none other than Mr. Fiegel himself.)

This whole affair is yet another sad tale of "business as usual" in our local government, despite the full-blown recession our state is in. We are now on the precipice of a national recession. Automotive sales are continuing to fall. Our school district had a chance to be innovative in this hiring process. They chose not to be. Instead, they embrace again their addiction to spending more and more on administrative salaries and huge payments to consulting firms. Oh, and one more thing. I am sure that Chuck Portelli has taken note of the 21-percent increase in superintendent pay. I want to know how the Board is going to deny equivalent compensation increases to our teachers, custodians, bus drivers, etc. That's right, we'll just tell them we can't afford it. After all, they are just the ones who actually teach and serve our students.

Jason Vorva  
Plymouth

### Collect state sales tax

There is an approved ballot proposal for the August 2008 election that ask us, the taxpayers of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, for a tax increase to help fund the Detroit Zoo.

Taxpayers, wake up! How can the governor and state legislature ask us for a tax increase when they continue to avoid collecting millions of dollars per year of sales tax from online and mail order purchases? We see this as totally irresponsible. There is money to be collected from our 6 percent sales tax law. Both state and federal legislation is passing exemptions to this 6 percent sales tax law as we, the taxpayers, are sleeping.

Now is the time to contact our state and federal legislators and our governor and let them know that they cannot and should not ask for more taxes when they continue to allow millions

of dollars per year go down the drain. As of now, there is a bill pending in Congress that will permanently exempt the collection of the 6 percent sales tax on online purchase. Unless we, the taxpayers, express our outrage, the ongoing discrimination against consumers who pay 6 percent on items purchased in our stores will continue.

We have to stop this. It can be done. Both the federal and state legislators have a role in stopping the biased enforcement of our state's 6 percent sales tax law. If there's a will, there's a way for them to stop the loss of millions of dollars per year that should be coming to our state.

James and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### Help a 'lost dog'

Since becoming a volunteer at the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), the term "lost dog" has a deeper more complex meaning for me.

Believe me, even dogs that are not being missed by someone, can be "lost." Walk the gauntlet past their bars at our kennels and you will see eyes that convey the true sense of being "lost." You will see boredom, confusion, gnawing fear and frenzied pleas for attention. In others, there is utter hopelessness.

Ah, but if you pause at one of those cages and speak kindly to those eyes and stroke that soft head, all is well — for a moment. I tell my husband that if dog slobber is good for the complexion, I'll be looking 19 again any day now.

If you have room in your life for genuine love — and some youth-renewing dog slobber — come visit the homeless animals at HSHV. Also, be aware that Canton Township contracts with the HSHV to house stray pets from our community so please be sure to first report your lost pet to the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400 and then contact HSHV at (734) 662-5585 to look for your missing pet.

Sandy Stangis  
Canton

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"The administrative recommendation for revocation comes after a number of issues that have been discussed with them on numerous occasions ... like drunk driving arrests, assault and battery, public urination and fights. This seems to be a rather high number of issues when compared to other establishments in our city."

— Paul Sincock, Plymouth city manager, on the recommendation the liquor license at the Penn Grill be revoked

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# Ominous signs suggest that economy really is that bad

On Friday, the buzzards were circling above Livonia. Really!

The *Observer* building at Schoolcraft and Levan has a small woods in the back. It has been a refuge for deer, possums, groundhogs, raccoons and, most recently, a gaggle of cats and a handsome hawk. We were watching the cats cavort in the finally warm spring weather. One of them seemed to be protecting something in his mouth. Shortly after, we spotted the first buzzard, sitting ominously on a tree branch, with its fire red head and its somber black wings, like an undertaker's coat. Another buzzard swooped over the woods until the hawk gave chase.

You'd have to pay good money for this kind of entertainment. But the arrival of the buzzards and all they portend came at the end of a rough week for the economy and the symbolism was as overripe as, well, a buzzard's dinner.

The stock market continued its yearlong seesaw, mostly down. Those depending on their 401(k) for retirement were calculating how many more years they'll have to work. The auto companies, our bread and butter, had reported heavy quarterly losses.

The government reported that the economy lost 80,000 jobs in March and recalculated losses for January and February, bringing the total to 237,000 jobs lost in the first quarter of the year. Unemployment rose to 5.1 percent and unemployment claims were at an eight-year high. (In Michigan, unemployment remains above 7 percent.)

On Capitol Hill, Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, spent two days before a joint congressional committee explaining why it was important for the federal government to help the investment bank Bear Stearns while denying that risking \$30 billion was a bailout.

Of course, it's an election year and members of Congress were properly outraged that the Fed and the Bush administration were helping the bankers who got us into this mortgage mess and not showing a lot of concern for those people who tried to realize the American dream by

buying houses with loans they couldn't afford (no matter how much reassurance they got from their lenders).

Ronald Reagan ran against Jimmy Carter with a question, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?"

Guess the answer to that is obvious. Bernanke cautiously allowed that maybe the slowdown might become a recession.

Michigan will no longer be in the "one-state recession" that has provided fodder for politicians over the past four years. We are now a bellwether for the dangers of distorted trade policies that encourage major corporations to take their manufacturing overseas.

Of course, these figures only suggest what is going on. We know that in some communities unemployment is always high and a recession only makes it that much more difficult to break away from those communities. Investments start to dry up, crime rises and the misery index soars.

SEMCOG released its 2035 Forecast for southeast Michigan on Friday showing low population growth, a swiftly aging population and puny job prospects over the next 25 years (if everything works out right).

We know the measures for official recessions come into play long after ordinary people have been downsized, laid off, lost their health care, been foreclosed or taken some other hit from the economy that "isn't in a recession, everything's fine." That's been the assurance from the president, who is more concerned about the situation in Iraq than the situation on Woodward.

Ordinary people have been in recession for a while, though some conservatives still cavalierly joke about people having to cut back on their purchase of a flat screen television or, in the case of the president, suggesting that all the country needs is for people to go out and buy things, even if they are made in China.

We never found out what the buzzards were looking for Friday, but the pickings mustn't have been all that good because Monday they were gone.

Don't want to see them again anytime soon.

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Hugh Gallagher

# Quarterly reports are a good time to organize finances

A few months ago, many people made a New Year's resolution to get their financial house in order. By now, most resolutions are long forgotten.

However, for those who are serious about getting and keeping their financial house in order, there is something they can do now to help make organizing finances easier.

At the end of each quarter, when financial statements arrive, it's a good time to review results. The results of this quarter are going to be difficult, however, ignoring them doesn't make it any better.

## Money Matters

Rick Bloom

As always, the first thing to do is to check the accuracy of statements. At a minimum, the ending balance of last quarter's statement should match the beginning balance of this statement.

Make sure you have been credited with any and all new contributions and that any withdrawals have been properly accounted. In addition, make sure you have not been charged any unnecessary fees. If there is a fee you do not understand, ask questions.

In reviewing statements, don't assume financial institutions are always correct. They make mistakes and it is up to you and me to keep them honest.

Once you have reviewed the statements for accuracy, then it's time to do a personal family balance sheet — nothing more than a listing of assets less liabilities. Assets less liabilities equals net worth. Doing a family balance sheet on a quarterly or even a semiannual basis, lets you know where you stand financially.

Many will find that over the last quarter or the last two quarters, net worth has declined. If you own a home in the area, the value has declined. The first quarter of 2008 was not a good time for investors. It won't be unusual to have a lower net worth than at the beginning of the year. The issue is what to do?

One of the mistakes investors make is they assume they always have to do something. Sometimes, the best course of action is to do nothing. Don't rush out and radically change your portfolio. Unfortunately, that's what too many investors do and then they miss out on the eventual rebound. The reason for a personal family balance sheet is not necessarily to make changes in a portfolio, but rather to stay in touch with your financial situation.

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Everything in society has become more complex and that is true when it comes to personal finance. You cannot be involved with your finances only once a year. You have to set up a routine where at different points in time you review different aspects of your personal financial affairs.

For example, the time to review auto and home insurance can be at renewal. The time to review investments is when quarterly statements arrive.

You'd be surprised how much better your financial affairs will be by spending a little time on a regular basis.

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## Wildcats get off to purrrr-fect start

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the Detroit Tigers were struggling to match their pre-season hype last week, another local baseball team with a similar nickname got off to a purrrrrr-fect start.

Plymouth, which figures to contend for a Western Lakes Activities Association title this spring, opened the 2008 campaign with a convincing sweep of Ypsilanti.

The Wildcats won the first

game, 15-3, before humbling the Braves in the nightcap, 11-1.

Coach Chuck Adams' squad scored in all but two of the 13 innings played and put up five spots in one inning in each game.

"I was pleased with the way we came out and executed to start the season," said Adams. "Our pitchers had good command all day long. We also did an excellent job of taking care of the baseball on defense when Ypsilanti put it in play. It was a nice way to start the 2008 season."

The Wildcats pushed across

runs in four of the first five innings in Game 1 and led 8-1 after five. Travis Mewton and Luke Merandi shared the hitting spotlight, as they combined for five hits and five RBI toward the bottom of the batting order.

Senior Garrett Rebain, who notched the win on the mound by shutting out Ypsi over the first four innings, registered three hits and three runs while David Harvey went 2-for-4 with a ribbie.

The Wildcats outthit the Braves, 15-7.

### PREP BASEBALL

A quartet of Wildcats had two-hit games in Game 2 as the winners outthit their hosts 14-6. The big hitters were Harvey (3-for-3, two RBI), Rebain (2-for-3, two RBI), Brad Lineberry (1-for-3, two RBI), Matt Priebe (1-for-4, two RBI), Ronnie Goble (2-for-2), Matt Skubik (2-for-4, two RBI), and Luke Merandi, 1-for-2 with a RBI.

Lineberry sparked on the mound, limiting the Braves to five hits and one run in five

innings of work. Kyle Sanders worked a scoreless sixth in relief.

The game was shortened to six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The Wildcats committed just one error in the two contests.

Plymouth returns to action Friday when they travel to Livonia Churchill for a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over contest.

The opening pitch is slated for 4 p.m.

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## Sidelines

### McGinnis shines

Canton senior pole vaulter Chris McGinnis was the Chiefs' bright spot at Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Track & Field meet held at Bowen Fieldhouse on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

McGinnis placed first in the 13-team event with a personal-best vault of 13 feet, four inches.

McGinnis' first-place effort was good for 10 points, which is all the Chiefs earned Saturday.

They placed 13th, 50 points behind first-place Birmingham Brother Rice.

Richardson also noted personal-best performances of pole vaulter Eddie Koelzer (10-6), 1,600-meter runner Derek Hoerman (4:40.5), 800-meter specialist Paul Rakovitis (2:10.5) and 3,200-meter runner Duncan Spitz (10:08.7).

### Canton grid camps

The Canton High School football team will be hosting three summer camps:

- a 1/3-4 camp for kids in grades 10-12 set for June 16 and 17 at the PCEP varsity stadium;

- a Skills Camp for kids in grades 7-9 set for June 9-12 at the stadium; and

- a fundamental camp for kids in grades 3-6 set for June 23-26.

For more information, visit [www.cantonchiefsfootball.com](http://www.cantonchiefsfootball.com)

### Plymouth football

There will be a freshmen informational meeting on Tuesday, May 6, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School cafeteria for all incoming freshmen football players at Plymouth High School.

Necessary paperwork will be distributed to parents and members of the program's Booster Club will be on hand to introduce fundraising activities.

## Salem 1, Rochester 0

# CAPTAIN CRUNCH-TIME

## Senior leader Shull's clutch goal lifts Rocks over Falcons

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One minute, Katie Shull was getting treated on the sidelines for a nagging knee problem. The next minute, Salem's senior captain was putting a serious hurt on Rochester's state-ranked soccer team.

A few moments after getting her leg taped by Salem trainer Tony Bowers, Shull re-entered the game, controlled a pass from Jill Behrman down the right sideline, gained a half-step on a Rochester defender, and uncorked a rising, perfectly placed shot that skimmed off Falcon goalkeeper Emily Lyles' fingertips and into the back-top corner of the net with 16:05 to play.

The effort proved to be the difference-maker in Salem's eye-opening 1-0 triumph.

The victory evened Salem's record at 1-1 while the defending Division 1 state runner-up Falcons slipped to 2-1.

"My knee started popping in and out a little, so I wanted to play it safe," said Shull, explaining her pre-heroics trip to the sidelines. "It turned out to be fine, so the trainer taped it up and I went back out there. About 30 seconds later, we scored."

While Shull was the ultimate hero, she had plenty of help on her goal — and in the victory

in general — said Rock coach Joe Nora, whose team had been rocked 6-0 by Northville just five nights earlier.

"Everything we didn't do in the Northville game, we did tonight," said Nora. "We made right choices, we kept the ball on the ground and we played physical."

"Katie's goal was a good play all around. Sara O'Leary started it in the back, played it to Rachel Gizicki in the mid-field and she got it to Jill. Against Northville, we played everything to the middle and their sweeper was able to clear the ball."

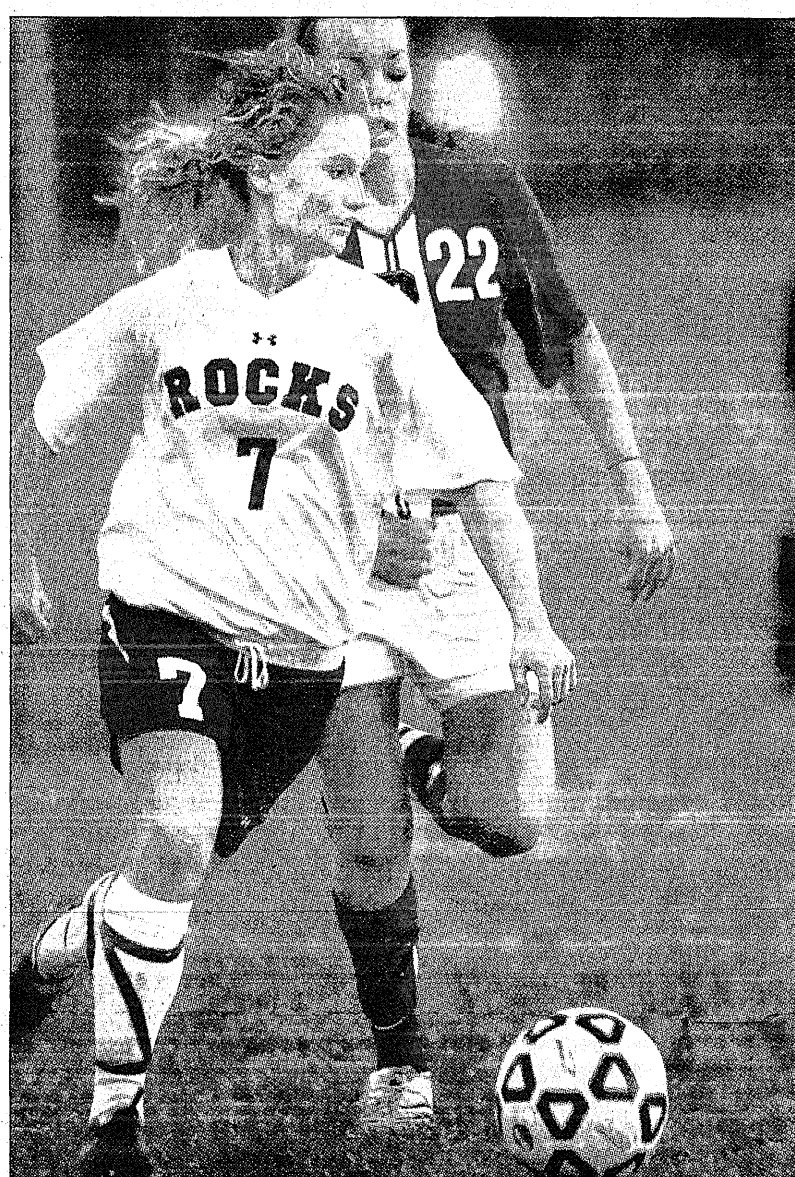
"Tonight, we got the ball wide and when Katie is one-on-one, she's one of the best in the state."

While Rochester coach Todd Heugh saw spurts of good play from his squad, he was disappointed with the Falcons' overall performance.

"I thought we came out tonight and looked a little slow and lethargic," said Heugh, whose team lost to Novi in last year's D1 state final. "I didn't think we took care of the ball very well."

"I saw some nice performances out of some girls who didn't play a lot in our first two games. However, we definitely have some girls who have been a key part of our success the past few

Please see SALEM, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Katie Shull (7) dribbles past Rochester's Lauren Fant during Monday night's non-conference contest. Shull's goal with just over 16 minutes to play was the difference in the Rocks' 1-0 victory.

## Ignition is No. 1 seed after 22-21 triumph

There was no sophomore jinx for the Detroit Ignition during the 2007-08 season.

The second-year Major Indoor Soccer League club clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming MISL Championship Series with a thrilling 22-21 victory over host Baltimore April 5 at 1st Mariner Arena.

The triumph improved the Ignition's record to 22-8 and solidified its standing as the league's best team heading into the post season.

Baltimore slipped to 19-11 with the setback, but the Blast still qualified for the playoffs.

With his team trailing 3-0 in the first quarter, Detroit's Mike Apple notched a two-point goal off an assist from

Ricardinho. The Ignition trimmed a one-time seven-point deficit to three late in the second quarter on a two-pointer off the foot of Jamar Beasley.

Detroit regained its second lead of the night with 2:22 left in the third quarter on a goal from Birmingham native Ryan Mack. The Ignition's game-winning net-finder came from Ricardinho, who was assisted by Hewerton.

Veteran defender Dreo Callahan preserved the victory with a last-second block of a shot from close range.

The Ignition drew a first-round bye and will host a second-round game at Computware Arena on Sunday, April 20.



ED HENGESH

Plymouth freshman McKenzie Hengesh (14) battles a trio of Walled Lake Central players for a loose ball during Monday night's 1-1 draw at the PCEP varsity turf stadium.

## Plymouth kickers settle for 1-1 draw

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's soccer team dominated Walled Lake Central on the field Monday evening, but the one-sided action was not reflected on the scoreboard.

Despite outshooting the visiting Vikings 12-4, the Wildcats settled for a 1-1 draw in a game played at the PCEP varsity turf stadium.

The tie left the Wildcats with an 0-1-1 mark heading into Wednesday's cross-campus clash with Salem.

"We had a lot of chances and I thought we outplayed them, but we couldn't quite finish," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "They probably had three quality chances to our dozen, so it's disappointing settling for a tie."

"Our defense was very solid. McKenzie Hengesh played very well. She's going to be quite a player."

Plymouth's lone goal came mid-way through the first half when Julie Forster controlled a pass from Kelly Dobbs, slipped past Central's deepest defender then drilled a shot past the goalie.

"It was a great strike by Julie," Neschich said.

Freshman Marissa Williams excelled between the pipes for the Wildcats, stopping all but one late first-half shot.

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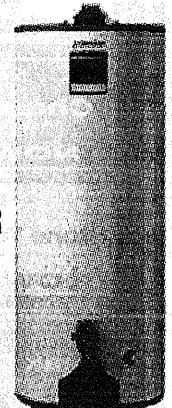
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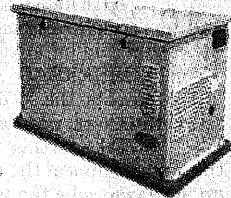
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# Wolverines wallop 'Excellence'

The Canton Agape Christian baseball team opened its 2008 season with a bang Tuesday afternoon when it trampled the Pontiac Academy of Excellence, 21-0, in a three-inning game that was shortened by the MHSAA mercy rule. Brandon Pierson was the

brightest star of many for the winners as he tossed a no-hitter, striking out eight of the nine batters he faced, and went 3-for-4 at the plate with five RBI.

The Wolverines scored 18 first-inning runs and three in the second.

Other standouts for the winners were Jared Miller (1-for-2, two walks, four RBI), Ty Majeski (1-for-2, two walks, four runs) and Mark Mullett (2-for-4, two runs).

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 10, HURON VALLEY 6:** Trevor Zinn struck out 13 and scattered six hits and two walks in going the distance Tuesday as Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) won its season opener at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1).

Kevin Bottorff paced PCA's six-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.

Bryan Gruenewald and losing pitcher Ryan Jones each went 2-for-4 for the Hawks. Gruenewald had a double, while Jones added an RBI.

Jones worked the first four innings, allowing seven runs on four hits. He struck out eight and walked four before giving Wayne to Aaron Howell, who finished up allowed three runs on two hits and a walk over three innings.

# Rock climbers

With majority of key players returning, Salem primed for break-out season

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Opponents who pre-judge the 2008 Salem baseball team based solely on last year's record (10-21) and this year's scarcity of seniors (three) may be in for a rude awakening.

Although the Rocks will field a junior-dominated team this spring, they're stocked with enough talent and experience to draw high praise from veteran coach Dale Rumberger.

"It's just my opinion, but this team is potentially one of the best teams I've ever had here," said Rumberger, who has coached for 22 years. "Last year, when I picked the team, I took talent over experience. This year we're going to have both talent and experience."

The Rocks prepared for the upcoming season over Spring

## PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Break when they spent a week practicing at a public baseball field in Clearwater, Fla. The conditions couldn't have been more ideal for a northern-based high school team, in Rumberger's estimation.

"We practiced four hours a day and the practices were pretty intense," he said. "The weather was perfect and the facility was great. We accomplished a lot."

