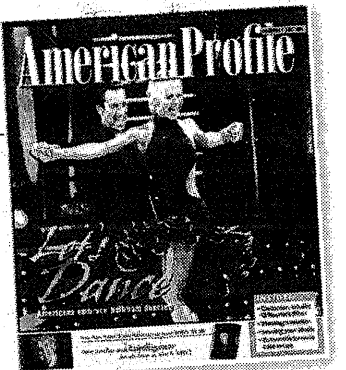


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Guilty on all counts

Jury returns verdict of first-degree murder against Orlewicz in beheading death

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What James Sorensen wanted most out of the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz was justice for his 26-year-old son, Daniel, whom Orlewicz was charged with killing.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury Tuesday gave it to him.

After some 11 hours of deliberation over two days, the jury convicted Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township, of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse. Judge Annette Berry had given the jury permission to consider second-degree murder and voluntary manslaughter, but after taking another look at several exhibits, the jury found Orlewicz guilty as charged.

"I'm grateful our son received the justice he deserved," said the elder Sorensen, of Westland. "There's relief that everything worked out, but very sad, too. There's another family (Orlewicz's) that was sitting in this room, and their son is going away for the rest of his life. We have to keep that in balance."

The jury was handed the case Tuesday afternoon, after defense lawyer James Thomas, who wasn't in court for the verdict, rested his case. They deliberated for nearly four hours Monday before Berry sent them home. They were back at it at 9 a.m. Wednesday, and returned the verdict shortly before 5 p.m.

Berry set May 12 as the sentencing date. Orlewicz faces a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole.



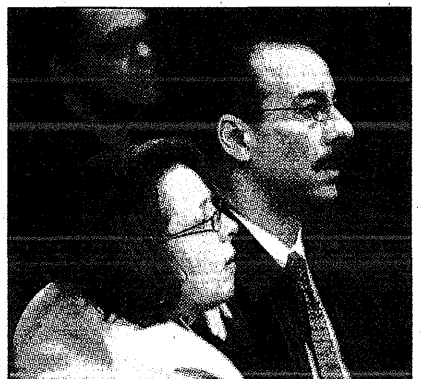
Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran used his closing argument to convince the jury Jean Pierre Orlewicz committed first-degree murder when he killed Daniel Sorensen.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran said he thought the gruesomeness of the crime, and the tender age of the

defendant, caused the jury to take a long, thorough look.

"They took their time and didn't rush to judgment," Moran said. "I've

never seen a murder more (thoroughly) planned out. To me, there was no question it was first-degree murder. The jury took its time and



Charlotte and William Orlewicz, the parents of defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz, watch the court proceedings.

came to the same conclusion."

Joseph Niskar, another of Orlewicz's attorneys, declined to comment following the verdict. Orlewicz's family passed a phalanx of media without comment.

While the prosecution presented forensic evidence tying Orlewicz to the murder, Moran said Wednesday the testimony of former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann played an important role in the conviction. Letkemann, 18 of Westland, pleaded guilty April 1 to second-degree murder, then described the murder in gruesome detail during testimony last week.

"One of the reasons we agreed to the deal with (Letkemann) was he was cooperating with police," Moran said. "He led them to key evidence, he told the jury what happened."

Moran said though he believed

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Setback could delay completion of Sheldon underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's looking more and more like the Sheldon Road underpass project will miss its December deadline and keep the road closed at the CSX railroad tracks until sometime next spring.

Speaking to 150 business leaders at the State of the Community Breakfast sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the usually optimistic Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp sounded very pessimistic.

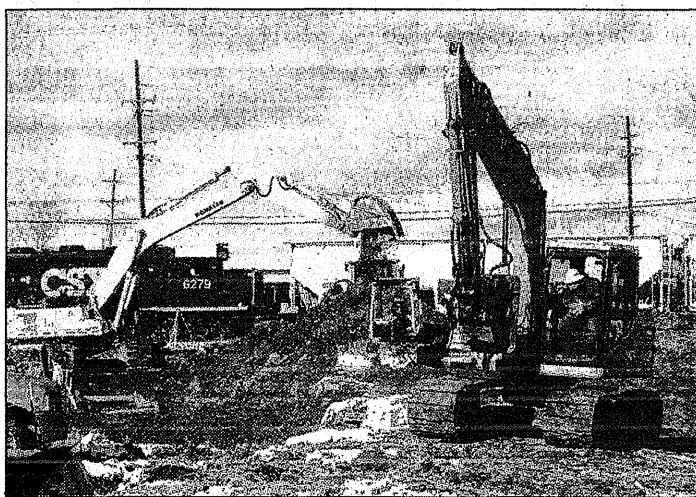
"As of mid-March, we were in fantastic shape and were well on target to hit the April 30 deadline to get the new 36-inch water main in," Helmkamp said. "We started to dig the bore for under the tracks, and the site at 30 feet collapsed on us with sand and an ancient underground

stream bed.

"We've run into sand, water and boulders — it's almost like the perfect storm," he added. "If we have a great next week, we'll still have a chance (of completion by December). If not, then we're probably not going to hit the deadline, which will mean a delay of the project for a few months into next year."

Helmkamp later said that could mean a four- to five-month delay, which would take the \$15-million project — which closed Sheldon Road in January 2007 — into next spring.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has imposed an April 30 deadline for installation of the new water main to avoid construction during peak water usage in the spring and summer. If the new water main isn't in by then, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok said he's concerned about the



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Completion of the Sheldon Road underpass project could be delayed until next spring.

temporary water connection that was installed a couple of months ago to handle non-peak water usage until April 30.

"As you move into the summer, you're in peak demand and you put additional stresses

into the system and we don't know how it will react," Sincok said. "We have concerns about water pressure, no water pressure and boil water situations."

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Teacher layoffs top list of proposed budget cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A proposal to eliminate 25 full-time teaching positions and 24 special education paraprofessionals is part of the plan to cut more than \$3 million from the Plymouth-Canton Schools 2008-09 budget.

School administrators at the elementary, middle and high school levels developed a cost-cutting and revenue plan that will result in an overall reduction in the budget. Among the cuts presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday are a reduction of nearly nine full-time teaching positions at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for a savings of \$810,920; elimination of seven teachers

Complete list of proposed cuts, A4.

at the middle school level to recoup \$432,200; and reducing the elementary teaching staff by 10 teachers at a savings of \$616,000.

"We're not pleased the district is being forced to do this, but we understand they are between a rock and a hard place without state funding," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents 1,100 teachers. "The district has cut about everything it can, and we're where the money is."

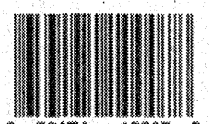
Laying off 24 special education paraprofessionals, one in each building, will

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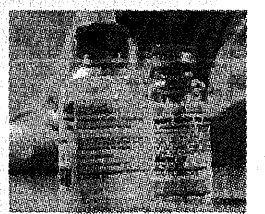


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Coming Sunday in Health



Treatment advances, changes lives of hemophilia patients

Miller Woods walk

Come celebrate the arrival of spring weather by taking a walk through Miller Woods. Guided walks showcasing the procession of spring wildflowers are planned for three Sundays: April 20, 27, and May 4. The walks are scheduled for 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. on those days.

Miller Woods is located on Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge Roads in Plymouth Township. Please note, this is a nature preserve and dogs are not permitted.

Fall festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall

Festival, scheduled for Sept. 5-7. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend.

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

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

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

Author, photographer at luncheon

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library join the Friends of the Canton, Northville and Novi libraries in presenting author Loren Estleman and photographer Monte Nagler at the annual Book and Author Luncheon, May 14 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The two have recently collaborated on "Amos Walker's Detroit", a collection of photographs of Detroit areas found in Estleman's popular Amos Walker mystery series.

The mystery and western novels of Loren Estleman have been translated into dozens of languages and are read around the world. He has

received eighteen national writing awards from such organizations as the Private Eye Writers of America, the Western Writers of America and Popular Fiction Monthly. In 1987, the Michigan Foundation of the Arts presented him with its award for literature. In 1997, the Michigan Library Association named him the recipient of the Michigan Author's Award.

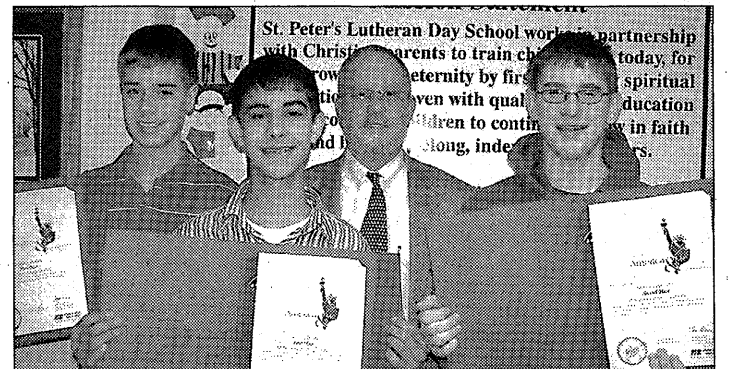
Fine art photographer Monte Nagler has won numerous awards. His work is found in many private and public collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts; the University of Michigan Museum of Art; the Dayton Art Institute; the Grand Rapids Museum of Art; the Center for Creative Photography and The Brooklyn Museum.

The Book and Author Luncheon is open to the public; tickets are \$25. They can be purchased at any of the participating libraries, including the Plymouth District Library. For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

Poet in shows

Award-winning poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has juried into three shows. Her poetry and haiku will appear through April 17 at the Duderstadt Gallery on North Campus at the University of Michigan in the "rEVOLUTION: Making Art For Change."

Her haiku and fine art photography piece, titled, "Joseph" is a part of the Village Fine Arts Association 16th-annual PAN, 2008 Poetry Art Night, Exhibition/Competition at the



Essay excellence

Nicholas Smith, Stephen Schacht and Brendan Jenkins, all from St. Peter's Lutheran School in Plymouth, have been named local winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau's Insurance. All three received award certificates for their achievements. As the school's first-place winner, Smith's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school. Smith's first-place essay now advances to the state-level competition, from which the top 10 essays will be chosen.

Milford Township Library. This exhibit runs April 21-28. The awards and gala evening are set Saturday, April 26.

Presently three of her fine art photography pieces are in an all media art exhibit in Orion Township.

She is also busy teaching her students the craft of writing, and will begin an Introduction to Creative Writing on April 23, through Wayne-Westland Schools. All levels of talented writers are encouraged to take this class. She can be reached at (734) 397-1626, and for registration information, call (734) 419-2426.

McCotter to speak

The Canton Rotary Club will host U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter as a guest speaker at its weekly luncheon at noon, Monday, April 21 at Carrabba's Italian grill 1900 Haggerty

Road in Canton. McCotter, who is up for reelection this fall, will be speaking about his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small business, as well as fighting to reduce taxes and the size and scope of government.

All local citizens and business owners are welcome to lunch -- cost is \$11. For more information, contact the Rotary Club at (734) 844-7400.

Pilates trainer

On Friday, April 18 Pilates Director of Education and Senior "Teacher of Teachers" of the United States Pilates Association Brett Howard comes to Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio in downtown Plymouth Friday, April 18.

The prestigious master trainer will be holding a workshop for Pilates instructors focused on knee injuries.

"We were getting phone calls back the same day it was announced," said Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio. The workshop filled up so quickly that Howard will be doing private training April 17 and April 19 to fit in as many interested clients and instructors as possible. Fifteen instructors from Chicago, Ohio and throughout Michigan will be in attendance for the workshop.

For more information, contact White at (734) 459-1547 or pilatesinstructor@hotmail.com. Core Sport is located at 829 Penniman Ave in Plymouth.

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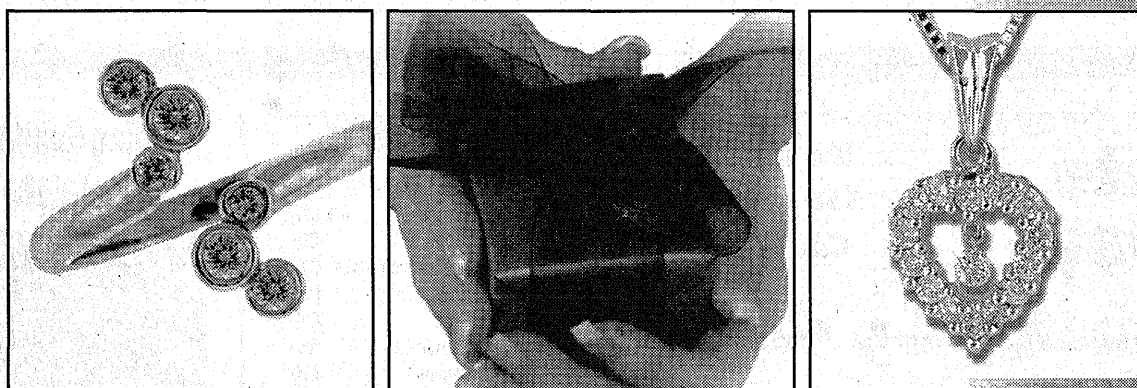
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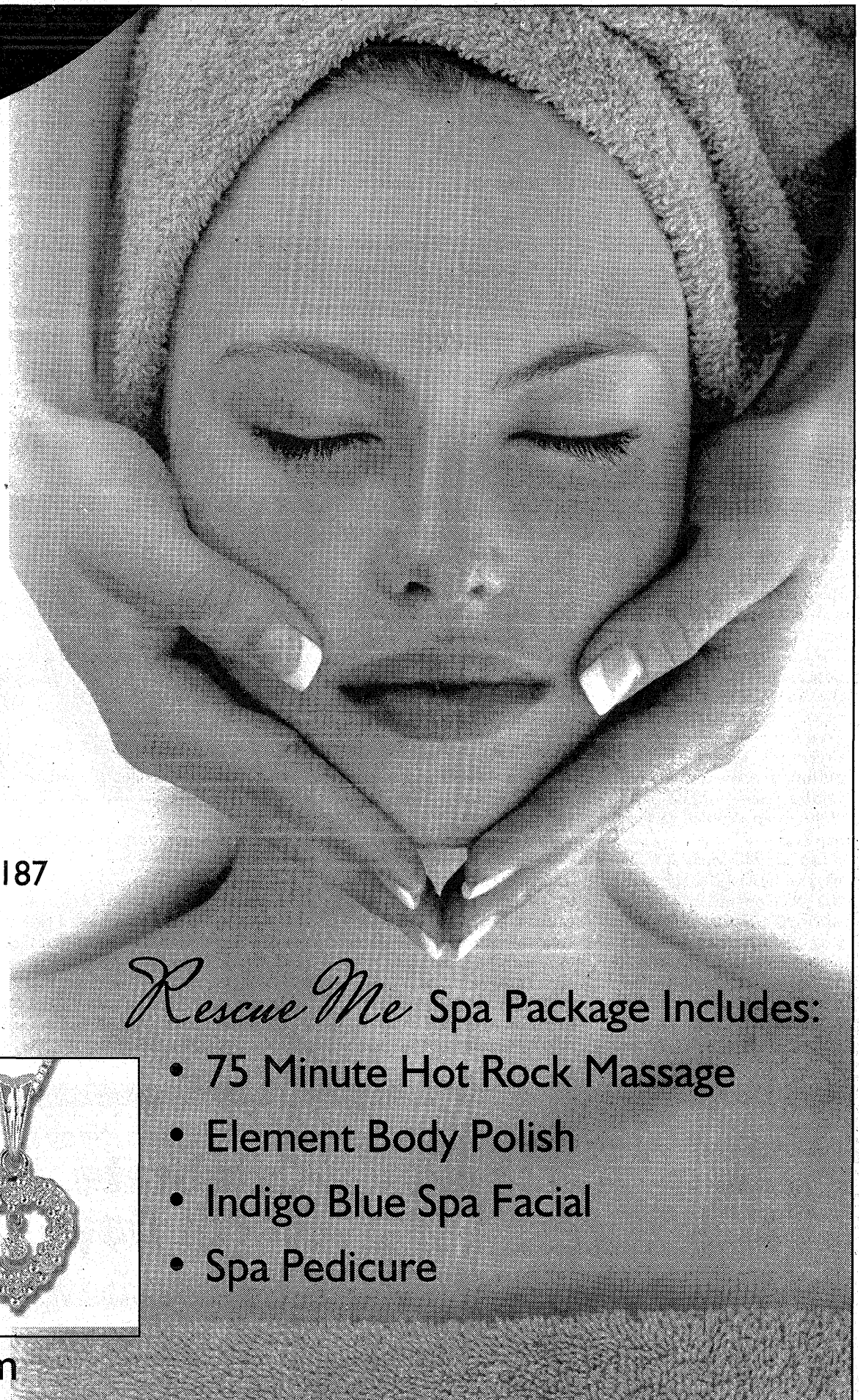


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Water rates may rise in city, remain steady in township

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Plymouth city commissioners received a recommendation from the administration to raise water rates by 6.7 percent, Plymouth Township may elect to absorb the 14-percent combined increase from the city of Detroit for water and Wayne County for sewerage.

Plymouth Finance Director Mark Christiansen said the ready-to-serve basic charge of \$11.56 per quarter will remain the same, but the average user — a household that consumes 18,000 gallons — will experience a quarterly increase from \$182.74 to \$194.26 if the city commission votes to implement the rate hike. That's an annual increase of \$46.08.

Last year, city residents did not receive a water and sewer rate increase. The previous three years, rates increased 2.1, 4.1 and 10.6 percent, respectively.

Christiansen said the proposed 2008-09 increase is a slightly more than Detroit and Wayne County are charging the city of Plymouth.

"We need to generate an additional \$100,000 over what we did last year. Part of that is for equipment costs and part to supplement water and sewer infrastructure costs of the new street program," Christiansen said. "The total we need is

\$605,000 for the year."

Of that amount, \$250,000 is for new radio-signal water meters.

"We will begin replacing current meters with ones that can be read with radio wave equipment by someone simply driving by a house," City Manager Paul Sincock said of the new technology which has been tested in some homes already. "We'll collect the data, which will be downloaded, and avoids us having someone walking neighborhoods to get meter readings."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, at the State of the Community Breakfast sponsored Wednesday morning by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said he's hopeful trustees won't raise water and sewer rates despite a 14-percent increase from Detroit and Wayne County.

"We're looking at taking down some of the reserves and making some belt-tightening in that area so we don't have to pass it on," Reaume said. "We're aware of how that impacts your businesses."

Last year, Plymouth Township trustees voted to increase rates 14 percent, less than half the 29-percent increase to the township.

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from the beginning it was a case of first-degree murder, the length of the jury's deliberation did give him pause to wonder.

"It makes you nervous," Moran said. "You're on pins and needles. The gravity of the case ... and how horrific the acts, it took the jurors some time to come to grips with the idea an 18-year-old kid is capable of that."

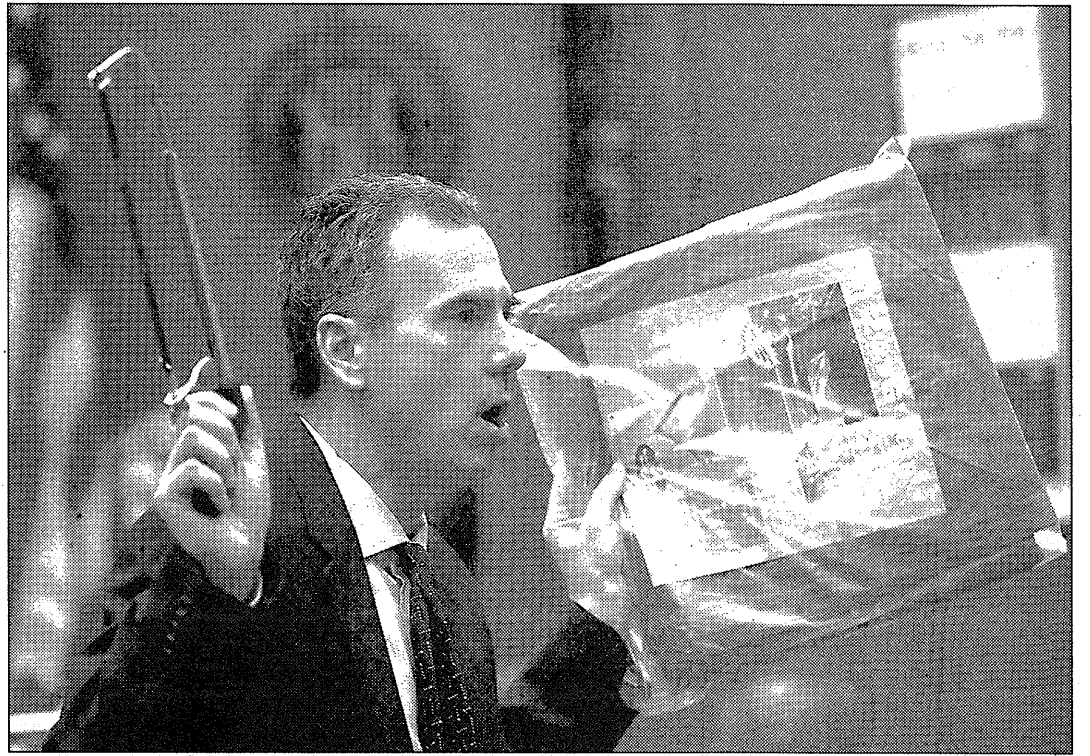
Orlewicz took the stand on Monday and claimed he killed Sorensen in self-defense after Sorensen threatened to kill him and accomplice Alexander Letkemann following an aborted extortion scheme that was supposed to take place in the garage of Orlewicz's grandfather's Canton Township home Nov. 7.

But Moran argued in his closing statement the self-defense theory is "bogus."

"(Orlewicz) wants you to believe he was afraid of (Sorensen)," Moran told jurors. "Why does he take (Sorensen) into the garage? Why not say (intended extortion victim Adam Duwe) wasn't coming? Why not do it outside?"

"It's because there was no (extortion) plan."

Thomas argued if Sorensen's



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Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran displays a hacksaw and tarp like the ones he said were used in the crime.

death was a planned murder, it would have happened differently. Citing testimony Orlewicz knew Sorensen carried a gun, Thomas argued his client, who used a paring knife in the attack, was woefully under-armed.

"This was a crime where someone brought a knife to a gunfight," Thomas argued. "This was a crime where (Sorensen) was known to carry a gun."

The jury clearly didn't buy Orlewicz's self-defense claims, a fact for which Sorensen's family and friends were grateful.

"Just, 'Thank you,'" Dena Hasan of Westland, a friend of Sorensen, said of her reaction to the verdict. "I know a family just lost their son, but we lost someone a long time ago at (Orlewicz's) hand."

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James and Kimberley Sorensen, parents of victim Daniel Sorensen, react to photos of the crime scene.

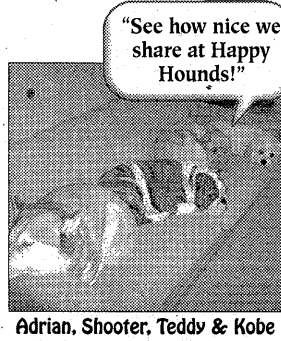
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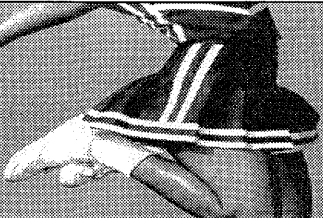
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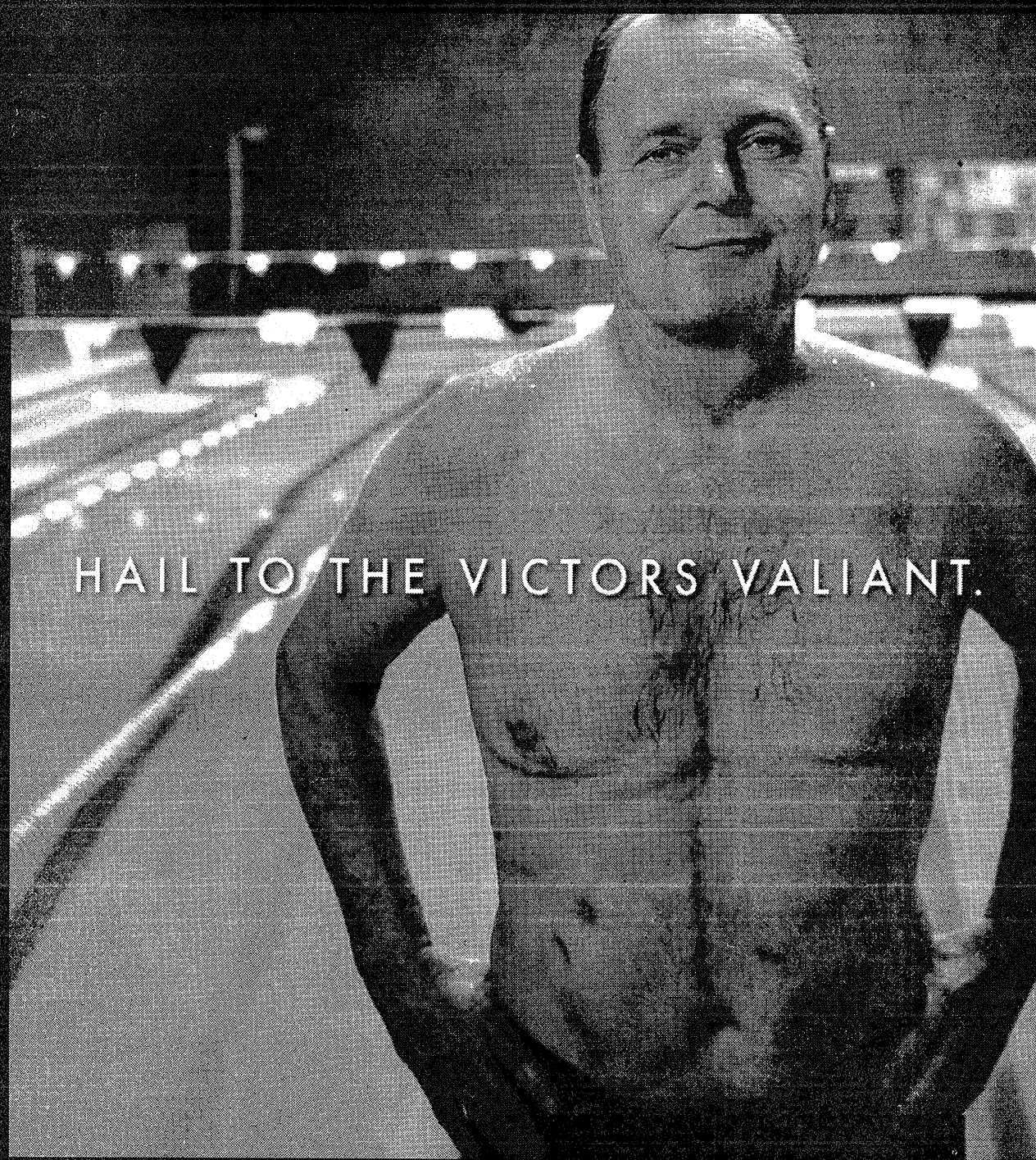
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Fallen and wounded soldiers benefit
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silent and live auctions as well as a pre-event private reception. Among the host committee members are U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Congressman Pete Hoekstra, Congresswoman Candice Miller, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, and State Sen. Michael Bishop. Tickets are \$100 per seat, 10 seats per table. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available for levels ranging from \$2,500 to 15,000-plus. All proceeds from the event will be used to help veterans and their families. Last year's benefit dinner

helped raise more than \$150,000 in donations. To secure a sponsorship, contact Chris Cornelius at (248) 417-6984 or FWSF@aol.com
Arthritis walk
The Ann Arbor Area Arthritis Walk takes place 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26, beginning and ending at Huron High School. Participants may choose one- or three-mile walk routes. Plus, family fun, bouncy house, clowns, and much more! To register, call the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org (keyword: Michigan).