Salem's primary strength will be its corps of starting pitchers, all of whom return from last season. The rotation is made up of juniors Joe Posler, David Hales and Chris Kordick; and senior Justin Horger, all of whom have command of their pitches, Rumberger emphasized.

If the Rocks take a lead into

the latter frames, foes will have to dig in against hard-throwing junior lefty Sam Ott, who will serve as the team's closer.

The primary catching duties will fall on the shoulders of junior Andrew Grabowski. He'll be backed up by junior Dave Loos and senior Kyle Streck, who transferred into the Plymouth-Canton School District during the off-season.

First base will be ably handled by Kordick, Grabowski and Dominic Ciantar while a pair of Kyles — Bricker and Powell — will man second base.

Junior Heath Parling — a three-sport standout at Salem — will start at shortstop and senior Dana Lorber, a sure-handed, sweet-swinging senior — will start at third. Junior Justin Bashi will back up Lorber at third as well as

offer pitching depth. Dave Rincell will back up Parling at short.

Hales, Ott and Posler will start in the outfield when they're not pitching. Matt Woster, Jeff Sroka and Horger will also see plenty of time in the outfield.

"We're going to be relying on a lot of juniors, but they all have experience from last year and they're all very good baseball players," said Rumberger. "Five of my guys are being recruited by Division 1 schools. Every day it seems like I'm getting a letter from a college coach asking about one of my players."

Salem opens Friday at home against Wayne Memorial. The opening pitch is slated for 4 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE  
COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT  
FOR PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS SAD NO. 2006-1  
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
RESOLUTION # 4**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominium, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

SIDWELL NUMBERS

71-041-07-0001	71-041-07-0019	71-041-07-0037	71-041-07-0055
71-041-07-0002	71-041-07-0020	71-041-07-0038	71-041-07-0056
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71-041-07-0010	71-041-07-0028	71-041-07-0046	71-041-08-0008
71-041-07-0011	71-041-07-0029	71-041-07-0047	71-041-08-0009
71-041-07-0012	71-041-07-0030	71-041-07-0048	71-041-08-0010
71-041-07-0013	71-041-07-0031	71-041-07-0049	71-041-08-0011
71-041-07-0014	71-041-07-0032	71-041-07-0050	71-041-08-0012
71-041-07-0015	71-041-07-0033	71-041-07-0051	71-041-08-0013
71-041-07-0016	71-041-07-0034	71-041-07-0052	71-041-08-0014
71-041-07-0017	71-041-07-0035	71-041-07-0053	71-041-08-0015
71-041-07-0018	71-041-07-0036	71-041-07-0054	71-041-08-0016

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Copper Creek Condominium Association as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing held April 22, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

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<b>-Ann Arbor-Homcrest Chaise Lounger</b> Adjustable, several to choose Was \$981 <b>NOW \$199<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Ann Arbor-Lloyd/Flanders 148" Round</b> With 4 Chairs Was \$2904 <b>NOW \$549<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Ann Arbor-Lloyd/Flanders 48" Rnd. Glass Table</b> With 4 Chairs Was \$2904 <b>NOW \$549<sup>99</sup></b>
<b>-Plymouth-Agio Stone Top Dining Table</b> with 4 Chairs Was \$3600 <b>NOW \$1699<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Ann Arbor-Lloyd/Flanders Sofa, Swivel Rocker, and End Table</b> Was \$4760 <b>NOW \$959<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Plymouth-Lloyd/Flanders 15 piece Living Room Group</b> Was \$6821 <b>NOW \$3399<sup>99</sup></b>
<b>-Ann Arbor-Brown Jordan 15 piece Teak Dining Group</b> Was 4985 <b>NOW \$999<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Plymouth &amp; Ann Arbor-Strong Rotational Molded Spa's</b> Starting as low as Was \$2920 <b>NOW \$1999<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>-Ann Arbor-Winston Oval Cast Table</b> With 2 Swivel Dining Chairs Was \$7421 <b>NOW \$1689<sup>99</sup></b>

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Kalamazoo Central at Canton, 4 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Church Hill, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Trenton at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
Oakland Christian at Agape, 11 a.m.
Salem at Plymouth (DH), 1 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Lutheran Westland at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11
W.L. Northern at Canton, 4 p.m.
Church Hill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Oakland Christian at Agape (DH), 11 a.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Canton at Pirate 9/10 Relays, 10 a.m.
PCA vs. Shrine at Ladywood, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
THURSDAY, APRIL 10
PCA at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 12
Livonia Ladywood at Salem, 2:30 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE
THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Canton at Salem at JV Stadium, 8 p.m.
Brighton at Plymouth at JV Stadium, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Royal Oak Kimball at Plymouth at PCEP Turf Field, 3 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Canton at Monroe Tournay, TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (ALL DOUBLE-HEADERS)
SUNDAY, APRIL 6
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (ALL DOUBLE-HEADERS)
FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Detroit Demolition vs. Columbus Phantoms at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

Rocks replenish roster with freshmen

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team will have a "fresh" new look to it this season.

The Rocks, who came on like gang-busters during the latter stages of the 2007 campaign, will start as many as four freshmen this spring.

"In a word, 'young' would sum up our team this year," said head coach Bonnie Southerland, whose Rocks finished 18-16 last year and knocked off PCEP rivals Canton and Plymouth in late-May show-downs. "We lost four seniors to graduation (Melissa Leach, Kait McKinley, Kelly Behr and Liz Thomas), but we gained four talented freshmen, all of whom should be in the starting line-up on 'Opening Day'."

"Overall, we have one senior, six juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen, so we are very young, and we only have one player — Emily Pitcole — who will return to the position she played last year."

Among the key returners to Salem's roster are senior Liz McLeod; junior Mary Cox (who will shift from third to short); Christina Parsons, who will move from center field to left; and Pitcole, who retains her catching responsibilities.

"Liz played some outfield last year and had a strong finish to the season," said Southerland. "She'll start the season in right field."

"Mary, Christina and Emily all started last year and will once again have a huge impact on our season."

Other returners include sophomore Mary Johnson, who moves from second base to outfield this spring, and junior Emily Meade. "Mary has great speed and is quick; her range has increased tremendously," Southerland said. "Emily is a very smart base runner and is working in the outfield. She has a strong bat."

First-year varsity players who

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

are not freshmen include juniors Chrissy Smudski, who will see time at third and short; and junior Alyssa Spooner, who is also an infielder.

"Chrissy is very fast on the bases and Alyssa swings the bat hard," said Southerland.

Southerland said her quartet of talented freshmen wouldn't be on the varsity squad if they weren't going to see significant playing time.

Making the biggest impact of the four will be Briana Lee, who has already earned the distinction of being the Rocks' No. 1 pitcher.

"She throws it all and mixes it up better than any freshman I've seen in 24 years of coaching," said Southerland. "She also has a very powerful bat."

Southerland also had high praise for ninth-grader Heidi Schmidt, who will also pitch as well as play a variety of positions.

"Heidi is a great athlete who can pitch and play all the positions," Southerland said. "You could see her at second, short, third — wherever we need her on any given day. She can play every-

where and give Briana a break when she needs one."

The two other freshmen contributors are Kelli Janiczek, who is slotted to start at first, and Lizzy Mazorowicz, who will play second and some outfield.

"Kelli has a great stretch at first and moves well," said Southerland. "She'll back up Pitcole behind the plate every now and then."

"Lizzy is super fast and is a very heads-up player."

The Rocks open the season this afternoon at Dearborn.

"The girls are anxious to get the season underway," Southerland said. "They have a lot to prove. They are probably the youngest team in the league, but they already play like they've been together for years."

Southerland predicted Livonia Stevenson would be the team to beat in the WLA's Lakes Division while Northville and Franklin look strong in the Western Division.

Southerland will be assisted this season by Salem grad and former U-of-M standout Stefanie Volpe.

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PCA softball team clipped in 7th inning

Tuesday afternoon's "Opening Day" couldn't have gone much better for the Plymouth Christian Academy softball team — at least for the first six-and-a-half innings.

The Eagles led host Lutheran Westland, 6-5, until the Warriors snatched a 7-6 victory by plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the final frame.

"Even though we lost, the girls had a good day at the plate," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "They were a lot more aggressive than they were last year when we only won three games. We have pretty much the same team back from last year, so with all that experience I'm looking forward to the upcoming season."

The Eagles were led by a strong two-way performance from senior Kristie Carnevale, who tossed a complete-game,

eight-strike out effort on the mound while going 2-for-4 with two RBI at the plate.

"Kristie was very solid, especially considering it's early in the season and she only walked one batter," said Hammar. "Due to spring break, a junior trip, senior and trip and some other things, today is the first time we've had the entire team together."

Sparked by a three-run first inning, the Eagles led 5-2 after four innings. Lutheran Westland knotted the game at 5-all with a three-run fifth before PCA regain the advantage with a single run in the top of the sixth.

Autumn McKenzie (2-for-4, double, RBI) and Lauren Craig (2-for-4) also enjoyed stellar first-game showings for the PCA.

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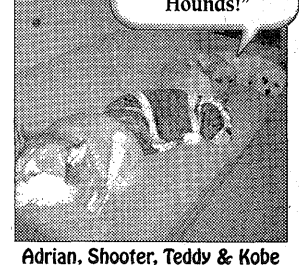
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AUCTION ON APRIL 17, 2008 AT 10 A.M.

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1034 - James Gacloch - Mountain Bike, Lawn Mower, 10 Totes
3041 - Steve Caloia - Toolbox, Washer, Dryer
4001 - Robert Kozak - Vacuum, 14 Tool Boxes, Misc Items
4052 - Orlando Austin - 20 Totes, Piano Scooter
5023 - Dan Gorys - 2 Bicycles, Stove, 20 Totes
9102 - Kaaidetraee Brown - 10 Bags, 12 Totes, TV
9126 - Lauren Crump - 4 Boxes, 3 Bags, 1 Suitcase

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4026 - Tiyana Robson - 2 Mattresses, TV, Vacuum
9054 - Karen Luna - Headboard, Mattress, Sofa
4054 - Carl Davis - Table, Microwave, Misc Items
3053 - Steven David - 5 Totes, Mattress, Big Screen TV
5268 - Mike Zehel - Entertainment Center, Vacuum, Rocker
3004 - Jody Gonzalez - Couch, 2 Chairs, Misc Items
6021 - Lasonett Robinson - 2 TVs, 20 Boxes, Dresser
6250 - Addela Marie Hobbs - Dresser, 2 Totes, Misc Items
5245 - Cordell Fields - Couch, Lamp, Entertainment Center
4015 - Chad Cummins - Freezer, Futon, Mountain Bike
6046 - Ezekal Eley - Washer, Fridge, Dryer
4248 - Lisa Young - 3 Boxes, 7 Totes, Misc Items
4218 - Carlos Arista - Sofa, Loveseat, Chair
5040 - Sarah Campbell - 2 TVs, Bookcase, 2 Tables
4245 - Charlene Brown - 7 Totes, 4 Bags, 5 Boxes
5010 - Sybil Upshaw - TV, Coffee Table, Stroller

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Cafeteria Tables for Canton High School. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Ellen Schroeder, Secretary of Canton High School at (734) 416-7544. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2008 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (re: Cafeteria Table Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 1, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 1, 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: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Director Eva, Mike Ager, Britt Winter Others Present: Paul Denski Jr., Canton Waste Recycling Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PILOT. The Pilot Single Stream Recycling Program was completed in December 2007 in a select area of the Windsor Park Subdivision. The purpose of the pilot program for 304 homes was to evaluate the effectiveness of the Single Stream Recycling method and to begin a process to determine if it could be implemented on a Township wide basis. Item 2. 2008 WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY UPDATE. In May, 2007 the Board received and later adopted an updated true cost-of-service study for water and sewer rates prepared by Utility Financial Solutions. One recommendation in the study was that the Township update the analysis each year. Based on input from the Board, staff was requested to give consideration to the following items in the 2008 update which is now completed. 1. Consider the rate impact on continuing the cap on sewer charges for residential usage that exceeds 60,000 gallons per quarterly bill. 2. Consider eliminating the practice of charging customers a minimum billed consumption. 3. Consider an inverted block rate design that increases the usage charge per thousand gallons as consumption levels increase. The next step is to finalize the rate package and bring for approval to the Board in April. Item 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION. An internal committee was formed, comprised of three elected officials, Terry Bennett, Todd LaJoy, and Todd Caccamo, along with the Finance Director, and Executive Director Santomauro. The committee was tasked with providing a recommendation of compensation for Canton's elected officials. The committee conducted an evaluation of the existing compensation packages in relationship to what we determine to be comparable government units. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:37 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: April 10, 2008

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Moving Canton High School, East Middle School, and Tanger Center.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on April 7, 2008. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. and Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 @ 2:30 p.m. at the construction trailer located at East Middle School, 1042 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1021 - Frank Green - 10 Boxes, TV, misc Items
1045 - Earl Gibbons - Dryer, Refrigerator, Washer
1061 - Ameer Corzine - Mattress, TV, 50 Boxes
2035 - Greg Cannon - Stereo, Couch, Desk
3034 - Peggy Farrell - 10 Totes, Snowboard, Trunk
3059 - Cheryl Roberts - Boxes, Bags, Totes
4004 - Lizzie Marshall - 20 Boxes, Trunk, 3 Lamps
5028 - Johnnie Roberts - Boxes, Bags, Totes
5057 - Angela Sumpter - Dryer, Washer 6 Totes
8032 - Kimberly Barnet - 4 Boxes, 2 Vases, 2 Luggage

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 21st, 2008 @ 12:00 PM (Noon), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under that judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

Ray Schultz D157 10x10 1 Bowflex, approx 20 Boxes of misc. household goods, approx 3 totes of misc. household goods, 2 bar stools, 1 CRT Television, 1 Vacuum, 1 Guitar Case, 1 Wood Chest of Drawers, 1 plastic Chest, Queen Size Bed/Box Springs/Frame, Steel Shelving Unit, Case of CD's, Misc. Household Goods.
Hester Barksdale I316 10x10 Circular Saw, 6ft Aluminum Ladder, Wooden Buffet Table, 15+ totes of misc. household goods/collectables, 100+ boxes of misc. household goods and collectables.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1009 - Rose Jackson - 5 Totes, 3 Bags, 4 boxes
2037 - Shawn Booth - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Sofa, Dresser
3020 - Isiah Wardlow - Toolbox, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
3021 - Regina Griffin - 50 Boxes, table, misc items
3042 - Christina Cabrera - Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator
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4120 - Grant Young - Dresser, Headboard, Mirrors
4148 - David Fuller - 10 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
4155 - Kenya Davis - Mattress Headboard, misc Items
4237 - Jeri Luce - Bicycle, 20 Boxes, Portable TV
3030 - Charles Graham II - Big Screen TV, Leather Couch, 4 Chairs
4243 - Thelma Hughey - 2 Suitcases, tote, 5 boxes
4257 - Judy Bennett - Suitcase, 30 Boxes, Misc Items
5030 - Sonja Rice - Mattress, TV, 25 Boxes
5107 - Gloria and Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer
5245 - Erin Morley - 4 Chairs, headboard, 20 Boxes
5301 - Frank Fischer - Snow blower, Mountain-bike, 25 Boxes
5305 - Charlott Smith - 200 Office Chairs
5341 - Charon Renae Roberts - 20 Box, Lamp, Misc Items

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# Lady Warriors notch historic first win SALEM

FROM PAGE B1

**BY ED WRIGHT**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A last-minute change of scenery didn't faze the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team Friday night in its inaugural MHSAA-sanctioned game against host Rochester.

The Lady Warriors prevailed, 18-7, in a game that was moved to Rochester High School due to unplayable conditions at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

"I was pretty nervous about

how we would perform in the season opener knowing that Rochester had already won their opener," admitted PCs coach Dave Medley. "I wasn't sure how changing the game site would affect our team morale as I knew how badly the girls had been waiting to play the game at home."

"However, the team did not let me down when it came to offensive fire-power."

The Lady Warriors led by just three at the half, but took control during the final 30 minutes. Laura Hahn and Kate

Spangler led the offensive assault, netting six and five goals, respectively, for the winners.

Stephanie Pettevello and Amy Coleman both scored a pair of goals each while single goals were registered by Amanda Yang, Chelsea Olson and Lauren Miller.

"Maintaining the lead allowed us to rotate players frequently, resulting in keeping fresh legs on the field," Medley said. "This really wore down Rochester, although they had a larger roster."

years who need to step it up a little bit."

Salem's defense turned in a stellar effort. Anchored by senior net-minder Kristen Dondzila (eight saves), the Rocks staved off every Falcon scoring challenge.

The most impressive defensive play of the night for the winners unfolded 10 minutes into the second half when defender Lauren Booth skillfully directed the ball out of harm's way as a Falcon forward moved to the door-step of the goal crease.

Maggie Huls and Amanda Krause also came up with shut-out-preserving plays to assist Dondzila.

The total-team effort was just what Shull and her teammates were looking for to help them erase the painful memories of the opening-game loss as well as a so-so 6-11-1 record in 2007.

"We have a new little motto this year that says every time we go out there, we have to play hard for every inch," said Shull. "At the end of the game, the number of inches we won will determine whether we win or lose."

"I like our attitude this year. We're playing for one another and not ourselves."

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# 'Cat LAX crew derails Tigers, 14-0; now 2-0

The Plymouth boys lacrosse team remained unbeaten with a 14-0 trouncing of Belleville Tuesday night.

Patrick Downey paced the 2-0 Wildcats with four goals and an assist. Plymouth's stingy defense limited the Tigers to just one shot on goal.

"I thought we played well on both ends of the field tonight," said

Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "Our defense was aggressive and quick, and we cleared the ball very well. Our young defensemen made some great passes up field."

"I was impressed with Ben Burkman at close defense and Ethan Christensen as a long-stick middle. They're both freshmen and they will only get better."

Scott Darel broke the scoring

ice for the Wildcats with a goal 25 seconds into the contest. Connor Martin assisted on the net-finder. Downey, Patrick Miller and Ryan Renault also contributed to the first-quarter onslaught with single goals. The winners put the game away in the second period on scores from John Olevnik (two), Martin, Patrick Downey, Conor Downey and Pat Smiatacz.

Plymouth's second-half goals were registered by Patrick Downey (two), Smiatacz and Jack Distel.

Toufic Saati and Jordan Caverly shared the shutout in net for the Wildcats.

"We have to tighten up some things for our game Thursday against Brighton," said Costello.

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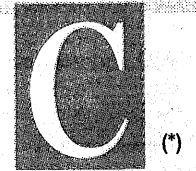
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## Apartment group lauds winners at Community House

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) has announced the winners of its Apartment Management Industry Excellence (AMIE) Awards. Winners were recognized at an awards reception on Thursday, March 6, at The Community House in Birmingham.

The AMIE awards are held each year to honor the most outstanding professionals in Southeastern Michigan's multi-family housing industry. The awards encompass a variety of industry categories and winners were selected utilizing a comprehensive set of criteria.

This year's honorees are:

■ Maintenance Professional of the Year (Under 300 Apartment Homes) Matt Larkins of Landquest Properties

■ Maintenance Professional of the Year (300 Apartment Homes or More) Jeff Price of Brody Companies

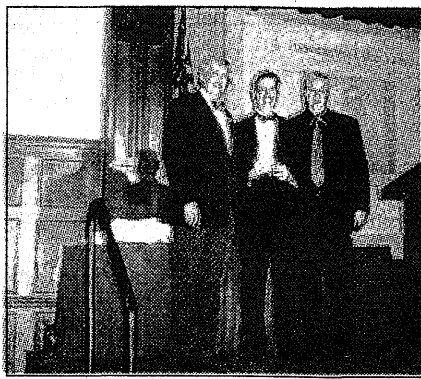
■ Leasing Consultant of the Year (Under 300 Apartment Homes) Nellie Klug of Singh Management

■ Leasing Consultant of the Year (300 Apartment Homes or More) Debbie Amori of Beztak

■ Assistant Manager of the Year Terri Boland of Beztak

■ Resident Manager of the Year Ramie Yancey of Brody Companies

■ Property Manager of the Year Maria Jamrozik of Lockwood Companies



Melvin Kaftan, Associate of the Year Ziggy Martin of Midwest Cabinet and Counter, and Michael Tobin share a moment. Kaftan and Tobin were masters of ceremonies.

■ Associate of the Year Ziggy Martin of Midwest Cabinet & Counter

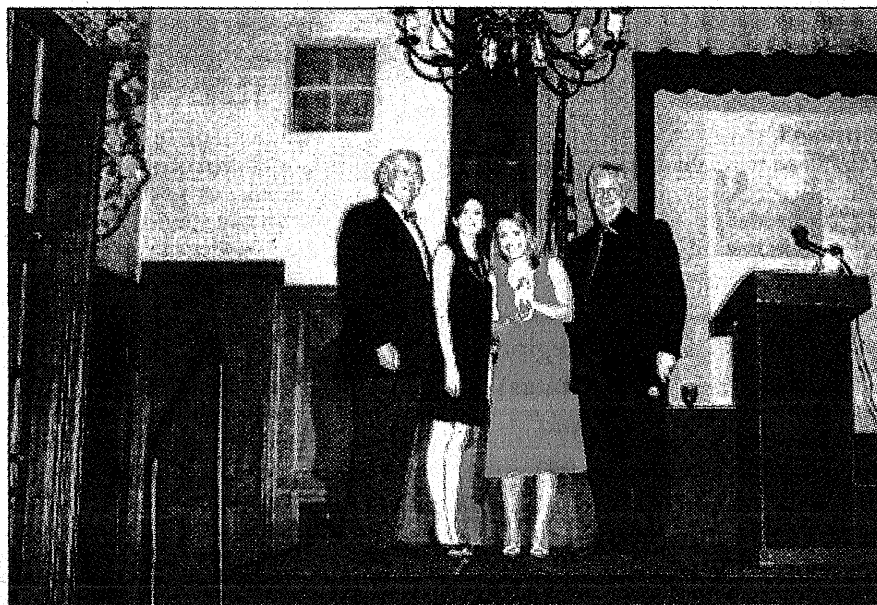
■ Best Print Media Riverland Woods of Landquest Properties

■ Best Web site Kaftan Communities

■ Property of the Year (Under 20 Years of Age) Briarcliff Village by Singh Management

■ Property of the Year (20 Years of Age or More) Fountain Park South by Brody Companies

Masters of Ceremonies for the awards event were Melvin Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises and Michael Tobin of Group Five Management.

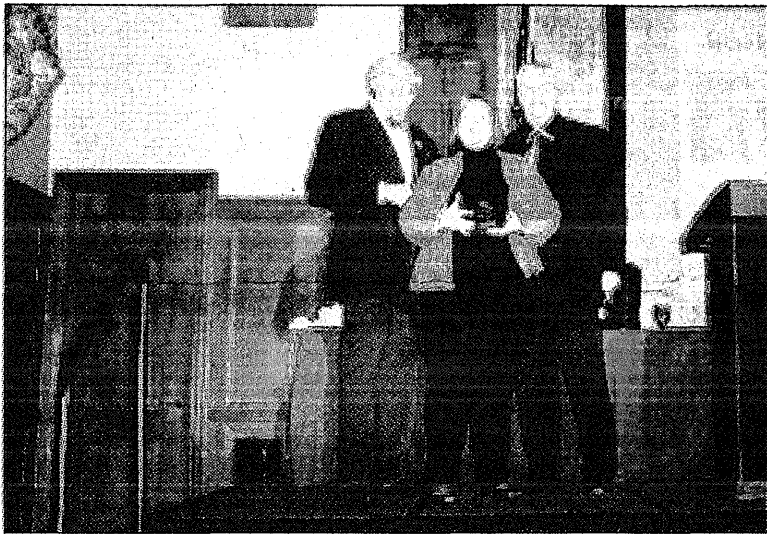


Master of ceremonies Melvin Kaftan, representatives of Property of the Year Briarcliff Village, and master of ceremonies Michael Tobin share the spotlight at The Community House.



Melvin Kaftan, Maintenance Professional of the Year (under 300 homes) Matt Larkins of Landquest Properties and Michael Tobin pause before the audience.

Melvin Kaftan, Resident Manager of the Year Ramie Yancey of Brody Companies and Michael Tobin before the crowd at the event.



Apartment Association of Michigan President Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises expressed appreciation to all those member companies who entered the program this year and commended the winners on their outstanding contributions to the industry.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) and Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) are

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

## Detroit still good for investing

**Q. I am an investor in an apartment building in Detroit. I am thinking about converting the apartments into condos but am concerned about the scandal-ridden administration of the city in terms of investment. What do you think?**

**A. Hopefully, things will work out with the mayor, but I believe that the city is still a good place to invest, assuming the administration of the city concentrates its**

**efforts on allowing developers to develop with undo interference and/or favoritism. Many of my clients have been successful in the City of**

**Detroit, and I believe that it is still a good opportunity given the right circumstances.**

**Q. Our condo association is having a problem with co-owners putting in hardwood flooring. We want to draft a bylaw amendment to deal with the situation; do you have any suggestions?**

**A. Obviously, you should consult with your association attorney. We suggest that you add language that tells the unit owner that should they put in hardwood flooring, even with board approval, assuming it is required, the unit owner assumes the risk of enforcement exposure from a lower unit owner who claims that the use of the flooring-walking constitutes an annoyance or nuisance. In other words, construction and use are distinct issues which should be dealt with in any bylaw amendment or any approval given to a co-owner with respect to hardwood flooring installation.**

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

## Annual awards will honor minority housing efforts

Applications are now being accepted for the fifth HOPE (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone) Awards. The HOPE Awards is a national industry awards program that recognizes individuals and organizations that are making outstanding contributions to increase minority homeownership, revitalize communities and expand affordable housing opportunities across the country.

Many American families own their home, but not everyone realizes the dream of homeownership. While more than three out of four white households own their own home, only half of minority households enjoy the benefits of homeownership. The HOPE Awards

honor those who strive to remove barriers to minority homeownership and focus public attention on that vital issue.

The HOPE Awards program is sponsored by a partnership of real estate associations; awards are conferred every other year. HOPE Awards winners receive \$10,000, national media coverage, paid travel expenses to attend and speak at a minority housing symposium, and recognition at the HOPE Awards Gala in May 2009.

The categories for the HOPE Awards are Finance, Homeownership Education, Leadership, Media, Project of the Year, Public Policy, and Real Estate Brokerage. Entries are evalu-

ated by a panel of distinguished judges, based on the impact of the nominee's work in promoting minority homeownership, focus on affordability, use of innovative ideas, and acceptance by the minority community.

Individuals, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and state and local agencies are eligible. Self-nominations are encouraged. The fourth HOPE Awards, which were granted in May 2007, honored the Colorado Housing Assistance Corp. (Finance); Marcus Luke II and Pamela Ranslam-Schofield, Umatilla Reservation Housing Authority, Pendleton, Ore. (Homeownership Education); Chickie Grayson, Enterprise Homes Inc.,

Baltimore (Leadership); Monsignor William Linder New Community Corp., Newark, N.J. (Project of the Year); the Rev. Vien The Nguyen, Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, New Orleans (Public Policy); and Berenice Gomez, Harvest Home Mortgage, Melville, N.Y. (Real Estate Brokerage). No award was made in the media category in 2007.

HOPE Awards entries must be received by Dec. 5, 2008. For HOPE Awards entry forms and submission guidelines, visit [www.hopeawards.org](http://www.hopeawards.org) or call (202) 383-1013. Winners will be announced in April 2009. The HOPE Awards Gala will take place in Washington, D.C., in May 2009.

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Seminar free to members, \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742. Visit [www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com) for information.

**BIA**

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

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased

profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

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

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

Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, 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-taking strategies.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on

Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Wilmar staff will instruct attendees in 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. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan




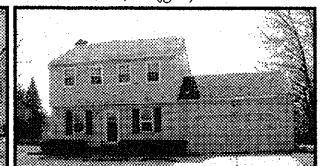
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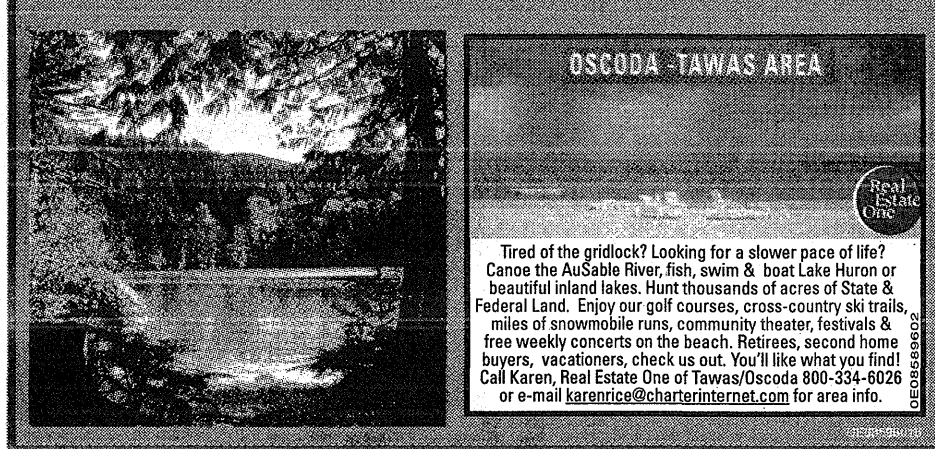
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Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of *The Eight New Rules of Real Estate*; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland,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

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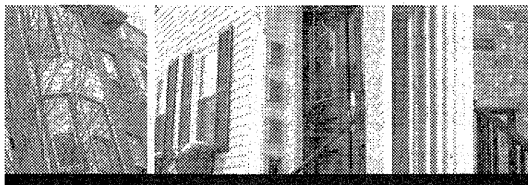
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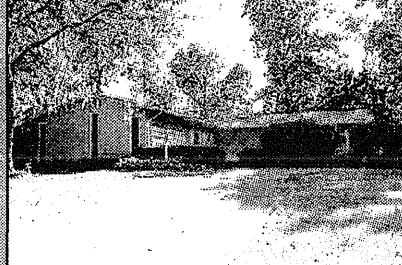
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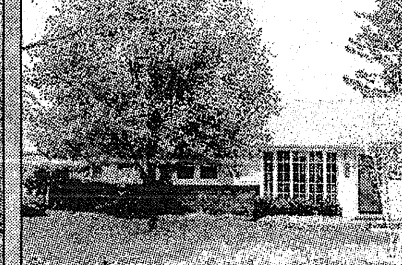
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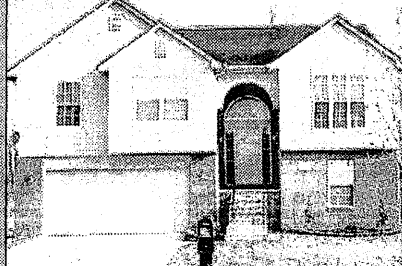
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\$110K + updates, Custom kit w/granite, roof, plmbg & elec., furnace, c/a & floors. Great room w/frplc. Charming mstr ste.  
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**REDFORD \$93,900**  
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**ROMULUS \$190,000**  
Over 20,000 in updates & upgrades, 5 br, 3 ba. Cherry cabs in kit & bath, 2 fireplaces, crown molding, neutral décor.  
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**DEARBORN \$116,990**  
West Dearborn 3 br ranch. Wallside windows w/ warranty, appliances, c/a, fin bsmt with full bath.  
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**LIVONIA \$169,500**  
Well maintained ranch, 1st fl laundry, newer roof, sep. dining room, eat in kit w/all appliances, sprinkler system.  
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**CANTON TWP. \$199,500**  
Lovely detached condo, open fl plan, Hrd floors in foyer, hall, kit & nook. Mst ste. w/vaulted ceiling & private bath.  
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**HAZEL PARK \$74,800**  
Super sharp ranch, Updated thru out, new roof, new kit, all appliances, washer & dryer. Hrd flrs, Clean & freshly painted.  
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**WESTLAND \$159,900**  
Just move in! 3 br 1.5 ba ranch, updated kit, fresh carpet & paint, master has 1/2 ba, fin bsmt, beautiful landscape w/pond & patio.  
MLS 28050252 734-462-9800



**INDEPENDENCE \$599,000**  
Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4 designer bath home. 2 story turret entry. Great room w/fireplace, Rich detailed custom cabinetry in kitchen & dining room.  
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**DETROIT \$169,500**  
Beautiful updated ranch. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Fin hwdwd flrs, fresh paint, newer windows & entry doors. Finished bsmt w/2nd kitchen & full bath.  
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5 bedroom, 5 bath home located in Clarkston School District. Sited on hill overlooking Park Lake. GR w/gas FP, LR, DR, study. Lush landscaping.  
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**ORION TWP. \$339,700**  
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**WATERFORD TWP. \$182,900**  
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Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home located on 1 acre of private land. Formal DR & LR, French doors to study. 2 story GR w/gas fireplace.  
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**WHITE LAKE TWP. \$259,900**  
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**SPRINGFIELD TWP. \$269,900**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with vaulted great room and fireplace. Delightful kitchen and breakfast area. Formal DR. Finished walkout bsmt.  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$565,000**  
Former Model. 4 BR, 6 BA, Fin LL, 3 Car Gar. Grmt Grnte Kit. Open Flr Plan, Lx Mstr Ste w/Tray Ceil & Frplc. Crn Mld, Hrdwd Flrs. W. Blm Schls.  
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**COMMERCE \$239,900**  
Best Price! Ranch End Unit. 2 BR, 2 BA, Overlooks Pond W/ext Deck. High Ceil, New Grnte Kit, Sink & Faucet. 2 Car Att. Gar. All Appl. Included. 1 Yr Warr.  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$149,000**  
Ranch Home. Grnte Kit, Cer. Fir, Frml Din Rm, Liv Rm, Fam Rm/Off w/Chrry Cabs. Mstr w/Sit Rm w/Frnch Drs to 2nd patio. Att. Gar. Must see and sell!  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$460,000**  
Great Value! Master Suite, Grmt Grnte Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frplc. Garden Rm to Paver Patio. Fin LL w/Bar, Billiard Rm. Many Updates. W. Blm Schls.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$325,000**  
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**ORCHARD LAKE \$500,000**  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$278,900**  
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**WATERFORD \$99,000**  
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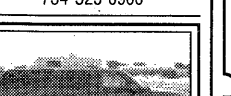
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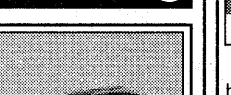
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Seasonal help needed for Northville Crossings. Subject to criminal background check. Fax resume to: 248-449-4792.

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**GROUNDSKEEPER/ POOL ATTENDANT**  
Apt. Community in Livonia seeking groundskeeper/pool attendant. Apply in person: **FRANKLIN SQUARE** 28940 Lancaster, Livonia No Phone Calls, Please

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Full-Time for Westland practice. Seeking a mature team player with clinical exp. or recent graduate of a recognized Medical Assistant Program. Benefits & occasional Sat. Fax resume & cover letter: **734-525-3876**

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**Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020**

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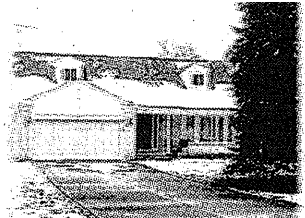
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**Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430**  
Charming Bungalow. Why rent when you can own this BTFL BNGLOW on corner lot in quiet NBHD for less? Updates galore, lots of storage. GR! Price. Grab this one quick!  
(28035712) \$99,900



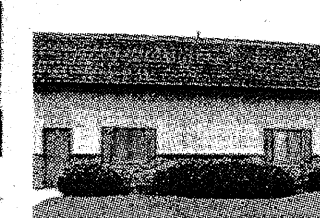
**Highland 248-684-1065**  
1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, lake privs on White Lake.  
(28019474) \$164,900



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Lg deep .72 acre lot. Historic home. 27x8 covered porch w/ deck above. Rear deck porch 32x10. Upper decks w/ D/W from brs. Kit open to FR w/ hearth. 20x34 den.  
(28005273) \$194,900



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newly remodeled 3BR/2 full baths. Ceramic eat-in kitchen. All new systems. Part. fin. basement. 2 car garage.  
(28039773) \$199,000



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Unit In Colonial Industrial Park. 2400 sq. ft. unit at a reasonable price. Office space, warehouse space, 16' overhead door, 3 phase electricity. Lease includes assoc. dues and property tax.  
(2725639) \$1,500



**Brighton 248-437-3800**  
BEST VALUE IN BRIGHTON Living rm. Family rm w/fireplace. Perfect for 1st home. Pergo in bedrooms, living rm. Fenced in private yard. Room for future garage.  
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**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
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(27143944) \$325,000



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
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(27206476) \$59,900



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
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(28033993) \$139,900



**Plymouth 248-348-6430**  
Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch. Economical starter home. Great find bsm, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.  
(27166790) \$179,900



**Southfield 248-348-6430**  
New Construction in Southfield. Two elegant starter home. Great find bsm, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.  
(27091687) \$354,000



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
THIS COLONIAL IS A 10+!!! Central vacuum, yard wired for invisible fence, custom deck & landscaping. Kit w/under cabs lighting, hrdwd flrs, opens to lg GR. Mstr ste w/WIC, bath. 3 car gar.  
(28046270) \$259,900



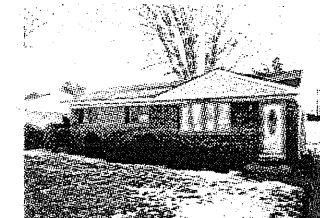
**Farmington Hills 248-348-6430**  
Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation, spacious kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, new garage w/rear access, great setting!  
(28014514) \$279,900



**Howell 248-437-3800**  
STYLISH BRICK 2 STORY Has private pond on 5 acres. Stunning dual entry staircase. Kit. open to lrg bft area & family rm. Perfect for extended family. 5 car garage. Close to xway.  
(28038049) \$529,900



**Northfield 248-437-3800**  
A COUNTRY ESTATE On 49 acre horse farm. Updated 2 story hmn, 4 bdms, 3 baths, great rm, country kit. Horse barn w/8 stalls, separate well, elect. fenced paddocks, pond.  
(27206425) \$950,000



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
HOME SHOWS GREAT! 3 bedrm brick ranch. Eat-in kitchen w/cherry cabinetry, bath with unique ceramic tile, family room with fireplace and much more!  
(28031630) \$169,900



**Southfield 248-348-6430**  
Nature Has Provided 3 lots left in this great location in a beautiful neighborhood of fine homes and large lots. Mature trees in the back provide privacy. Build your dream estate.  
(27090340) \$90,000



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
THIS IS THE ONE! Incredible features: updated kit, carpet, hi-eff. furn & A/C, siding, windows; all since '04. Deck w/fish pond & waterfall. All appl. included. Home Warranty!  
(28050671) \$226,900



**Farmington Hills 248-348-6430**  
Canterbury Common. Spacious 2958 SF colonial in Canterbury Common, 4 could be 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA. New roof & HW, HW Flrs under all carpeting, huge FR w/FP.  
(28010507) \$255,000



**Howell 248-437-3800**  
STUNNING 2 STORY Shows like a model. You'll love the layout. Premium wooded lot w/wildlife is very peaceful. Stamped patio and a 3 car garage.  
(28037285) \$269,900



**Northville 248-684-1065**  
Beautiful Historical Home in Charming Northville. 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Bths; Hrdwd Flrs & Crown Moulding T/O; Cherry Kit w/Tin Ceil; Master Ste; Lib; 2-Car Gar.  
(28011442) \$460,000



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Private Lakefront Retreat! All sports private chain of lakes, home has many windows with a beautiful view out of every one. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, fieldstone fireplace.  
(27211995) \$549,000



**Van Buren Twp 734-455-7000**  
GORGEOUS SETTING! 4 bedrms/2 full baths/ 2 1/2 baths. Colonial on a cul-de-sac. Backing to pond. Prof. fin basement. Home Warranty. Immed. Occup.  
(27104089) \$214,000



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDAR SPRINGS ESTATES. Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulted FR w/FP. Spacious kitchen. Formal LR & DR. 3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and lg yard w/lots of trees for privacy.  
(28052559) \$249,900



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
3 BR UPDATED & HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RANCH All finished hardwood floors, new paint & new bath. 3 BR, 2.1 BA. New energy efficient furnace & A/C. 2 sided fireplace, full finished basement.  
(28055947) \$184,900



**Inkster 734-455-7000**  
"AS-IS" SALE! MINIMAL REPAIRS REQUIRED! Seller has ordered city inspection. 3BR/2BA brick ranch. 2 full ceramic BAs. Ceram tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, roof, HW, HW flrs under all carpeting.  
(28027646) \$79,900



**Westland 248-348-6430**  
\$40,000 BELOW SEV! Fenced double lot backing to golf course-ranch w/updtd kit & cabs, updated BA w/peDESTAL sink, ceramic tile in mud rm & lndry. Kroll wdws 03, newer carpet, refinished hwdwd flrs.  
(28022898) \$95,000



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdms loft area, 3.5 baths, grmt kit hrdwd, fr w/FP, hot tub, mstr ste w/ bath jet tub, lwr lvl had fr w/ full bath & bdrm, 3 car gar.  
(28039953) \$332,900



**West Bloomfield 248-684-1065**  
Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.  
(27104089) \$185,000



**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
Overlooking golf course w/scenic view. Move in condition. Ceiling/window upgrades, wood floors, custom cabs, granite counters, granite counters, window seats.  
(27153401) \$329,000



**Farmington Hills 248-348-6430**  
Almost everything is new! Kitchen with granite, ceramic floor, cabinets, lighting, appliances, garage floor, carpet. Screened back porch, nestled on almost 1 acre.  
(28051154) \$165,000



**Kalkaska 231-946-4040**  
130' STARVATION LAKE ALL SPORTS LAKE with sandy beach and bottom. 1,300 sq ft chalet with natural fireplace. Knotty pine ceiling. Great water views. Very private hardwood setting!  
(1685663) \$279,900



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Urban hip condo with suburban comfort Beautiful newer condo in great location near downtown Novi. 2 br, 2 ba, finished LL. Upgrades include hardwood floors, security system, gas fireplace in GR.  
(28042184) \$200,000



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
Great Cape Cod on Cul-de-sac. Kit w/ Bst Bar & Din area. Bay Wndw, Drwl leads deck w/ Hot Tub. Kit Aid Appls stay. 1st Flr Mstr w/ Bath. Loft Ovrlks 2 stry GR FP, Cntrl Vac. 3+ Heated Gar.  
(28038454) \$289,500



**Westland 248-348-6430**  
Move-In Condition! Immaculate & well-maintained 2 stry CLNL w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs & fin'd bsm't (Owens-Corning Panels). Open floor plan, 1st flr lndry, newer sub. A great buy!  
(28044111) \$149,900