CUTS

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save the district \$844,000 as the special education model moves toward one of inclusion in the classroom, reducing the need for the same number of teacher aides.
"The model of one-to-one service is changing as a preferred service delivery model in the field of special education," said Cindy Swift, assistant superintendent for instructional services. "We're talking about programs that advocate inclusionary practices, team teaching and collaborative models of instruction."
Additional cuts proposed by PCCS administrators include reducing weekend athletic transportation, except for football, to save \$50,000; reducing summer and evening security staff hours at P-CEP and Starkweather Educational Center for a savings of \$45,000; and eliminating busing for Talented and Gifted (TAG) students to Miller Elementary for \$37,000.

Administrators also recommended a total of \$190,000 in new revenue streams, including \$250 for online credit recovery classes, generating an estimated \$50,000; increasing student admission to high school sporting events from \$3 to \$5 for an additional \$40,000; raising student parking permits for P-CEP from \$75 to \$100, generating \$30,000; charging \$5 for tickets to high school graduation ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University for \$30,000; increasing fees at Starkweather for \$20,000; raising pay-to-participate fees for middle school sports from \$60 to \$75 for the first two sports, adding \$15,000; and charging an admission fee to middle school indoor sports, producing \$10,000.

Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said cost-savings during the school year could add another \$1 million or more to the bottom line, helping the district make up a projected \$4.1 million deficit without dipping into the fund balance.
"As reliant as we are on the State of Michigan for our funding levels, it's becoming increasingly frustrating for us to sit and wait to listen there is help on the way, then help doesn't arrive, or it arrives too late," Jacobs told board members. "I don't think we've received an inflationary (state foundation grant) adjustment for years. As we sit and watch our fund balance disappear ... we slowly dismantle our educational program."
With the proposed teacher layoffs, increases in average class size are expected at both the middle and high school levels.
"At the high school, it may be an average class size of 32 but that means there bigger," said a concerned Trustee Nancy Eggenberger.
If the cost-cutting plan, or a similar one, is approved by the Board of Education, it will be the first time in five years the district will not spend any

PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET CUTS AND FEE INCREASES

- Cuts**
- 25 teacher layoffs (\$1.58 million)
 - 24 special education paraprofessionals layoffs (\$844,000)
 - Reduction of weekend high school athletic transportation (\$50,000)
 - Eliminate TAG busing to Miller Elementary (\$37,000)
- Fee increases**
- Implement online credit recovery program at \$250 per class
 - Increase student admission charge for high school sporting events from \$3 to \$5
 - Increase high school parking permit fee from \$75 to \$100
 - Charging \$5 for each additional ticket above the two free per student to attend graduation ceremonies
 - Raise summer school tuition by \$25 for total of \$250 per class
 - Increase pay-to-participate fees for first two middle school sports from \$60 to \$75 each
 - Implement \$2 adult and \$1 student entry fee for indoor middle school sports

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With the proposed teacher layoffs, increases in average class size are expected at both the middle and high school levels.

"At the high school, it may be an average class size of 32 but that means there bigger," said a concerned Trustee Nancy Eggenberger.

If the cost-cutting plan, or a similar one, is approved by the Board of Education, it will be the first time in five years the district will not spend any

of its fund balance, leaving it with \$8.5 million. According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, since the 2004-05 school year the district has made program cuts to the tune of \$8.9 million and used \$11 million of its fund balance.

"Despite the fact we've cut \$12 million the past five years, it's very difficult to keep ahead of the curve that Lansing has thrown us," said school board President Judy Mardigan. "It's the first time we've empowered the administrative team to help us (make cuts), and they've given us three concrete strategies."

Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman said it was difficult making the tough decisions.

"We're at the point where the last thing to cut is people and increasing fees," said Freeman. "As we start to increase class sizes and participation fees it will hit people in the pocket-book and when they need services from us."

"The decisions were tough at every level," he said. "At times it was heart-wrenching."

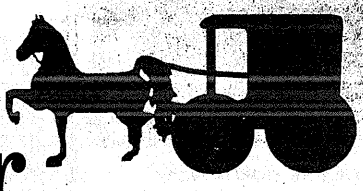
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Registration is required for each event. Admission is \$35 per person or \$25 per person for members of Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science or Cranbrook House and Gardens. Coming up are:

■ **A Blooming Good Time: Investigating Michigan's Native Spring Flora**, 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook House Workshop. Michigan's landscape is filled with colorful and rare flowers, trees and plants. Learn how to identify many of these species common to woodland and wetland environments. The program will begin at Cranbrook Institute of Science for a look at the museum's botany collection, then will move on to the bog and wildflower gardens of Cranbrook House for an up-close examination of several early blooming varieties. Event will be held rain or shine. Participants will be walking approximately

one mile over uneven terrain. Capacity: 50 people.

■ **An Artist's Space: An In-Depth Look at the Influence of Cranbrook Artists on Craft In America**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29. This summer, Cranbrook Art Museum will host the national traveling exhibition, "Craft In America: Expanding Traditions," a groundbreaking visual exploration of the history and cultural significance of America's craft movement. A number of Cranbrook Academy of Art artists and faculty are featured in this exhibition.

This program will offer an in-depth look at their contribution to the movement and will include a rare, behind-the-scenes tour of the original craft studios in which these artists worked and created. A guided tour of the exhibition is also included.

■ **Natural Impressions: Finding Motifs of Nature in Cultural Relics**, 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Cranbrook Institute of Science. Fabrics, pottery, architecture — the arts are filled with representations of elements from the natural world. Institute of Science Director and Archaeologist Michael Stafford will present an engaging lecture exploring the natural world as it is expressed in the cultural materials and artifacts of the Great Lakes region. He will be joined by David Pepper of Okame Antiques, who will explore a similar theme from an Eastern perspective including Japanese cultural items through the centuries. The talks will be highlighted by the presentation of special pieces from the Institute's collections. Capacity: 120 people.

Each program is limited to 25 people per session unless otherwise indicated. To make your reservation, please call (248) 645-3142 or register at www.cranbrook.edu.

Having emergency fund vital to investing

I was recently asked about investment liquidity. A man lost his job last year and is still unemployed. His severance pay has run out. He has investments either in retirement accounts or in a variety of insurance-type products, including a variable universal life insurance policy and a variable annuity. He wants to know how to access the money he needs and what he should do in the future to avoid this problem.

The first issue is the need for an emergency fund. It is essential to being a good investor. I recommend at least three to six months of living expenses in a fund that is available in case of emergency.

In an area where the economy is struggling, people need to build up an emergency fund if they do not already have one in place. To be an effective emergency fund, money cannot be invested in equities or volatile investments. Short-term CDs, money market accounts and ultra short-term bond funds are appropriate for emergency funds. In the past, people would use home equity loans for an emergency fund. However, that option is no longer available to many people.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

This individual has life insurance he purchased for a tax shelter. He made a two-fold mistake. The first is letting the tax tail wag the dog. Never make an investment decision based purely

upon tax consequences. In any investment, the key is the economics of the investment. If the economics don't make sense, it will still be a bad investment regardless of tax consequences. Life insurance is not a good tax shelter. In order to collect, you have to die.

The other mistake he made was believing that life insurance is an investment. If you don't need insurance to protect loved ones from financial shortfalls in the event of your death, you shouldn't buy it. In most cases, when you combine life insurance and investments, you get the worst of both worlds — high fees and low returns.

Liquidity is an issue that should concern every investor.

Before you buy, always ask how do you get your money out.

In this case, the bulk of his portfolio was tied up in a variable annuity. Since the individual is under 59½, the tax consequences for removing money are heavy. The money would be taxed at ordinary income rate (not the favorable capital gains rate), and there would be early withdrawal penalties.

The adverse tax consequences, the costs and liquidity issues are a few reasons why I am not a fan of variable annuities. We all make mistakes when it comes to handling our money. The key is to learn from our mistakes.

I find many investors never forgive themselves and constantly beat themselves up for the mistakes they have made. The past is the past and there is nothing you can do to change it. Look ahead, learn and make better decisions going forward.

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

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Jews unite in celebration of Passover

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

This year Passover is bringing together Jews of different denominations for seders to celebrate their release from Egyptian slavery around 1280 B.C.E. The dinner features a retelling of the Exodus when Moses lead the Children of Israel into the desert after a series of 10 plagues finally convinced Pharaoh "to let my people go."

Congregation Beit Kodesh, a conservative synagogue in Livonia, gathered with the reformed Jewish temple Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton for a mock children's seder (SAY DER) led by Rabbi Peter Gluck of Bet Chaverim last Sunday. It consisted of a reading of the Haggadah (HAH-GAH-DAH), a book used to guide participants

through a seder. Although the customs of these denominations vary, their beliefs remain the same. They will observe Passover from sundown Saturday, April 19, to sundown Sunday, April 27.

Like most Jews, Jeff Kirsch of Farmington Hills shares the traditional seder meal on the first two nights with his family - wife Paula, son David, 24, daughter Michelle, 26, her son Chase, 2 1/2, and friends. The Kirsch family will also attend services at the synagogue on the first two and last two days of Passover.

"The Haggadah book describes the seder and talks about the Jews leaving Egypt. It gives everyone a sense of what Passover is all about and how it's celebrated at each person's home. To me it's about freedom. It's about hope, not being a slave to anybody, being

able to have your own dreams and fulfilling what you want. It's a very important holiday to us," said Kirsch, education director of the Sunday School for children of the Livonia and Canton congregations.

Roberta Malkowski is busy taking reservations and organizing the dishes to be brought to the Bet Chaverim congregational seder Saturday. The Northville woman will then celebrate Passover with the Klegon family, her close friends in Bloomfield Hills Sunday.

"We go through telling of the crossing of Jewish people across the desert and the 10 plagues and have Matzah, the unleavened bread. One of the most symbolical reasons why we have it at Passover they were fleeing as slaves and did not have time to let bread rise," said Malkowski. "The children are very much involved. One of

most important parts is asking the four questions and usually reserved for the youngest. One question is why is this night different than all other nights. On all other nights we eat leavened bread.

"Our seder is done in Hebrew and English so everyone is able to participate. Everyone gets to read a passage. Passover's always been a favorite holiday of ours because it's so inclusive of family and service is held in your home. You are actually holding a service in your home or with a congregation."

Malkowski grew up outside New York City and used to bring her college roommate home with her for seder.

"It's kind of like a Thanksgiving dinner where you invite everybody around," said Malkowski.

Rabbi Boruch Cohen is inviting Jews in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area to participate in Passover Across America community learning seders at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chai Center Saturday-Sunday. The synagogue is one of only 20 locations in the country to host the seders sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program of New York, a continuing Jewish adult education organization. Passover Across America seders are conducted entirely in English.

"Jewish spirituality is very community oriented," said Rabbi Cohen. "Many people



PHOTO BY JEFF KIRSCH

Rabbi Peter Gluck leads a mock seder for the children of congregations Bet Chaverim and Beit Kodesh last Sunday.

celebrate with family, but others either don't have family around here or want to experience a seder with a rabbi done with a sense of meaning and spirituality."

Cohen's six children, ages 3 to 16, will attend the community seder and share songs they learned at school.

"Passover America is to help people understand what seder's all about," said Rabbi Cohen. "Part of the beauty of a community seder is because it's read straight through without any understanding of text, begging for people to ask questions. To the modern ear it's sometimes a bit foreign. What is this saying to me that scholars have asked throughout history? The answers are revolutionary. This is the style of Jewish learning, you take a text

and talk about it. In the discussion is just a burst of truly amazing stuff.

"Passover in Exodus is a historical dimension. There's also a concept of Exodus in an everyday dimension. A person is body and soul together in a sense when the soul can get enslaved to bodily pursuits and lose touch with their spiritual identity. One of the fundamental themes of the holiday is to re-establish contact with one's spiritual identity. A sense of freedom for the soul, which is really the key for the seder celebration, has been somewhat lost in the American seder. We want to reconnect with the real beauty and meaning of what's going on."

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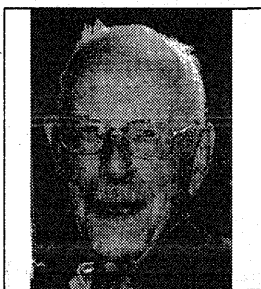
Age 69, passed on to eternal life April 13, 2008 after an 18 month battle with brain cancer. Beloved wife of 35 years of William, Loving mother of Deborah (Reiner) Rommelmann of El Paso, John Michael Manns of Colorado Springs and Deborah (John) Clark of Greenville. Grandmother of Kristine and Ashleigh. Sister of Beverly Buchanan of San Francisco, David (Kris) Shaven of Toledo, Sally (Charlie) Raphael of Williamsburg Virginia and Rich (Kari) Shaven of Portland Oregon. Born to Donald and Helen Shaven in Toledo. Attended DeVilbiss High School in Toledo and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Barbara worked as an accountant for Coordinated Arts in Plymouth and Enviro Fab in Redford before joining Midwest Benefits in Southfield where she became Director of Finance overseeing the accounting, payroll and Human Resource departments. When the company was sold she moved to a part time position as accountant for Ann Arbor Dermatology. Barbara especially loved musicals, plays, cooking, traveling in their motor home with a group of friends and volunteering with her Rotarian husband for work with District 6400 of Rotary International. She was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. Services held at North Ridge Church on Thursday April 17, 2008. Memorials suggested to Hermelin Brain Tumor Center of Henry Ford Health Systems, Arbor Hospice or the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com

MARGERY A. STARNES

Age 80, of Metamora, formerly of Pleasant Ridge & Birmingham, passed away April 10, 2008 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born May 27, 1927 in Pleasant Ridge. She is survived by her husband Robert, whom she married July 15, 1950 in Royal Oak, her children Robert (Cynthia), James (Cynthia), Deborah, Laura (William) Wiley, Virginia (Steven) Taylor & the late Carol, siblings: Barbara Thunell, Donald Boothroyd & the late Douglas Boothroyd. Two grandchildren Bradley & Katherine also survive. Margery was a member of the P.E.O. & The Delta Zeta Sorority, & was a graduate of Albion College. She loved to travel, life & her family and friends. Visitation took place Monday, 2-9pm at Wessles & Wilk Funeral Home, 23690 Woodward Ave., Pleasant Ridge. A celebration of Life luncheon will be on Sat., April 19th, from 11am-1pm at Pasquales Restaurant, 31555 Woodward. Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice.

LILLIAN WADE

Age 79, of 29865 Speidel Rd., East Rochester, OH, died April 12th at the Hospice House in Poland, Ohio. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Shultz of East Rochester, OH, & sons, Timothy Wade of Delton, MI, and Ronald Wade of Wolverine Lake, MI. Services were held at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home in Salem, OH. Private burial will be held at the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.



WILLIAM H. BURGUM

Age 93, of West Bloomfield, died April 13, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Burgum was born November 13, 1914 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, #118 Construction Battalion, serving in the South Pacific, New Guinea, Philippines and Australia from 1942-1945. Mr. Burgum was a civil engineer. He was a resident of Birmingham for 65 years where he served as Planning Commissioner, 1951-1958, City Commissioner, 1958-1964 and Mayor, 1963-1964. Mr. Burgum was a member of the Birmingham Rotary since 1960, serving as president, 1964-1965. He was a strong supporter of the YMCA and the Community House in Birmingham. Mr. Burgum is survived by his wife, Louise and children, Thomas L. (Bonnie) Burgum and Katherine (Robert) Schneider. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jill, Stacy, Tom (Melissa) Burgum, Robin (Steve) Hauck, Robert Schneider, Martha (Andy) Enright and Benjamin Shealey, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham, Thursday, April 24 at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Rotary Foundation, c/o Birmingham Rotary, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 or Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.



MIKE KEETH

Age 59, passed away April 11, 2008. He was a life long Plymouth resident and business owner of Colonial Heating and Cooling. He is survived by his loving partner Diane, his children Richard, Lisa, Kenny, Steve and Sherman. Also survived by his brother Don, his sister Leslyn and many loving grandchildren. Mike was a dear friend to many, loved by those who knew him and will be truly missed.

RUTH F. BERKEY

Age 86, of Westland, April 12, 2008. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Emily (Bernard) Brock and Pamela Grubbs. Dearest grandmother of seven and great grandmother of 11. She is also survived by her sister Juanita (and the late Adam) Dellinger. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Vickie and her parents, Edward and Edna Cash. Funeral service was Tuesday, 3:00 PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

ELOYIS R. ROTHWELL

Age 87, April 15, 2008. Wife of the late Philip M. Rothwell. Mother of Ellen Stewart and Laura Ambrose (Brian). Grandmother of Emily Pachla (Steve), Andrew Stewart, Sarah Ambrose, and Jessica Ambrose. Memorial service, Saturday 2 PM at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial Tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Kirk in the Hills.

JOHN "JACK" BEAVIS

Age 78, Novi, MI, passed April 11, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

MARSHALL E. STREET (GABBY)

Age 88, April 15, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Willie Mae. Dear father of Pam (Larry) Bruder, Candy (Bill) Chenoweth and the late Marshall W. Father-in-law of Sue. Grandfather of Joe (Paula), Michelle (Doug), Susie (Mike), Josh and Woodie. Great-grandfather of Derek, Sammie, Millie, Brock, Jordan, Madison, Nathan and Morgan. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Funeral Services Friday 10am at the John N. Santeui and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford and Cherry Hill).

PETER B. NIELSEN

Age 87, of Livonia. Passed away in his home on April 11, 2008. Preceded in death by his wife, Miriam and sons, Alan and Craig. Loving father of Roy (Kerry), Paul and Denise (Greg) Stratton. Proud grandpa of Nicole, Amber, Steven, Stacy, Leslie, James and Haley and great-grandpa to Joshua and Gavin. Memorial service Saturday, April 19, 6:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Farmington. Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152.



VILMA "VAL" LEE KESSLER

April 13, 2008. Age 75. Resident of Clarkston, MI. Survived by her husband of 51 years, Paul; by her children, Paul A. Kessler and Lisa Marion; and by her grandchildren, Michael and Anne Marie Marion. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple & Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Thursday 2-9PM.

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Rummage sale

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.

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.

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-ground 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

Ss. 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.

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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.

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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.

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All separated, divorced and singles welcome. 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.

Day of Reflection

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

Pax Christi conference

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Christo Rey Church, Lansing. Theme focuses on bringing an end to racism. Registration fee \$40 until April 12, \$45 after, visit www.paxchristi.org. send e-mail to TirakPaxMI@aol.com or call (517) 482-2558.

MAMA's Coffeeshouse

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 slot for Open Mic, call (248) 626-4650.

Save our church concert

A variety of singing groups perform 5 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 2260 Hunt at Chene, Detroit. Proceeds to help save Immanuel Grace A.M.E. Church at 490 Conner. Call (313) 821-0181. Church mortgage payment due May 13.

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.

Gospel concert

The Sacred Heart Choral Assembly of Sacred Heart Parish in Detroit performs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The concert is sponsored by the Choirs of St. Michael's, under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Stepinin, and is open to the public. No tickets required; a free will offering is requested.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday 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.

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

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, two blocks south of Plymouth Road. Toys, clothes, shoes and purses, small appliances, books, kitchen stuff. Proceeds go for church and district mission projects. Call (313) 937-3170.

Used book/media sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial at

Beck, Plymouth Township.

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.

Bible meets Broadway

8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, the Livonia Youth Choir and the St. Paul's Singers, under the direction of Pat Hutchison and April Toews, perform music from The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Into the Woods, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and more, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. For information, call Pat Hutchison at (248) 347-4134. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner in the church's social hall where each group will offer a short performance. At 8 p.m., the choirs will move to the sanctuary for their general concert which also features some Churchill High School alumni who have also been a part of the Livonia Youth Choir and/or St. Paul's. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3. Tickets for dinner and concert are \$6.00 and available by calling (734) 422-1470 as soon as possible as seating for the dinner is limited.

Irish festival

1-9 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the grounds of St. Patrick's Senior Center, 58 Parsons, behind Orchestral Hall. Hundreds of Irish dancers, singers, musicians plus food, games, raffles. Proceeds go to St/ Pat's center. Call (313) 833-7080

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.

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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, or visit 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

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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.

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 P.M. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco de 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.

Rummage sale

1-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit <http://fpcbirmingham.org/RummageSale>, or send e-mail to fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com.

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. 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.

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.

livonfaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes

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

Church offerings

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

Church services

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

Thursday fellowship dinner

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

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Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for

over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

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

Couple prayer series

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

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Airport plans three open houses on master plan

The Wayne County Airport Authority will host six additional public informational "Open Houses" to provide local community members with the opportunity to learn more about the details of the Authority's proposed Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"The Airport Authority has been and remains committed to developing an Airport Master Plan for Detroit Metro that meets the needs of the entire region we serve," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "These additional sessions will help advance our effort to include as much public

input as possible in the planning process and to develop the Master Plan in the most transparent manner possible."

The plan includes building a new runway that would require the removal of housing in a Romulus neighborhood. Romulus officials and residents have objected to the proposal.

The Airport Master Plan Open House sessions will be held 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 23; 9 a.m. to noon and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29; and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Metropolitan Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus.

All six Open House sessions will provide the same resources but the schedule is staggered across three dates and time slots to maximize community participation.

Details about the Master Plan will be provided using informational displays (including large charts and maps) and representatives from the Airport Authority's planning team will be available throughout each session to personally address each participant's questions and concerns. Community members are encouraged to stop-by at any time during any of the Open Houses and to stay until all of their questions are answered.

"By providing 18 hours of availability across three different dates when airport stakeholders can drop-in at their leisure, this 'Open House' format will provide community members with several chances to interact one-on-one directly with a member of the Authority's planning team," Robinson said.

At its meeting on March 20, the Airport Authority Board elected to defer action on the Airport's proposed Master Plan to its May 22 meeting to allow additional time for community concerns to be addressed.

The Federal Aviation Administration estimates that

passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport will increase an average of 2.3 percent annually. As a result, Detroit Metro expects to see nearly 60 million passengers and more than 800,000 take-offs and landings each year by 2025.

An airport "Master Plan" is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from any airport that plans to seek federal funding for airport development projects. The purpose of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's proposed Master Plan is to develop a basic layout of physical improvements that will be needed if the demand and activity increase to the levels expected.

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WSU students offer PR services to nonprofit organizations

Wayne State University, celebrated for its applied curriculum, is taking another step in integrating its practical education with its commitment to the community through its service learning initiative, CommunityEngagement@Wayne.

One of the latest projects in service learning at Wayne involves a Public Relations COM 7140 graduate course crafted to enrich 24 PR students' academic and practical skills.

The students are working to develop press kits, coordinate events and garner media attention for Detroit non-profits, including Alternatives for Girls, Covenant House Michigan, Southwest Detroit Development Collaborative (SDDC), Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, as well as a team helping to increase the visibility of the communication studies major at Wayne.

These organizations have found support through CommunityEngagement@Wayne, which is a service learning program dedicated

to advancing students' efforts in the causes of these organizations ranging from drug and sexual abuse prevention amongst young girls to nurturing Detroit's natural resources and environment. The initiative identifies courses that have a practical component and assist eager instructors in implementing real-life skill building experiences.

For example, from the nearly \$650,000 WSU has raised toward this project the COM 7140 course was awarded a portion to support their efforts in establishing community partners as clients needing public relations consultation.

The COM 7140 students will continue to assist local area non-profits by supplying a variety of public relations services through the end of the semester. Students hope to equip the organizations with PR resources that will sustain their organizational needs for the future while contributing to their mission.

"I wanted to be a part of something from the beginning and was especially interested

in contributing a strategic plan that will be ongoing and adaptive as the organization grows and changes," said Anne Sesko, graduate student working with SDDC. "I knew that this kind of collaboration existed, but did not realize what an impact it could have."

In addition to students, many WSU instructors believe the service learning initiative enhances classroom learning through real-life skill building, which ultimately provides a competitive advantage for participants.

Since its inception in 2005, CommunityEngagement@Wayne has promoted the university's dedication to its local, urban environment. The initiative provides tangible benefits to communities and unique opportunities for students to apply newly learned skills in a real-world context. It supports the service learning endeavors of WSU instructors and students and welcomes innovative community partnering. For more information, visit www.communityengagement.wayne.edu.

LEKOTEK OPEN HOUSE

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Lekotek Program is holding an open house 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at 26049 Five Mile Road, Redford.

Lekotek offers play sessions for developmentally disabled children ages birth to 12 years old.

If you would like to attend the Open House, please RSVP to Lana at (313) 532-8524 or e-mail: lane6356@aol.com

You can also visit on the web www.thearcnw.org.

Service offers free ACT, SAT practice sessions

The Princeton Review of Ann Arbor is holding a National Free Test Day for high school students.

This event is open to the public and students may register simply by calling The Princeton Review office at 800-2Review or 734-663-2163. Students may also register by visiting www.PrincetonReview.com/Events.

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The ACT testing will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 3. Locations are offered around the State: Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe and Utica.

The SAT testing will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 17. Locations are offered around the State: Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe and Utica.

Students and parents are invited to attend the Scores Back and Strategy Session 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 31 in Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Utica. Students will receive their scores, learn strategies for each test and how to gain admission in a top-notch school.

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The seminar is part of Money Smart Week, a Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago initiative, being held in Michigan April 20-26. During this time, more than 315 Money Smart education classes, seminars, and activities will be held to help people better manage their personal finances. For more information on Michigan's Money Smart activities visit www.moneysmartweek.org/michigan or call (877) MNY-SMRT.

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Children's book takes a shine to lighthouses

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Washington, D.C., has played host to many famous marches — by veterans, civil rights advocates, anti-nuclear demonstrators, fathers for responsibility and mothers against war.

But the capital hasn't seen anything like the vision John Foley conjures in his children's book *Shine On Lighthouses*. In his colorful tale the lighthouses march to demand better preservation.