**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
All sports Lake Sherwood waterfront for under \$300,000! 5 BDRMs, 3 full baths, HDWD flrs. Kit open to large FR w/ FP & doorwall to patio. Unfin W/O.  
(28026287) \$295,000



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
COZY RANCH IN GREAT LOCATION 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fresh paint & carpet, newer windows, new vinyl siding. Updated bath. Oversized garage w/workshop. Move in condition.  
(28000661) \$129,000



**Kalkaska 231-946-4040**  
MANISTEE LAKE LOG COTTAGE Extensively updated log cabin w/2 BR plus loft area. Includes dock, furniture and furnishings. Direct frontage on all-sports, 860-acre lake, sandy beach.  
(1684603) \$77,760



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Large Novi Condo with Basement! 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs! 1,300 sq ft+! Fin'd bsm't Novi Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warranty! All appliances included! Lots of Storage!  
(28024155) \$119,000



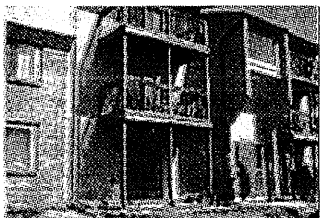
**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
NEW CONSTRUCTION - TO BE BUILT! Maplewood model to be built... nice subdivision with large lots. Walking trails.  
(28043030) \$224,900



**Westland 734-555-7000**  
VERY WELL-CARED-FOR RANCH! Updates incl: bath w/new tub, vanity & tile... very sharp! Newer circuit breaker box, furn '03, roof '05, new driveway, siding '06, & fin bsm't. Livonia schools!  
(28046276) \$139,900



**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
Priced way below value! Builders own home very well built. Open flr plan w/ cath, ceilings. Brick FP in GR. Walkout/finished LL. Insulated garage.  
(28008321) \$285,000



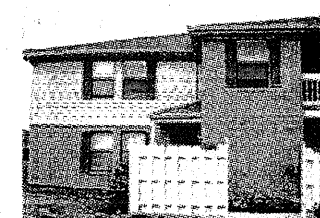
**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
NICELY KEPT ENTRY LEVEL UNIT-NO STAIRS! Updated neutral decor. Lge MBR w/ WIC. Updated kit w/all appl. Included. Updated ceramic bath & in unit laundry. Carport, community pool, tennis. Low monthly dues.  
(28057184) \$73,000



**Livonia 734-455-7000**  
PICTURE PERFECT! Great ranch w/outstanding new kit. Totally updated bath. Other updates: siding, copper plumb, roof, A/C, HW, H & more! Fin. bsm't. All appl including washer & dryer.  
(28051356) \$152,900



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more, basement is partially finished, private patio.  
(27166924) \$115,000



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
Upper End Unit Opn flr pln, Newer Hrdwd Flrs in Din Area & Kit, Newer Carpet & Paint t-o. Upgraded Appl Stay, Cath Ceil in LR, 2 Full Baths, Upper Blncy Ovrlks Pool.  
(28036313) \$128,900



**White Lake 248-348-6430**  
Super Opportunity! White Lake Privileges. Large addition 2005! Huge master BR w/2 skylights, 2 WIC's! Sub has beach! Access to All-Sports White Lk! Newer roof! Nice FRI Convenient to M-59. Home Warranty.  
(27193222) \$125,000



**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
Sharp 4 br home on lg lot. Newer kit, furn, CA, concrete drive. Lg fenced rear yard w/ shed. Screened in porch. Quiet street in great neighborhood. WL schools.  
(27071237) \$159,500



**Farmington Hills 248-684-1065**  
Dramatic entry of HDWD, stone FP & vaulted ceiling. Kit w/ eating area. 1/2 bath. Island kit w/maple cabs, doorwall to paver patio. French doors/ctn ceilings.  
(27192449) \$249,900



**Lyon Township 248-437-3800**  
POPULAR MARTINDALE SUB The largest floor plan & 3 car garage. Very clean, well maintained colonial. Vaulted family rm w/ fireplace. Huge deck. Prof. fin. LL w/5th bdrm. Close to xway.  
(28037603) \$264,900



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
THIS IS TRULY A CUSTOM ONE-OF-A-KIND! Many custom features: iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched-ways, pillars, daylight bsm't, 3 car gar, ceram flrs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease!  
(28045163) \$369,000



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout. 2 Bdrm 1 1/2 baths, Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd, Newer crpt & paint, Lrg Mstr w/ w/ Closets, Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ priv ent, Att Gar.  
(28038455) \$121,900



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
Unique perfection. Back Yard lover, 1 full bth on each flr, new wndws upstairs, new ext drs, new furn-a-c-hwh. New carpet & Pergo flrs, updt'd bthrms, huge fin bsm't, fam rm leads to deck w/hot tub, pond.  
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**Dearborn 248-437-3800**  
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## Take a diversified approach to backing up your data

For someone who claims to be tech savvy, I learn a lot of lessons the hard way.

Take my backup drive (please!), a Maxtor Shared Storage II. It's a network drive, meaning it connects to my router to provide storage for all the PCs in my house.


**Tech Savvy**

Rick Broida

I use it as the central repository for my music library. It's also the destination for daily backups of my primary PC.

Because the MSS II incorporates a pair of hard drives configured to "mirror" one another (meaning all data gets duplicated on both drives), it's about as fail-safe a backup system as you can have.

Or so I thought. A few days ago, my MSS II died. Poof. It just stopped working. A call to Maxtor's tech support (which, to the company's credit, was answered immediately by an English-speaking human) proved distressing: The unit was bad and would need to be replaced.

Of course, the one-year warranty had already expired. Oh, and my data? Gone forever, unless I wanted to spring for pricey data-recovery service.

Thankfully, this was not the catastrophe it could have been.

My only real concern was my MP3 library, which currently spans some 3,200 songs. Rebuilding it would have been a major hassle.

Luckily, I didn't have to: The entire library was riding around in my Zune player. Normally, you can't pull files off a Zune the way you can an external hard drive, but a little Google searching revealed a simple hack that made it possible. Within a few minutes I'd copied all my tunes to my PC.

It was like I had an unintentional backup. And it reminded me of the time my Outlook data file got corrupted, destroying all my addresses, appointments, tasks, and memos.

Fortunately, all I had to do was sync my Palm PDA, which had copies of everything, and presto: data restored.

 Please see **TECH, D2**


JEFF DUNN

At 'Antiques Roadshow' in Las Vegas, a guest can't hold back her tears when she discovers that the ring she inherited from her grandfather's pawn shop is an extremely high-quality, five-carat, Asscher-cut diamond, set in platinum. Appraiser Adam Patrick of A La Vieille Russie, values the item between \$165,000 to \$175,000. Tickets are now available, through a random drawing, for the show's Michigan stop this summer.

## Hidden treasures

 STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

*Antiques Roadshow*, the popular PBS show that pairs the excitement of a treasure-hunt with a dose of history, will make a Michigan stop on its summer tour this year. In each episode, appraisers meet with independent dealers from across the country to determine the value of their antiques and collectibles. Some are stunned to find the value much higher than they ever dreamed, while others discover their treasure

is worth little more than its sentimental value.

Start gathering up those family heirlooms, scour the neighborhood garage sales and bring your wares to the show to learn all about these finds. Tickets are now available for *Roadshow's* visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place.

Don't wait, a random

 Please see **ROADSHOW, D2**

'Antiques Roadshow' comes to Michigan this summer



JEFF DUNN

In this episode of 'Antiques Roadshow', the owner (right) brings in a very personal 'Saturday Evening Post' cover illustration, painted by her stepfather, John Falter. In fact, the little girl featured on the cover is the owner herself at age 5. The cover and equally adorable story prompt appraiser Kathleen Guzman of Heritage Auctioneers to assign a value of \$175,000 to the item. On Aug. 9 Michigan residents can participate in the 'Roadshow' when it stops in Grand Rapids.

## P.K.N.T. is an acronym to know

Here are a few questions about your wine shopping habits. Do you shop at a specialty wine shop? Do you find it convenient to purchase wine at the grocery while you are doing your weekly shopping? Do you have a price range when you buy wine? Would you like to find a value wine that you can afford to drink with dinner on Tuesday evening?

If you are likely to take a recommendation, we have one for you. Appearing in your local grocery this month is a new Chilean wine brand P.K.N.T. (pronounced "picante") and guaranteed to "spice up your life" at \$7 per bottle.

If you're young or feel young, this wine aims to please by bringing fun and pleasure into your life. The stylish label featuring a long, slender, silver chili pepper is instantly rec-


**Focus on Wine**  
Ray & Eleanor Heald

ognizable. It is reminiscent of the long, slender country of Chile squeezed between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Andes Mountains to the east. From north to south, Chile is almost 2,800 miles long and approaches Antarctica at the southern tip of Patagonia.

Here are a few P.K.N.T. wines to buy:

- 2006 Sauvignon Blanc is bright and fresh with citrus notes; it makes for easy drinking.

- 2006 Chardonnay has a smooth mouthfeel with fresh pineapple aroma and flavor.

- 2006 Rose is made from

cabernet sauvignon which gives a dark red fruit character.

- 2006 Merlot is easy to like with good fruit and structure.

- 2006 Carmenere is grown mostly in Chile and often mistaken for merlot.

- 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon has ripe fruit with a good balance of dry tannins.

### SMALL PLATES AND WINE

Do you need menu ideas with wine suggestions? Would you like a collection of terrific small plates recipes? How about food and wine guidelines? You should discover the new book *Small Plates, Perfect Wines* by Lori Lyn Narlock sponsored by Kendall-Jackson, Andrews McMeel Publishing (\$16.95) available at your local bookstore, online at [kj.com/book](http://kj.com/book) or

 Please see **WINE, D2**

### WINE PICKS

Your tastebuds are thinking spring. Satisfy them with out-of-the-ordinary wines such as Albarino from Spain's northwest region of Rias Baixas. Try: 2006 Condes de Albarei Salneval \$10, 2006 Condes de Albarei \$15 and 2005 Condes de Albarei Carballo Galego \$25.

Sticking to classical? Buy a Chardonnay that you may not know from the following.

**Pick of the Pack:** 2006 Morgan Double L Vineyard \$44

**Excellent:** 2006 Gainey Sta. Rita Hills \$20, 2005 Marimar Estate Dobles Lias \$45

**Very Good:** 2006 Robert Talbott Kali Hart \$14, 2007 Kim Crawford Marlborough (Unoaked) \$17, 2006 Souverain Alexander Valley \$17, 2006 Murphy-Goode Sonoma

County \$17, 2005 Donati Family Vineyard \$18, 2006 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$21

2006 Hess Suskol Vineyard \$25, 2006 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard \$35

### Wallet Friendly:

2006 Bogle \$9, 2006 Cupcake Vineyards \$10 - one of the best at this price but available at Cost Plus World Market only.

2006 Peter Lehmann Barossa \$11

### Passover Wines from France:

2005 Fortant Chardonnay, 2005 Fortant Merlot and 2004 Fortant Cabernet Sauvignon, each at \$13 and certified kosher for Passover as well as Yayin Mevushal (universally kosher) or flash pasteurized. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

## ACCENTS

### VICKIE WINANS APPEARS IN ADS

Art Van Furniture has partnered with award-winning gospel recording artist, Vickie Winans, to create a new series of radio advertisements. The spots, which began airing throughout the state this week, include music and words written by Vickie and her son Marvin Winans, Jr.

As a native Detroit, Vickie Winans has shopped at Art Van since she was 19 years of age. In the spots, she sings the tagline "Art Van, where you belong/Art Van, now you're finally home" and shares her experiences as a customer.

Winans has enjoyed a 20-year career in gospel music. In that time, she has had six Grammy Award nominations, eight Stellar Awards and an NAACP Image Award.

For more information on Art Van Furniture, visit [artvan.com](http://artvan.com).

### STARTING SEEDS

Look, it's too early to plant, OK? Don't be fooled by those mid-50 degree temperatures.

But it's not too early to start seeds. In fact, it might even be little late for those early spring crops.

LeRoy Wolff, an advanced master gardener, will discuss planting seeds, what works and what doesn't at an Introduction to Gardening: Starting Seeds with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Environmental Interpretive Center Room 119 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Rd. Visit [www.mgawc.org/program\\_intro.htm](http://www.mgawc.org/program_intro.htm) for more information.

Want to learn how to attract butterflies to your yard? The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association hosts a slide lecture on how to attract those beautiful insects at 7 p.m. April 16 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Admission is \$3, free for SEMBA members. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

And if you're an orchids fan, the Michigan Orchids Society hosts Roger Zielinski of Raising Rarities on Sunday, April 20, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Zielinski, who has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years, will present "Cypripedium culture in pots" at this free program. Zielinski's passion lies in antique roses and 17th century gardens. There will be a potting demonstration at 1:40 p.m., so bring an orchid that needs re-potting to the meeting along with potting mix and a clean pot.

The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information call (586) 416-1496.



**TECH**

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**THE DIVERSIFIED BACKUP PLAN**

Smart investors know the value of having a diversified portfolio. I recommend you implement a diversified backup plan as well.

As illustrated in my examples, a Zune or iPod already serves as a de facto backup of your music (though you may have to jump through a hoop or two to retrieve it). And if you have a smartphone or PDA that syncs with your PC, you can consider your contacts and calendar backed up as well.

If you're a Firefox user (and you should be), it's a simple matter to make copies of your bookmarks, which most users would be loathe to lose. Just install the free Foxmarks plug-in (foxmarks.com), which copies them all to the Web—and incidentally, can also keep them synchronized across multiple PCs. Internet Explorer users can accom-

plish the same thing with BookmarkSync (sync2it.com). Speaking of synchronization, you can take advantage of extra PCs by copying data to their hard drives. I use FolderShare (foldershare.com) to sync folders between my desktop PC and my notebook. That's not only useful from a work standpoint (I always have access to my important files), it also creates a kind of bonus backup.

FolderShare uses the Internet as the go-between for files. If you just want to sync across your home network, look no further than SyncToy (http://tinyurl.com/2cu9fh). Both programs are available free of charge.

As for e-mail, a few weeks back I wrote about routing your mail through Google's free Gmail service (gmail.google.com) as a way to stop spam. If you use Gmail's IMAP feature, that effectively provides a Web-based backup of all your messages.

What about photos? If you're a Flickr user (flickr.com), consider spending \$25 annually

for unlimited online storage. Use Flickr's software to upload new photos to your account and presto: Effortless online backup.

While we're on the subject of online storage, check out Carbonite (carbonite.com) and MozyHome (mozy.com), both of which offer unlimited Web space for reasonable rates. Their software runs in the background on your PC and automatically uploads new and changed files.

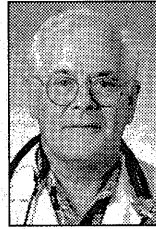
Of course, you should also be making regular backups using more conventional methods, like external hard drives.

My dead network drive served as a chilling reminder that data loss can happen without warning. If you have a diversified backup plan in place, you'll rarely find yourself without recourse.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheap skate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheap skate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

**Complaints sometimes get action**

There is not a week that goes by when I don't hear from a homeowner who is having a problem with a fairly new home appliance and can't get any satisfaction from the repair company or the manufacturer. The stories I've been told make my hair stand up. It is all too rare when a consumer contacts me with a follow-up story that is of a positive nature.



**Appliance Doctor**  
**Joe Gagnon**

Today, that happened when I received an e-mail from Joyce who writes: "I talked to you about a month ago when I had a three-way phone call with my sister Judy who lives near Ionia. We talked about a problem she had with her Whirlpool washer and dryer. You gave her a few suggestions (one of which was to contact a Lansing television station) and I said I'd let you know what happens. Here it is."

"She contacted a place in Lansing and they sent her some forms to fill out and send back in. Within a week

of returning these forms she was contacted by one of the top people of Whirlpool and they went over her history of complaints. They apologized for all she went through to get this solved and wound up offering her an exchange on any of their products, or a complete refund including all delivery and sales taxes she paid. She researched other washers and dryers and finally settled on a GE washer and dryer.

Whirlpool then instructed a local distributor in her area (which wound up to be the store from which she purchased her washer and dryer, which told her they couldn't do anything for her when she first complained) to pick up the Whirlpool washer and dryer. She had a check in hand for the full amount within three days of them picking them up. She is completely elated with her new GE set and is on cloud nine. We want to thank you so much for your suggestions and help."

Now let's face it, folks, you don't see many stories like this in my column — at least not for the last several years. Many of you watched the three-piece nightmare story that Channel 4's consumer reporter Ruth Spencer about her washing

machine a few months ago. She went through a lot of trouble to get her washer repaired. I have a feeling that her story has a lot to do with how the Ionia woman came to get satisfaction from a manufacturer. I would bet that a memo went to sales and service personnel who worked with customers, which stated that if a television station ever inquires about a dissatisfied customer, all employees should make sure the consumer is completely satisfied.

If my impression of how this episode went down is correct (and I can't be sure of this), it is truly another sad day in the appliance world. Do the manufacturers only respond in the proper way when publicity about a problem with a major home appliance is exposed in the masses?

If not, this story is a miracle and if you have a miracle I would love to hear from you. Stay tuned.

**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 Gagnon.

**ROADSHOW**

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selection of applicants will be drawn in May but all who are interested in attending must apply online by April 20. Those chosen from the drawing will receive two tickets and may bring along two items for a free evaluation.

Birmingham's own Caroline Ashleigh, of Caroline Ashleigh Associates, Inc., is among the appraisers on the show. She

called Filter recently to share the news.

"After 13 seasons this is our first time back in Michigan." It's been more than a decade since the show taped in Southfield and as a Michigan native she's pleased to see Antiques Roadshow finally return.

Ashleigh, host Mark L. Walberg, and the cast and crew of *Antiques Roadshow* will all be on hand for the Michigan taping.

On the show, Ashleigh

specializes in collectibles, rugs and textiles. She is a senior certified member of the Appraisers Association of America and serves as a consultant for top auction houses including Sotheby's. She began her career on staff at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. Learn more about her work at http://appraiseyourart.com.

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**WINE**

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phone (800) 769-3649.

Suggestions for pairing wine with food are made by Kendall-Jackson winemaker

Randy Ullom and serving tips are provided for small plates menus. Fifty uncomplicated, small plates recipes are beautifully illustrated with wine suggestions for each. At the end of the book, chef Justin Wangler put together several

season-focused menus with preparation plans. He illustrates how small plates can be mixed and matched. If you are out of entertaining ideas or just need to shake up your meal planning, try some of the unique and refreshing small plates ideas from *Small Plates, Perfect Wines*.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

**Green Lunch Series - Composting 101**

Join The Sierra Club for the Green Lunch Series meeting, conducted in the Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton, in Rochester Hills, at noon Friday, April 11. Stop in a few minutes early for lunch, and join Jane Giblin, a certified master composter, as she discusses the basics of composting. Learn what food waste can be used in a compost pile, such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells, and coffee grounds. To register, call (248) 652-2100. For more information, go to http://www.sierraclub.org/community/oakland/events.asp.

**Healthy Eating Made Easy**  
Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt

**FOOD CALENDAR**

Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods April 17; May 1 add 15 is vegan, located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com

**Great American Meatout**

Events encourage people to go meatless for the day and explore a plant-based diet, noon-5 p.m. April 13, Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest (south of Nine Mile Road, west of Woodward, \$10 adults, \$5 students, free to children under 6 and VegMichigan members, call www.VegMichigan.org, 877-778-3464.

**Learn at Lunch**

Create meals from the pantry with spring soup, pan-seared salmon and a trio of sauces, quick corn pudding and free-form fruit pies, \$8 materials fee payable in class, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 14, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

**The Community House**

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including Homemade Bread (homemade pizza dough, challah and yeast rolls), 7-9 p.m. April 14; Cuisine of the Emilia Romagna, class will sample a meal with Piadina, including prosciutto and fornarina, salsiccia alla campagnola sausage and nutella e fragoline, instructed by Gloriana Severini-Casadei, 7-9 p.m. April 16; Hands-on Knife Skills, 6:30-9 p.m. April 22; Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28; Authentic New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

**Green Street Fair**

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# Consider color, upholstery when mixing two styles

**Question:** "I have an Arts & Crafts style home and we've just added a new, four-season sun porch behind the home. I plan on using my existing wicker furniture, but how do I successfully mix the look of wicker furniture with the Arts & Crafts style of the rest of the house?"

**Design Solutions**

**Terri Guastella**

When mixing styles, there are a few things to consider. The stain color, paint color, upholstery, and overall shape of each furniture piece will help you to pull together an eclectic mix of styles like a pro.

Arts & Crafts is normally very linear with exposed, stained wood. Wicker, by contrast, is usually curvilinear with a painted finish. To marry

these two styles, you will first want to paint your wicker in a color similar to stained wood. That color range can be anywhere from a medium, honey oak color to dark brown walnut.

If your wicker furniture has upholstered cushions, consider reupholstering in a more linear pattern or one depicting nature, like more traditional Arts & Crafts. Avoid the flowery, cabbage rose look and go more for a leaf style motif. The color palette in Arts & Crafts style tends to be earth-inspired warm tones like russet brown, mossy greens, sea blue, and terracotta.

Add other pieces, such as end tables and a coffee table, to help bring the two styles together. For example, choose a round, Stickleby style end table to acknowledge the curvy lines of the wicker. You can still have the Arts & Crafts look without the hard, angular edges. Avoid fussy, Victorian or country

style pieces. Remember that Arts & Crafts also incorporates some of the Art Deco look from the turn of the last century, which has curvy lines, much like your wicker furniture.

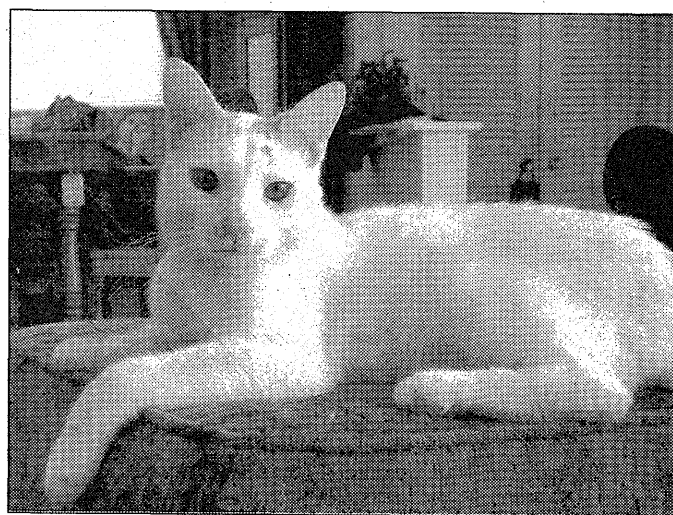
Gorman's Furniture has a lovely display of the Stickleby Furniture line and it is a worth a trip there, with some photographs of your wicker furniture, to discuss with an in-house designer your design challenges for your sun porch. You can also visit www.Stickleby.com to view the furniture line from the comfort of your own home.

Don't fret; marrying these Mars and Venus furniture styles is possible with thoughtful planning.

**Terri Guastella**, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at [www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com](mailto:www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

## Pet of the Week

He is named "Nosey" because of his big nose and because he's so curious to see whatever humans are doing. Nosey needs a home quickly - he doesn't like being kept in a cage and he gets sad because he's lonely. Nosey was found wandering the streets of downtown Detroit when a local attorney rescued him from the cold. He was underweight, cold and hungry. Today he is under one-year-old, healthy, neutered, has his claws and gets along great with children. Nosey is very affectionate, playful, a lapcat and loves being held and cuddled. He is white with some caramel-colored accents. Nosey even likes other cats, but would probably do best as the only animal in the house. He will be your best friend. If you can rescue him, call the Michigan Area Animal Adoption at (313) 571-2985 or (248) 259-5492, or visit online at [www.metroaaa.petfinder.com](http://www.metroaaa.petfinder.com).



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Summit on the Park  
46000 Summit Pkwy, Canton 48188

**Saturday, May 3, 2008 • 9:30am-1pm**

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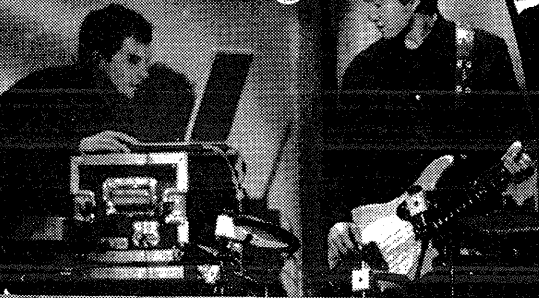
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Information: 734-462-4403

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3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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### Wednesday, April 16 Logan Skelton, piano and Stephen Lusmann, baritone

Pianist Logan Skelton is a much sought after pianist, teacher and composer whose work has received international critical acclaim. Baritone Stephen Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses in Europe and America. Together they offer the premiere performance of Skelton's Ohr Songs, a cycle of pieces set to texts by American artist George Ohr.

Noon to 1 p.m.

Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center

Admission: Donations accepted

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### Friday, April 18 Yehonatan Berick, violin, and John Ellis, piano

Sonatas for violin and piano by Johannes Brahms are on the program in this collaboration of performers whose talents have taken them around the globe. Berick has toured North America, Europe and Israel; Ellis is known in the U.S., Finland and Germany for his piano performances lecture-recitals.

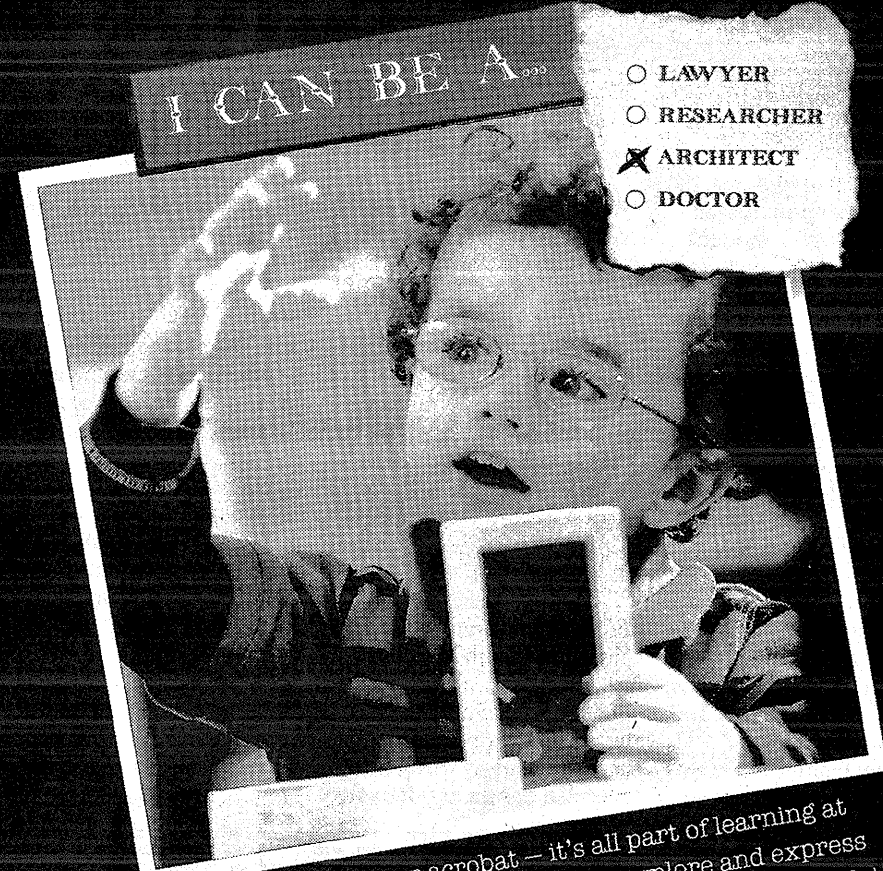
7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$20, general seating

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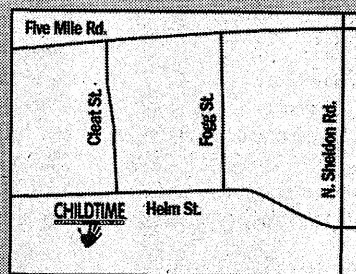
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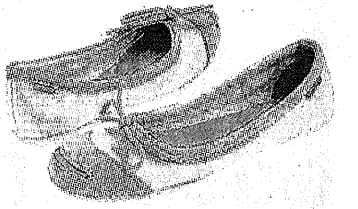
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## pink picks

By Wendy



### Wear It!

A beautiful silk scarf — so many ways to tie one on!

### See It!

Free family matinees at Canton Cinema 10 & 11 a.m. Saturdays

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Crocs — unless you're in the garden

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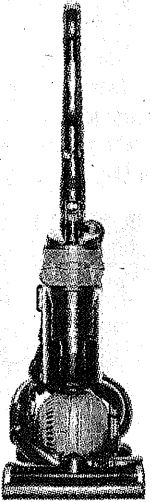
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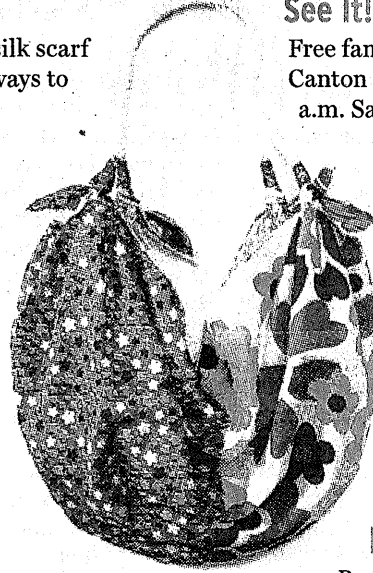
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## Ward off rainy weather with these whimsical accessories

Deary rainy days call for all-the-more cheery rain gear — the sort that makes you want to jump right into those puddles, the kind that shields you from the elements no matter what. A couple of years ago I splurged on a great pair of black and pink wellies. Granted they don't have any arch support to speak of and there isn't a heel in sight, but I live for those rainy blustery days when I can pair

them with a skirt or worn-in jeans and just puddle-jump away. So keep your eyes on the skies and find your go-to rain gear as the season hits its soaking stride. Here are a few ideas to brighten any day filled with April showers:

must. After all, it's one of the top 10 items every woman must own, according to *Tim Gunn's Guide to Style* on Bravo TV. And it covers up everything from a serious work suit to a flirty spring dress. This season the trench hemlines will rise. Try a cropped style, like the one you'll find at The Gap in a neutral called **Gargoyle Taupe**. It's \$69.50 at Gap.com or find it at locations at Livonia's Laurel Park Place, The Village of Rochester Hills, and Troy's Somerset Collection.

**GIVE IT A TWIRL**  
There's nothing like a whimsical and weather-worthy umbrella to keep those rain-

drops at bay. Oliver's Trendz in downtown Birmingham sells a host of flower-coated, polka-dot patterned umbrellas by Michiko London Koshino. They come complete in a purse-shaped matching carrying case and make a perfect gift.

At \$24 each, they are sure to

get you noticed while walking down the busiest of streets.

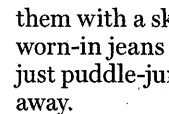
**SPOTTED TOPPER**  
Rain-proof hats have moved far beyond those sick yellow toppers that matched an old pair of galoshes. If you prefer to sport a hat rather than carry an umbrella, J Crew offers a cute black **Rainy Day Hat** with tiny polka dots. It would serve any outfit well — even those old galoshes. It's \$48 at jcrew.com or a store near you like the Village of Rochester Hills, Somerset Collection in Troy or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Outwear can reflect your style as much as anything else you put on. And inclement weather just gives you another excuse to get creative and put your wardrobe to work.

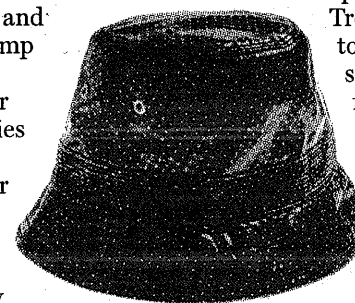
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Life is the cherries in these rain boots.



Stephanie Casola



J Crew's Rainy Day Hat says it all, with polka dot panache.

### CHERRY TOPPING

For those who live life peering up from rose-colored glasses, cherry-coated rain boots seem more than appropriate. Western Chief's **Black Cherry Rubber Rain Boots** feature a non-slip sole and are completely waterproof. Find them for \$49.95 at [www.dlrrainwear.com](http://www.dlrrainwear.com).

### HOT FOR PINK

It's a serious splurge but Donna Karan knows how to appeal to a girl's inner fashionista, even on those rainy days. Her **DKNY Hot Pink Knickerbocker Rain Boots** are super-stylish. They won't get tossed in the back of the closet and forgotten. So save up — the boots cost \$124.95 at [www.dlrrainwear.com](http://www.dlrrainwear.com).

### TO TAUPE IT OFF

A trench coat is a wardrobe



Elizabeth Kincaid-White's purses open to reveal treasures like crushed velvet, tiny round mirrors, and clues to the cigar box's origin. Above, for '313,' \$59, Kincaid-White used recycled denim, Swarovski crystals, and a beaded handle strung by her daughters.

## Tribute to Style

Troy designer turns cigar boxes into wearable art

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

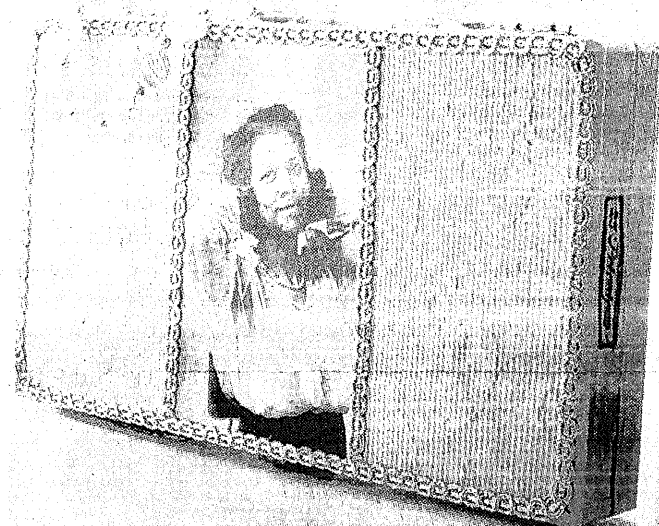
At first, Elizabeth Kincaid-White didn't think much of the cigar box purse her husband bought home for her as a gift.

"Howard got me one from The Chop House in Ann Arbor. It got so much attention, even though I thought it was rather plain," she said. "Then I found out how much he paid for it."

Kincaid-White was shocked by the price tag, and set out to make one herself. Little did she know her craft project would eventually turn into her own handbag label, Tribute Box Collection.

"I made a few and sold a few," the Charleston, W.Va. native said. "When they were accepted by the DIA's Valerie Mercer for a special gallery of local artists during the Dr. Walter O. Evans exhibit, I knew I had something."

The Troy fashionista now collects as many cigar boxes



TAFARI STEVENSON-HOWARD

'Portrait,' \$52, is adorned with an old family photo, and neutral tapestry from Haberman's fabrics.

as she can from relatives and local humidors. Her husband occasionally brings home empties from The Capital Grille, where he is a sommelier, and Smoky's Fine Cigars in Royal Oak gives her a deal, even donating boxes for a Mother's Day project at Congregation Shema Yisreal in Bloomfield Hills.

Although the concept of turning fragrant wooden cigar boxes into handbags isn't new, Kincaid-White puts her unique stamp on the craft. She adorns them with everything from recycled denim and faux fur

to Swarovski crystals, tiny seashells, flashy feathers and vintage photographs.

Her daughters, Carmen, 8, and Noelle, 6, help string beads for handles and decoration.

Each purse is a hand-crafted treasure.

"I haven't seen anyone carrying one of my handbags while out and about yet, however when it happens ... oh, what a day that will be."

Elizabeth Kincaid-White's Tribute Box Collection purses are available online at Detroit Fashion Pages, [www.dfpboutique.com](http://www.dfpboutique.com).

## Malls & Mainstreets

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**Russell Simmons at Macy's**  
TROY — Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, will visit Macy's Oakland, Troy at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11 to launch his new menswear line. Make a \$70 purchase from Russell Simmons Argyle Culture and Simmons will sign his book, "Do You!," as a gift with purchase.

**JCPenney's New Store**  
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# The New Pornographers plunge forth with 'Challengers'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The New Pornographers have carried the label of Canadian supergroup around since the indie powerpop powerhouse got its start around 1997. A.C. (Carl) Newman strayed from his Zumpano bandmates long enough to draft a host of uber-talented musicians into the fold — including alt-country singer Neko Case and noted filmmaker Blaine Thurier.

Vancouver's John Collins was among them from the start. Collins plays everything from bass to glockenspiel on the band's latest album — a dizzying journey titled *Challengers* released by Matador in 2007.

In a recent conversation with *FILTER*, he recalled the early days of The New Pornographers. "I knew everybody pretty well before I started playing," he said. At his Vancouver-based JC/DC Studio, Collins had recorded Zumpano. He played in Dan Bejar's project, Destroyer, as well as his own, Superconductor. And as for Neko, he said, she was "more or less around constantly."

"We were all friends," said Collins. "It was pretty organic. Carl had been working on a couple of solo tracks and they sort of weren't totally panning out." With Carl "tinkering around" his studio and Dan express-



MARINA CHAVEZ

ing interest in forming a band, the New Pornographers came together on its own. The band now boasts eight official mem-

The New Pornographers are touring in support of their latest, 'Challengers.'

bers, rounded out by drummer Kurt Dahle, singer Kathryn Calder and guitarist Todd Fancey. Since the start, getting together to perform and record proved challenging.

"As a band we kind of floundered for a while before we put anything out," said Collins. In 2000 *Mass Romantic* debuted. The band followed up with a pop gem called *Electric Version* and, in 2005, *Twin Cinema*, which consistently racked up critical acclaim for songs like *Use It* and *The Bleeding Heart Show*.

Carl spent two years writing many of the songs that would form the most impressive collection to date, *Challengers*. "It was the most long-distance record we ever did for sure," said Collins. "Carl is in Brooklyn. By that time Kurt was getting ready to move. He bought a farm out in Saskatchewan. Dan actually lived in Spain for half a year. This, by far, was the most planned (effort)."

The distance meant Dan would e-mail in MP3s of songs he was working on. Carl criss-crossed to Vancouver and John headed east to New York City. The band recorded much of *Challengers* at New York's Seaside Lounge with Phil Palazzolo. The result revealed the widest array yet of organic instruments, opting for more mandolin, melodeon and banjo and less of the band's signature, a bleepy synth vibe.

Collins said the band tends to go for a piled-on approach on instruments. "If there are four keyboards we have to use four keyboards on every song," he said. For this record, the studio was less stocked than usual. "We were sort of scrambling. We bor-

## THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS

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rowed a mandolin from somebody's brother," he added. *Challengers* marked another first, they hired a professional string section, flutist and harpist, rather than calling on friends.

The New P's

— or as many members as possible — are now on tour, making Pontiac the first American stop April 10. "I am definitely looking forward to playing," said Collins. "I haven't picked up a bass since we played in December." Since Dan Bejar is touring with Destroyer — playing Pontiac's Pike Room April 18 — he won't be pulling double-duty this time. The set list is bound to reflect his absence. It won't be limited to *Challengers*, though. "We do tend to rely on occasional material from the previous records because they're high energy," said Collins.

Expect a little of everything — with the likely exception of Dan's New York ode, *Myriad Harbour*. Despite that the song was released as a single in Europe, the band toured without performing it due to his absence.

Though Carl can hit those notes he's not likely to sing a too-close-for-comfort line like "Carl look up for once and see just how the sun sets in the sky." Collins said: "I always thought Neko would sound great on that song."

As always, it's hard to guess just what's in store — but it's bound to be impressive.

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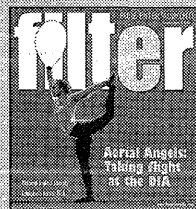
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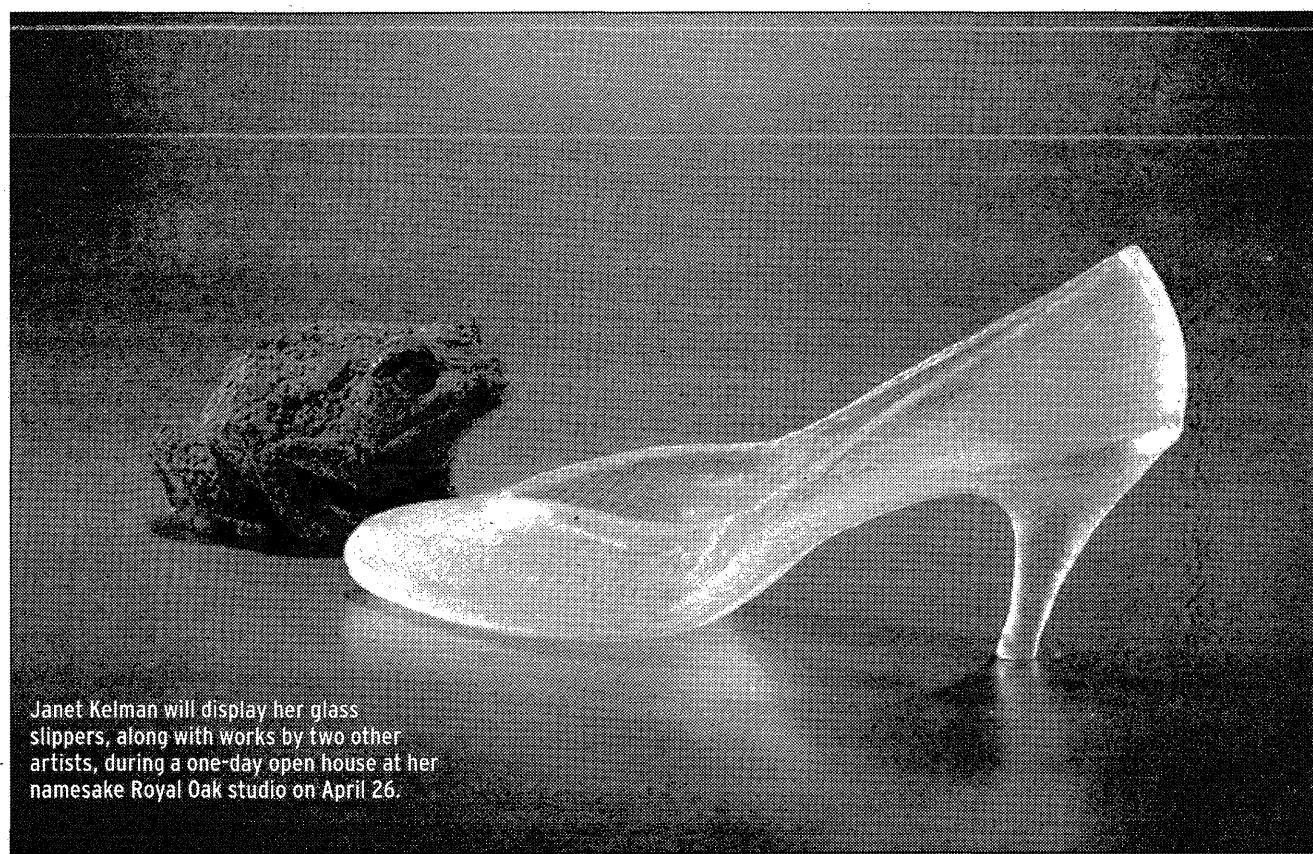
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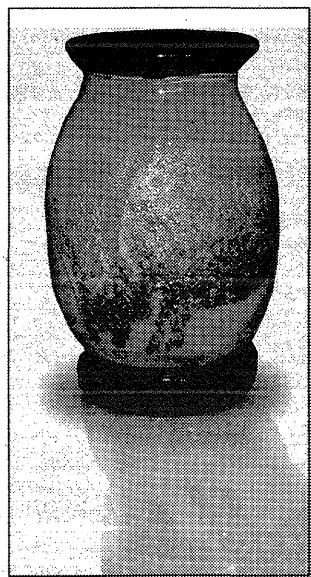
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Janet Kelman will display her glass slippers, along with works by two other artists, during a one-day open house at her namesake Royal Oak studio on April 26.