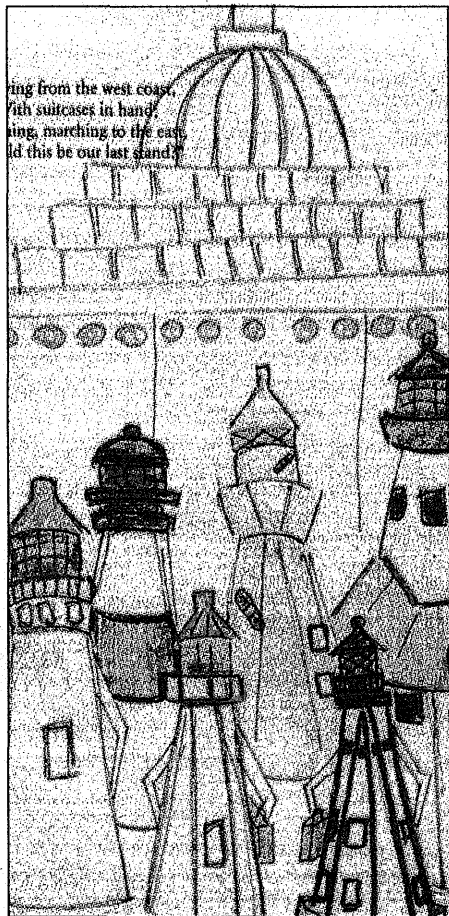
Eighteen years in the merchant marines gave Foley, 50, of Canton an appreciation for lighthouses. He started right after high school graduation with a job on a Great Lakes freighter in 1976.

"In the early '80s, I was on a ship that went from Holland to Spain to Greece, Egypt, Saudi Arabia," he said. "Then I went back to the Great Lakes. From there you get to see all the lighthouses from out in the lake and take points of navigation from them. I've always had a fancy for lighthouses."

Foley works as a security officer at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Pittsfield Township but has dreamed of being an author and lighthouses seemed like a good subject.

"For Christmas one year, I got a book, *Past Lighthouses*, and inside the book is a picture on a lighthouse with a crack at its base. Somebody snapped a picture of it as it was half fallen over and then in the water," Foley said. "Looking at that inspired the first two paragraphs and from there I'd write a little here and write a little there."

At first the idea was to have Michigan lighthouses march on Lansing, but soon Foley broadened his



Erin Dillenbeck of D&M Studios in Canton brings John Foley's lighthouse story to life with lively drawings.

vision and created a fable including lighthouses from both coasts and the Great Lakes in 48 four-line verses.

The book opens: On a cold November morning/My fate came to be;/To stumble toward the shore line,/And fall into the sea." Writing the book was the easy part. It was getting published that proved dif-

icult. He sent his creation to eight publishers. Three offered encouragement but all eight rejected his book. The editor of *Lighthouse Digest* suggested he find an illustrator.

Erin Dillenbeck of D&M Studios in Canton brings Foley's story to life with bright, whimsical illustrations that offer a childlike perspective with some sly winks to adults.

"She did a fine job," Foley said. "I had the basic idea formulated for each page and the words that were on each page. I wanted how I had seen it in that book, how the lighthouse falls, and as it travels on through, I wanted a history of lighthouses."

Foley said he wanted to show how lighthouses have been neglected as ships have moved to global navigation that makes lighthouses obsolete.

After his frustration with waiting and being rejected, Foley decided to self-publish. He created several copies of his book at Kinko's and distributed them to family and friends.

"I got nothing but positive results," he said.

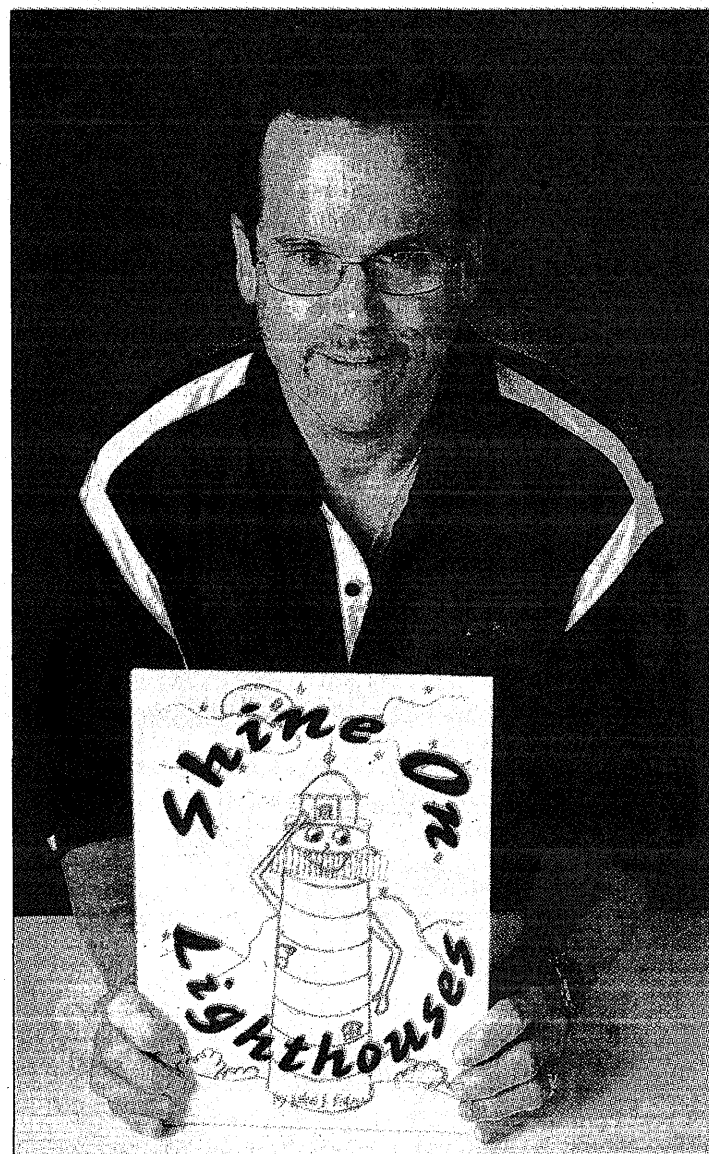
He arranged with Xlibris to print his book. The book is available at xlibris.com for \$21.99 hardcover but Foley is trying to find other ways to get his book and its message out.

"I would like to inspire a march on Washington once a year," he said. "August 7 is National Lighthouse Day and I'd like to see a National Lighthouse Festival in Washington."

This summer, he will attend the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival to sell his books.

Foley is married with three adult children and several grandchildren.

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John Foley's 'Shine On Lighthouses' is a children's book promoting lighthouse preservation.

This is the season of storms – and vultures

Vultures soar in majestic flight, riding rising thermals. Chorus frog songs of lust rise from misty marshes. Spring peepers peep under the crescent moon. Catkins glisten on foggy dawns. Whispers in woodland belong to spring breezes. Scavenging opossums shuffle along creeks. Red-winged blackbirds flash their epaulets from every cattail marsh. Sandhill cranes bugle to dawn shortly after owls fall silent. Steelhead run the Clinton.

So it is in the wilder parts of the metro and in protected pockets of parks and wildlands.

In the suburbs, crocus adds splashes of color. Groundhogs search in vain for your gardens. Coyotes hunt rabbits and the occasional carousing cat. Raccoons rustle under decks. And down at St. John Oakland Hospital in the southeastern corner of the county, killdeer strut the far corners of the parking lot, as house sparrows jostle for prime nesting "platforms" in the large "AMBULANCE" bay letters outside the emergency entrance. The A's, B and E are their favorites.

All these natural signs and so many more, are confirmations that spring has smothered winter — almost. A time of green- ing, a time of peace: not so fast.

Our atmosphere remains turbulent and this week has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week with good reason. Nature may whisper at times in her infinitesimal ways of subtle beauty and wondrous ways or she can explode with extreme weather beyond our comprehension. Sadly, we frequently ignore this potential until too late.

This is the season of the gray-green pea soup skies that seem to boil and churn. The season of tornado sirens. Rumbling thunder. Hail storms. Violent downburst of wind. Flash floods.

And many believe this season may be a rocky one of rapidly changing conditions as weather patterns and increased warmth fuels a new norm of increasingly severe storms with less warning. Awareness of Michigan's serve weather potential is your responsibility.

One of the most common and magnificent manifestations of Michigan severe weather are



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

our thunderstorms with billowing cumulonimbus clouds, some reaching higher than the cruising altitude of jetliners. And these powerhouses of energy spawn lightning, killing humans and cows and wildlife, sparking house fires and wildfires and myth: the preverbal "bolt out of the blue."

Never forget if you can hear thunder, lightning is a deadly threat even if the storm seems miles away and the sky is blue. Time to play ball? Think again.

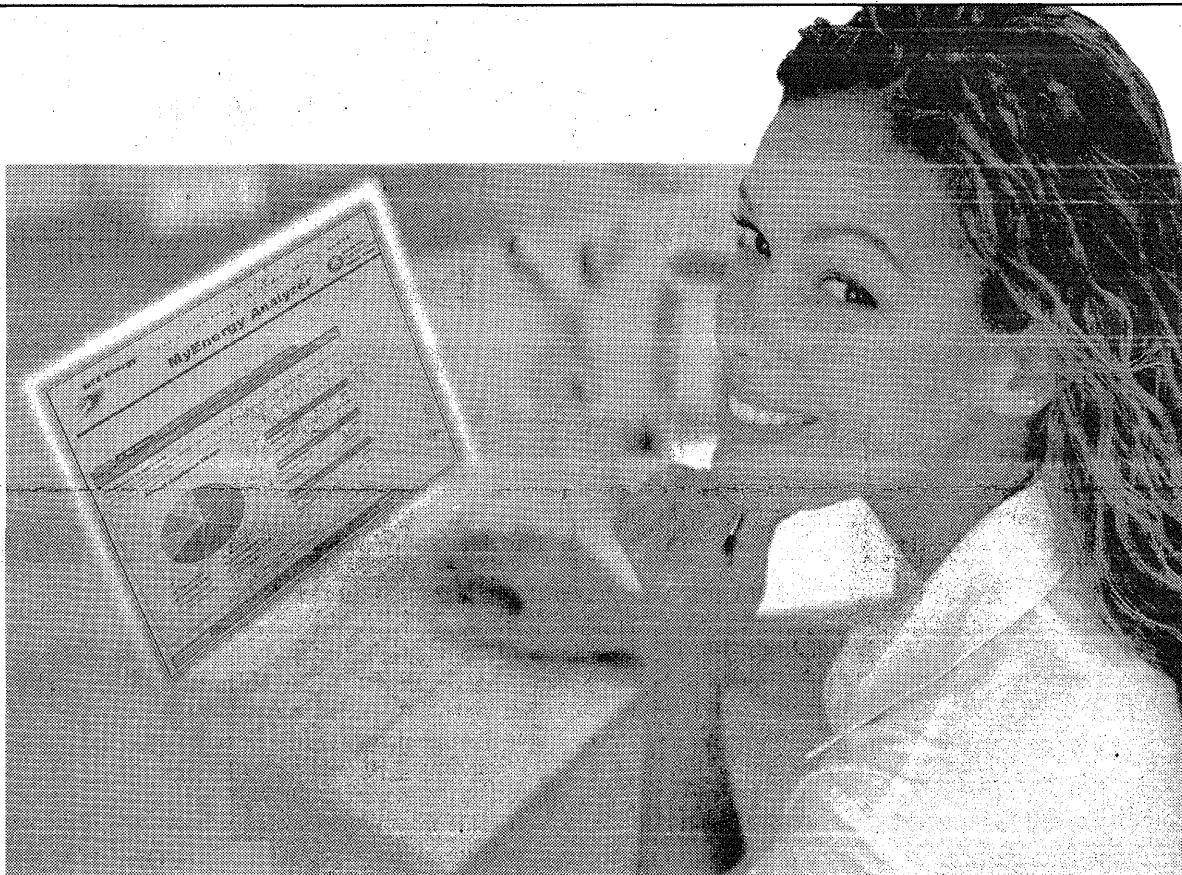
Staying outside is foolish and being stranded outside can be harrowing. For outdoor safety tips for campers, hikers, boaters and climbers that lessen your chance of being hit if there is no safe retreat, explore the NOAA Web site www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm.

The sobering site is full of cautions and tips and advice that we need to know. Tidbit: There is a reason that if you are trapped outside during a severe storm your safest place of last resort may be under high-tension lines, away from the massive support poles. Last year Michigan had 22 tornadoes, including our first EF-3 in 10 years. Hail pounded nearby Durand for 30 minutes, damaging almost every building and flattening crops. On Aug. 24, six tornadoes struck Lower Michigan, including one that cut a 200-yard wide, six-mile long swath through three counties, severely damaging Fenton. Be safe. Purchase and know how to use a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup. We are in the season of silent soaring vultures and supercell storm ... nature's way is unpredictable.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com.



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OUR VIEWS

Increasing middle school athletics is the right move

If all the chips fall into place, middle school students in Plymouth-Canton are going to have more athletic opportunities next year. Administrators are trying to come up with a formula (i.e. a way to come up with the money) to add boys and girls cross country and wrestling as official sports starting next year.

Of course, like everything else in the district these days, the proposal comes down to looking under every rock to find enough funding for the programs. Administrators are considering increasing pay-to-play fees from \$60 to \$75, as well as charging a modest gate entry fee (\$2 for adults, \$1 for students) to attend all middle school sporting events.

A committee, which includes co-middle school athletic directors Roche LaVictor and Clint Smiley, came up with the recommendations. While these funding proposals won't please everyone, the committee should be commended because they won't take away from classroom funding, which is critical considering the district is currently facing a \$4 million deficit for the 2008-09 school year.

Adding cross country and wrestling (to replace boys volleyball that is currently offered) makes sense for several reasons. First, they are offered at the high school level, and will make the high school programs more competitive because the athletes will already have a foundation by the time they get there. Secondly, these sports are no-cut sports, meaning every child that tries out will make the team if they put in the effort — unlike basketball and softball that only keep about 20 kids.

Cross country is also a very inexpensive sport to run, and it would be available to sixth-graders. Currently, sixth-graders are not eligible to participate in any sports.

While there is a financial cost, middle school sports provide many benefits for students, according to researchers. Increased fitness, self-esteem, competitiveness, academic success and increased social interaction are just a few. Adding wrestling and cross country will allow more Plymouth-Canton students the opportunity to reap those benefits.

It's time to slay pop-up tax dragon

With the real estate market reeling and foreclosures piling up in neighborhoods all across the state, something must be done to stimulate home sales. State legislators took a crack at putting a moratorium on the so-called real estate pop-up tax last spring, but failed miserably. Given the dismal performance of state lawmakers, their failure to address the inequitable property tax situation in Michigan is sadly all too familiar.

Last year, the House and Senate couldn't agree on how best to attack the problem. The House pushed for an 18-month moratorium on the pop-up tax that would have allowed a home buyer to inherit the property tax bill of the previous owner rather than suffer the fate of uncapping and reassessment, which typically adds thousands of dollars to property taxes. At the time, the state was dealing with a massive budget deficit and many Republicans feared the plan would take too much revenue away from schools and local governments. A treasury official all but killed the plan by testifying that it would deplete state coffers by up to \$100 million over three years.

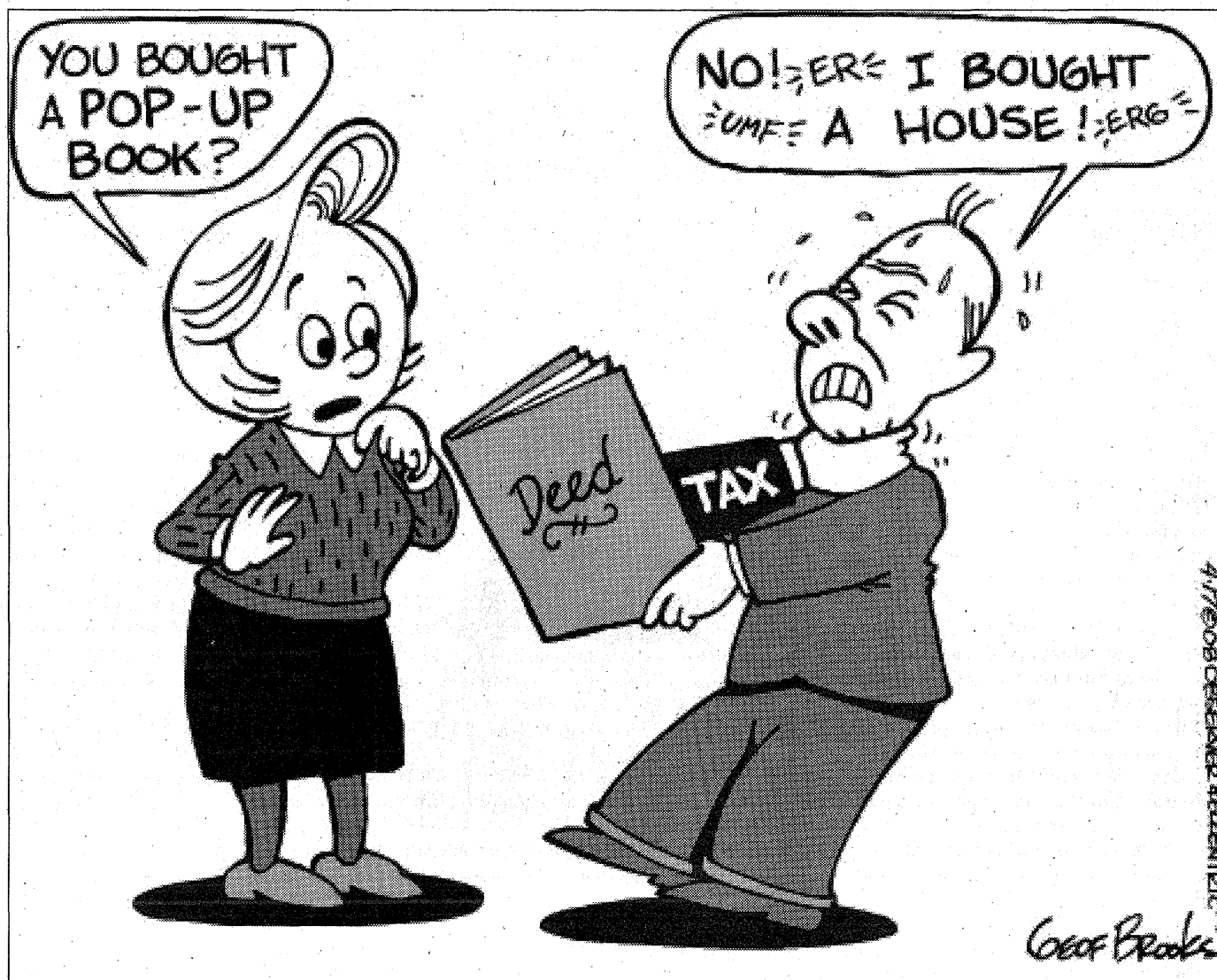
A tax hike temporarily cured the state budget deficit, but the Legislature didn't get around to addressing property taxes over the winter. That's too bad because the traditional spring house-buying season is upon us and the real estate market is worse than last year. A glimmer of hope recently appeared when the folks up in Lansing once again began talking about the pop-up tax.

This time the Senate took the lead by passing a host of bills designed to spur real estate sales and ease the pain for those who can't sell a house.

Proposal A, which became law in 1994, capped annual property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The unintended consequence are such that two families can live next door to one another in identical houses and pay wildly different property tax bills. It doesn't make sense and something must be done to make property taxes more equitable.

The Senate bills would offer a refundable income tax credit equal to the amount of the pop-up, increase the Homestead Property Tax credit \$100 and extend the principal resident exemption to unsold homes. Sponsors say the tax credit idea is better because it wouldn't take money away from schools and local governments, which are funded primarily through property taxes.

What the Senate plan would do is shift the burden from local governments to the state, likely precipitating yet another budget deficit. The House plan is a better approach due to its simplicity, but certainly there is room for compromise. Of course, neither the House nor Senate bills do anything to address the artificially high property taxes thrust upon anyone who buys a house in a new subdivision. Fixing that, however, would take a thoughtful and politically risky overhaul of Proposal A — something almost no one believes is within the grasp of our Legislature.



Job was a joy

I recently ran into someone that I had worked with extensively at The Salvation Army in Plymouth and was reminiscing about all of the different programs we had worked on together.

It was then that it occurred to me that I had left so quickly that I never had a chance to say a proper thank you to all those who had made such a difference to me during my time there.

Of course all of my wonderful bell ringers are top of mind. I was often asked how I could get people to stand, in the freezing cold, for hours, ringing a bell, for free! I would always answer "that is just how people in this community are." I had many people who came back, year after year to do just that. You know who you are and I hope you know that I could never thank you enough for giving so much of yourselves.

I thought how often while I was working at the Plymouth Corps that someone would walk in with food to donate. Just people who knew of the need and went and bought food to give to Tammy in the pantry. Even though it happened weekly I was amazed every single time. The generosity was astounding. I remember when Katrina hit and destroyed so many lives.

I remember working with Cassie in the front office without a break as people waited in line to hand us money to send off to the devastated areas! These people told of how happy they were to help. Some had tears in their eyes. That is just how the people in this community are.

I thought of the countless volunteers who would come year after year to help with distribution of Easter baskets, Thanksgiving boxes or Christmas toys through the toy shop. These people were there simply because they cared. Just like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Goodfellows, Lions, Optimists and the Plymouth Community United Way, the Plymouth Y.M.C.A. and the countless churches that support the work of the Army.

You made my job a joy. It has been a privilege working with each and every one of you.

Thank you,

Kelly Boelter
former Red Kettle coordinator
Plymouth Salvation Army

Pick up pet waste

Earth Day is a perfect time for pet owners to take a moment and reflect upon the ways they impact the environment. Here in Michigan we are fortunate to be surrounded by an abundance of water. But did you know that pet owners directly affect the quality of our waterways if they do not pick up and dispose of their pet's waste properly? According to the EPA, "Pets, particularly dogs, are significant contributors to source water contamination." Studies in the Seattle area found nearly 20 per-

cent of bacteria found in water samples matched with dogs as the host animals.

As runoff from snow and rain flows off rooftops, sidewalks, over paved streets and parking lots, across lawns and bare soil it collects pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, litter and other pollutants. This contaminated runoff drains directly into nearby creeks, streams and storm drains without treatment at sewage plants. Pathogens associated with animal wastes are Cryptosporidium, Giardia lamblia, salmonella, e. coli, and toxoplasmosis. Dog and cat feces often contain roundworms and other parasitic nematodes as well.

The most effective way for an owner to limit their pet's contribution to water contamination is simply to pick up and dispose of their pet's waste. There are several modes of disposal available. If you pick up the waste and put it in your garbage be sure to enshroud it in degradable plastic bags to reduce taking up landfill space. There are many eco-friendly bags available, some are even flushable. If you choose to flush it down the toilet, be certain that it is not mixed with other materials.

Another option is to bury it, however, this also must be done properly and never near vegetable gardens or food-growing locations because of the pathogens associated with animal wastes. Using pet waste is not recommended for backyard composting.

For those who don't like picking up after their pet, just remember the Clean Water Campaign's slogan, "If you think picking up dog poop is unpleasant, try swimming in it."

Deborah Lawless
Canton

Celebrate Ten Commandments

House Resolution 598 introduced by Rep. Todd Akin of Missouri and co-sponsored by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter would support the Ten Commandments Commission's (TCC) goals of celebrating the Ten Commandments and work for Reconciliation among nations and ethnic groups.

Hats off to Reps. McCotter and Akin. I am always amazed at the ferocity in such groups as the ACLU and their ilk to engineer ways of dismantling any clear articulation of laws in which so much of society endorse and embrace as constructive and positive. Do the majority of citizens approve of such deeds as lying, stealing, adultery or murder that laws against them should be hidden? Do the majority of citizens not desire children to honor and respect their parents? Does the greater populace of Americans counsel their neighbors to envy and covet each other's property and things? And even if the atheist believes in no God, does the God of any other religion (most of whom all incorporate the virtues of the Ten Commandments) prohibit him from

worshiping his non-existent God? Do the Sabbath Days belong to the atheist and agnostic alone? Is his assembling prohibited?

It is time for Americans to begin assessing their religious beliefs in light of their politics. I would argue that many of the supporters and participants of the ACLU and their ilk, are not half so concerned as to the words inscribed on the tablets of the Ten Commandments as they are filthy lucre they will incur (your tax dollar to be sure) when bringing such cases as the issue of displaying the Ten Commandments to the courts.

Ah, the delicious sound of the taxpayer coin as it plunks and piles into the bank accounts of trial lawyers and their ilk. There is one political party you can guarantee "covets" your tax dollars. Some politicians might even learn to stop defiling their marriage bed if they would take a moment to consider the significance of the Ten Commandments.

Aught we not to celebrate the Ten Commandments instead of hiding them.

Chris Torres
Livonia

Not everyone can donate

About the article on blood donations: Not everyone can donate blood.

I have high blood pressure, they refused me outright! They said I have to control my blood pressure better. So, it's nice to donate blood, but not everyone can do it! So when people write in and make it simple-sounding, like the gentlemen in Westland, it's not that simple.

I thought I could do it as often as I could, but NO. To think, they have said metro Detroit has a lot of people with high blood pressure. Does that mean we all can't do this? I don't have that extreme blood pressure, but that is what I keep thinking — that no one can donate with high blood pressure.

Mari Squire
Westland

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- Sharon Martin, state's deputy director of licensing, on the City of Plymouth's threat to take away the liquor license at the Penn Grill

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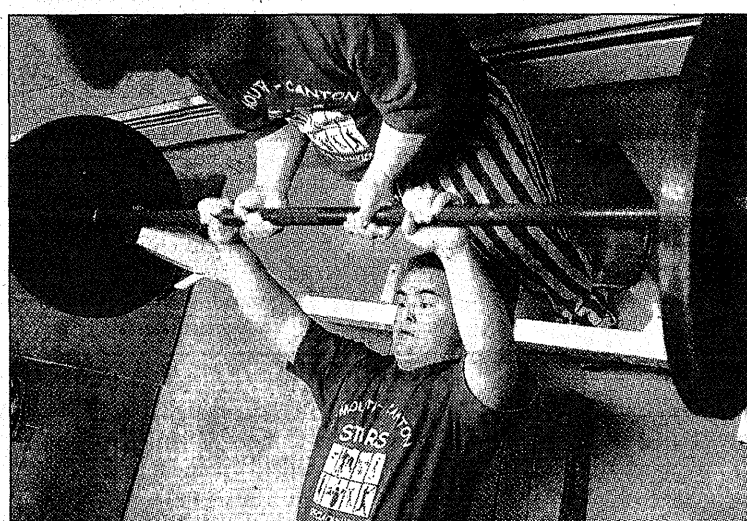
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The Plymouth-Canton Stars power-lifting team has been around for 11 years. Team members include (standing from left) Ron Walzak, Gary Stevens, Scott Gordinier, Tom Southard, David West, (kneeling from left) Sean Bowers, Kevin Welgosh, Kyle Siarto and Ben Bednarz.



Sean Bowers (standing) serves as a spotter for Kevin Welgosh during the Plymouth-Canton Stars' power-lifting team's practice Monday night in Canton.

UP-LIFTING EXPERIENCE

Plymouth-Canton Stars find strength and friendships through power lifting

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a lot more than muscles being built during the Plymouth-Canton Stars power-lifting team's twice-a-week practices in the weights-equipped basement of a southwest Canton home.

The nine dedicated Special Olympians that make up the squad have also worked hard to construct lifelong friendships, an inspiring form of cheer-each-other-on camaraderie and a level of self confidence that helps them in competitions and in the everyday-life situations that confront them on a daily basis.

"Power lifting is the best thing in the world to do because it's good exercise and it keeps me healthy," said Gary Stevens, who has been a member of the Stars since the team formed in 1997. "I've met a lot of my best friends power lifting. A lot of us bowl together and play softball, too."

Incredible improvement

Stevens' best event is the dead-lift, which requires the athletes to bend at the knees and lift the

weight waist-high.

"When I first tried it (11 years ago), I could only lift 45 pounds," Stevens remembered.

His current personal-best dead-lift: 445 pounds.

The Stars' strength will be on display Saturday at the Area 23 Power Lifting Invitational they are hosting at Northville High School.

Special Olympics power lifters from throughout the state will gather in the Northville High School gym for a competition that will feature four events: bench press, dead lift, squat and the combination (bench and dead lift).

"This is a very good sport for the athletes' self-esteem," said Gail Bowers, who coaches the team along with her brother. "It's a very, very small group, so they perceive themselves as an elite group."

"There will be 26 athletes in Northville on Saturday, which is probably five shy of all the Special Olympics lifters in the state."

Please see **STARS, B3**

Sidelines

Plymouth 'Y'

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of spring instructional sports programs.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include a sports sampler, basketball, soccer, T-ball, flag football, golf and karate.

Classes will run in the evenings and begin the week of April 28. Classes are available for kids ages 3-10.

For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Track bests needed

In an effort to compile a list of the Observerland's best boys and girls track and field performances, the Observer is requesting that the area's coaches e-mail their athletes' best times and distances to Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for making it into the first listing, which is scheduled to run Thursday, April 24, is Monday, April 21, at 11 p.m.

Plymouth football

The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. on the varsity turf field at the PCEP Park.

This is a fundamentals camp for kids from fifth through ninth grades.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com; or call coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

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

Plymouth doubles up Salem in fresh rivalry

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year they were teammates. Monday night they were rivals.

That explains life these days for members of the Plymouth and Salem boys lacrosse teams, who squared off for the first time Monday night — less than

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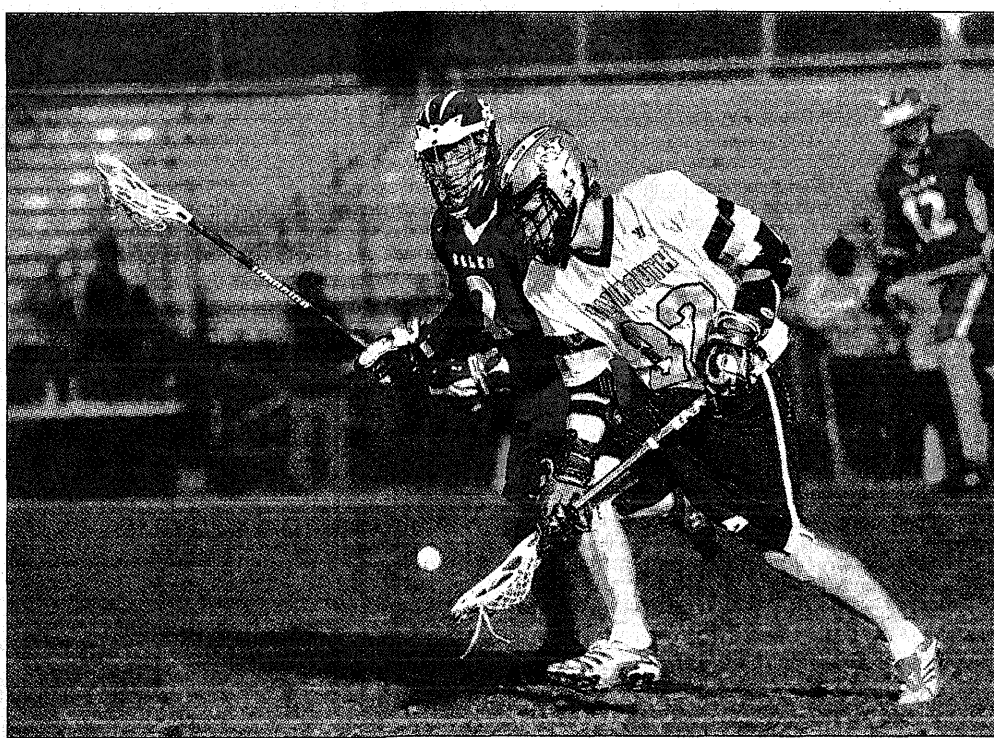
a year after playing together on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem united team.

The Wildcats earned first-year bragging rights by ousting the Rocks, 14-6, in a game played at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Sophomore Ryan Renault paced the triumph with four goals.

Plymouth improved to 4-2

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Plymouth's Christopher Hoffman (white jersey) scoops up a ground ball while being defended by Salem's Ryan Blakey during Monday's night's cross-campus lacrosse showdown. The Wildcats won, 14-6.

Ignition's next foe: Monterrey

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Detroit Ignition is going to capture its first Major Indoor Soccer League title over the next 10 days, it's going to have to achieve the feat against the best the league had to offer during the 2007-08 campaign.

The MISL's four top-seeded teams will square off in semifinal series that will run from Wednesday through Sunday.

The No. 1-seeded Ignition, which drew a first-round bye, will travel to Monterrey, Mexico, for Friday night's Game 1 against La Raza de Monterrey, a first-year team that went 2-1 against Detroit this season.

Game 2 of the two-game series is set for Sunday at 4:35 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

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Wildcat kickers dominate Patriots, 6-0

9th-graders play key roles in 1-1 tie game

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Plymouth's soccer team opened the WLAA Western Division portion of its schedule Monday night with a head-turning triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats cruised to a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to crafting a 6-0 white-washing over the visiting Patriots.

Plymouth is now 1-1-2 heading into Wednesday's key cross-campus match with Canton.

Junior Liz Koet had a career-best night as she registered a hat-trick. Kelly Dobbs, Julie Forster and Katie Moss also found the back of the net for the winners.

Marissa Williams (first half) and Tara Jasewicz combined for the shutout in net for the Wildcats.

"We were complacent at times, but overall I thought the girls played well," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "I thought Jessica Heck played

solid on the defensive end and both of the keepers did a nice job."

CANTON 0, NORTHVILLE 0: On Monday at Northville, the Chiefs and Mustangs — both of whom are expected to contend for a WLAA Western Division title — battle to a scoreless draw.

Canton net-minder Bre Bellovary and Northville keeper Aleana Risner both came up big when their teams needed them.

Northville outshot Canton, 5-3.

"I thought both teams played fantastic, end-to-end soccer," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Everybody on our team played well. There were no weaknesses."

Canton's best opportunity to score unfolded in the first half when Laura Daniels threaded a perfect pass to a teammate, but the ensuing pass hit the cross bar and bounded harmlessly away.

"Northville had a couple of good opportunities in the first half, but they missed the net on both shots," said Tomasso.

Canton will take on cross-campus rival Plymouth Wednesday night at the PCEP soccer stadium in a pivotal early-season match. The opening kick is slated to commence at 7 p.m.

SALEM 0, LADYWOOD 0: On Saturday at the PCEP varsity soccer field, the Rocks and Blazers battled to a scoreless draw in windy, chilly conditions.

"I thought both teams played hard and were able to create a few scoring chances," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Both teams' goal-keepers shined. Salem's Kristen Dondzilla made four saves while Ladywood's Michele Ring made eight.

Salem freshman Kristina Klusek nearly won the game in the final minute, but her hard shot from the wing hit the cross-bar with 23 seconds left.

"We didn't get the bounces,

but I'm very pleased with our effort," concluded Nora.

CHURCHILL 2, SALEM 0: Goals by Bailey Brandon in the third and 30th minute carried Livonia Churchill (4-0-1, 1-0) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Monday night at Centennial Educational Park over the host Rocks (1-2-2, 0-1).

Kayla Johnston assisted on both first-half goals for the Chargers, while goalkeeper Stefanie Turner made seven saves for the shutout.

"We did well enough to win the game and I'm happy with the result," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Salem played a 4-5-1 (formation) and had eight or nine behind the ball. They did a good job of counter-attacking and they had three good chances."

"One of our defenders Tessa Allen went home sick just during school and we were kind of out of sync with our usual three and four back there."

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BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Freshmen gaveth and freshmen tooketh away during the cross-campus girls soccer match between Salem and Plymouth played on Wednesday, April 9.

On a bitterly cold night that turned the PCEP soccer field into a frozen tundra, the Rocks and Wildcats battled to a 1-1 draw in a game that spotlighted a number of high-caliber ninth-graders.

The tie left Salem with a 1-1-1 mark while Plymouth was left with an 0-1-2 mark.

Following nearly 60 minutes of scoreless, fast-paced, back-and-forth action, Plymouth grabbed a 1-0 lead with 20:34 left in the contest, when freshman Jennifer Babcock directed a high, floating centering pass in front to fellow freshman McKenzie Hengesh, who headed the ball deftly into the upper-left-hand corner of the net over the outstretched hands of Salem keeper Kristen Dondzilla.

"That was a play we talked about trying at halftime," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We thought we might be able to get them on the outside there with a pass from the mid-field to the outside. Jen made a nice cross and McKenzie finished. It was a good freshman-to-freshman goal."

Neschich said this year's ninth-grade class of contributors rivals any he's had in his previous four years as the Wildcats' head coach.

"The freshmen have been huge for us so far," he said.

"Along with McKenzie and Jen, Katie Moss has played well in the center-mid and Marissa Williams has done a great job as our keeper."

Trailing 1-0, Salem amped up the pressure late in the game, but Williams was able to thwart all challenges, including Lauren Booth's twisting free kick from just beyond the box at the 11:10 mark.

That is, until Rock freshman Kristina Klusek deadlocked the game at 1-1 at the 4:14 mark when she made a slick move in the box to slip by a Wildcat defender before flicking the ball past Williams with her head to send a surge of excitement through the Salem bench.

"That's why she made the team," Salem coach Joe Nora said, alluding to Klusek's clutch play. "She's very fast and she's able to get things done."

"I thought Plymouth had us back on our heels a little bit in the middle of the game. We played hard all night, but we weren't putting things together like we did Monday night against Rochester (a 1-0 Rock win)."

"I was glad to see us wake up later rather than not wake up at all."

When asked for his team's standouts, Neschich mentioned Julie Forster, Liz Koet, Kasey Webb and Megan Quinlan.

"Overall, I thought this was our best performance this season so far," he said. "Salem has a strong team. That No. 2 (Booth) is tough back there; she's hard to get around."

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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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1034 - James Galoch - 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 - Kaaditraee Brown - 10 Bags, 12 Totes, TV
9126 - Lauren Crump - 4 Boxes, 3 Bags, 1 Suitcase

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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

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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 Masonry Wall Repairs at Field Elementary School**. Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of ONE bid division — **Bid Division #106: Masonry.**

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly.** These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. 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 Sneiderman, Secretary

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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
3046 - Anthony Dobbins - Front load washer, front load dryer, refrigerator
4013 - John Boehret - Ladder, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4039 - Marlita Blackman - Desk, 2 Bookcases, Coffee Table
4041 - Shane Ratliff - Dryer, 5 Totes, Portable Stereo
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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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding the March 18, 2008 Board Study Minutes. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Board Study Minutes for March 18, 2008 and Board Minutes of March 25, 2008 were approved. **Payment of Bills** Approved. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.** Approved. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH TO HOLD 50'S-60'S THEMED CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER.** Approved **Item 3. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2, SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR MARLOWE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAD 2006-2.** Approved **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WATER SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN CANTON TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF DETROIT.** Approved. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY.** Approved **Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CORNERS EXPANSION.** Approved. **Item 4. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CHERRY HILL GARDENS SITE PLAN.** Approved. **Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T TO RELOCATE OVERHEAD LINES ALONG GEDDES ROAD FROM BECK ROAD TO THE RIVER MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack Nays: Caccamo, Zarbo Motion carried. **Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,492 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC).** Approved **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2008.** Approved **Item 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE BY ADVANCED UNDERGROUND INSPECTION, LLC.** Approved **OTHER:** There will be a study session, Leisure Services Update, on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. 1st Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** 8:18 p.m. Approved - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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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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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 **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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STARS

FROM PAGE A1

Quite a commitment

Bowers said power lifting is more demanding time-wise and from a physical standpoint than most of the other sports on the Special Olympics menu.

"It's a very involved activity," she said. "Special Olympics only requires you to practice eight weeks before competitions in most sports, but these guys practice nine or 10 months a year, two days a week.

"They're very dedicated and their parents are very dedicated to bring them to practice twice a week."

The bond the Stars have built amongst each other is more durable than any of the weights they lift on Monday and Thursday evenings.

"This is truly a team thing," Bowers said. "Yes, they're all competitors, however, they don't compete against each other, even if they're in the same class. They're cheerlead-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kyle Siarto (left) and David West practice for Saturday's Area 23 Power Lifting Invitational at Northville High School.

ers for one another and they're always there for one another. "They're just a great group of guys."

Tom Southard, who has been a Star for four years, said he enjoys the challenges power lifting brings.

"At first it was hard," he said. "But once you get used to it, it gets easier. We all work as one, which helps us get better. And I like our coaches."

Two of the Stars — Sean Bowers and Kyle Siarto — traveled to Ireland a few years ago to participate in an international competition.

"I like how it makes me feel," said Bowers, when asked about his favorite part of power lifting. "And I've met a lot of friends."

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TENNIS RESULTS

Salem's girls tennis team played like it was in mid-season form Monday afternoon when the swept cross-campus rival Plymouth, 8-0.

The Rocks lost just one set on the way to the one-sided victory.

Salem, which evened its Western Lakes Activities Association record at 1-1, returned to action Wednesday when it hosts Canton.

SALEM 8

PLYMOUTH 0
MONDAY AT PLYMOUTH
No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Kylie Mackenzie, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Allie Carpenter (S) def. Whitney Askew, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Chelsea Craig, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Ellen Mitchell, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (S) def. Shannon O'Guinn-Jessica Bracy, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Aumuk, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rebecca Michael-Emma Vanhoof (S) def. Radika Patel-Lauren Jeong, 7-5, 6-0; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Claire Marcheseno-Gina Mater, 6-2, 6-2.

DUAL-MEET RECORD: Salem 1-1, Plymouth 0-2.



High-flying Thunderbirds

Four members of the Canton-based Thunderbirds fast-pitch softball program were recognized for their 2007 performances recently at the USSSA All-Star Award banquet, which was held in Sterling Heights. Pictured (from left) are Cloey Odor (10U), Lindsay Lutton (10U), Alyssa Boucher (14U) and Olivia Nelson (12U).

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-Ann Arbor- Lloyd/Flanders Sofa, 2 Rockers and Square Cocktail Table Was \$8614 NOW \$949⁹⁹	-Plymouth- Lloyd/Flanders Swivel Chair With Ottoman Was \$2399 NOW \$449⁹⁹	-Ann Arbor- Lloyd/Flanders Sofa, Loveseat, Corner Table Was \$3199 NOW \$999⁹⁹
-Plymouth- Homecrest Dining Table with 4 Swivel Chairs Was \$3097 NOW \$749⁹⁹	-Ann Arbor- Lloyd/Flanders Loveseat, Rocker, Chair, Round Cocktail Table Was \$8400 NOW \$1049⁹⁹	-Plymouth- Lloyd/Flanders Sofa, Loveseat, Rocker and 2 End Tables Was \$3199 NOW \$1594⁹⁹
-Ann Arbor- Vineyard 54" Rnd. Dining Table with 4 Chairs Was \$4323 NOW \$1299⁹⁹	-Plymouth- Braxton Culler Dining Table with 4 Chairs Was \$2460 NOW \$1744⁹⁹	-Ann Arbor- Vineyard 72" Dining Table with 6 Chairs Was \$2499 NOW \$1499⁹⁹

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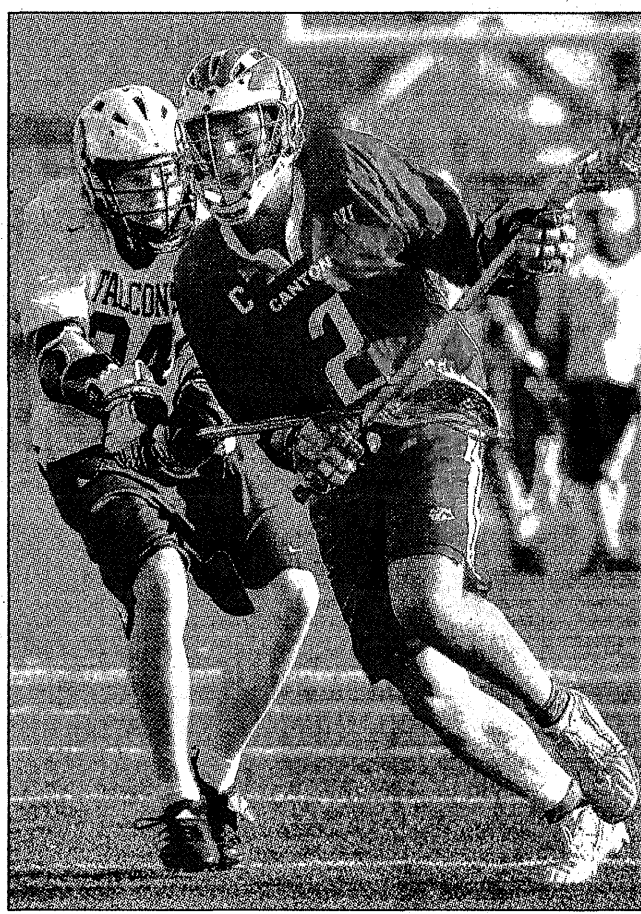
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Close call for Chiefs

Canton's Scott Wisniewski brings the ball upfield during the Chiefs' lacrosse match against Farmington Tuesday afternoon. Canton led late in the fourth quarter before eventually dropping an exciting 8-7 decision. Brothers Joey and Jake Underwood both scored a pair of goals while Wisniewski, Kyle Dunleavy and Matt Rogers each tallied single net-finders for Canton.

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If the two teams split the two games, a "Golden Goal" mini-match will ensue immediately following the conclusion of Sunday's game. Whoever scores the first goal in the mini-match will advance to next week's final.

This week's other semifinal series will pit Baltimore against Milwaukee. The MISL championship

game is set for April 26 in Milwaukee.

"It should be an exciting final week," said Detroit coach Bob Lilley. "All four teams that are left — us, Monterrey, Baltimore and Milwaukee — have all played exceptionally well over the second half of the season.

"We've gone 1-2 against Monterrey this season, but all three games were very competitive, tight games. We'll definitely have our work cut out for us, but I

think we'll be ready."

Monterrey advanced to the semis by edging Chicago in a "Golden Goal" contest on Sunday. The game-winner — a three-pointer — was scored by Jose Birche.

Offensively, Monterrey is led by two of the league's top three scorers: Dino Delevski (108 points) and Genoni Martinez (96 points).

The Ignition is sparked by Jamar Beasley, who tallied 82 points in 26 games

this season. The Ignition advanced to last year's MISL final game before falling to the Philadelphia KiXX.

Individual tickets for Sunday's game can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625); by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com; by calling TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666; or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

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LACROSSE

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overall while Salem slipped to 0-5.

"It was a well-played game in front of a bunch of spirited fans," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "It was a fun game to be involved with. Many of our players played under (Salem coach Eric) Bielecki last year.

"We got a chance to play just about everyone — and they got a taste of one of the rivalries at the Park. It's one of those games where you have to be ready to play."

Plymouth led 7-2 after one quarter, 9-5 at the half and 11-

5 with 15 minutes to play.

Other key contributors to the winners' attack were Pat Downey (three goals, one assist), Danny Norris (two goals, one assist), Connor Martin (one goal, two assists), Norm Freda (two goals), Patrick Miller (one goal) and Pat Smiatacz (one goal).

Dylan Hatcher led the Rocks with three goals. Nate Spala, John Demery and Justin Burke scored single goals for Salem.

"Their freshman attacker — Hatcher — is going to be fun to watch the next four years," Costello said. "Their whole team is getting better game by game."

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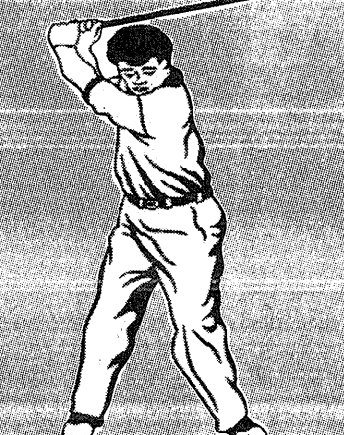
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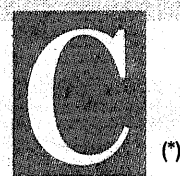
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Pros know planning the key to a smooth move

Summer is the biggest moving season of the year, "primarily when kids get out of school," said Westland mover Gary Bulson. Out of an estimated 40 million moves each year, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that the majority of them take place during summer months. Many parents make their moves when the school year ends, while businesses often wait for warmer weather. With this year's moving season right around the corner, it's time for parents and companies to take inventory of what they need to do to ensure a smooth move.

"I think they really are" well-prepared, said Bulson, owner of Men on the Move, on Marie Street in Westland. "The more prepared they are, the quicker it's going to be. They're going to go the extra mile."

Fuel is a big issue right now, as diesel is used by movers: "So that's been a major expense. We can't adjust our prices every week based on the fuel," he said.

"You can always call for advice." His company is at (734) 729-6683, and other moving companies also offer advice.

Bulson recommends professional packing if you're moving out of state and using a rental truck.

"Summer is a very busy time of the year for moving, whether for residential or commercial clients," said Chuck Kuhn, president of Washington, D.C., area-based JK Moving & Storage. "Moving is usually a stressful time for everyone involved. But you can make it less so, with good planning and follow through. Being organized, from getting moving estimates to unpacking the last box, will make for a successful move."

When it comes to making a move, whether across town or across the country, organization is essential. The best way to get organized is start planning early. There are things you can do to help make for a good move, including:

- **Get estimates.** Word of mouth is the safest place to start. Ask friends and family for mover recommendations. Then gather several quotes. Avoid simply going with the cheapest estimate. The lowest cost does not always mean the best service, and an unusually low cost could be a red-flag warning of a questionable mover. Fraudulent movers often give very low telephone or Internet estimates, may show up in a rental truck instead of a company moving truck, and usually do not honor their estimate.

- **I would definitely recommend estimates** for moving of state moves, Bulson said. For a local move, you can get an hourly rate over the phone or often online. (Bulson's Web site is at michiganmovers.com and has online quotes.)

"A lot of the customers really like that," Bulson said. Local moves are generally based on an hourly rate.

Bulson adds he's licensed and insured, and a reputable mover should have such a number issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

- **Get supplies.** Moving an entire house or business will take a lot of



boxes, tape, bubble wrap and other necessary supplies.

- **Insurance.** Be sure the company you go with has insurance, and speak with your own insurance company about making sure your goods are covered. The peace of mind this will bring is well worth the cost of getting your items insured.

- **Make an inventory.** As you pack your boxes, keep a written inventory of what is in each box. You may want to number each box and write on your list what is in it.

- **Be there.** On the day your goods are moved out of your place, and on the day they arrive at the new one, it is important for you to be there. You will want to supervise the process, answer questions, and make a note on the moving company inventory list of any damaged or broken items.

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at the post office.

- **Keep records.** Be sure to keep receipts for your entire move. You may be able to use the moving costs as a tax deduction, depending upon the reason for the move.

- **I would always save your receipts,** Bulson agreed. "That might be a benefit to you," come tax time.

- **The most important thing for people to do is to make sure they choose a reputable moving company,** added Kuhn. "Getting that step right will reduce stress, make moving an easier process, and ensure that your possessions are treated respectfully, as they should be. Summer moves can be a breeze, with the right moving team."

- **JK Moving & Storage is a full-service moving company specializing in residential, commercial and international moves.** Founded in 1982, it is the largest independent moving company in the Washington, D.C., area, and the third largest in the nation. It is also the official mover of the Washington Nationals. To learn more about JK Moving & Storage, visit the Web site at www.jkmoving.com.

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Public service upgrades, your taxes

Q. I am wondering if the Michigan Supreme Court has yet ruled on questions concerning assessing public service improvements on developers.

A. The Supreme Court of Michigan has recently ruled that a builder's property taxes on a development cannot be increased based upon the cost of public service improvements. The Supreme Court found that the value for public service



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improvements would be incorporated into the value of each individual home at the time that it is built or sold. It is, of course, important for the taxpayer to challenge the tax before the Board of Review and then evoke the jurisdiction of the Michigan Tax Tribunal to successfully challenge the action by a municipality. However, it does not appear that there is any mechanism available to builders whose property taxes have been increased due to public service improvements, but who did not appear before a Board of Review to timely protest the action.

Q. I have a question about a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision which involved a builder who sold a lot to a buyer and built a home on that lot. The sale of the lot and the build job were contained in a single contract and were from a single builder entity. The Tax Tribunal determined that the value for the purpose of the transfer tax should include both the value of the lot and the home constructed by the builder on the lot. Do you have any information about the court's decision?

A. The Supreme Court recently issued an order which found that the real estate transfer tax only taxes recorded instruments. In that case, the only recorded instrument was the deed. The court held, therefore, that the value exchanged for that deed included both the cost of the lot and the home. Thus, the court found in that case that the Tax Tribunal correctly held that the value was the proper measure for the taxation. This case did not, however, address the situation where different entities convey the land and the lot respectively through separate contracts or a situation where the builder conveys a lot on a land contract to a purchaser prior to construction of a home and records a memorandum of land contract. You are best advised to consult with your attorney regarding the ramifications of this decision.