# A Glass Act

Michigan celebrates art of glass through April



TIM CORY

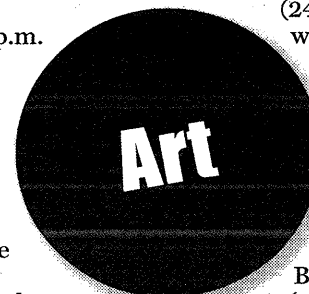
Colorful vases like this one by Tim Cory of Canton are among a wide variety of glass pieces for sale at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center during April.

For the 28th year in a row, galleries throughout metro Detroit and across the state are celebrating Michigan Glass Month. Here's a roundup of special events, exhibits and demonstrations going on this month, courtesy of [www.michiganglass.org](http://www.michiganglass.org):

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Reminiscent of the fervent, soul-baring spirit of American gospel music, *Qawwali*, the ecstatic devotional music of the Sufis, uses Sufi poetry, strong, rapturous voices, and hand-clapping rhythms to express the elation of divine love. Spiritual in essence, *Qawwali* music goes beyond orthodox religion. Mehr and Sher Ali are masters of an art form that brings harmony and peace to the soul.

## An Evening with Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, and Jack DeJohnette



SAT, APR 19 | 8 PM  
Hill Auditorium

Chick Corea's four-decade career is the stuff of jazz lore — his groups are hotbeds of imagination, while creating influential, limit-stretching musical experiences. Of course, the same could be said of fellow Miles Davis alum Jack DeJohnette, and of Bobby McFerrin, one of the natural wonders of the music world. This sensational trio comes together for the first time for an unforgettable night of jazz.

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## Beethoven Sonata Project Concerts 3 & 4 Andr s Schiff piano



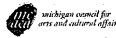

SUN, APR 20, 4 PM | TUE, APR 22, 8 PM  
Rackham Auditorium

The UMS season closes with the second two-concert installment of Andr s Schiff's Beethoven Sonata Project, featuring all 32 of Beethoven's piano sonatas performed over a two-year period. Schiff returns for four concerts next season to complete the cycle, which is being repeated only in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York.

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# Celtic Woman is back – by popular demand

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're not a strong follower of Irish music, you may not know the group Celtic Woman that held a number one album spot for 95 consecutive weeks on Billboard's World Music charts.

If you're at least a fan of River Dance, however, you probably already are familiar with the group — created by Riverdance composer and musical director David

Downes.

Celtic Woman, the international Irish sensation comes to The Palace at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. The Palace will be set for an intimate atmo-

sphere that night.

The group is made up of five porcelain-skinned, beautiful and talented performers: vocalists Chlo , Lisa, Orla and Meav, and also Mairead, a noted fiddler.

Celtic Woman gained U.S. popularity recently after a sold-out concert was broadcast on PBS.

Like Riverdance, Celtic Woman ushers Celtic music into the 21st century, put-

### CELTIC WOMAN

**What:** International Irish music and public television singing sensation

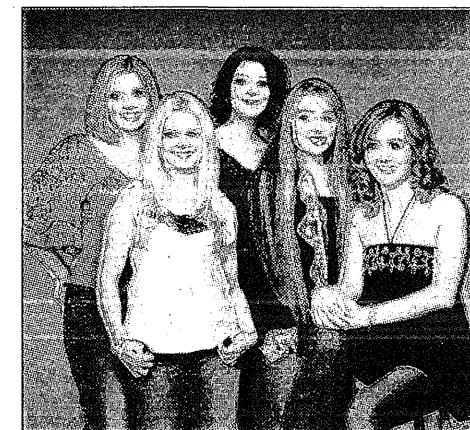
**Where:** The Palace – a small theatre configuration

**When:** 8 p.m., Saturday, April 12

**Tickets:** \$62.50, \$47.50 and \$32.50 at

[www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com), or by calling (248) 645-6666.

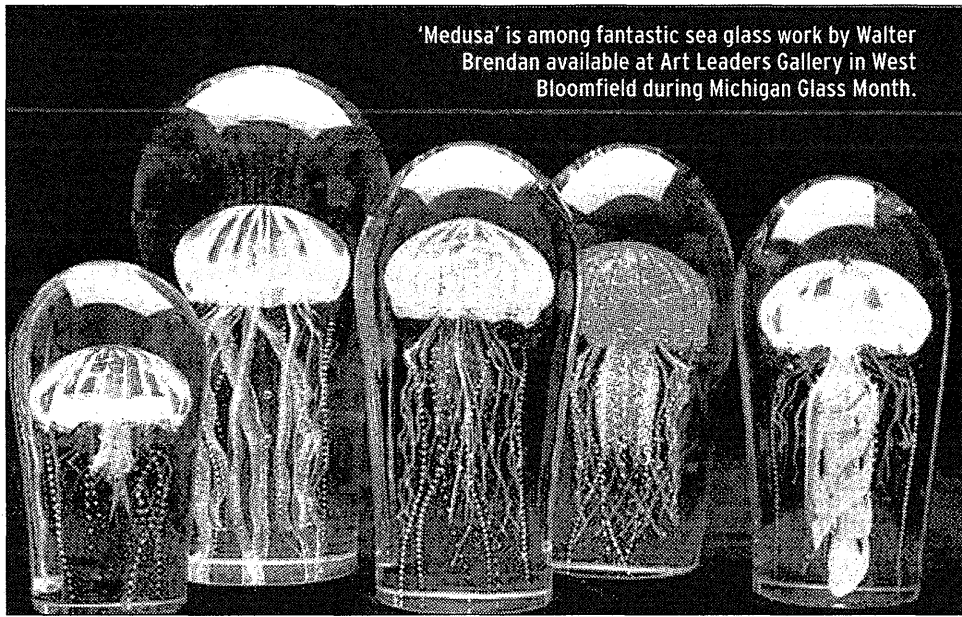
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Celtic Woman has sold out shows around the world and is bringing their Irish sounds to The Palace.

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'Medusa' is among fantastic sea glass work by Walter Brendan available at Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield during Michigan Glass Month.

## GLASS

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### Janet Kelman's Glass Studio

"Pyrotechnic Gardening"  
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Janet Kelman will exhibit her new works — glass slippers — during a one-day open house at her studio. In addition, Martha Croasdale will conduct a pate de verre casting demonstration, creating a mold while allowing patrons to see into the kiln during the process.

1205 E. Lincoln Ave., Royal Oak  
 (248) 547-8332/www.janetkelman.com

### Janice Charach Gallery

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 www.orchardlakeframing.com

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20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn  
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# Aerial Angels will fly high at the DIA

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Friday Night Live series hits new heights this week with two performances by the Aerial Angels. The circus style of these acrobats breathes life into the current exhibition *Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure*.

Taking a cue from paintings like William Glackens' *Hammerstein's Roof Garden*, the grace, strength and balance of tightrope walking will take over the corridors of the museum tomorrow night.

Zay Weaver of Kalamazoo will be among the gravity-defying divas to perform. For the Angels' first show at the DIA, she said audiences can expect a wide array of talents to be showcased — from an aerial hoop and trapeze to aerial silks a la Cirque Du Soleil. The group performs stunning feats, all punctuated by their personalities. See a world bullwhip master strike with sheer accuracy and watch a tightrope walker demonstrate amazing balance. "Our tightrope walker is a dancer and she's just beautiful to watch," said Weaver. "It's a breathtaking act."

Glackens re-created such an act in his painting. He is featured in the exhibit alongside Ashcan mentor Robert Henri and artists like George Bellows, John Sloan and George Luks. More than 80 works are featured, focusing on facets of leisure life from the corner bar to the theater, the circus to sporting events.

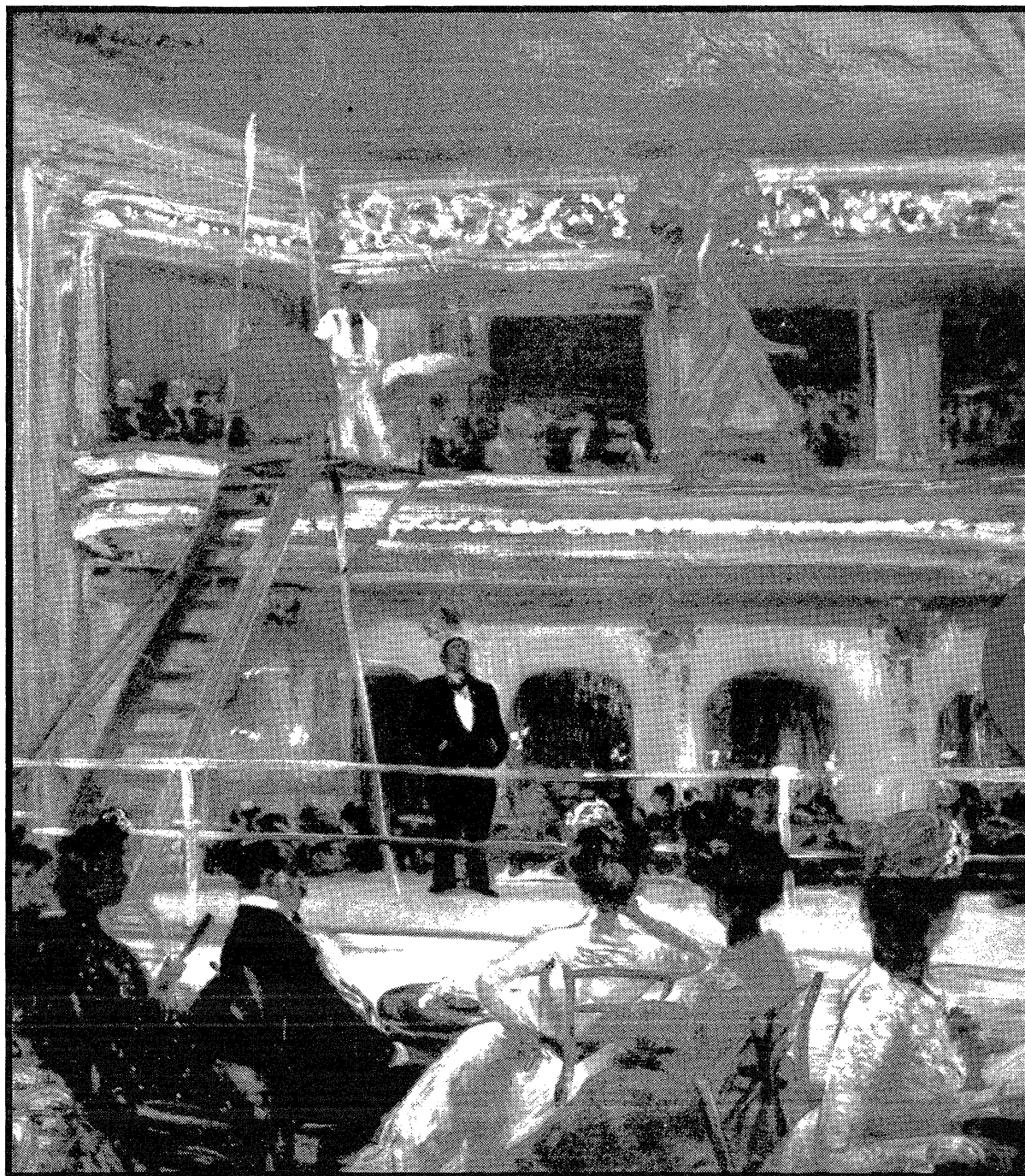
Composer Frank Pahl and pianist Dave Drazin will perform accompanying music during as the Aerial Angels showcase their skills in contortion, acrobatics, even comedic characters. "Anything can happen," said Weaver. "We adore playing with the audience and breaking that fourth wall of theater."

Since it reopened in full last November the DIA has worked to broaden its programming and reach a different audience, said Pam Marcil, manager of public relations. "We always try to program in relation to what the exhibition is," she said. Marcil noted she hopes that visitors who come to Friday Night Live will also experience the exhibit itself.

In addition, the museum recently opened a companion show of more than 100 prints and drawings that spans a broader time period, from the 1890s through World War II. Scouring the DIA's collection, *Give it a Rest: People at Play in American Prints and Drawings, 1895-1925* also showcases American traditions, showing its subjects going to the circus, the beach, wandering in city parks, sledding, swimming and just relaxing. *Give it a Rest* runs through Aug. 3.

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William Glackens' 'Hammerstein's Roof Garden' will come to life inside the DIA this weekend.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

**What:** Aerial Angels perform tightrope and other circus and Vaudeville-inspired feats

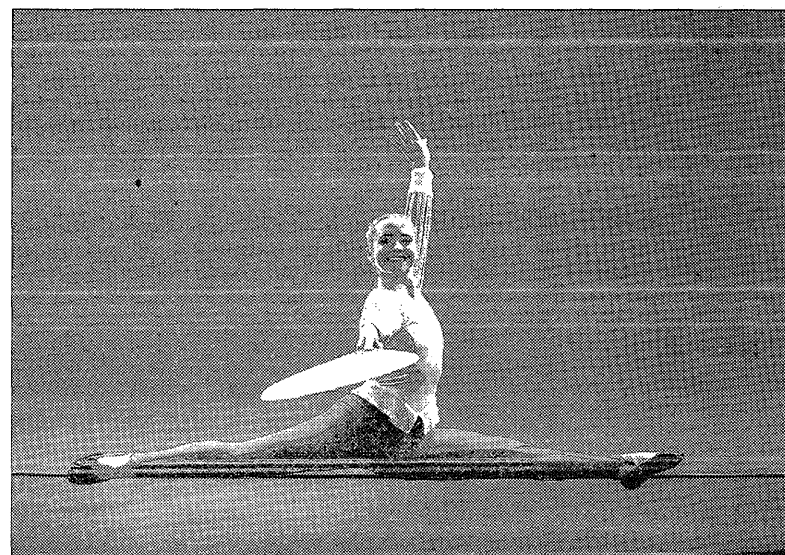
**When:** 7:15 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Friday, April 11

**Where:** Prentis Court, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Museum Admission:** \$8 adults, \$5 ages 6-17 or free for DIA members.

**See Also:** Related exhibits include "Give it a Rest: People at Play in American Prints and Drawings, 1895-1925" new to the Prints & Drawings Gallery and its companion "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925."

**More information:** Call (313) 833-7900 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org). For more on the Aerial Angels, see [www.angelsintheair.com](http://www.angelsintheair.com).



In a display of balance and agility Aerial Angel Arielle Ebacher performs the splits on a tightrope. The group will perform Friday at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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# It's time to meat-out

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

One of PETA's sexiest vegetarians is coming to Ferndale.

Drew Winter will be at the Great American Meatout to speak about animals.

Every year, environmentalists get together to host the event in Ferndale.

For more than 20 years, the Meatout has been organized by local volunteers who have nothing to gain financially through the event. They just want to introduce their neighbors to healthy, tasty food.

Sometimes the feast is so popular that lines form around the building — volunteers help make it fun by serving appetizers to those who wait.

This year, on Sunday, April 13, Meatouts will be held in all 50 states and in 24 countries. This year, worldwide, it's expected to take on a new popularity for the simple reason of Green.

The United Nations has reported that meat-based diets are detrimental to the planet — plant-based diets cause far less global warming. With that established, Meatout volunteers make food festive.

So on April 13, try the tasty, meatless foods at Ferndale High School, all pro-

## GREAT AMERICAN MEATOUT

**What:** The local Great American Meatout

**When:** Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13

**Where:** Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest (south of Nine Mile, west of Woodward) in Ferndale.

**Admission:** At the door, \$10 adults, \$5 students, free to children under 6 and VegMichigan members; discounted tickets and memberships may be purchased in advance at [www.VegMichigan.org](http://www.VegMichigan.org) or by calling (877) 778-3464.

vided by local restaurants. The day also includes national and local speakers to answer questions; cooking demonstrations (including some by children); exhibitors; door prizes, literature and more.

Whether you're a committed vegan (who uses no animal products) or someone who's simply interested in treading more lightly on the earth, the event always offers plenty to enjoy and discover.

Headlining the speaker lineup is Colleen Patrick-Goudreau, celebrated author of *The Joy of Vegan Baking*, who is also a Podcast host and founder of *Compassionate Cooks*. Also speaking is



It's all about gourmet and casual meatless samplings at the Meatout.

Milton Mills, MD, associate director of preventive medicine for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in Washington, D.C. who lectures on the impact of meat and dairy consumption on human health and also specializes in race and diet.

Additional speakers include Caroline Trapp of Millennium Medical Group in Southfield, on the impact of diet on diabetes; childcare professionals Jayme McElvany and Angie Leslie, LPN on dealing with declining child nutrition; Beaumont Hospital's Joel Kahn, MD, on rehabbing the heart through diet; local expert Shannon Brines on year-round residential grow-

ing using solar greenhouses; author, food and fitness consultant Kerrie Saunders, MS, LLP, PhD on cravings and food addiction; Sierra Club water sentinel and farmer Lynn Henning on Michigan's dirty rural secrets: factory farms; and VegMichigan president Harry Pianko, who speaks about VegMichigan and serves on a "Veg 101" panel.

The local Great American Meatout is presented by VegMichigan, an eight-year-old, membership-based nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that also offers classes, lectures, dinner club outings and an e-newsletter with nearly 4000 subscribers.

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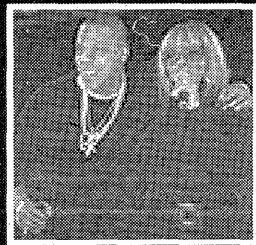
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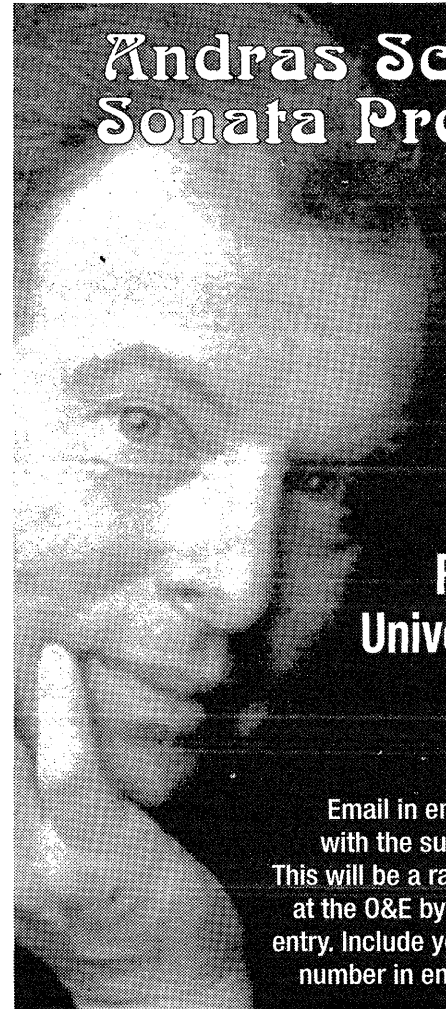
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# Ashoka Indian Cuisine is perfect every time

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

I told myself to make sure I wasn't hungry when sitting down to write about Ashoka Restaurant in Troy (with a second location in Canton).

The food is so good it's sometimes hard to think about because it manifests cravings. There are only a handful of restaurants in my mind where the dishes are so flavorful that I long for them almost sadly ... like a lover

who is missed. There was a tomato basil sauce at a restaurant called Da Giulio in Rome that depresses me if I think I'll never have it again. In my dreams I see the powder sugar Beignets at Cafe Du Monde in New Orleans and an arugula pasta at Piccolo in Los Angeles.

At Ashoka my loves of choice are the oven baked eggplant, called Baingan



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The lunch crowd that comes mostly for the buffet lunch offered at Ashoka Indian restaurant.

Table hopping

Bartha that's cooked with mild spices; the vegetable Pakora, and the crispy cream of wheat and rice flour crepe called Rava Masala Dosa that's stuffed with vegetable curry.

Oh, my aching heart. Lucky for us, whether we live in Oakland or Wayne, there's an Ashoka

not terribly far away.