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

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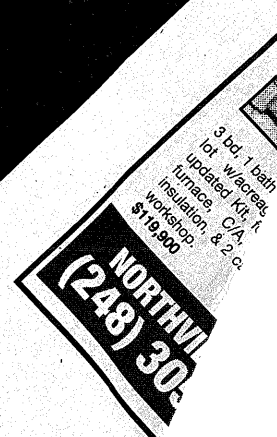


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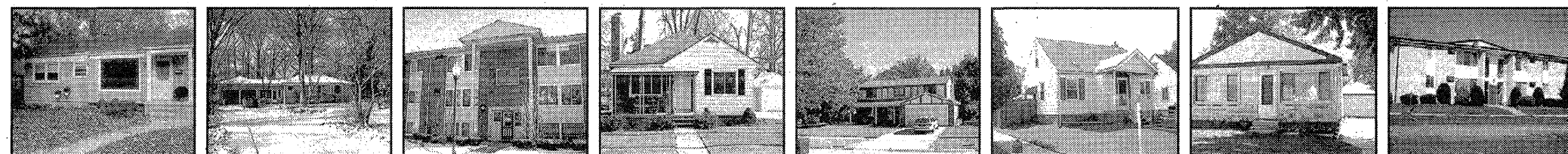
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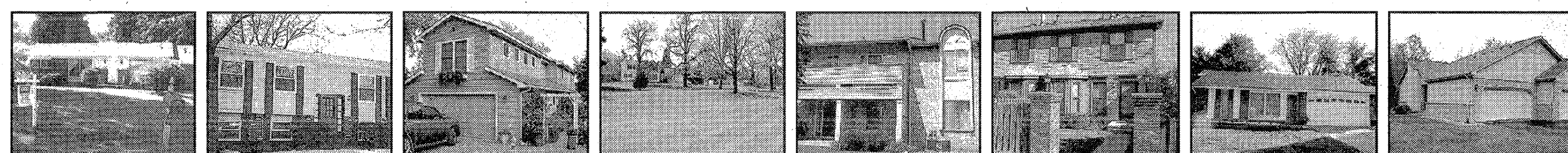
<p>EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage. \$115,000 (C-665RU)</p>	<p>RARE OFFERING Canton cape cod w/generous updates. 3 bd, 2 bath, neutral décor, Fam Rm w/frpl & French doors to Deck, large open Kit, 1st fl Master, full bsmt, & 2 car Garage. \$189,000 (P-608SO)</p>	<p>COUNTRY SETTING 4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new shingles, new carpet, 4 doorwalls, gazebo off frpl, & large island Kitchen. \$269,900 (C-660TU)</p>	<p>MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious dbl lot, many updates inc: siding, oak Kit, carpet, neutral décor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & rm for an FV. \$119,900 (P-543BI)</p>	<p>EXQUISITE North Canton colonial features an open 2 story Foyer, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm, spacious island Kit w/granite & adjoining Sunroom, Master w/2 wic's & spa bath, & finished bsmt. \$409,900 (C-999BR)</p>	<p>UPGRADES GALORE! 2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/granite, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, & too much more to list. \$274,900 (C-211BR)</p>	<p>VACANT LAND 3 lots w/possible split. Nicely located in sub just blocks from golf course & park. Call for further details. \$12,900 (P-215EA)</p>	<p>GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details. \$84,900 (C-344FO)</p>
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<p>CUSTOM COLONIAL Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd, 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR & DR w/custom built-ins, & lot of room to re-innovate on property can be in-laws or rental. \$299,900 (C-241MA)</p>	<p>WOW - THIS IS A 10! Clean & move in ready! Beautiful hwd floors, open Kit to Din Rm w/full snack counter, LR/DR combo, 2nd fl laundry, & great location. \$179,900 (P-997NE)</p>	<p>LIVONIA BEAUTY Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia location. Vaulted Kit w/all appl's, full snack counter, LR/DR & built-in shelves. Fin bsmt w/frpl & glass block, updated roof & garage door. \$125,000 (C-490RO)</p>	<p>NEWLY REMODELED Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see! \$210,000 (C-110RO)</p>	<p>HANDYMAN SPECIAL Great opportunity in Westland. Almost a half acre of land, convenient location, some updates including furnace, hwh, Kit & bath. Needs some TLC but has loads of potential. \$87,000 (P-270WA)</p>	<p>EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled Kit w/hook, Master w/volume ceiling & bath, & finished bsmt. \$184,990 (C-638WE)</p>	<p>DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, & garage roof. Seller is negotiable. Call for details. \$104,900 (P-62WI)</p>	<p>PRICED RIGHT This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace & hwh, almost 1200 sq ft, & is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property. \$48,900 (C-248BA)</p>
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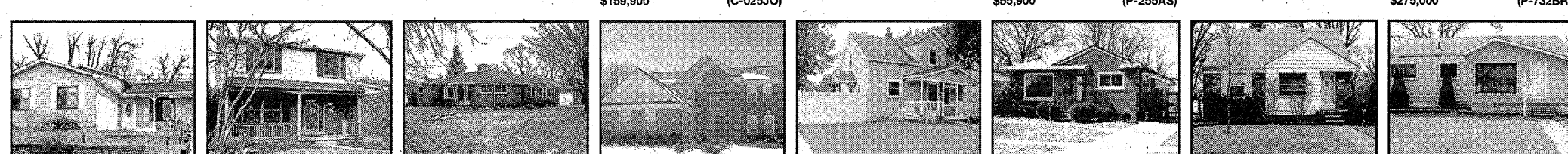
<p>CHARMING RANCH Completely updated home w/updates galore. Perfectly finished hwd frs t/o, updated Kit w/new cab's, updated baths, new Deck, & so much more. \$150,000 (C-418BR)</p>	<p>GREAT PRICE Motivated seller's offer a great deal on this inviting home in Livonia. 1.5 baths, LR w/bay window & frpl, 2 car Garage, close to everything, & add lot next door included. \$124,900 (C-415CA)</p>	<p>WHY RENT? Excellent condo in Westland. Clean & neutral t/o, basement storage, updated paint, carpet, & appl's, gated complex w/pool & clubhouse. Heat included in assoc dues. \$90,000 (C-370CE)</p>	<p>PARK LIKE SETTING Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in walking distance to grade school. Hwd frs, brick frpl, 1.5 car Gar, part fin bsmt w/bath, newer roof, windows, oak Kit, furnace, & C/A. \$124,900 (C-136DE)</p>	<p>BETTER THAN NEW Recently renovated colonial w/Ply Can schools. Shows like a model w/ear off roof, granite counters, newer furnace, C/A, carpet, & more. Close to pool & tennis. \$223,850 (C-965GA)</p>	<p>CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED Updates thru-out! Euro style Kitchen, recessed lighting, covered ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck, & nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty. \$113,750 (C-874GL)</p>	<p>AMAZING VALUE Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kit w/pergo, Fam Rm w/hwd frs, part finished bath, w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth. \$195,000 (C-942IR)</p>	<p>GREAT CONDO! Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan. \$49,895 (C-720JO)</p>
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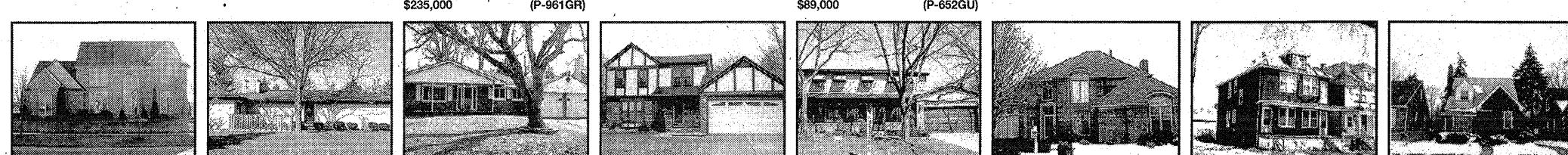
<p>LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, Florida Rm, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & Garage. Great lot on a dead end street. \$169,900 (C-151MI)</p>	<p>WELCOME HOME! Spacious open floor plan offering 3 bds, 1.5 bas, & many updates inc: C/A, windows, Kit w/appl's, updated gutters, huge laun rm, big Fam Rm, & great Plymouth location. \$169,000 (C-645OR)</p>	<p>ALL SPORTS LAKE! Gorgeous home on private School Lake. 3 bd, 2 ba, island Kit, LR w/cath cell & drvl to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included! \$339,900 (C-629PA)</p>	<p>COUNTRY LIVING AT IT'S FINEST This 2813 sq ft home sits on 6.38 acres w/5 out buildings! Remod Kitchen, 1st fl laun, new windows, in-law quart's, Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master, & much more. \$269,000 (C-630RA)</p>	<p>PERFECT CONDO Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location. \$99,900 (C-419SA)</p>	<p>OUTSTANDING CONDO Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kit, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh, & sump pump. Everything is ready for you! \$127,500 (C-382SO)</p>	<p>NICELY UPDATED RANCH 3 bd ranch w/2 car attached garage, updated roof, siding, furnace, sump pump, glass block windows, blinds, & updated baths. \$125,000 (C-155TH)</p>	<p>NEW BOSTON CONDO 2 year old condo w/great cul de sac location backing to woods. End unit w/additional windows, bright Great Rm w/frpl, 2 bds, 2 baths, & full bsmt. \$176,000 (C-443AV)</p>
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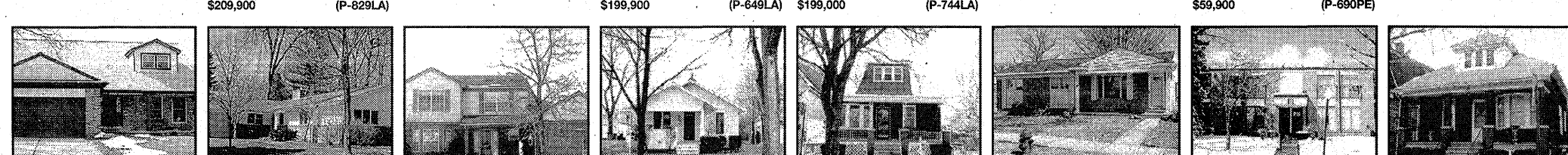
<p>NEWER COLONIAL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, side Kit w/pantry, 1st fl laun, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more. \$244,900 (C-075CL)</p>	<p>GREAT VALUE 3 bd, 2 bath home w/finished bsmt, fireplace, hwd frs, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block windows, newer tile in Kit, freshly painted interior, & so much more. \$119,900 (C-602DE)</p>	<p>HUGE YARD! Lovely updated home on almost 1 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage. \$117,500 (C-721HA)</p>	<p>MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pt & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Patio. \$159,900 (C-025JO)</p>	<p>SUPER STARTER HOME 3 bd, 2 bath home in Westland. LR w/frpl, appl's stay, newer siding, windows, furnace, C/A, roof, cement, large Florida Rm, shed, & fenced yard. \$79,900 (P-118AR)</p>	<p>NICE HOME 3 bd bungalow w/newer Deck, new front porch, 2 car Garage, large Master Bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & more. Subject to short sale approval - make an offer. \$55,900 (P-255AS)</p>	<p>BACKS TO WOODS 3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat gourmet Kit w/all appl's & pantry, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/wetbar, w/bath, huge rec room, & theater. Great location, a must see! \$220,000 (P-917BR)</p>	<p>GREAT CANTON HOME 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular sub. Kit w/bkfrt bar & nook w/drnl to Trex Deck. Large Fam Rm w/frpl, huge Bonus Rm, vaulted Master w/dual WIC & bath. Hurry on this one! \$275,000 (P-732BR)</p>
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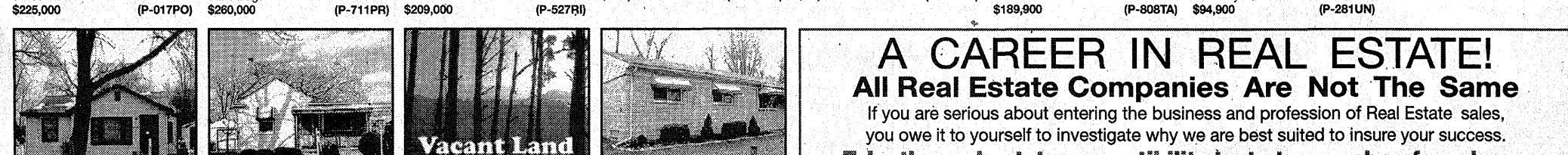
<p>ENJOY THE VIEW Comfortable 3 bd Waterford home w/updated white Kit w/ceramic, updated baths & carpet, well maintained w/loads of storage, right across from Cass Lake. \$138,000 (P-884CA)</p>	<p>POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE Traditional colonial offering spacious floor plan, formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook & drvl to Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl, 4 good sized bdrms, updates t/o, & great price. \$194,900 (P-351EL)</p>	<p>MUST SEE! 3 bd brick ranch w/2 fireplaces, dual staircase, 2 Kit's, newer windows, 2 grills for outside entertainment, hwd frs in most rooms, & nice Farm Hills location. Seller must sell! \$235,000 (P-961GR)</p>	<p>BREATHTAKING VIEWS Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/gas frpl & views of wooded backyard. Large island Kit w/all appl's, Master w/volume ceiling, WIC, & luxury bath. \$259,900 (P-158GR)</p>	<p>LARGE CORNER LOT Nicely decorated bungalow w/updated Kit, newer carpet, freshly painted, new plumbing, hwh, C/A, privacy fence w/hed in large yard, 1 yr Warranty & home is up to code. \$99,000 (P-652GU)</p>	<p>GREAT BRICK RANCH Dear Heights offers this 3 bd home w/bsmt, 2 car Garage, & immediate occupancy. Hwd frs, new windows, glass block, close to schools, & price to sell quickly! \$84,900 (P-039HI)</p>	<p>CLOSE TO PARK This home has it all! 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kit w/all appl's, hwd frs in bdrms & LR, finished bsmt with 2 bath & 50' TV included, 2 car Garage, & more. \$135,000 (P-995IN)</p>	<p>CHARMING RANCH 3 bd, 2 bath Garden City ranch w/ finished bsmt, 22x16 Deck off the Kit, fenced yard, convenient location close to schools & shopping, & priced to sell. \$118,900 (P-649JO)</p>
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<p>COMPLETELY UPDATED 4 bd, 3.5 bath Canton home w/gourmet Kit w/granite, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to huge wrap around Deck w/hot tub, vaulted Sunroom, finished bsmt w/theater rm & more. \$389,000 (P-832KE)</p>	<p>WANT A HOME? Here it is! 2018 sq ft ranch offering custom cherry Kit, 3 car att Garage, covered porch, updates galore, 5 sets of drvs, 3 skylights, wide open floor plan, & too much more to list. \$209,900 (P-829LA)</p>	<p>WALK TO THE LAKE This Walnut Lake estates 3 bd ranch is just a short walk from the lake. Freshly painted, new roof, bright Kit, & great lot. Move right in! \$199,900 (P-185LA)</p>	<p>LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Super 1592 sq ft 3 bd, 2.5 bath home on wide open commons-like lot. Fam Rm w/frpl, oak Kit, newer furnace, C/A, roof, insulated Garage door, home warranty, & immed occup. \$199,900 (P-649LA)</p>	<p>WHAT A STEAL! Spacious 2300 sq ft colonial offering a full bsmt, newer roof & furnace, Victorian style fireplace, bsmt, enclosed front porch, 1st fl laun, 15 acres of commons, & more. \$199,000 (P-744LA)</p>	<p>PRICED TO SELL Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, large island Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC's, volume ceiling, & spa bath. \$309,900 (P-139MO)</p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT Priced to sell multi-family home. 2 car Garage, corner lot, newer roof, each unit has 2 bdrms, Liv Rm & Din Rm. Separate entrances, furnaces, 2 balconies, large attic, & more. \$59,900 (P-690PE)</p>	<p>WELL CARED FOR Beautiful 4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/hwd floors, glass block in bsmt, Liv Rm w/frpl, & 1286 sq ft. Call today for further details. \$94,000 (P-617PI)</p>
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<p>CUL DE SAC LOCATION Beautiful Canton home w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to lattice covered Patio. Recent updates inc: baths, cherry Kit, roof, furnace, C/A, Master w/jetted tub, & Rec Rm. \$225,000 (P-017PO)</p>	<p>WALK TO TOWN Spacious Plymouth ranch on treed lot. 2 master suites, LR w/frpl, huge Fam Rm w/built-ins & windows galore, Granite Kit w/ssa appl's, large laun rm, Pantry, & 2 car Garage. \$260,000 (P-711PR)</p>	<p>HOME SWEET HOME Enchanting colonial w/decorator touches t/o. Formal LR/DR, separate Fam Rm w/frpl, large Kit w/all appl's, Master boasts his & her closets, & partially finished bsmt. \$209,000 (P-527RI)</p>	<p>CHARMING RANCH 2 bd, 1 bath ranch located in the heart of Plymouth. Hwd floors t/o, Liv Rm w/wood stove, Kit w/new cabs & all appl's, fenced in yard, & more. \$150,000 (P-899RO)</p>	<p>IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 3 bd, 1 bath home w/large Kit w/pantry, part finished bsmt, newer furnace, hwd floors, & newer circuit breakers. Seller will look at all reasonable offers. \$82,000 (P-125SA)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY Move here to this 3 bd, 2 bath Plymouth ranch in Pella. Plenty of updates inc: Relax Windows, updated bath, large Kit, Garage w/workshop, fin bsmt w/rec rm & bath. Must see! \$189,900 (P-808TA)</p>	<p>PRICED TO SELL 2 bd, 1.5 bath Livonia condo w/ open floor plan, fresh paint, appliances stay, large screened in Patio, updated furnace & hwh. Pets welcome & 1 yr Home Warranty. \$94,000 (P-281UN)</p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT Not a bank owned home - just priced to sell! 3 bds, large Kit w/ plenty of cabinets, formal DR & LR, great home & great price. \$29,900 (P-160WA)</p>
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<p>ACREAGE! 3 bd, 1 bath ranch on nice wooded lot w/acreage. Home feat an updated Kit, formal Dining, newer furnace, C/A, windows, doors, insulation, & 2 car Garage w/large workshop. \$119,900 (C-241WA)</p>	<p>GREAT HOME Don't miss this one! 3 large bdrms, 2 bas, spacious LR/DR, updated oak Kit, 2.5 car Garage, fenced yard, full bsmt, close to schools, & immed occupancy. \$116,900 (C-562WA)</p>	<p>Vacant Land 10+ ACRES Close to Ann Arbor & ready to build on! Motivated Seller offers 10+ acres w/utilities & engineered field. Can be split into two 5 acre lots. Call for further details. \$249,900 (P-000WI)</p>	<p>SHARP RANCH Westland 3 bd home offering full bsmt, 2 car Garage, C/A, covered Patio, appliances, close to everything, & so much more. \$129,900 (C-348WI)</p>
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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 "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in

Farmington Hills. Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar on "Before The Bedbug Bites" on Thursday, May 1, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Headquarters in Farmington Hills.

Bob England and Steve Hodges of Eradico will present basic biology, how the problem develops and is spread, and proper control measures.

Registration fees are \$15 per person for PMC, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Recovery By Design" on Wednesday, May 7, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi (Fountain Walk, Novi Road & I-96).

The presentation will cover what people can do as an industry to overcome the challenges of Michigan's economy. Topics include how to build a partnership with a design professional to create distinctive neighborhoods; how to give buyers a reason to move and minimize risk for builders; and an overview of National Green Building Standard and

how they will impact Michigan.

Speakers are Dominick Tringali, AIA, NCARB, of Dominick Tringali Architects Inc. and Arn McIntyre of McIntyre Builders Inc.

Registration fees are \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court.

Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Situations encountered everyday will be the basis for the presentation.

Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Participants

will gain an understanding of the risks and opportunities related to stepping into an existing project.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

Topics in this training include building more energy efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes.

The training is \$50 per person, or free if you join Green Built within 30 days. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified

Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Property management

Weir Manuel Realtors announced March 12 the creation of a residential property management division which will provide property management services for single family homes, condominiums and smaller multi-family projects.

"We're excited about the ongoing evolution of our full service brokerage concept, which will be enhanced by offering this service," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors. "While we have provided rental assistance services for many years, we are now seeing much more demand for residential rental property management services. Along with traditional leasing customers, we can help people who are having a difficult time selling their homes and give them a turnkey leasing option."

"At the same time, we can assist those consumers who are moving into the area and want a leasing option until they find the perfect home to buy. In short, we can now provide more comprehensive solutions to our clients' real estate needs."

The Property Management Division will operate under the guidance of Caroline Bowen-Keating, VP of Weir Manuel Relocation Services, with a staff experienced in the prop-

erty management field. This new division will work in concert with Weir Manuel's existing brokerage operation to support their efforts.

The property management team has been provided with state-of-the-art management software and tenant screening tools to help them provide full management services, including rent collections, bill payments, tenant and lease management, eviction services and routine and emergency property maintenance. Consumers and businesses can obtain a complete description of these services on the Weir Manuel Web site, <http://www.weirmanuel.com>, by clicking the Property Management tab.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing brokerage and property management services in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Parade of Staged Homes Event

The second annual Parade of Staged Homes Event will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Proceeds of the event benefit Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Its purpose is to showcase exceptional houses and the Realtors who understand how to use home staging as a marketing tool, as well as provide an opportunity for the public to meet Accredited Home Staging Professionals that are helping to market and ultimately sell houses quickly in the Detroit metro area. Those who are interested in finding a quality home or learning about the staging process to sell their properties are encouraged to attend. Houses can be located by going to www.paradeofstagedhomes.com for map and addresses. Admission is free.

Transaction

LaKritz-Weber announced a 2,928-square foot lease in Mid-Five Center at Middlebelt and Five Mile roads in Livonia. Earnie Dearman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the landlord, Mid-Five Corporation, and the tenant, No. VI Cigar Café Incorporated in this transaction.

Condo Association

Meisner & Associates law firm will present "Tools for Successfully Running a Condominium Association." It will be 7-9 p.m. May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Bingham Farms office. Cost is \$95 per person, \$85 for additional attendees from the same association. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433.

Topics covered include: assessment collection; legal aspects of budgeting and reserve analysis; bylaw enforcement procedures; introduction of the four necessary audits, legal, physical, financial and operational; how to avoid director liability and legal disputes; how to run an effective board meeting; protecting the attorney/client privilege before and after litigation; and review of the management contract.

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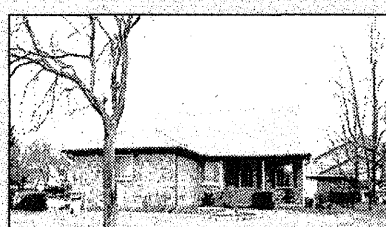
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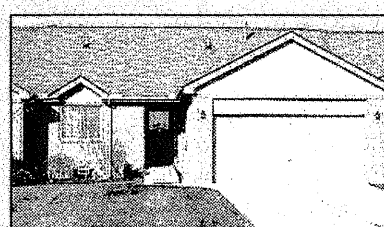
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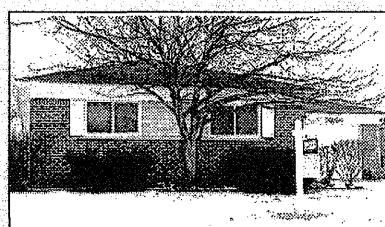
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2 Br, 2-1/2 Ba Ranch condo deep in complex backs to lg open commons area. GR w/vltd clg, Fp & hdwd flrs. New frig, dishwasher & sink. Prof fin bsmt.
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DETROIT \$199,900
A Must See! Historic Indian Village! Sprawling 6 BR 3.5 BA w/Many Updates Incl All New BAs & Kit. Exposed Beamed Clings, Butlers Pantry, 2 Fps & Wet Bar.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$104,900
This homes features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & a huge family room. Newer hardwood floors, roof & furnace. Most apps stay.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$127,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Brick Ranch w/Att Gar! Neut Decor, New Flrs, Carpet & Paint. Lg Kit Loaded w/Cabs. Newer Furn & A/C, Cust Gar Wrkbnch & Brick Paver Patio!
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GARDEN CITY \$134,900
Sharp and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath totally updated ranch. Finished basement with bath, gas fireplace, bar, family room. 2 car garage.
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LIVONIA \$155,000
Super Livonia ranch! 2 full baths, finished basement gives you loads of extra living space. Fenced yard, 2 1/2 car garage.
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LYONS \$379,900
4 br, 3.1 ba new custom home located in Lyon twp w/ Northville schools. Still time to add your own touches. Will be completed by May.
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MILFORD \$194,900
Ranch condo, open fir plan, huge kit, 3 BR, 2.1 BA, library, finished walkout w/ sunroom, over 2700 sq. ft. 2 car, all appliances & exercise equip.
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NORTHVILLE \$1,000,000
Cust Built! 5800+ S F Backs to 16 Acres of Wds, Deep in Sub. 3 Fp, J&J BA, GR Open to Kit, Loft/2nd FR, 4 Car Gar w/ Stair to Bsmt, Gran & Hwd & PFin W/O.
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NORTHVILLE \$669,900
Stunning 4 BR, 3.2 BA home. Grmt Kit (\$25,000 upgrd). Mstr w/sitting rm. 2-st FR w/lots of wndws & foyer w/wrought iron staircase.
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NORTHVILLE \$560,000
Northville Col. 4 BR, 3.1 BA backs to woods. Gourmet kit, open fir plan, mstr w/glam bath, Jack & Jill, & Princess ste. Special finance through SIRVA.
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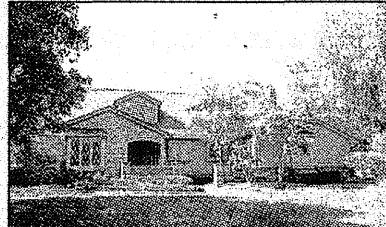
NORTHVILLE \$499,900
4 Br, 3-1/2 Ba Col, Frml LR & DR, Grmt Kit W/new Appls, 1st Flr mstr. Guest Br W/ full Bath & Wic. Breezeway To 2 Car Gar. Brick Paver Patio.
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NORTHVILLE \$432,000
Fabulous 5 bd colonial on tranquil wooded lot in highly desirable Woodside Village sub! Must see! Privt com.. mins from x-ways & shops
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OCEOLA \$212,500
Great Price! New build in 2002 on one acre. Lots of extras, cathedral ceiling, spacious kitchen, gas frpl. MBR has WIC & bath. Daylight bsmt windows.
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PLYMOUTH \$425,000
One Of Plymouth's Favorite Addresses. Lighthouse Court...Unpredictable Fir Plan. Pella wndws, New Hi-efficient Furnace, Fab Fam Rm & Private Rear Yard.
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PLYMOUTH \$379,900
Desirable 3 BR ranch condo w/ great floor plan. GR w/vaulted ceiling & formal dining area. Home office. Leaded glass front door & more.
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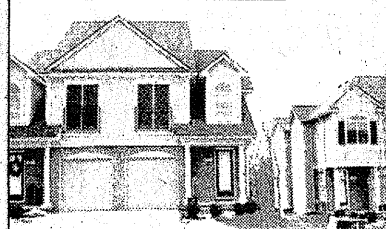
PLYMOUTH \$349,500
Plymouth's venerable "Arboretum". Highly prized detached Cape Cod condo w/1st floor master, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, W/O lower level, barrier-free, etc.
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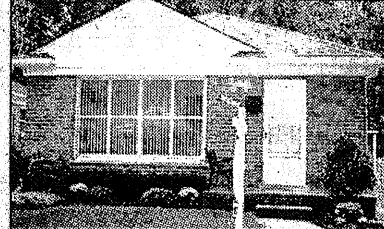
PLYMOUTH \$209,900
Great value! Colonial boasting many major updates! Furn, A/C, humidifier, elect, carpet & more! Lg deck private yard. Low Twp taxes, walk to schools!
MLS# 28048202 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$184,900
Perfect 3 BR 1.5 BA Colonial on a Beautiful Lot! Many Updates Incl Furn & Humidifier, Windows, Hwd, Kit Cntrs, Sink & Cabs, Roof & Back Gutters. Fin Bsmt.
MLS# 28058526 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$169,900
Third Party Approval - Short Sale - Sharp Two Bedroom 2-1/2 Bath condo. Large Great Room With Gas Fireplace. One Car Attached Garage.
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REDFORD \$102,600
Cute Ranch. Many updates include new stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Bay window in living rm, HWD under carpet, finished lower level. Patio.
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REDFORD \$99,900
Move right into this cape cod in Redford w/Clarenceville Schls! Updtd kit and BAs. Lrg LR w/butlers pantry, lrg kit w/updtd flrs.
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REDFORD \$49,900
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SOUTH LYON \$245,000
4 BR, 2.5 BA, Prem fir plan, vltd clgs mstr w/WIC & jetted tub, FP in FR, fin bsmt w/ high clgs. Rec rm & _ba subject to short sale
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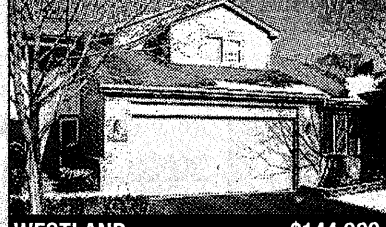
SOUTH LYON \$99,900
Beautiful end unit, tastefully decorated. 2 BD, 2 baths w/ finished LL. Offers lg FR w/ gas FP & Lib/guest room. Private patio. All appls. C/A Adult 55+
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VAN BUREN \$199,900
4 BR, 2.1 BA w/fin w/out bsmt. 2-story foyer w/hdwd flrs. Kit w/island, hdwd flrs, lots of cbnts & all appls. 2-story GR w/FP. Mstr w/BA & WIC. 3 car.
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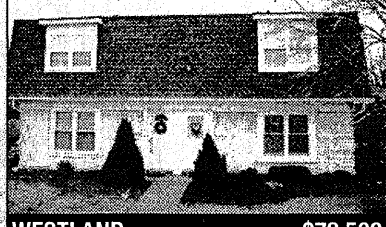
WARREN \$184,900
Perfect 3 BR 1.5 BA Colonial on a Beautiful Lot! Many Updates Incl Furn & Humidifier, Windows, Hwd, Kit Cntrs, Sink & Cabs, Roof & back Gutters. Fin Bsmt.
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WESTLAND \$144,900
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WESTLAND \$139,900
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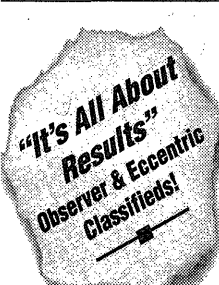




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- ACROSS**
- GOP member
 - Sells
 - VCR button
 - Sporty truck
 - Go to the polls
 - Dawn Chong
 - Fishy lady?
 - Creamy color
 - "Evil Woman" rockers
 - Sooner city
 - Client mtg.
 - Annoys (2 wds.)
 - Leads
 - "Wool" on clay sheep
 - Roman 51
 - Margarine container
 - Sing a ballad
 - Fishing float
 - Cosmic sound
 - Kind of muffin
 - Harsh, dazzling light
 - Source of help

- DOWN**
- Jamaican export
 - Summer in Cannes
 - annum
 - Wiener schnitzel base
 - "Silas Marner" author
 - Beatty of films
 - Not AC
 - Gen. Bradley
 - QB's org.
 - Subatomic particles
 - Furtiveness
 - Conclusion
 - "Star Trek" officer
 - Refinery shipment
 - Hackers' needs
 - Kitchen gadget
 - "Croc" Dundee's girl.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

UMP	TOAD	KNOB
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OCCURRED	FLIEA	
HEALS	MEEK	
TOW	EAGER	
OVER	HANK	OLE
LAMA	EGO	ABLE
AIM	LEER	RISK
FLAME	AYE	
OOZY	UNSER	
KITS	EARCANDY	
IDES	TREK	ANA
MANY	ANDY	PAN

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- Passport companion
- Sonic bounce
- Cast member
- Showy feather
- Place for a pint
- Desktop symbols
- Fauna and —
- Muscle cell
- Gets clean (2 wds.)
- Hard to find
- Loud thud
- Great benefit
- Falana or Montez
- Lummoxes
- nous (between us)
- Misgivings
- Sparkle
- Business mag
- California's Big —
- Part of LAX
- Play about Capote
- Start of a bray
- Laugh syllable

SUDOKU

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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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D	G	A	L	A	X	Y	D	S	S
F	G	J	A	S	C	O	M	E	T
U	Y	O	C	A	P	L	E	K	E
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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4	5	3	4	8	2	7	2	9	6	6
9	8	7	7	5	3	6	5	4	2	1
6	9	1	2	1	2	3	6	8	4	7
6	9	1	8	5	8	5	8	6	9	9
3	7	1	8	4	2	3	7	1	8	5
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

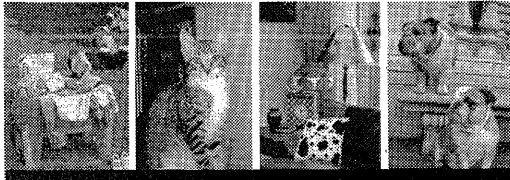
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By Dale Buss



Leasing as a percentage of transactions in the U.S. auto market reached 20.1 percent in February, the highest level in seven years, according to Edmunds.com analysis. That figure followed a 20.1% proportion for leasing in February.

The most recent previous peak in leasing activity was 20.4% in March, 2001. Leasing bottomed out at 11.6% of transactions in July, 2003, Edmunds.com said.

The questions are: What does this mean? And does the phenomenon represent just a short-term blip or a long-term trend?

"Leasing has become much more popular, year over year" in the industry," said Jim Farley, Ford's vice president of marketing and communications. "Especially for car brands, we're seeing a very meaningful shift."

Added John McDonald, a spokesman for General Motors: "It is the natural attraction of leasing in this economic climate and challenging marketplace."

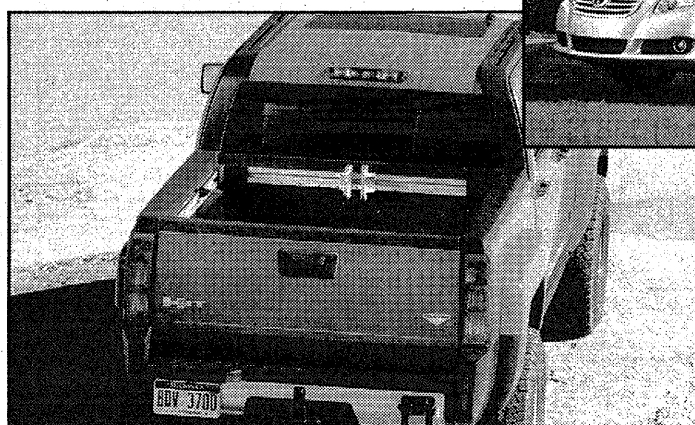
Indeed, the recent overall uptick in leasing is a clear result of two developments that - perhaps until this juxtaposition - haven't seemed related. The first trend is the tremendous push by the Detroit Three automakers over the last couple of years to cut back on their sales to daily-rental fleets and to sell those companies more richly contented vehicles. As a result, the residual values of their off-lease vehicles at auction have been rising, meaning that the automakers can lower the required lease payments on new vehicles.

The second contributor is the spreading softness in the U.S. economy. More consumers feel compelled to take the lease option because they can't come up with a down payment for an auto loan. And with interest rates dropping precipitously over the last several months, both automakers and dealers can lower the prices of

Consumers lease Toyotas, like this Avalon sedan, at a rate of about 13 percent.



Hummers such as this H3T Alpha model lease at one of the industry's highest rates.



their leases.

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There's also a third, less tangible factor at work: The very concept of leasing is less fearful for many American consumers and, to still others, more downright attractive in principle than it used to be.

"Most consumers now are better aware of the leasing option, and dealerships are learning that they can do much better with leasing than with a purchase," said Jesse Toprak, Edmunds.com's executive director of industry analysis. "When you lease to a customer, you're guaranteed to see them back in two or three years. And customers who lease their vehicles tend to be a lot more satisfied with their purchase than a [loan] customer."

Paul Taylor, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association, said that the "upswing in leasing activity is both good news and bad news" for dealers and the industry. "It's a sign that affordability has once again become an issue, but it's also a sign that many attractive lease offers are being responded to by consumers."

Not surprisingly, European luxury brands continue to lead the U.S. industry in lease penetration, having used lease deals very strategically over the last several years to spread

the accessibility of their pricey models to broader swaths of the American public. BMW leased 62.6 percent of its vehicles in February, Edmunds.com data indicates; back in 2001, its lease rates averaged in the high 30-percent. Audi's lease rate in February was 55 percent. GM's Hummer was the top domestic brand, with 48 percent.

Honda and Nissan have tended to occupy leasing's middle ground. Both companies' rates were 21 percent in February, per Edmunds.com data. But Honda's lease rates have zig-zagged up and down at least since 2001. They were about 14 percent that year and climbed to 23 percent in 2002; then they sagged back down to 14 percent in 2005 and have been on the rise again since then.

The Detroit Three and Toyota generally have occupied the middle ground of leasing rates for the last several years. In February, according to Edmunds.com data, Chevrolet leased 14 percent of its vehicles, and Toyota leased 13 percent, for example.

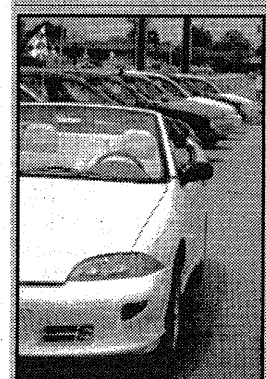
On the low end of lease penetration are the Korean makers: Kia leased only about 5 percent of its vehicles in February, while Hyundai leased fewer than 2 percent.

Edmunds.com's Toprak noted that the pressures under leasing rates have been building for some time. For all of 2007, he said, the industry increased to a 19 percent lease rate from 18 percent in 2006.

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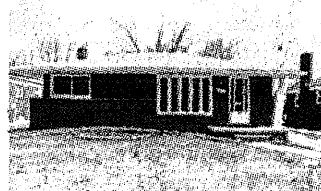
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Lots of space for work and play. Remod in 2001. Huge 54x37 barn. Andersen windows, River rock FP, 1930's oak mantle FP, update kit, new cabs, wood flrs. (28012840) \$229,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia.Hrwd fir and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink. (27090724) \$124,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Are You Ready for Carefree Living? End unit 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/private entry, bright, open flr plan. Part fin bsmt. Newer KIT appl. Mstr BR. 1 lg WIC. GR w/wall of wndws. Att gar. Clubhouse avail. (28050486) \$155,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL. (27159044) \$259,000



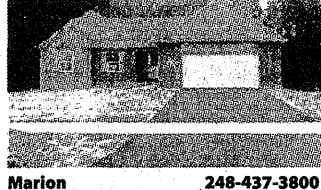
Brighton 248-437-3800
Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan w/soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt. (28027847) \$279,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
Welcome Home 3 BR, 2 BA, HDWD fls, newer windows, great decor, Florida rm, adjoining lck, granite KIT, & fin bsmt, 2 car. Walking distance to elementary school & dwtwn. (28020785) \$172,999



Highland 248-684-1065
Spotless, warm & charming 3 BR ranch in serene home community area. Gorgeous treed private backyard .41 acre lot. Open flr plan w/ large kit/great rm/gas FP. (28007902) \$184,900



Marion 248-437-3800
1838 SF..Open Floor Plan Ranch style home W/WO bsmt is just 60 days to completion. Add your finishing touches w/assistance from Adler Homes Design Studio. Maintenance free exterior. (28055903) \$275,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING CUSTOM-BUILT COLONIAL! Hi-end features: maple cabs, granite counters, Brazilian cherry-entire 1st flr, detail, detail everywhere, 9 ceilings, daylite wndws in bsmt, etc. Quality U/ot. (28048153) \$440,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Very Cute Updated home in great location New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring. Newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced yard. (28010123) \$140,000



Canton 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL BEST DESCRIBES THIS COLONIAL wall the bells and whistles: C/A, lg kitchen & formal dining rm, mstr ste w/jetted tub and separate shower, family rm w/FP, 1st flr basement and attached garage. (28056028) \$259,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
In the Heart of Downtown Farmington Neat bungalow w/updates that incl: HWH, gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double lot. (28026062) \$169,900



Howell 248-437-3800
1556 SF..Must See Condo Open, floating kit, large great rm. Vaulted mstr w/window seat, mstr bath & large closet. Pool, clubhouse and walking paths sub. Excellent condition. (28056846) \$122,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Open flr plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorways to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village. (28059353) \$129,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
THIS CUTIE'S "JUST RIGHT" FOR YOU! Walkers rejoice; let your car stay home while you stroll downtown from this 3BR ranch. Floor plan's a winner w/37'x25' LL just right for expansion. Rear patio. (28058263) \$169,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Ranch... End Unit Condo New Construction... Premium lot with view of wooded tree area at back of complex. Brand new, never lived in. Appl included. Close to downtown South Lyon. (28037090) \$104,900



Canton 734-455-7000
A THREE BEDROOM CONDO WITH CLASS! Exceptional 3 bedrm end unit condo in Canton Forest. First floor master ste. Cathedral ceiling in living room. Sharp Kitchen, 1st floor laundry. A real winner! (28049195) \$174,500



Farmington 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors.Great home for first time buyers. (28020824) \$134,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
Clean Livonia Colonial near Laurel Park! Absolutely beautiful on a park-like setting. GR, vaulted ceilings, natural FP Downstairs a terrific rec rm or office & a 3rd full BA! Shown by appointment. (28046689) \$289,000



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



Plymouth 734-591-9200
A great starter 3 bdrm, eat in kitchen, 1.5 car garage & large yard.Cheaper than rent. Plymouth Schools.\$130,000 Real Estate One 313-399-0568 or 734-591-9200. (28035918) \$118,000



Troy 248-208-2900
6902 Aurora Dr. Spacious home with private yard that backs to wetlands. Finished bsmt, 3 car side garage, 2 mstr suites, formal din rm. (27226045) \$346,750



Canton 248-348-6430
Wow! What A Value! Well cared for townhouse. Cathedral ceilings, skylight, fireplace, finished basement, private courtyard, Pool, clubhouse. Appliances stay. Home warranty. (28047641) \$119,000



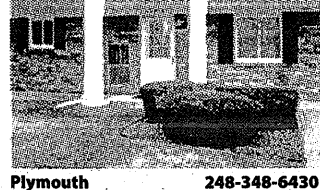
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
FORECLOSURE. TONS OF SPACE! Huge family rm w/fireplace. Master suite w/custom bath, skylight, huge WIC & dressing area. Upstairs living area w/balcony, 2nd BR has full bath & WIC. Finished bsmt. (28057684) \$234,900



Livonia 734-455-7000
OMG! WHAT A FIND! Exceptionally beautiful Livonia colonial w/4Brs & 2.5BAs, FP, deck, fin bsmt and 2car att gar. Move-in ready! Walk to elementary school & parks. Sale or Lease! (28056187) \$228,000



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 Cell; Master Ste; Lib; 2-Car Gar. (28011442) \$460,000



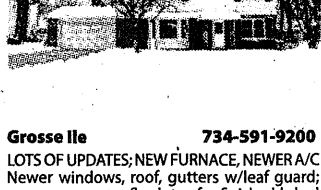
Plymouth 248-348-6430
2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth Short run or bike ride to EHPark! Updates incl. HDWD laminate flr in KIT, living RM, dining area & entry, bathroom fixtures, carpet & paint, Patio & storage rm. (28019197) \$90,000



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



Canton 248-851-1900
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! BEAUTIFUL CONDO No detail was missed! Large 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Updated kit., all appliances stay. Remodeled baths. Partially fin. basement. Newer windows. Freshly painted. Close to everything (28054812) \$109,900



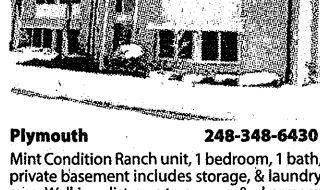
Grosse Ile 734-591-9200
LOTS OF UPDATES; NEW FURNACE, NEWER A/C Newer windows, roof, gutters w/leaf guard; some new pergio flrs; lots of refinished hwdw flrs fenced yard, lg FR w/brick wall FP & beamed ceiling. 1yr hm warranty. (28037438) \$249,999



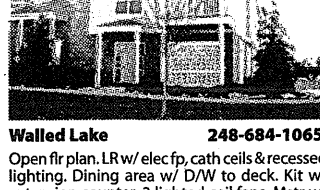
Livonia 248-851-1900
NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LARGE PRIVATE LOT Features great kitchen & master suite w/vaulted ceiling, master bath & walk-in closet. Great room w/fireplace. First floor laundry. (27188681) \$200,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Sharp Condo For Sale or Lease! Ground unit. 2 BR, 2 full BAs. Master has BA & WIC. Newer furniture, KIT FL & sink, windows! Enclosed frnt porch. Neutral. Assoc has pool! Northville schools. (27220918) \$1,100



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Mint Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, private basement includes storage, & laundry area. Walking distance to grocery & pharmacy stores. Immediate occupancy. (27225528) \$64,900



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Open flr plan. LR w/ elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell. (27192835) \$137,500



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING CUSTOM CAPE! Elegant 5BR on almost 1/2 acre, backs to woods. 2-way FP from Great Room-nook. Dual staircase. 1st flr master w/jacuzzi. Beautifully appointed! (28007580) \$395,000



Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great For First Time Home Buyers! Three bedroom family home with immed. occupancy. Deeded access on All Sports Lake and Huron River Access. Double lot allows plenty of room for future growth. (28055900) \$165,000



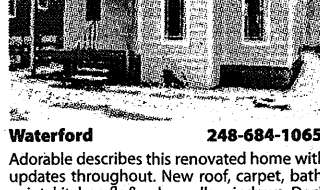
Livonia 734-591-9200
LIVONIA BRICK RANCH, SPOTLESS AND READY to move in. Refin hwdw flrs T/O w/fam rm addition. Corner lot; newer windows, poured bsmt walls; updated electrical. (28058937) \$165,000



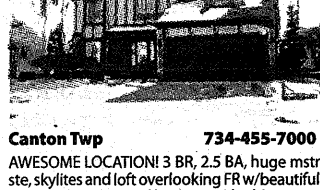
Novi 248-348-6430
Beautiful Cape Cod with original owners, non-smoking & no pets, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with double oven, pewter light fixtures throughout, brick paver patio & walkway. (28048645) \$385,000



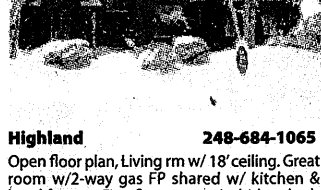
Romulus 248-208-2900
6884 Ball Please Contact Listing Agent For A Copy Of Seller Addendum Prior To Writing Offer. Minimum \$1000 Earnest Money Deposit To Be Held With Listing Broker. (28001323) \$89,900



Waterford 248-684-1065
Adorable describes this renovated home with updates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, paint, kitchen flr & cabs, pella windows. Deck to wooded yard. (28036273) \$89,900



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
AWESOME LOCATION! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, huge mstr ste, skylites and loft overlooking FR w/beautiful oak FP. Huge updated kitchen w/double pantry opens to FR w/doorwall to priv yd. Must See. (28033336) \$239,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Open floor plan, Living rm w/ 18' ceiling, Great room w/2-way gas FP shared w/ kitchen & breakfast rm. First flr master w/ whirlpool tub & 2 W/W.C. Lake priv. (28045487) \$439,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
REALLY SHARP AND SPOTLESS CLEAN RANCH. 3 bdrms, 1.1 bath, kit, roof, and bath are updated. Hrdwd flrs, florida rm, fenced yd, great neighborhood with well kept homes, unfinished bsmt. (28016719) \$162,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Completely Redone Kitchen with granite & ceramic backsplash, newer appliances, 2 way fireplace in family room & library, newer carpet, lovely finished basement with bedroom & full bath. (28048404) \$379,900



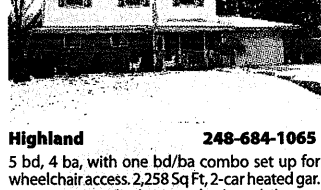
Romulus 248-348-6430
3 Bed Ranch Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, Hwh, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry! (27154871) \$89,000



Westland 734-455-7000
CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT! Vanity in all baths, newer pergo flooring in kit, dining rm, & family rm. Neutral carpeting thru-out. Great storage. Skylights. Deck. New roof. Home Warranty. (27210545) \$169,900



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
THIS BEAUTIFUL CONDO HAST ALL! Everything is done! Each of the 3 bedrms has its own bath + 1/2 bath on main, 1st flr mstr, upgrades t/o, lg loft area, prof fin LL w/bar & daylite wndws. (28011648) \$229,900



Highland 248-684-1065
5 bd., 4 ba, with one bd/ba combo set up for wheelchair access. 2,59 Sq Ft, 2-car heated gar. Master suite w/bath - jetted tub and shower. Fenced backyard. (28004578) \$280,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Sharp solid brick ranch/spacious flr plan; full fin bsmt/ig kit w/formal DR, lg LR/hwdw flr, tiled BA's, Mstr w/full BA, C/A, newer roof, wins, patio, sec alarm. (28059603) \$151,900



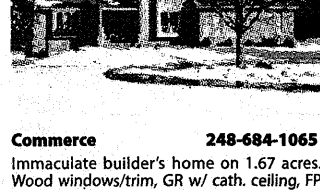
Novi 248-348-6430
Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home Accent on details, hwdw flr highlights kit & brkfst area, FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio & lg priv yard. (27164836) \$336,900



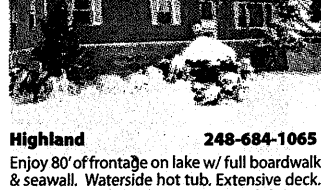
South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lakefront Home! Home is situated on huge lot with excellent views. Two fireplaces for cozy winter nights. Large decks for outdoor entertaining. Recent updates. (27208861) \$399,900



Westland 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL BARRIDGE GLEN CONDO 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint & carpet. Good location in back of the complex. All appliances. Move in condition. (28050121) \$86,900



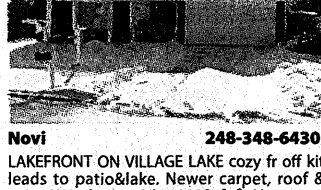
Commerce 248-684-1065
Immaculate builder's home on 1.67 acres. Wood windows/trim, GR w/ cath. ceiling, FP in den, FR w/ daylight windows, MBR w/ WIC. Great view from covered patio. (28011365) \$290,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Enjoy 80' off frontage on lake w/ full boardwalk & seawall. Waterside hot tub. Extensive deck. Family rm w/ wet bar. Newer roof, furnace & C/A. (28042562) \$255,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
POTTERY BARN PERFECTION! Oak flooring & professional paint give WOW appeal. Updates include windows, bath, copper plumbing, electrical, shingles. Extra large heated garage. Super location. (27215963) \$151,888



Novi 248-348-6430
LAKEFRONT ON VILLAGE LAKE cozy fr off kit leads to patio/lake. Newer carpet, roof & paint. Wood entry & kit. 2005ft frnt storage. Common pool, club house & elementary. Corp exclusions. (28024174) \$209,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming... Well Maintained Country home on 2.2 acres of magnificent grounds w/deeded access to Silver Lake. Currently used as a duplex...easy to convert. Seller says rewired & replumbed. (28025193) \$289,900



Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800
Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with great curb appeal. Doorwall from breakfast nook to deck. Convenient location! (2711186) \$165,500

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ACCENTS

Let's be Earth-friendly

This week's activities aim at conservation, education

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Earth Day is officially celebrated on April 22. While the environment may not be in the forefront these days, taking a back seat to the 2008 presidential election, the war in Iraq and the economy, it still remains a critical issue for many.

Many events are scheduled this weekend through April 22 to promote sustainability, the environment and wildlife habitats. From the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak to Oakland University in Rochester and local businesses in Oakland and Wayne counties, the warming of the spring weather presents an opportune time to remind ourselves about the importance of maintaining the planet's health.