Both counties have a hefty choice of southern Indian cuisine restaurants, many of them good but far more mediocre. The number of times I've visited Ashoka is countless and I've never had a bad meal or bad service. What adds to the uniqueness of the restaurant is that

it's the only in the area that also specializes in Indian-Chinese dishes. Think about it, India and China are close so it seems only natural that ingredients are blended — just like Tunisian and Sicilian dishes of couscous. The Indian-Chinese

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# ASHOKA

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style is popular in India itself, as well as in Seattle, Chicago and San Francisco — but not here in Michigan.

Supposedly, the style was created by a Chinese community in the city now known as Calcutta.

Foods are flavored with cumin, ginger, coriander and turmeric along with Chinese ingredients like scallions. Specialities are from Chennai, Delhi and Moghulai.

Ashoka, owned by Raveen Reddy, who is from southern India, is the name of Indian royalty. Reddy's family in India owns several Ashoka restaurants and a very posh, well-respected hotel there.

My favorite aspect of Ashoka — with its rich burgundy and gold colors and large, spacious dining room — is the \$8.95 weekday lunch buffet; available until 2:30 p.m. and \$9.95 on weekends. It's a good way to see which dish you may want to order at dinner. After all, Ashoka has more than 125 item choices on its long menu.

While lunch buffets are a staple at most Indian restaurants, Ashoka's is one of the best. Even 20 minutes before it closes, the dishes are still fresh and hot. The naan is still soft and delivered to your table.

If you're vegan, tell the waitstaff to skip the chicken or else a sizzling two-piece tikka baked in a tandoor will be served to your table during the buffet (included in the cost).

Still, for vegetarians and vegans, the choices, even at the buffet, are large.

Try the vegetable samosa — mildly spiced potatoes and peas wrapped in flour. The baby corn pepper salt is dusted in corn starch and fired with spices. Some of the dishes are hot — so if you can't handle it, discuss it with the staff. One of my favorite items is Cauliflower Manchurian which is batter fried. Also try the Ysore Masala Dosa made with lentil, rice flour, green chilies and vegetables. And the saucy dishes like Aloo Gobi — spicy cauliflower and potatoes cooked with ginger, tomatoes and herb. The basmati rice with fruits, nuts and saffron is also unique.

There's also sambar, rice, salad, dal and rice pudding with the buffet.

But nothing beats the eggplant Baingan Bartha.

I ate breakfast just before sitting down to write this article, but I can't take it anymore. I'm going to Ashoka.

# Passover samplings offered

Sample items from a Kosher-style Passover Menu 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Bonnie's Kitchen & Catering, 6527 Telegraph (at Maple) in Bloomfield Hills.

The tasting will feature Bonnie's Kitchen's famous Brisket with Caramelized Onions, Smoked Salmon Cheesecake, Vegetarian Chopped Liver, and Potato Kugel. Passover desserts will be available. The complete Passover Menu is available at: [www.bonnieskitchen.com](http://www.bonnieskitchen.com). For more information, call (248) 540-4001.

## IGOR'S BACK

Former Detroit Red Wing Igor Larionov returns to WineStyles Livonia to showcase his newly released California portfolio of fine wines. Larionov will appear 2:30-5 p.m. April 12 at WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty in the College Park Plaza in Livonia.

The general public is welcome for bottle signings and photographs. With a one bottle minimum purchase, guests can sample Larionov's new releases as well as old favorites. (Please, no sticks, jerseys or other hockey paraphernalia). For information, call (734) 464-9600.

## CACTUS WILLIE'S HOSTS TACO CONTEST

Local police officers and civilians are

invited to compete in a taco eating contest at 8 p.m. April 19. Entry is \$20 per person and each contestant has to eat 20 tacos. There will be first, second and third prize winners.

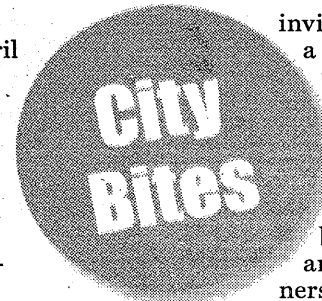
The restaurant, Cactus Willie's, located at 2440 Orchard Lake Road, in Sylvan Lake, will donate 20 percent of all food proceeds for the evening plus the \$20 entry fee into the contest. The more people who attend, the more will be raised for The West Bloomfield Police Foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call (248) 681-7100.

## BRADY'S IS NON-SMOKING

Diners who want a good sports bar atmosphere and a great burger without all the cigarette smoke can hit Brady's Tavern, 32231 Southfield, in Beverly Hills.

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**Birmingham Unitarian Church:** Farmington Artist in Residence from 2000, Marjorie Chellstorp presents 26 works, through April 13, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

**Farmington Artists Club:** Spring 2008 Exhibit and Sale April 23-27, opening reception, 6:30 p.m. April 23, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, (248) 455-9885.

**Plymouth Community Arts Council:** "Up North with the Hemingways," Northern Michigan's influence on Ernest Hemingway, through April 14, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com).

#### ART GALLERIES

**Art Leaders Gallery:** Exhibition and Sale Commemorating the 104th Birthday of Dr. Seuss, with pieces priced \$225-\$7,500, through April, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, [www.artleaders.com](http://www.artleaders.com).

**Cary Gallery:** Watercolors by Alan Cary through May 3, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656.

**CPOP:** Miguel Linares "The Rite Of Spring," April 19-May 24, reception 7 p.m. April 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, [www.cpop.com](http://www.cpop.com).

**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.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu).

**G.R. N'Namdi Gallery:** Alexis Peskine: Freedom Fried, through May 3, 1435 Randolph St., Detroit, (313) 831-8700, [www.grnamdigallery.com](http://www.grnamdigallery.com).

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Exposures Photography '08 Exhibition," through April 25, 9 Women Painters, April 30-May 31, opening reception 6-9 p.m. May 2, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

**Lemberg Gallery:** "Intertwined," Ted Lee Hadfield and Janet Hamrick, through April 19, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**Lotus Arts Gallery:** "Michigan Colored Pencil 2008," juried colored pencil exhibition, through April 25, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART.

**Next Step Studios & Gallery:** First Show, glass by College for Creative Studies students, through May 3, 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074, [www.nextstepstudio.com](http://www.nextstepstudio.com).

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** "Joe Zucker See/Sea," through April 19, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, [www.susannehilberrygallery.com](http://www.susannehilberrygallery.com).  
**The Print Gallery:** 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield [www.EverythingArt.com](http://www.EverythingArt.com), (248) 356-5454.

#### ART, ETC.

**Art With A Heart:** 80 pieces of inspirational art, wine, appetizers, door prizes to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, 3-8 p.m. April 12, \$5, A Woman's Image, 43273 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, 586-286-1277, [www.awomansimage.net](http://www.awomansimage.net).

**Meadow Brook Hall:** "Maiden's Jewelry and Knight's Armor," 7-8:30 p.m. April 14. Light refreshments, \$8, (248) 364-6263, [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

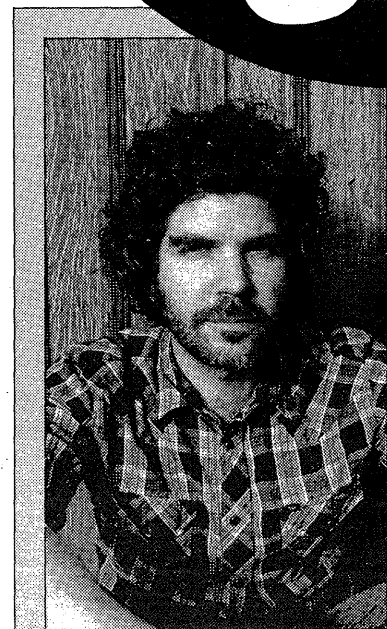
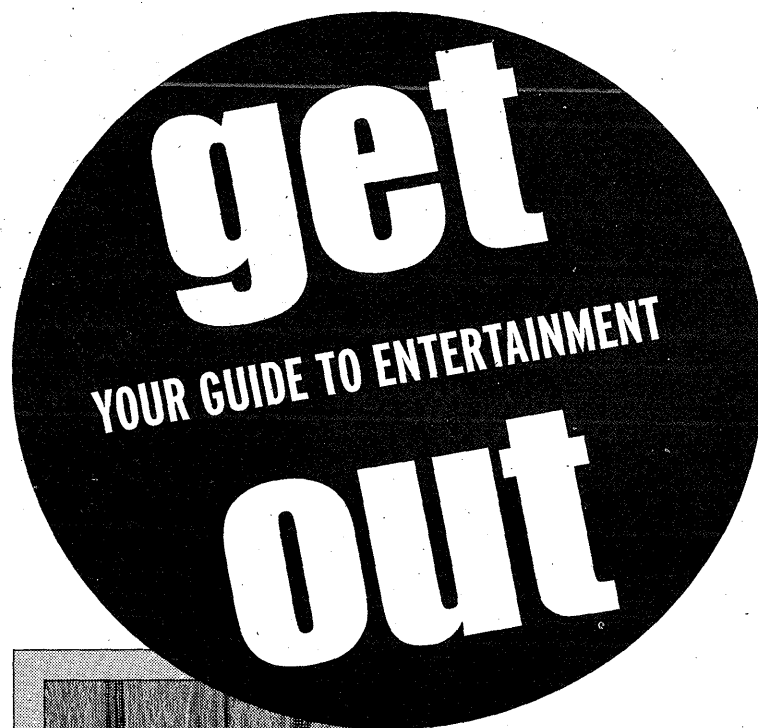
#### BOOKS

**Mystery Authors @ Southfield Library:** Local authors Michael Grost, Sylvia Hubbard, Michael C. Lee, Terri Williams and Oscar "Oz" Wilson, 6:30-8 p.m. April 10, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org).

**Oakland Community College:** Fourth Annual Children's Literature Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 19, Room 123, Building F, Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone, to register call Bea Catherino at (248) 232-4035 by April 11.

**The Dreaming Void:** Author Peter F. Hamilton will read, sign books and answer questions 7:30 p.m. April 16, Borders Books & Music, Novi, [www.peterfhamilton.co.uk/](http://www.peterfhamilton.co.uk/).

**The Raw Shark Texts:** English author Steven Hall will sign copies of his popular thriller April 16 at Borders Birmingham. Visit [www.rawsharkttexts.com](http://www.rawsharkttexts.com).



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## Hayden

See Hayden (pictured) opening for Feist. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10 at the Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$25, call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### CHORAL

**Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra:** Bach's St. John Passion, 3 p.m. May 4 at 3 Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit, (313) 961-4533, [www.fortstreet.org](http://www.fortstreet.org).

**Franklin Community Church and St. Owen's Catholic Church:** 9th Vespers Concert 6 p.m. April 13, Mercyaire's of Mercy High School and Grunyon Male Chorus will perform music from the 40's and Beyond. \$10/advance, \$12/door, \$5/students, (248) 626-6606.

**Plymouth Oratorio Society:** 22nd Season Concert, Te Deum by F. J. Hayden, Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (baritone soloist Chris Grapentine) and Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen. 4 p.m. May 4, free, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.

#### CLASSICAL

**The Birmingham Musicale:** Auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Award, applicants must be high school graduates age 18-22 1:30 p.m. April 12, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3633 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, for more information, call (248) 375-9534.

**The Birmingham Musicale:** Auditions for the Betty Hixon Saxophone/Clarinet Award, applicants must be high school graduates age 18-22, deadline April 12, auditions 1:30 p.m. April 20, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3633 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, for more information, call (248) 375-9534.

**Chamber Music at the Scarab Club:** Afternoon Spring Fling, 4 p.m. April 27 featuring Pamela Schiffer in Luciano Berio's Folk Songs for voice and 7 instruments, \$10-20, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., (248) 474-8930, [www.scarab-club.org/chambermusic](http://www.scarab-club.org/chambermusic).

**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Jean-Yves Thibaudet, April 12; Opus 9 Series with Jupiter String Quartet, May 17; 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](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org).  
**Cranbrook Music Guild:** Daedalus String Quartet, 8 p.m. April 15, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$15-30, (248) 644-6352, [www.cranbrookmusicguild.org](http://www.cranbrookmusicguild.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](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).

**First United Methodist Church of Birmingham:** Diane Bish, organ virtuoso and host of "The Joy of Music" television series, 7:30 p.m. April 13, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham.

**Madonna University:** Belgian guitarist Raphaella Smits presents a concert of Bach, Mertz and Coste at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at Kresge Hall, tickets \$20, \$15 students, campus is at northwest corner of Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia.

**University Musical Society:** Andras Schiff's Beethoven Sonata Project Concerts 3 and 4, April 20 and 22, Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

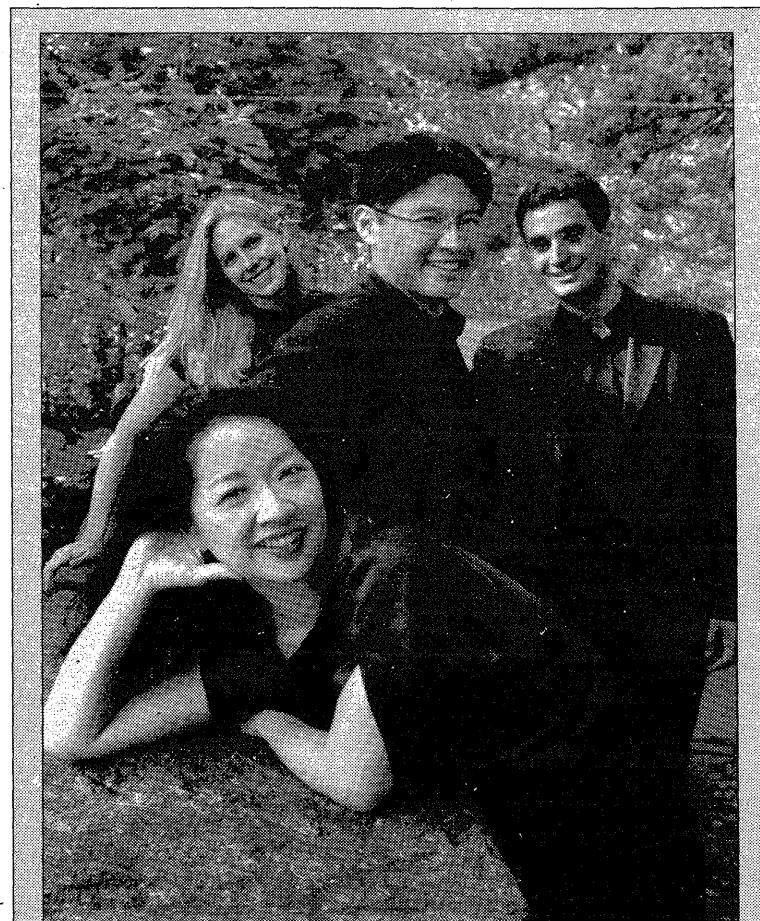
#### COMEDY

**Fox Theatre:** Katt Williams, April 24-26, \$53.50-\$73.50; Jerry Seinfeld, May 16, \$48-\$78, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.

**Holly Hotel:** Holly Hotel: Steve Sabo, April 11-12; Steve Iott, April 18-19; Billy Ray Bauer, April 25-26; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** Steve Sabo, April 13; Steve Iott, April 20; Billy Ray Bauer, April 27; 2500 W. Hill (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.



## Daedalus String Quartet

The Cranbrook Music Guild will present the Daedalus String Quartet, 8 p.m. April 15 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. The award-winning group will perform *String Quartet in G major, Op. 18, no. 2 by Beethoven*; *Flight from the Labyrinth (String Quartet No. 3, 2004) by David Horne (b. 1970)*; and *String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2 by Brahms*. Tickets, \$30/\$15 for students, include an afterglow with the musicians. Call (248) 644-6352 or visit [www.cranbrookmusicguild.org](http://www.cranbrookmusicguild.org).

**Michigan Theatre:** Bob Saget, 8 p.m. April 19, mature audiences, \$29.50-\$39.50, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**The Second City:** Sex and Second City, ongoing, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, [www.secondcity.com](http://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; Dave Matthews Band, June 9; 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; Jonas Brothers, July 5; Martina McBride, July 11; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6; Maroon 5 and Counting Crows, Aug. 29; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, (248) 645-6666.

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Feist, April 10; Tokio Hotel, April 17; My Chemical Romance, April 19; MIA, May 8; The Mars Volta, May 15; Nick Swardson, May 17; Panic at the Disco, May 20; The Raconteurs, June 7, 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; Erykah Badu, May 4; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.

**Freedom Hill Amphitheatre:** Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sebastian Bach, Aug. 9, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 645-6666.

**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](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com).

**Majestic Theatre:** 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 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; Nine Inch Nails, Aug. 23; Celine Dion, Sept. 26, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com).

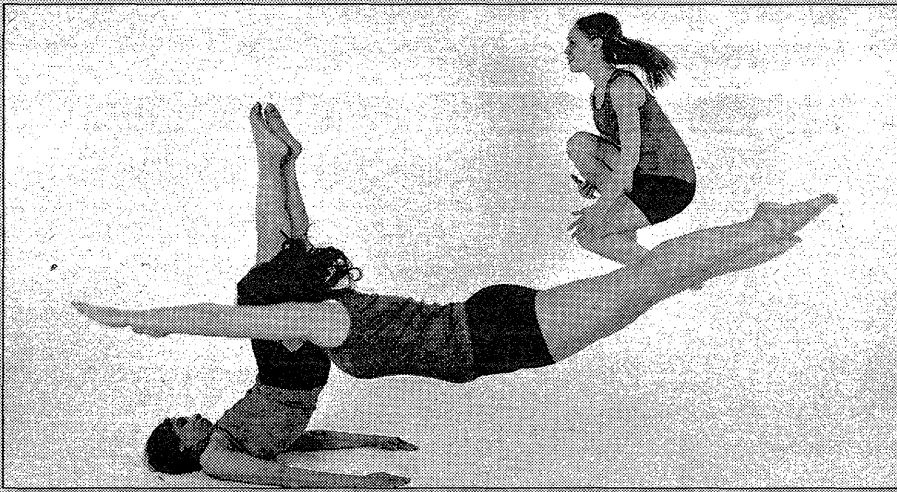
**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** The Black Keys, April 15, Iron & Wine, April 18; Hanson, April 19; The Swell Season, May 10, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** 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; Menudo, May 15; Mike Ness, May 19; She Wants Revenge, June 5, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

#### DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** New Works Project Concert, 8 p.m. April 18; Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$22, \$18/students & seniors, (313) 934-2354, [www.detroitdancecollective.org](http://www.detroitdancecollective.org).





## Making a Splash!

The Detroit Dance Collective will present its New Works Project Concert 8 p.m. April 18 at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. The program includes 'Splash,' choreographed by Barbara Seelinger, and performed by DDC dancer David Guzman (above), and apprentices Amy Hansemann and Erin Whaley. Purchase tickets, \$22/general admission, \$18/students & seniors, by calling (313) 934-2354 or visit [www.detroitdancecollective.org](http://www.detroitdancecollective.org).

**MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company:** "Tributes to Michigan Choreographers" 7:30 p.m. May 2, Groves High School's Little Theatre, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$15/Adults, \$12/Students & Seniors, (586) 899-2629.

### FAMILY

**Bratz Girlz Really Rock:** Animated film, never-before-seen TV episode and interview with "Yasmin," 10 a.m. April 19, Livonia 20; Canton Cinema; Commerce Township Stadium 14.

**Go Diego Go! The Great Jaguar Rescue:** May 10-11, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$18.50-\$40.50, call (248) 433-1515.

**Kensington Metropark:** Earth Day at the Farm, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 19, free with park admission, (800) 47-PARKS, [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

**Stony Creek Metropark:** Full Moon Walk - Egg Moon, 7:30 p.m. April 28, \$2, (800) 47-PARKS, [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

### FILM

**Born of Earth:** A new supernatural thriller starring Daniel Baldwin and Brad Dourif, produced by Milford's The Skeleton Factory, showing 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 17, Imagine Theatre, 44425 12 Mile, Novi, \$10, [www.myspace.com/theskelfactory](http://www.myspace.com/theskelfactory)  
**Detroit Film Theatre:** "In Search of Mozart," April 11-13; "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.

**PAH Fest:** Christopher Coppola's film festival May 8-13, awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit [www.pahnation.com](http://www.pahnation.com).

**Redford Theatre:** Way Out West and The Music Box with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, 1937, 8 p.m. April 11, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. April 12, 2 p.m.; organ overture 1/2 hour before showtime, \$5; 80 Years Under the Stars: A Gala Celebration, featuring The Electric House with Buster Keaton, The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra, John at the Barton and Pleasant Moments Vintage Dancers, cake and punch, 8 p.m. April 19, \$20-\$25, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.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.

### FOOD AND WINE

**Longacre House:** "Famous Ladies with Intriguing Past," a traditional English Tea, 1-3 p.m. April 15, \$20-\$25, Farmington Road, just south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 473-1848.

### JAZZ

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Dave Bennett Quartet, April 19; Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Band, May 3; Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.

**First Presbyterian Church:** Bob Seeley Concert, boogie woogie and jazz pianist, 7 p.m. April 15, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0911 for tickets.

**Penn Theatre:** Blue Steel Jazz Band 7 p.m. April 14, \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870.

**Village Theatre at Cherry Hill:** Michigan Jazz Society presents All About Jazz Cafe featuring the Tony Ruda Quartet, includes dancing and open mic, 8-10 p.m. April 12, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, \$12 singles/\$20 couples, (734) 394-0148.

### MORE MUSIC

**Judy Adams:** Deejays in the Video Lounge, alongside the Sasha & Digweed show, 9 p.m. April 10, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.