Rebecca Kolls

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

The third annual Earth Day Expo will be held at Oakland University Saturday, April 19 with information about healthy, local, organic, fair-trade and sustainably-produced food, including presentations from Paul Krause of VegMichigan; Julie LaPorte, owner of LaVida Local, a business engaged in building communities by connecting local farmers to consumers; Heather Carmona, an organic wellness consultant with Natural Health & Healing; Dr. Fay Hansen, a biologist at OU currently on sabbatical at Michigan State University learning about organic farming; and Dr. Kerrie Saunders, a nationally known speaker and best-selling author.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

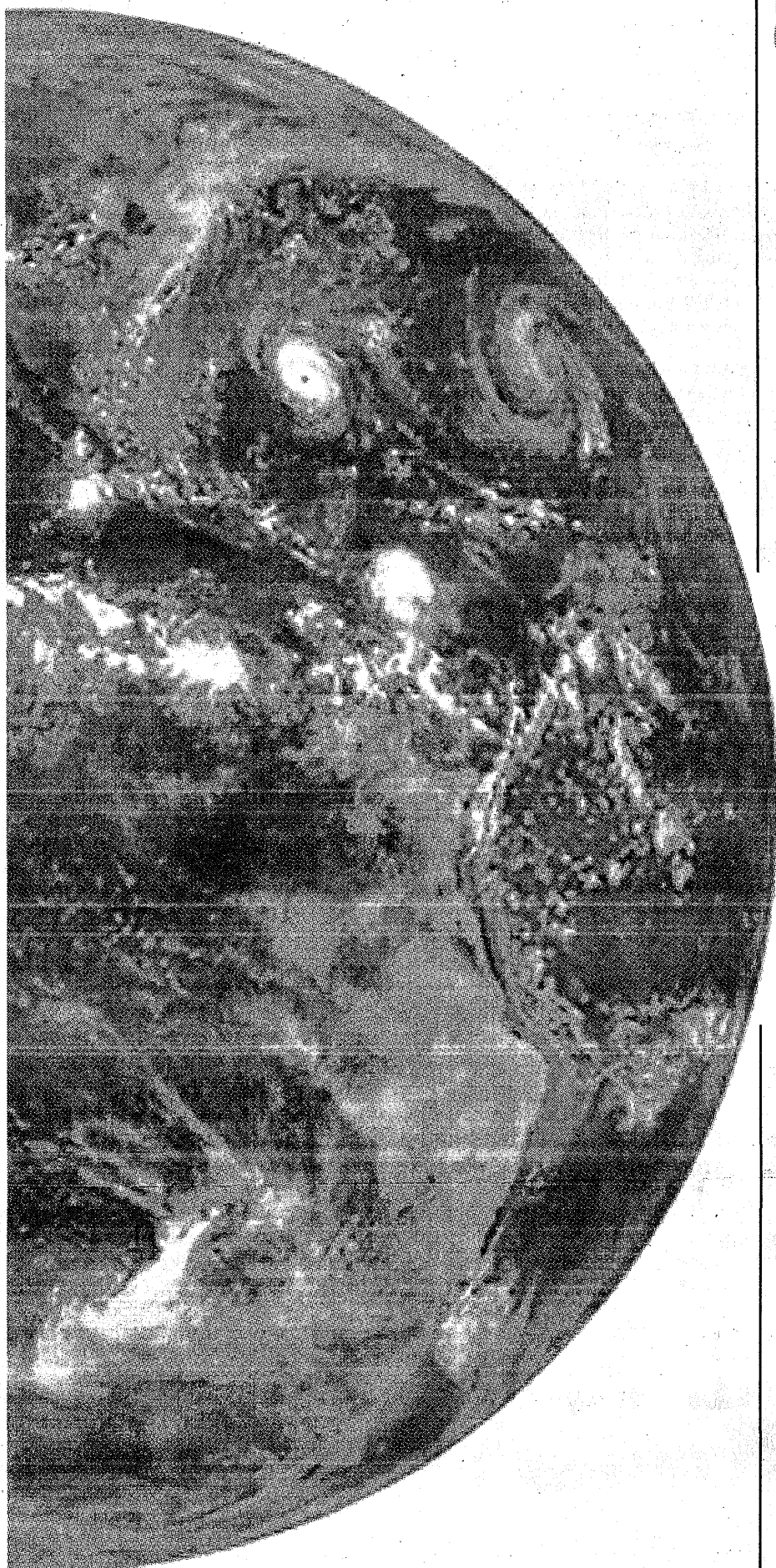
Rebecca Kolls, lifestyle and gardening contributor for ABC's *Good Morning America*, and Roger Swain, former host of PBS' *The Victory Garden*, will be appearing at English Gardens stores Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20.

English Gardens will also give away tree seedlings to the first 100 children in each store.

Kolls will present "Growing Green" with tips on how gardeners can incorporate earth-friendly tips at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19 in West Bloomfield; 1 p.m. in Dearborn Heights; 4 p.m. in Brighton; and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 20 in Royal Oak.

Swain will present "The Thrills & Spills of Container Gardening," and demonstrate tips for successful planting in containers. His schedule is 10 a.m.

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Mom's the best

We remember mom's great recipes.

Just don't try and get that information from her.

Sure, she may have guarded the exclusivity of the dish with generalizations and phrases like "oh, it's a little of this and a little of that" when she was asked about the ingredients of that delicious dish.

Sooner or later, though, she relented and you got the keys to the kingdom.

Do you have a favorite dish of hers that she prepared in the spring or summer? Or do you have a favorite dish that you prepare for her and she enjoys it? If you'd like to share her recipe or yours with us and we publish it, we'll send you a free cookbook.

Please send a short note about your mother, the recipe, a photo of the two of you (if it is available) and a daytime phone number where you can be reached. Send it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com or mail it to Ken Abramczyk, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Recipes should be sent by Wednesday, April 23.

New showroom open

Find out how to re-face, not replace, to upgrade your home at the grand opening of the Granite Transformations showroom at 31205 Grand River at Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

Celebrate with complimentary refreshments, designer tips to make the most of your home and increase its value, and kitchen tips, products and samplings from local Pampered Chef Cindy Schlusel.

Hourly drawings will be held to win prizes including kitchen products, cookbooks, Granite Transformation showpieces, movie passes to the Imagine Theatre, and other special items.

Vigorous product demonstrations will also be held to show the beauty and durability of these products versus ordinary granite.

For information call (248) 427-0200 or visit www.granitetransformations.com.

Professionals honored

Coffee Beanery joins companies and organizations to recognize the work that administrative professionals do on a daily basis. Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated on Wednesday, April 23, and Coffee Beanery is looking for the Administrative Professional of the Year.

Participating local Coffee Beanery stores will be taking nominations at local stores and will be awarding coffee gift baskets to the most deserving nominee.

In addition, an on-line contest will be held at coffeebeanery.com where nominations can be submitted and the winning on-line nominee will receive a pound of specialty coffee every month for a year.

The deadline for in-store and on-line nominations is midnight Monday, April 21.

The winner will be chosen at noon on that same day.

Make online backups part of your backup strategy

Last week I wrote about diversified backups: using multiple methods to safeguard your data.

Today I'm going to focus on the online aspect of that idea, as it's not always obvious what kind of service you should use or how to use it.

Remember that there are two basic kinds of backups: those that duplicate your entire hard drive, and those that duplicate just your important data.

Online backups, which copy your data to remote servers, definitely fall into the latter category.

Theoretically, you could upload the complete contents of your hard drive to a backup service, especially if you're paying for an "unlimited storage" plan.

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achieve the food world's twin crown, The Cookbook of the Year Award, from both the Julia Child/IACP and James Beard Awards. She has been featured in numerous publications including The New York Times, People, Gourmet, and Newsweek among others. Tickets are \$45, and are

Puck stops here

Wolfgang Puck will be signing copies of his new cookbook at the restaurant that bears his name at the MGM Grand Detroit 2-4 p.m. April 22.

Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy will be available for purchase at Wolfgang Puck Grille at a cost of \$35.

Conveniently located by the hotel's entrance and main casino floor, the restaurant features casual as well as sophisticated fine dining that can be enjoyed either as a relaxed, leisurely dining experience or as a comfortable, quick-bite in a setting created by designer Tony Chi.

Additional features are a stunning hand-carved desk from South Korean artist Lee Jae-Hyo at the restaurant's entry and "Wolfgang's Kitchen Table," a private space for up

BOOK SIGNING

What: Wolfgang Puck signs copies of his new book, "Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy"

When: 2-4 p.m. April 22

Where: Wolfgang Puck Grille, MGM Grand Casino, 1777 Third (north of Michigan Avenue), Detroit
Book available for \$35.

to 14 guests that provides an up close and personal experience of the celebrity chef's kitchen.

The restaurant's hours are 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily and 7 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call (313) 465-1648.



Wolfgang Puck

'The Splendid Table' host visits Schoolcraft

Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of *The Splendid Table*, a food program on Michigan Radio, will be conducting a cooking demonstration at Schoolcraft College in Livonia 1-3 p.m. May 10. Her demonstration will feature recipes from her new book *The Splendid Table's How to Eat Supper*.

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Lynne Rossetto Kasper

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

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EARTH
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Saturday, April 19 in Dearborn Heights, and 1 p.m. in Royal Oak; and noon Sunday, April 20 in Brighton and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield.

In Canton, IKEA will give away 1,500 ready-to-plant blue spruce seedlings on April 22, one per family, while supplies last. For every three incandescent bulbs customers bring in for recycling they will receive a free three-pack of 11w "SPARSAM" Energy Bulbs (equal to a 50 watt non-energy saver bulb), also while supplies last. IKEA also has a recycling center inside the exit doors.

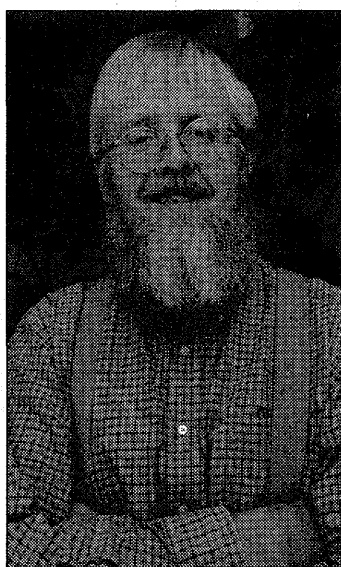
Art Van donated 3,000 spruce trees this week to area schools and organizations for planting, as part of regional beautification projects and educational programs. Stop by any Art Van store to receive a free packet of flower seeds, while supplies last, through April 23.

DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo hosts its annual Earth Day celebration 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 19. The celebration will include earth-friendly crafts, an endangered species scavenger hunt, a rock climbing wall, animal enrichment activities, zookeeper talks, exhibits by local conservation groups and visits by Smokey Bear and the Rainforest Café tree frog mascot Cha!Chà! Presentations of "Getting Excited About Earth Day" with Steve Bellevue will be held at the Ford Education Center Theater at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) will give composting demonstrations at the Backyards for Wildlife area of the Zoo, developed to demonstrate to visitors how to make their urban, suburban and rural backyards more conducive habitats for wildlife.

A Green Games Gallery will be hosted by the Detroit Zoo's own conservation group, the Green Team, including games using recycled materials, storytelling and educational displays. All Earth Day activities are free with regular Zoo



Roger Swain

admission.

On a related note, the Southeastern Oakland County Recycling Recovery Authority offers 30-minute tours of the Materials Recovery Facility, 995 Coolidge in Troy, at 4 and 5 p.m. April 21-24, and again at 10 and 11 a.m. May 3. (Residents interested in seeing the facility should call (248) 288-5150 in advance so SOCCRA can have enough tour guides available.)

WHOLE FOODS

The Village of Rochester Hills teams up with Whole Foods Market noon to 4 p.m. Saturday April 26. Families are invited to the Village to stroll from table to table to collect new eco-friendly tips, sample recipes from an organic chef, and more.

Guests are encouraged to bring at least 10 plastic bags to be recycled in exchange for a free reusable Village of Rochester tote. (Limit of one per person, while supplies last). In addition, the first 200 guests will receive a free seedling to take home.

Help reduce waste, and bring your recyclables (paper, plastic, glass and cardboard) to the Waste Management recycling truck. Kids can bring an empty egg carton and plastic bottles to turn "trash into treasures" by creating art from recyclables.

The Village of Rochester Hills is located at the northwest corner of Walton and Adams Roads in Rochester Hills.

Tips from the painters in my life

I'm a lucky gal in that two of the men in my life are professional painters.

My husband, Jeff, is a skilled mural artist, while my father-in-law, Bob Von Buskirk, is a professional home and commercial painter based in Plymouth.

The great thing about having the Von Buskirks around is they don't think of painting as a big ordeal. My husband has been known to start painting a room at 5 p.m., and be finished by prime time. His father, on the other hand, would never do anything that fast. He's big on perfect priming and meticulous work.

Painting is an inexpensive way to make a huge difference in your home. With spring in the air, it's time to tackle that painting project you've had on your to-do list for a while. With these tips from Bob, you should be all set to start — and finish — the job.

GET PREPPED

Prep work is 90 percent of the job, according to Bob, yet many amateurs, as well as professionals' out to make a quick buck, ignore the important — and time-consuming — work it takes to get walls, ceilings, mouldings and trim ready for the finish coat. All spaces need to be free of oily spots, dust and cobwebs, as well as loose and chipping paint.

To prep surfaces, start by chipping away at loose paint until the chipping stops. Then, fight mold — the biggest enemy of a lasting paint job — using straight bleach in a bottle. Simply spray it on and wait for

TOOL TIME

According to professional painter Bob Von Buskirk, of Plymouth, it's worth investing in quality paint supplies. If you keep them clean they'll last and last. Here's a shopping list to get you the perfect paint job every time:

- A good brush (don't skimp here or it will show)
- Aluminum paint pan (wash after every use)
- Spackling (Bob recommends Red Devils Onetime)
- Flexible putty knife
- Aluminum step ladder
- Drop cloths (disposable plastic or paper is one option; canvas or butyl can be reused)
- Caulking gun and caulk
- Blue tape (stay away from masking tape as it leaves residue)
- Roller handle and covers
- Mini rollers (for narrow areas, such as between window frames and corners)
- Idiot stick (for extending the roller handle)
- Paint (Benjamin Moore or Graham recommended)

it to dry.

Now, sand all surfaces to remove dust — even the ceiling — or you'll be left with what Bob calls "paint boogers," unsightly bumps that prevent a smooth finish.

Finally, cover everything with an oil-based primer.

CHOOSE YOUR PAINT

Bob has tried many brands, and has settled on Benjamin Moore and Graham paints. They're slightly more expensive, but worth every penny, he says. Today's best paints are 100 percent acrylic, not latex. Acrylic paints provide a harder finished surface, and are more durable and easier to clean. Plus, they have better color retention.

Graham's ceramic paint has ceramic atmospheres added, which gives it the most durable and washable surface of all.

When it comes to paint sheens, general rules of thumb are to use flat finish paint on ceilings and walls; eggshell in hallways, bathrooms, children's bedrooms and other high traf-

fic areas; and satin on mouldings.

CONSIDER COLOR

When choosing color, remember there's a difference between "me" color and resale color. If you're planning to move, stick to neutrals and use furniture and accessories to add color to your home.

If you're going to stay put, then you can have some fun choosing hues that suit you. Today, anything goes when it comes to color. Pick out a shade from your sofa or a favorite blanket and put it on an accent wall — or all the walls. While dark colors can make average size rooms look smaller, they have the opposite effect in small rooms. A rich plum, for example, can make a powder room appear larger. Remember that darker colors scratch more easily, and generally require more coats, although a tinted primer can help.

No matter what you do with the walls, it's always good practice to keep the ceiling white and mouldings and trim a con-

sistent neutral throughout the entire home.

GET CREATIVE

There are many fun ways to spice up a room with paint. For example, you can create simple wainscoting using chair rail halfway up the wall, but remember to use your darker color on the bottom. A dark color on top has the psychological effect of making people feel trapped.

Faux finishes are waning in popularity, but using murals to "theme" rooms is an option. My husband has done everything from jungle scenes to mountain landscapes in children's bedrooms. He's painted palm fronds on a recessed master bedroom ceiling to create a spa effect, and tromp l'oeil to make kitchens 'open' into Tuscan scenes.

New chalkboard and whiteboard paints allow people to write on the walls and wipe them clean — perfect for children's rooms or offices in moderation.

Whatever you choose, don't feel like you have to match separate rooms, unless you've got an open floor plan. Otherwise, when you enter a room, the rest of the house remains unseen behind you.

If all this sounds like too much work, you can always hire a professional. Get a couple quotes and compare estimates. Ask the painter if he will pay attention to details, such as changing out plugs, sockets, light switches and covers. Don't always settle on the lowest estimate — you usually get what you pay for.

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FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

Healthy Eating Made Easy

Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every

month. Learn about Greek foods May 1 and May 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

The Community House

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including 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

Inaugural fair to promote benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services of companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers, May 3-4, downtown Plymouth, visit www.greenstreetfair.com for information.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk at kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Vendors Sought

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

The Community House

A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment; Landscaping for a Healthy River, 7-8 p.m. April 17; Nature Near You, 1-2:30 p.m. April 21; Spending Lean on Building Green, 7-9 p.m. April 23; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1; 380 S. Bates, Birmingham call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

Roger Zielinski of Raising Rarities, has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years and his program will be "Cypripedium culture in pots" April 20, with 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, Carolyn Butcher will help show the correct way to pot. The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, free of charge. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

The Community House Garden Club

"New Plants That Thrive in Our Climate" with George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, who will conduct a presentation that will help you prepare your spring and summer gardens by using new plants that thrive in our climate, 7 p.m. April 21, The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham. The public is invited. Reservations are not necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door or \$20 for garden club membership. Call (248) 594-6410.

More Garden, Less Lawn

David Michener, associate curator, University of Michigan Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, on redoing the garden, presented by The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 21, Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, 3 blocks north of I-696, visit http://lvgardeneers.home.comcast.net or call Susan Arneson (248-443-1703) or Nancy Bacinski (248-569-6548).

Pruning Roses

Pruning and Fertilizing Roses, 1 p.m. April 21; 11 a.m. April 21; 1 p.m. April 27; 11 a.m. April 28; (late April/early May is the correct time to prune roses, not earlier.) How to Plant Roses, slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration, 1 p.m. May 4, 11 a.m. May 5, Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Rd., Belleville, (734) 461-1230, www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Hardy Hydrangeas

Sue Grubba, master gardener and instructor from Practical Gardening Institute will discuss how to add these gorgeous plants to home gardens at 10 a.m. April 25, with Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Guests are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served at 9:30 a.m., \$5 non-member donation. Reservations are not required. Call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Home Composting Workshop

"Secrets of the Soil...with a Sense of Humus", a home composting workshop, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R. Troy. Topics will include: soil fertility; benefits of compost for lakes and the Rouge River; building the compost pile; materials for composting; compost bin options; avoiding

nuisances; compost bin maintenance, sustainable landscapes, and more. To register for this free workshop, call the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288-5150 or at Telly's (248) 689-8735.

Southern Michigan Daylily Society

Hybridizing Spiders and Unusual Forms Daylily Flowers with Dan Bachman from Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, Ohio, 7 p.m. May 2, Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

Swap Meet

9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 3, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Rd., Plymouth, if interested in renting a table, contact Anita Laich at (734) 425-1685 for more information.

British Floral Artist

Friends of Art & Flowers at the Detroit Institute of Arts present Jane Packer: Colour lecture and demonstration 10:30 a.m. May 7, DIA Lecture Hall, lecture and luncheon \$50, lecture only \$25, book signing to follow, for reservations, call (313) 833-4005, www.dia.org, for information, call (313) 833-1717.

Country Garden Club of Northville

Six gardens on 15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9, \$10 tickets, www.cgcnv.org, (248) 348-3263.

HOME CALENDAR

Lalique Architectural Event
Saks Fifth Avenue will host a Lalique Architectural Event with one-of-a-kind crystal pieces, limited edition furnishings and unique interior design elements 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through May 3 at The Fifth Avenue Club on Two, Somerset Collection, Troy, RSVP at (248) 643-9025 or visit www.lalique.com to browse products.

Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions Tuesday evenings or

Wednesday mornings. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

The Birmingham Showhouse

"An ideal home created from a woman's perspective," Sept. 18-21, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

Institute, sponsored by Wellington Chase Homes and Michigan Design Center, also open Sept. 25-28, 4,580-square-foot English Arts and Crafts style, developed by women with products exclusively from MDC, visit michigan-design.com or Showhouse Web site at birminghamshowhouse.com.

Designer's Show House

The Junior League of Detroit will open its 17th biennial Designers' Show House, 15637 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, May 3-18. The grand colonial home measures 6,300 square feet, and features a sweep-

ing staircase, gourmet kitchen and wonderful architectural details from the 1940's. During the event, a Show House Boutique will offer art for the home, kitchen, family and holidays; a Greenery will sell garden art and plant materials; and a tent outside will feature a garden-infused Cafe. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays through Fridays; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door, benefit JLD. Visit www.jldetroit.org to find a list of tickets sellers.

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Serve this chicken for Passover

Passover begins at sundown on April 19. Since holiday meals can sometimes fill us up with unwanted calories, chef Phil Andriano, author of *I Can Cook, You Can Cook: the Self-Help Guide to Seafood Cookery*, has created a healthy Passover dish.

HONEY SABRA CHICKEN WITH CHAROSET STUFFED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

- 1 pound chicken thighs, divided into 4 ounce portions, boneless/skinless
- 1 butternut squash, cut, seeded and quartered
- 4 ounces Sabra (chocolate-orange) Liqueur
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 4 tablespoons golden raisins
- 4 Granny Smith apples, diced
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 1 teaspoon ginger powder
- 4 tablespoons potato starch

- 4 tablespoons red wine
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 teaspoons chopped walnuts

Marinate the chicken overnight in the Sabra liqueur and 4 teaspoons oil. Pre-bake the butternut squash in a roasting pan slightly filled with water, at 350 degrees until fork tender.

In a sauce pot combine the potato starch, raisins and honey in 2 cups water, cook until thick and clear, allow to cool.

Mix the apples, nuts and spices with the honey-raisin mixture, then stir in the wine.

Stuff the portions of squash with the Charo-set and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes longer.

Remove the chicken from the marinade and roast in the same oven for the same amount of time or until done.

Help an artist and help stimulate Michigan's economy

A few blocks from your home, an artist is planning to move to Sedona or Austin if he or she doesn't sell a painting, sculpture, or photograph soon.



One world

Lana Mini

It's true. I know dozens of artists, probably now more than 100, from every metro Detroit city, preparing to flee for survival.

So, the question for you and I is:

What are we going to do with our "economic stimulus" checks?

Many of us have little choice but to use it toward our mortgage, car or credit card pay-

ment. But let's say some will put it back into the economy.

If so: *Support Michigan.*

Whatever you buy, get it from locally-owned business and that includes local art studios, galleries and concert venues.

I constantly hear local artists say they're proud to be from Detroit - and then they move to New York; the reason is because Michiganders as individuals don't support talent here as much as we could.

For example, how many of us saw The White Stripes before they were famous?

How many of us go to Movement - the Detroit Electronic Music Festival at Hart Plaza - to see the local musicians who invented the sound?

How many of us go out on a Saturday night just to check out an unknown local band that you read about in the newspaper?

How many of us own a piece of art created by a Michigan

artist?

How many of us have local music in our iPods that isn't by one of our friends or relatives who are in the band?

I've heard many art gallery owners admit that we romanticize faraway lands. It seems sexier to tell a neighbor that you're newly purchased painting is by a trendy artist from Manhattan or tiny city in Thailand whom you just happened to discover during an exploration.

I'm guilty of it.

I have just two pieces of art in my home from Detroit artists; the others are from places like the island of Hispaniola, Italy, Iran, France, Greece and even Los Angeles. And because the economy is so tough, I'm feeling some guilt. We have prestigious art schools like Cranbrook and Center for Creative Studies, so it's not that our quality is lacking.

Recently, I saw a great local band spill their energy onto the stage at bar barely filled to 25

percent capacity. I won't mention the group's name because it's not their fault tickets didn't sell. It's not necessarily the economy either, because national acts sell pretty well - like Hannah Montana at The Palace and Gogol Bordello at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

If Michigan's creative people can't succeed here they're going to leave and metro-Detroit will be as bland as Silicon Valley, minus the jobs.

So if can spend your stimulus check on a material item, consider a locally-produced piece of jewelry, furniture, painting, CD or concert.

Michigan corporations keep the economy going, the independent boutiques keep our downtowns unique. The artists help feed the souls of the cities and ourselves.

Next time: Set aside \$10 for homeless animals, put it in a jar, we'll discuss that soon.

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TECH

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But the reality of Internet bandwidth makes that impossible, at least for now. Upload speeds, even with broadband service, tend to be extremely slow, so sending your whole hard drive would take forever.

In fact, that's the major hamstring with online backup services in general. It can take an entire day, sometimes even longer, to upload just a few gigabytes' worth of data.

That's why I've been more than satisfied with MozyHome Free (mozy.com/home), which offers 2GB of online backup free of charge.

I use it to archive my e-mail, Word documents, Quicken data, contacts, calendar, Web favorites, and other critical items. I've got years' worth of that stuff, yet I've consumed only about two-thirds of my allotted free storage.

Of course, that leaves behind all my photos, videos, and music. That data's just as important to me, but it adds up to around 50GB.

Even if I signed up for unlimited storage from Mozy, Carbonite, HP's new Upline (upline.com), or another online backup service, it would literally take weeks of 24/7 uploading to move that much information to their servers. Not practical.

Granted, you could schedule backups to occur only at night, when your computer's not doing anything else. Eventually the job would get done, and subsequent backups would finish much faster because the software adds only new files and those that have changed. (That's called an incremental backup, in case you're wondering.)

If you do decide to go this route, I recommend any of the three aforementioned services. They all cost about the

same (\$5-6 per month), and they're all quite easy to use.

One thing I like about Upline over the other two is that it lets you access your data from anywhere, not just the PC that has the Upline software installed. Plus, you can easily share files with others.

Carbonite's better when it comes to scheduling backups, but it's not as helpful as Mozy when it comes to identifying important data, like Outlook records and Quicken files.

Fortunately, you can try them all before signing up. And I definitely recommend doing so, as online backups are a crucial part of any good backup plan.

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Yay! Now it's time to put away the snowthrower

Now is the time to put that snowthrower away and get ready for those spring chores you've been dreaming about these past cold months.

"Periodic maintenance is the key to keeping your snowthrower ready for the next snowfall," said Clark Oltman, of Toro. "While they are durable machines, a few simple steps can prevent major breakdowns at the worst possible time and extend the life of your investment."

Before you get the lawn tools out of the garage, make sure you properly prepare your snowthrower for a well-deserved rest. The experts at Toro, the manufacturer of the first patented consumer snowthrower, provides these helpful tips:

Start with the engine and drive system. Drain any remaining fuel from the system. Store or dispose of the fuel properly. If you are going to store the fuel for an extended period of time, add a fuel stabilizer to the fuel container to ensure that it will be useable in

the future. Start the engine and let it run until the engine stops - removing all fuel from the system. Repeat until needed until it will not start.

Remove the plug wire from the spark plug so that it doesn't accidentally start while conducting maintenance.

Remove spark plug and insert one teaspoon of oil to lubricate the cylinder so that it doesn't rust. Turn the engine slowly with the starting rope to coat the cylinder. Apply a copper anti-seize lubricant to the sparkplug threads to make future removal easy. Replace the sparkplug and wait until next season to replace the old one as a new sparkplug will be fouled by the oil in the cylinder by next season.

Now is a good time to purchase a spare sparkplug if you don't have one, they are inexpensive and it's a good idea to have a spare on hand. When choosing a replacement, purchase one that is pre-gapped for the engine (the owners manual should indicate the correct gap).

Change the oil. Drain the old oil and discard appropriately. Generally, a 10W-30 or 5W-30 regular motor oil or a 10W-30 synthetic oil can also be used to ensure easy starting in cold weather. Check the manual for what weight the manufacturer recommends.

If you have a two-stage snowthrower, top off the auger gearbox according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Check belts for proper tightness.

Finish with the auger and controls.

Inspect for any loose or damaged bolts or parts. Repair or replace as needed. Apply silicone grease on all exposed, bare metal parts and nuts and bolts to prevent rusting.