**Lorenzo Cultural Center:** 5th Michigan Regiment Band playing antique and replica Civil War instruments, 2 p.m. April 13, part of Michigan's Fight for Freedom: The Civil War Era, Lorenzo Cultural Center, Macomb Community College Campus, Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, [www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com](http://www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com).

**First United Methodist Church:** Organ concert by Diane Bish, host of TV's The Joy of Music, 7:30 p.m. April 13, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, \$20 (248) 646-1200.

**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](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/entertainment), (248) 341-2270.

**Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent show, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20; (248) 341-2270.

**Palmer Woods Concerts:** 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](http://palmerwoods.org), call (313) 920-4864 for information.

**University Musical Society:** Lila Downs, Mexican singer, April 12, Michigan Theater, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

**University Musical Society:** Eighth Blackbird, 7 and 9:30 p.m. April 10, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538,

[www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

### MUSEUMS

**Arab American National Museum:** Learning to Look at Abstract Art, presented by Jennie Williams of the DIA, noon-1 p.m. April 11, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, [www.arabamericanmuseum.org](http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org), (313) 582-2266.

**Charles H. Wright Museum:** "Picture Perfect: Zella's Traveling Scrapbook, the legacy of Louise Lovette Wright" exhibit runs through June 1; Asheber Macharia presents "Kinships and Connections" with meet the artist reception 6-9 p.m. April 11; See "Rhythm and Words" 7-10 p.m. April 18, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

**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](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

**Cranbrook Institute of Science:** The PGA Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, May 23-July 30, museum's west entrance building, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25; Guided tours in January, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** "Ford and Kahn At Gaukler Pointe," now through June 29; Saturday Series features tour of Prohibition & Smuggling in Detroit, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 12, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org), (313) 833-1805.

**Detroit Science Center:** "Shipwreck: Pirates & Treasure," through Sept. 1; New IMAX, "Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk" opens April 19, at 5020 John R. Street, call (313) 577-8400 or visit [detroitsciencecenter.org](http://detroitsciencecenter.org).

**The Henry Ford:** Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T, April 15 through September, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit [www.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.org).

**Historic Fort Wayne:** Annual Flea Market and tours April 12-13, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit, \$3-\$5, call (313) 833-7937.

**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** "Holy Hip Hop! New Paintings by Alex Melamid; and "Refusing

Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" through April 20; Be In Art benefit, 6 p.m. May 3, 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](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).  
**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:** Dr. Gary Hess presents "Lyndon Johnson and the Vietnam Conflict," 7 p.m. April 17; Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org).

### OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata, May 10-11, 14, 16-18; MOT Children's Chorus debuts with "The Maker of Illusions," 7:30 p.m. May 19; "Margaret Garner," Oct. 18-25; "Madame Butterfly," Nov. 15-23; "Elixir of Love," through April 4, 2009; I Pagliacci, April 18-25, 2009 and "Carmen," May 9-17, 2009, all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org).

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Antiques Roadshow in Michigan:** See the popular PBS show as it tours the states and stops Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids. Tickets available through April 20. To apply online, visit [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/cities/grandrapids\\_2009.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/cities/grandrapids_2009.html)  
**Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry and Vintage Apparel Show:** costume, designer and fine antique jewelry, Victorian through mid-20th century vintage clothing and fashion accessories, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 12, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$5 adults, kids under 12 free, (248) 988-0924, (248) 646-1047.

**Detroit Derby Girls:** Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, April 12; Motor City Disassembly Line vs. Kalamazoo Derby Darlins, April 26; Championship Double-header, May 10; Detroit Derby Girls vs. Grand Raggidy Roller Girls, May 31, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, [www.detroitderbygirls.com](http://www.detroitderbygirls.com), (248) 645-6666.

**EarthFest:** Featuring music and art, performers include John Sinclair, Maruga, The Macpodz, Nadir, Rootstand, The Ann Arbor Dub Project,

more, April 19, Crofoot, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, \$5, (248) 858-9333.

**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](http://www.hfcc.edu).

**Hill Auditorium:** A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, 5:45 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$25-\$65, call (734) 764-2538.

**Las Vegas Comes to Farmington:** Tributes to: Garth Brooks, the Blues Brothers, Barbra Streisand, Jackie Wilson, Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Rod Stewart, backed by the Radio City Band, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. April 20, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington, \$25, (248) 474-1951

**Oakland Community College:** Culture Slam Live, culture-related poems and readings, 6:30 p.m. April 17, free admission, Johnson Theater, Royal Oak campus, 739 S. Washington, (248) 233-2822.

**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 - 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.

**Farmington Civic Theatre:** "The Ten Year Plan," April 24, 26, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 474-1951

**The Farmington Players:** "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-7, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).

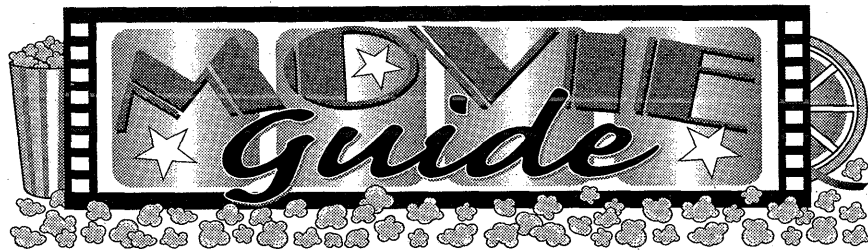
**Henry Ford Community College:** "Oliver," April 18-27, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.  
**Marquis Theatre:** "Velveteen Rabbit," April 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).



## Greater Tuna

Jim Luzenski and Anthony Marsalese in just six of the 19 hilarious characters they play in 'Greater Tuna,' presented by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook 8 p.m. April 11, 12, 18 & 19. For tickets, \$8, call (248) 737-3587 or visit [www.StDunstansTheatre.com](http://www.StDunstansTheatre.com).





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# Westland musician creates experimental sound on homemade instruments

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Chris Badydnee, of Westland, is not your typical musician.

Not only does he play instruments, he also builds them.

And to make things a little weirder (in a good way) he builds them from odd items. Carboard. Wash basins.

Now that's an old school musician.

Badydnee (also known as Bogdon Vasquaf) and his band Bogdon Vasquaf and his Band of Curative Measures call themselves "a non-traditional jug band."

Their sometimes psychedelic sound includes harmonicas, flute, dulcimer, acoustic guitars, ukulele, mandolin, upright bass, washtub bass, cardboard box bass, banjo and a "can-jo." "And some small-stringed instruments that I don't know what they're called," the charismatic musician said.

They sing in English and sometimes French.

You might expect to see a band like this you might performing in off-beat New Orleans venues. But, the Wayne County based band instead is playing at The Plymouth Coffee Bean this Saturday, April 12 - a venue that often hosts skilled bands who's styles are apart from the mainstream.

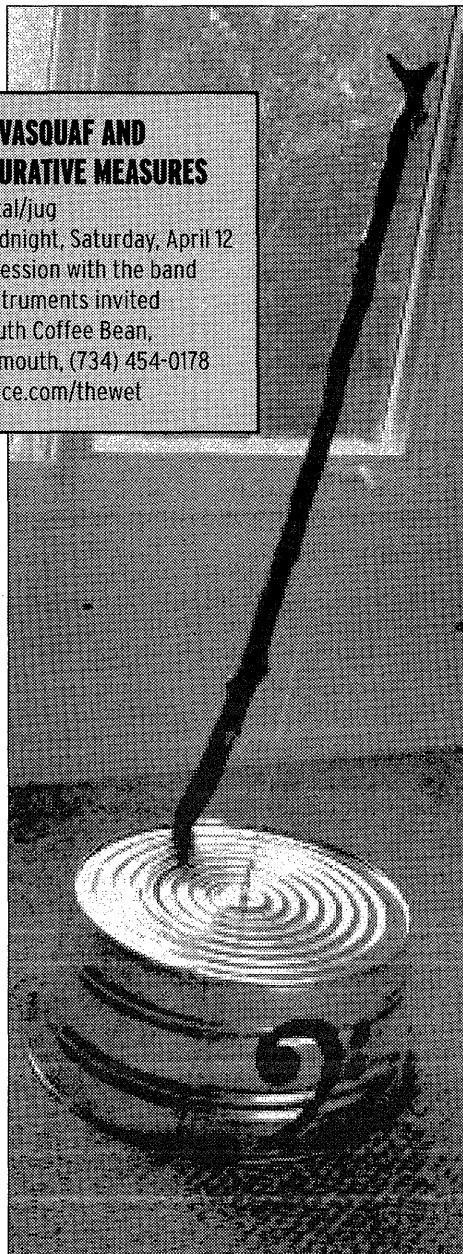
Bogdon Vasquaf and his Band of Curative Measures are Bobbi Hurst of Belleville, Robert Rosinski and his son Christopher Rosinski of Brownstown; Joe Caruso of Dearborn; Tarik Abass and his son Tarik Abass Jr., of Lincoln Park; Mark Williams of Ann Arbor; Dan Prezkop of Northville; and Badydnee and son Chad Badydnee of Westland.

Badydnee owns several bass guitars. One is a 17-gallon electric washtub, one is a two-string cardboard upright bass tuned to A and D, and the last is a fretless home made four-string solid body bass.

The music is melodic, sometimes dreamy and other times wild.

Click on their Myspace for the solo bass version of *Petula Clark's Downtown* or the *Beatles' Norwegian Wood*, and hear something different.

The instrument creations began,

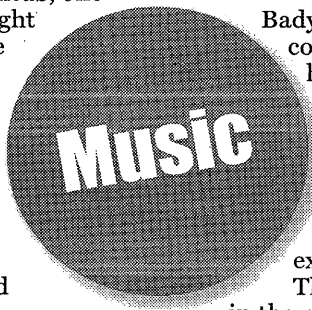


Simply-made instruments can create interesting tones.

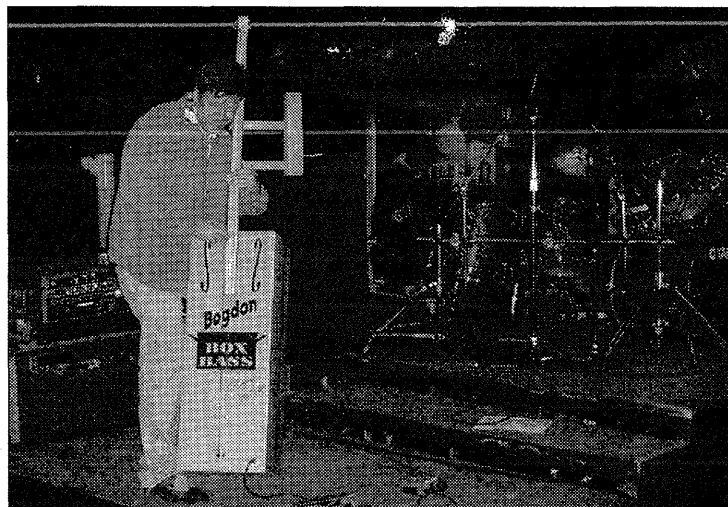
**BOGDON VASQUAF AND HIS BAND OF CURATIVE MEASURES**  
Genre: Experimental/jug  
When: 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 12 with an open jam session with the band at 10 p.m. - all instruments invited  
Where: The Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 454-0178  
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Badydnee said, when he couldn't find the bass that he wanted. He borrowed an instrument from a friend, never returned it, and began to change it with spare parts he found from other friends. "I made the bass as an experiment," he said.

The experiment continues in the music and is worth listening to.



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Bogdon Vasquaf goofing around at a show. His Band of Curative Measures creates instruments - and also plays 'regular' instruments as well.

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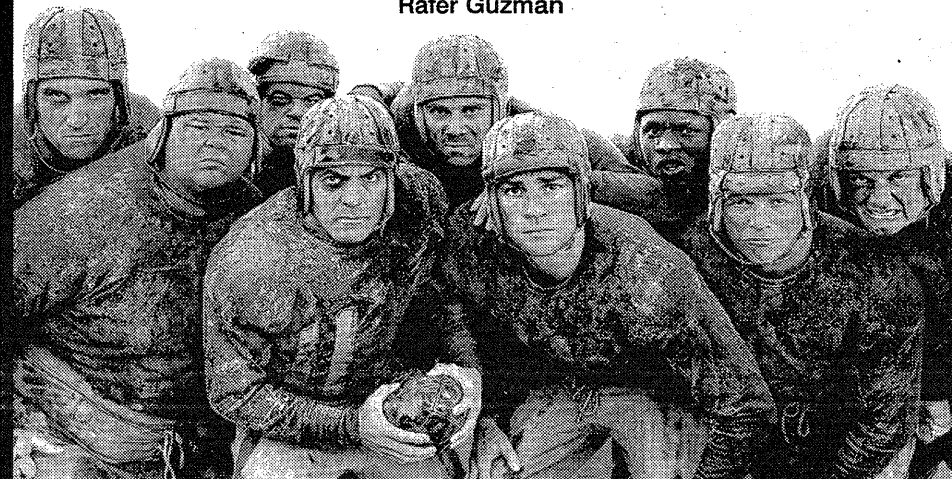
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# Indie horror flick screens at Emagine

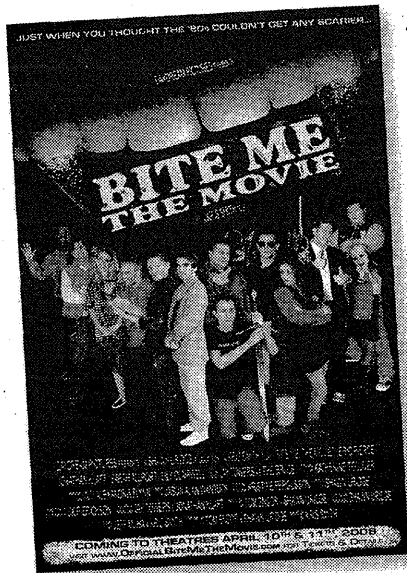
BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Just when you thought the '80s couldn't get any scarier ... along comes "Bite Me: The Movie."

The local indie film, produced by Farmington Hills-based Daydream Pictures, premieres April 10-11 at Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Set in the '80s, the movie depicts a group of office workers who go on a retreat up north with their boss. One by one they disappear, only to return as vampires.

The movie's lead character Alexander Caleb, played by Farmington High School graduate Eric Pierce, must abandon the Tom Cruise-like persona he maintains at work and tap into his closet 'geekdom' to unravel the mystery, using years of knowledge



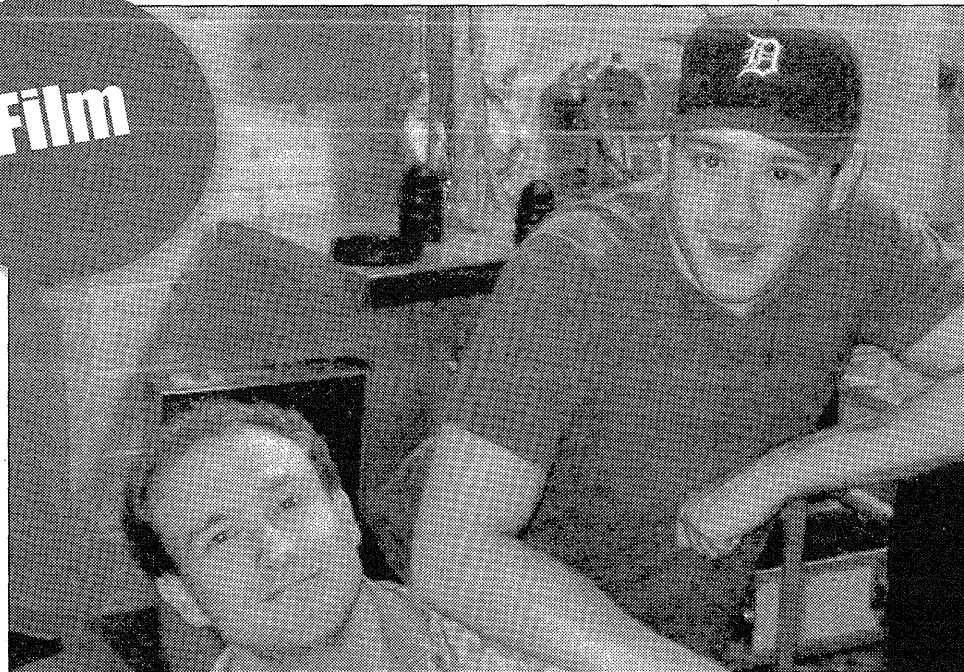
'Bite Me: The Movie' premieres at Emagine Theatre in Novi April 10-11.

he's amassed from playing Nintendo and Dungeons & Dragons.

"Hijinx, hilarity and mayhem ensue," said co-producer Shawn Uridge, 26, a graduate of Harrison High School. "It's really a comedy that appears to be a horror movie."

Uridge met "Bite Me's" director Kris Smith in film classes at Ford Tech Center in Westland, where Smith is originally from. They worked together on small projects before sinking their teeth into "Bite Me."

Film



Farmington Hills friends Shawn Uridge (left) and Tom Ensor, both 26, co-produced 'Bite Me: The Movie.'

"We decided it was time to make a feature film," Uridge explained. "Kris said he always wanted to do an '80s movie, and when we were working out the idea it seemed to fit really well. We were able to make fun of the '80s, as well as horror movies of the '80s."

The pair teamed up with co-producer Tom Ensor, 26, also of Farmington, and recruited a cast of 15 actors, all from Michigan, along with behind-the-scenes help.

It took two weeks to write the script, which incorporates many catch phrases of the decade — including the title phrase 'Bite Me.'

"It's set specifically in 1988, which we convey a little bit through the dialogue, the slang of the day, props, costumes and makeup, and numerous pop culture references," said Uridge, who recalls the '80s from elementary school.

Cast and crew spent 13 days over two months' time shooting the film in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Dearborn, Roseville and downtown Detroit. Outdoor scenes were shot in Hines Park, office scenes in Novi, and the main character's apartment in Canton.

After a month and a half of post-production, the film is now ready for release.

## BITE ME: THE MOVIE

**What:** Indie comedy/horror movie, set in the 1980s, produced by Farmington Hills-based Daydream Pictures.

**When:** Premieres at 7:30 p.m. April 10. Additional screenings at 10 p.m. April 10, and 11:20 p.m. April 11.

**Where:** Emagine Theatre, 44425 West 12 Mile Road, Novi, in the Fountainwalk Complex.

**Tickets:** \$8. Unrated, but contains some strong language.

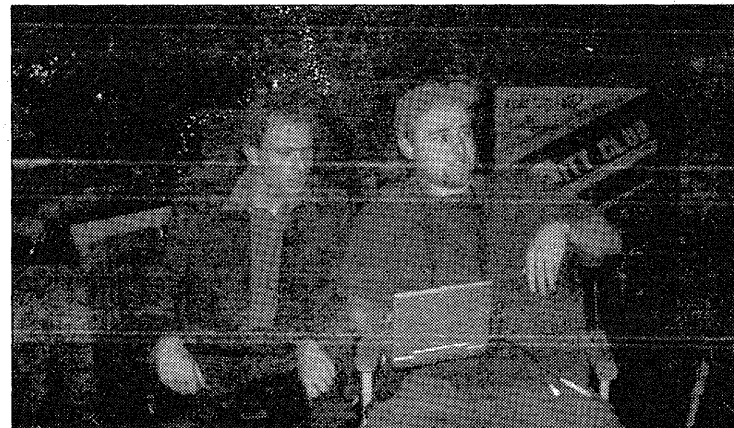
For movie trailers, tickets and more information, visit [www.officialbitemethemovie.com](http://www.officialbitemethemovie.com) or [www.myspace.com/bitemethemovie](http://www.myspace.com/bitemethemovie).

A trailer was shown April 1 during the 4/1 Mitten Movie Project at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

"After the premiere we'll look at possible film festivals to submit to, and find a distributor who wants to buy it and put it out there," Uridge said.

Guests who arrive for the first screening at 7:30 p.m. April 10 will be treated to a director's talk, Q&A, and free movie posters they can have signed by cast and crew.

Producer Shawn Uridge of Farmington Hills (left) and Director Kris Smith, originally from Westland, on the set of "Bite Me: The Movie."



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ting a Gaelic twist on songs, such as Enya's *Orinoco Flow* and the theme from *Lord of the Rings*. The group also performs traditional Irish songs with a contemporary style.

Downes and Executive Producer Dave Kavanagh spearheaded the group in 2004 — and with just three CDs (one of them a Christmas LP) the group has sold out shows worldwide, and has gone platinum in the U.S. and South Africa.

Downes said he is attracted to "music with many layers, many strands, many dynamics." "I tend to think of our music as like a kaleidoscope: elements shifting in and out of focus at any given time," he said.

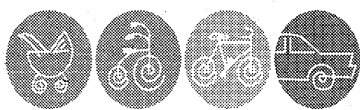
The two-hour concert, with its intricate light show and stage spectacle, also aims at stirring emotion. The repertoire includes songs like *Beyond the Sea*, *Scarborough Fair*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Vivaldi's Rain*, *Danny Boy* and *Mo Ghile Mear*, plus original compositions written by Downes for the soloists.

Downes is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, where he studied music and composition. His concert resume includes venues like Carnegie Hall, Boston Symphony Hall and Wembley Arena, and performances with The Washington Symphony, Moravian Philharmonic and National Symphony Orchestra.

He was musical director of Riverdance for the U.S. and European touring companies, including on Broadway.

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