Consult the owner's manual to determine other routine maintenance that should be performed.

Never store the snowthrower in the house or basement. Choose a dry area such as the garage or a covered area outside.

COOKING

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available at the Michigan Union ticket office and all Ticketmaster outlets, at ticketmaster.com, or by calling 734-763-TKTS (734-763-8587). Proceeds from the event will benefit Michigan Radio, the public radio service from the University of Michigan.

The Splendid Table's How to Eat Supper, by Lynne Rossetto Kasper and Sally Swift, pro-

ducer of *The Splendid Table* program, is Kasper's third book and embodies her unique approach to food as culture. The book is as visually delightful and entertaining as it is useful. *How to Eat Supper* is full of recipes, everyday kitchen advice and tips.

The Splendid Table is broadcast Sundays, noon - 1 p.m. on Michigan Radio. Kasper gives cooking tips, recipes and advice to her audience while discussing her passion for food with guest experts, authors and chefs who share her enthu-

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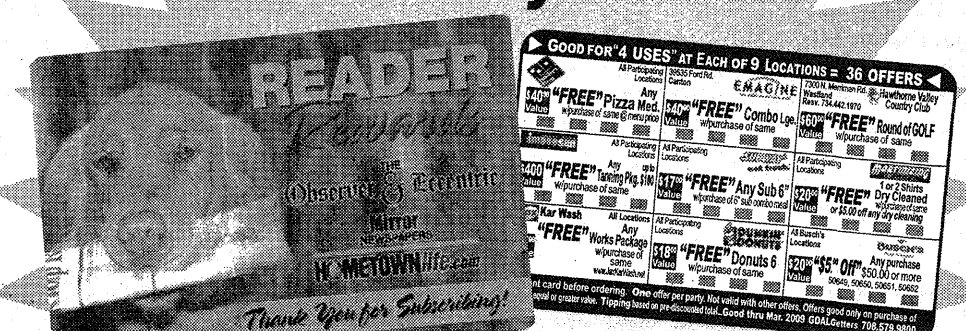
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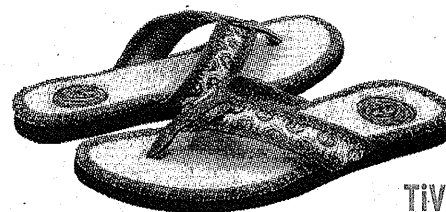
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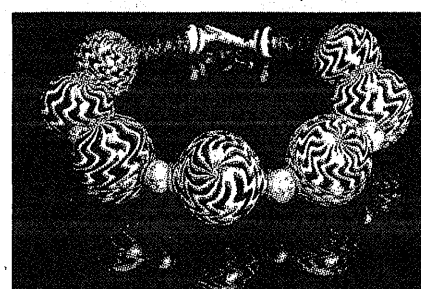
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Jewel It!

Blown glass bead jewelry by Jay Bridgland at Ariana Gallery, Royal Oak

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There Will Be Blood



Read It!

A Page Out of Life: A Scrapbooking Novel by Kathleen Reid

Do It!

Be a courteous driver

Bridesmaids look best in shades of gray

Some modern brides are allowing their ladies in waiting to wear any little black dress of their choice. This option lets each bridesmaid choose a gown that best flatters her figure — one she will certainly wear again. In fact, an LBD that already hangs in her closet may work just fine. Still, many traditional brides-to-be

don't see things so black and white. For them, the season's most fashionable frocks are in pretty shades of gray. From smoky to silvery, here's a look at a few takes on gray from gown lines available at Miss Kate's Maids, 2121 Cole St., in Birmingham.

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk



Priscilla of Boston Dahlia Vintage dress, \$350.



Priscilla of Boston Smoke satin tank gown, \$300.



Calling all male "maids" of honor

Listen up blushing brides-to-be and happily-weds, Pink is looking for your best guy pals — the sort you chose to stand up in place of a maid of honor. We'd like to speak to you, or the best friend in question, for an upcoming story. If you'd like to tell us what it was like to have a best man for a maid of honor — or you

know of a guy in just this honorary role who might want to share his sentiments, please call Stephanie A. Casola at (248) 901-2567 or send an e-mail to scasola@hometownlife.com before April 25.

We're curious to hear how this new wedding trend translates on the big day.

Malls & Mainstreets

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

Nordstrom Grand Opening

CLINTON TWP - Nordstrom will kick off its store opening at The Mall at Partridge Creek with a Beauty Bash 8:30 a.m. April 18.

Before the store opens at 10 a.m., Nordstrom beauty advisers will share products and trends, and provide complimentary consultations and demonstrations outside the store, 17310 Hall Road. Call 1 (800) 916-6110.

Try It On for the Cure

LIVONIA - Coldwater Creek at Laurel Park Place will host Try It On for the Cure to benefit the Komen Detroit, April 20. The store will donate \$1 for every shopper who tries on clothes in the dressing room, no purchase necessary, plus 10 percent of sales that day. Call (734) 464-1340 or visit www.coldwatercreek.com.

Share the Vision

BIRMINGHAM - The Pink Fund will host Share the Vision April 24-26 to raise funds for breast cancer survivors while showcasing the latest 'shades'. Some participating stores include Au Courant Optical Fashions, Birmingham Vision Care, Clavenna Vision Institute and Optik (all in Birmingham); Direct Optical, Farmington Hills, and Orion Troy Ophthalmology, Rochester Hills. Visit www.thepinkfund.org.

Rummage Sale

FARMINGTON HILLS - Antioch Lutheran

Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, will host a rummage sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 followed by a Bag Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19, with clothing priced at \$1 each item. (248) 626-7906.

Vintage Fashion Show Tea

WATERFORD - What was high style in the 1920s? What did housewives wear in the '50s? Find out as Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac presents a Vintage Fashion Show and Tea 1 p.m. April 22 at Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road. Attendees may wear hat, gloves and vintage outfits. \$15. Call (248) 620-0116.

ReFusing Fashion Closes

DETROIT - This weekend marks your last chance to see ReFusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave. The exhibit closes April 20. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

Macy's Earth Day

Macy's Turn Over A New Leaf campaign April 20-27 will include promotions, merchandise and in-store events benefiting the National Park Foundation. The first 150 customers in stores April 20 will get a free tote. Customers who donate \$5 at Macy's stores or www.nationalparks.org will get a two-day shopping pass for 20 percent off select merchandise April 26-27. On April 22, the first 100 customers in each store will get a free sapling, and the first 100 children will receive an eco-friendly coloring book. For more information and to enter sweepstakes, visit www.macys.com.

BRIDAL CALENDAR

Bridal Sample Sale

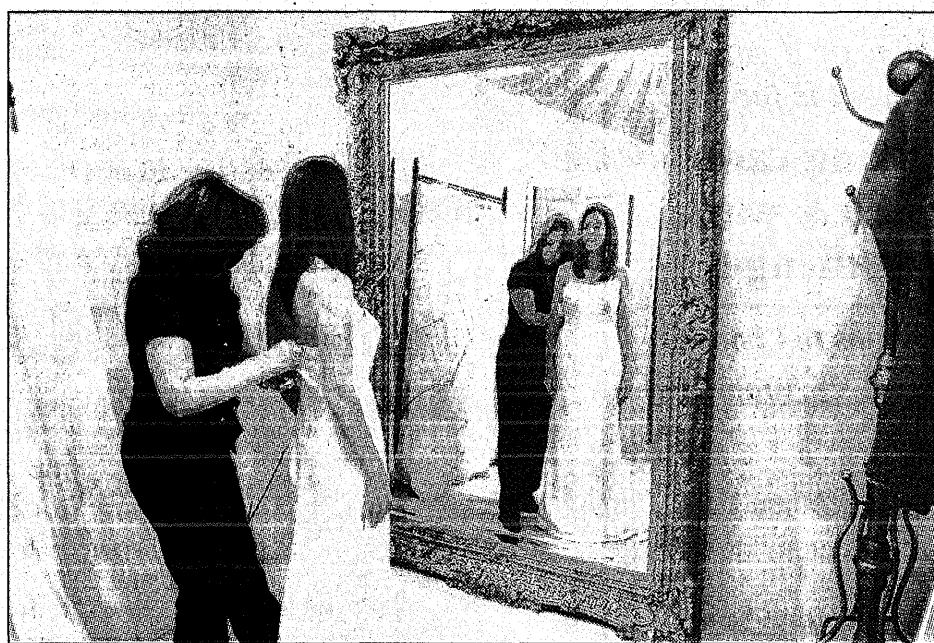
TROY - The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host its Annual Bridal Sample Sale April 25-27. Macy's will discount sample designer bridal gowns and accessories at 50 to 90 percent off regular prices. Select couture bridal gowns will start at \$199, while sample bridesmaid dresses start at \$49.97. Designers include Vera Wang, Reem Acra, Romona Keveza, Justina McCaffrey, Watters and Watters, and more. Shoppers who purchase a bridal gown at the sale will receive 10 percent off accessory and bridesmaid purchases. Bridal Gown prices before clearance range from \$500-\$15,000. Hours of the sale are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Downtown Bridal Stroll

PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth will host its first annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll on Saturday, April 26. The event will start at noon in Kellogg Park with a mock wedding party, head table and live music from members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program to visit more than 25 businesses offering refreshments, discounts, drawings for gift certificates, and more. From gowns and invitations, to food and favors, the free event will showcase opportunities to plan your whole wedding with local merchants. Call (734) 455-1453 or visit www.downtownplymouth.org.

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need to plan a stylish shower, bachelorette party, wedding and reception during Royal Oak's Bridal Bliss 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 26. During the day-long event, more than 25 local businesses will offer discounts, packages, consultations and more for the bride and her entourage.

Guests can also enter to win one of three Downtown Royal Oak Shopping Sprees worth \$200-\$500. For more information and a complete list of activities and participating businesses, call (248) 246-3065 or visit www.downtownroyalok.org.

CORRECTION

In our recent Observer & Eccentric *Wedding Guide*, incorrect information was given for Meadow Brook Hall & Gardens.

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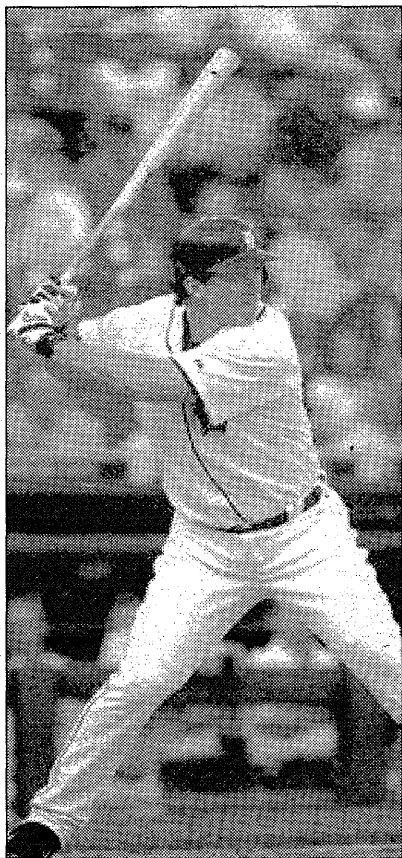
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FILTER's guide to fun April 17-23



Catch Magglio Ordonez and the rest of the Tigers playing all week long at Comerica Park.

17 Afro jazz guitarist and vocalist Lionel Loueke, of Benin, West Africa, celebrates the release of his CD *Karibu*. Loueke, a graduate of the Monk Institute and guitarist for Herbie Hancock, performs two shows 8 and 10 p.m. at the Fire Fly Club, 637 South Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 665-9090 or visit www.fireflyclub.com.

18 Rachael Davis and the boys from Steppin' In It perform old-time American jazz with torch swing numbers and bluesy ballads 8 p.m. at Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinity-house.org.

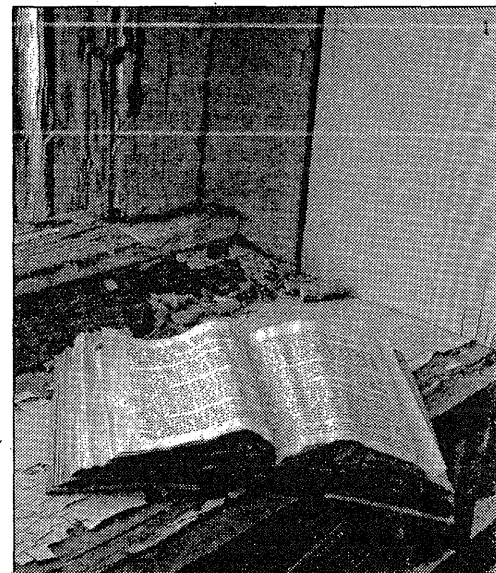
19 Tired of smoky bars and beer goggles? Try Leela Nights, 8-11 p.m., at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, Ferndale. It's for adults only who want to dance and socialize in an alcohol- and smoke-free atmosphere. Bring non-booze drinks; water is provided. Music ranges from Cheb Mami to Van Morrison to Aretha, and the age range is 30-60 years old. Call (248) 544-6767 or visit www.ferndale-mi.com.

Pure picks

20 Enjoy tributes to Garth Brooks, The Blues Brothers, Barbra Streisand, Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Rod Stewart, backed by the Radio City Band, 4 and 6 p.m. at the Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets are \$25. Call (248) 474-1951.

21 Respected SoCal punk guitarist and singer Trevor Keith, of the bands Face to Face, Legion of Doom and Viva Death, performs a solo show at The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit at 8 p.m. with Say Vinyl and The Dead Bodies. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. Call (313) 833-9700 or visit www.majesticdetroit.com.

22 The Tigers are playing home all week! Beginning tonight at 7:05 p.m. is a three-game series against the Texas Rangers. If you go tonight, portions of tickets benefit high schools throughout the state. On Friday the Tigers play the L.A. Angels. Even if the weather isn't perfect, at least you can get the sounds of summer at Comerica Park. Get tickets at www.detroit-tigers.com.



'Book on Sill,' by Lawrence Street Gallery's photo show organizer, Gordan Rodwan.

23 "Exposures," the 12th Annual Photography Exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, ends on the 25th. The exhibit was juried by prestigious Rochester-based photographer Balthazar Korab, who has worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. In 1994 President Bill Clinton offered a portfolio of Korab's work as a state gift to the president of Korab's birthplace — Hungary. Call (248) 544-0394, or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

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Parking: Supervised lot just north of the theater.

Learn more: Visit www.redfordtheatre.com.

Coming Attractions:

80 Years Under The Stars – A Gala Celebration: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19. Tickets \$25 reserved seats, \$20 general admission.

Three Stooges Festival: Featuring the films "Men in Black" (1934); "Spook Louder" (1943); "Hoi Polloi" (1935); "Crash Goes the Hash" (1944); "Loco Boy Makes Good" (1942) and "Fueling Around" (1949) on April 25-26. Tickets \$5.

Grease: May 16-17, tickets \$4.

The Magnificent Seven: May 30-31, tickets \$4.

Three Stooges: "The Outlaws is Coming" and Warner cartoon "Stage Fright," June 13-14, tickets \$6.

The Incredible Shrinking Man: With Warner cartoon "Dog Tired," June 27-28, tickets \$4.

Pride and Prejudice: With Warner cartoon "Dog Daze," July 11-12, tickets \$4.

Swiss Family Robinson: July 25-26, tickets \$4.

The Adventures of Robin Hood: With Warner cartoon "Adventures of Rabbit Hood," Aug. 8-9, tickets \$4.

The Scarlet Claw: With Warner cartoon "Rabbit Transit," Aug. 22-23, tickets \$4.



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Twelve-year-old Emily Seward of Southfield plays the Redford Theatre's original pipe organ. It was installed when the theater was built in 1928.

Still Rolling: Historic Redford Theatre celebrates 80 years

For more photos, visit our photo gallery at hometownlife.com

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

The historic Redford Theatre, named for west Detroit's Old Redford neighborhood, offers visitors the rare opportunity of stepping back in time. The movie house, currently celebrating its 80th year, gives a nod to the lavish movie-going experience of the 1920s — ages before the influence of television, just at the onset of talkies.

On April 19, movie-goers are welcome to re-live the glory of old Hollywood and attend the Redford Theatre's anniversary gala. Organizers aim to replicate a night at the theater as it was in 1928. Patrons will be treated to the Buster Keaton classic, *The Electric House*, as well as live entertainment by organist John Lauter, music of the era by The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra and, on stage, the Pleasant Moments Vintage Dancers.

The theater is run entirely by the volunteers of the Motor City Theater Organ Society — a group that fought to restore and save the theater's original Barton pipe organ and, over time, purchased the entire building.

Ed Seward, a Southfield resident, is among them. Unlike many of the group's members who grew up with this neighborhood theater, Seward happened upon it.



John Lauter, an organist and MCTOS volunteer, talks about the vintage 1964 projectors that are in use at the Redford Theatre.

"Several years ago my wife dragged me down here to see a musical," he said with a smile. Like any first-timer, he was struck by the space itself. Built in the Atmospheric style, the movie house blends a stunning Japanese garden theme with a slightly-domed blue ceiling that reveals sparkling stars and slow-moving clouds — making visitors feel as though they're peering up into the night sky. "We walked in and saw the stars," recalled Seward, "and I thought 'Why didn't I know about this place?'"

The enveloping sounds of the pipe organ overture begin 30 minutes before any screening — another facet of the Redford experience. "These things are just treasures," said Seward. "There are less than 50 left in the world."

Livonia's Liam Neary has been coming to the theater since 1972 and he is still awed by the view from

the balcony. He noted that prior to every movie screening a giant American flag is lowered and the National Anthem is played — encouraging cheers from the crowd. It's become a tradition, Neary said.

According to David Martin, vice president of the MCTOS and Clawson resident, the theater is about the whole experience. His family was involved in its renovation, everything from restoring artwork on the walls to matching light fixtures to the authentic chandeliers.

Returning the movie house to its original look meant removing gold curtains that covered the walls. Artwork was painstakingly recreated based on old photographs. Projectors were salvaged from an old moviehouse in Detroit, just before it was bulldozed. The original seats were replaced with replicas, and arranged to allow for more space.

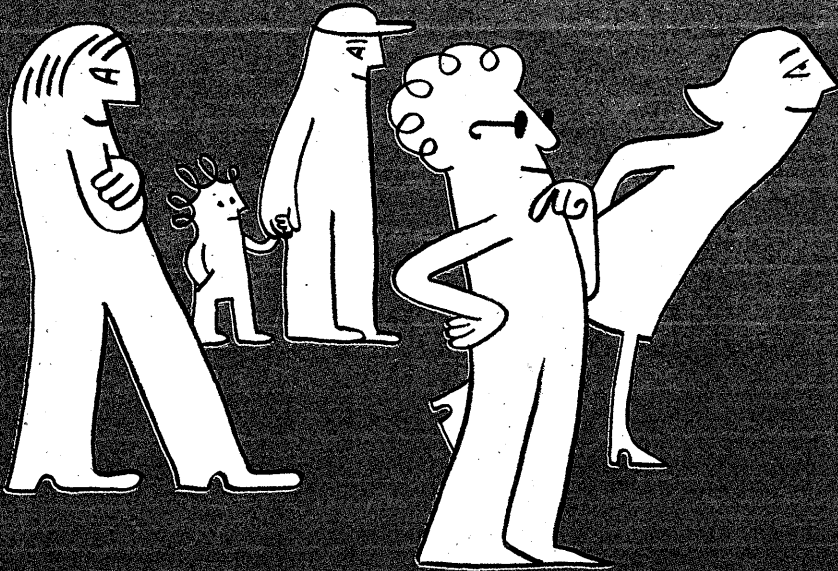
The MCTOS has relied on grants, donations and money raised through the film screenings to complete such work. Through it all, the Redford Theatre kept its doors open. It closed for only 2½ months in 2003 to replace seats and resurface the floor.

The MCTOS, which has about 200 members, began restoring the theater in the 1970s. John Lauter, MCTOS board member and Farmington Hills resident, recalls the steps it's taken to transform the theater in vivid detail. He grew up a few blocks from the theater. After moving to Livonia in 1969, he remained connected to the place. He recalled the kiddie matinees the group hosted in the mid '70s and the subsequent move to a regular film series. "We needed to get an audience base," he said.

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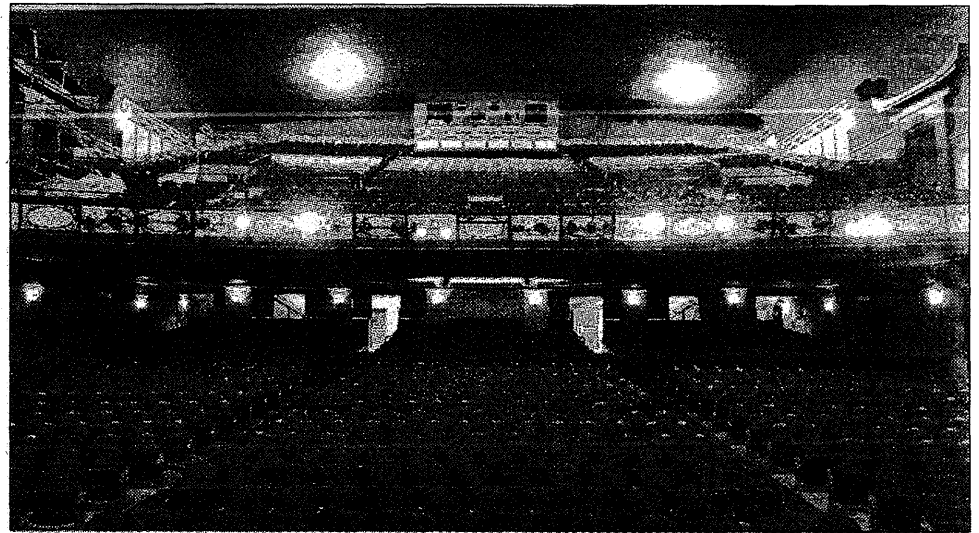
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The historic Redford Theatre has gone through an extensive renovation since the Motor City Theater Organ Society took over in the 1970s. The seats have been replaced and moved to allow for more space.

THEATER

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successful years followed. To compete with the rise of home video in the early '80s, Lauter said, the theater showed big technicolor spectacles for an experience that couldn't be replicated by VHS or Beta. Though the audience has ebbed and flowed over the years, it has always remained a popular spot among historic theater enthusiasts.

"If you came down to see a movie in the '20s, it was more than just seeing a movie," said Seward. Though the Redford was more of a neighborhood movie house, when compared to more extravagant locales like Detroit's Fox Theatre, its decor and details look far more impressive than the basic seats and screens of today's multiplexes.

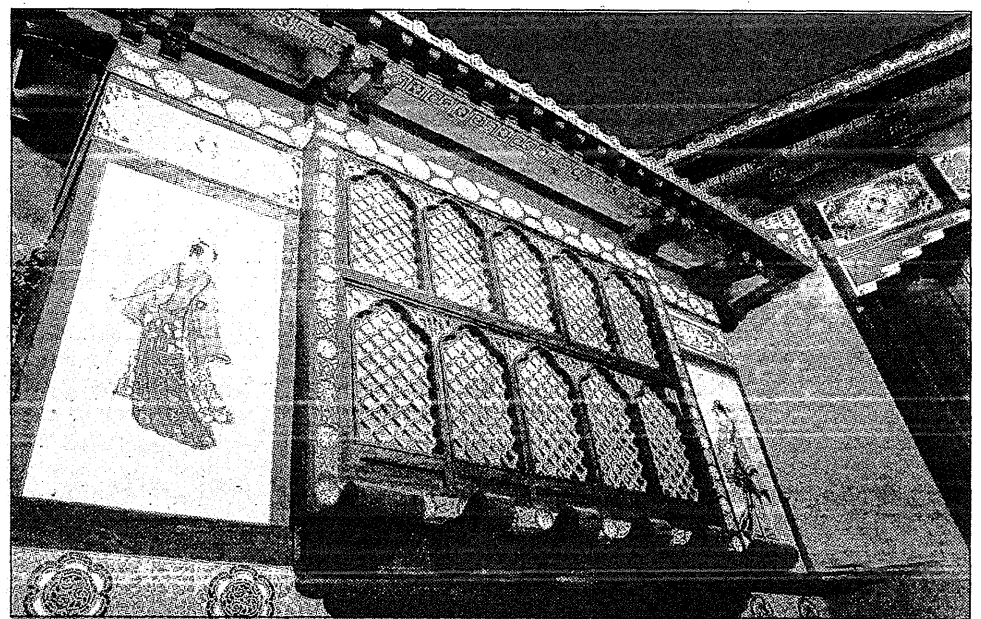
The MCTOS core members seem more like family than coordinated volunteers. In some ways, they are family. Seward's

daughter Emily helps to sell tickets. In May, she will make her debut as an organist for an upcoming showing of the sing-a-long favorite *Grease*.

Volunteers devote their time to maintaining the space and bringing in an audience to preserve this tradition. They choose family-friendly films by committee and seek out titles from that wish list to present in 35- or 70-millimeter film with stereophonic sound. Prints come from movie studios and archives across the country.

The group does its best to re-create the full moviegoing experience by adding live entertainers and music into the mix. A recent *Blues Brothers* screening kicked off with an appearance by Jake and Elwood. A previous *Back to the Future* screening called for a DeLorean to roll out onstage. As Martin said: "You never know what you're going to get when you come to a show at the Redford."

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The interior of the historic Redford Theatre is decorated with an Asian garden theme. The theater celebrates 80 years this month with a gala event.



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Howard Glazer

Sinclair's 4:20 Jam held in Greektown

The 4th Annual John Sinclair 4:20 All-Star Jam will be held at the Jazz Loft, located at 520 Monroe St., above the Golden Fleece Restaurant in Greektown beginning at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 20.

Sinclair, spending time in Detroit from his home in Amsterdam, is Master of Ceremonies. He will MC and read poetry.

An eclectic ensemble of musicians for the night include Brothers Groove members Chris Codish (keys & vox) and Skeeto Valdez (drums) plus Paul Randolph (bass & vox) and Bobby East (guitar).

Past 4:20 events have featured Thornetta Davis, Johnnie Bassett, Larry McCray, the Motor City Horns, members of P-Funk and the Kid Rock band.

Food samplings will be offered by Detroit Evolution Laboratory and the event will also feature a graphic art display by Lyman Woodard Jr. of Twisted Fix Tattoos.

Sinclair, a writer and radio show host who managed the MC5 for four years in the late '60s, became infamous after he was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 1969 for giving two marijuana cigarettes to an undercover police offer. He was released three days later after John Lennon attended an Ann Arbor rally in his defense, singing the song *John Sinclair*.

For details visit www.johnsinclair.us/

Music

Earth Fest participants to perform locally, think globally

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

EARTH FEST

What: A healthy dose of environmental consciousness set to live music and art

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 19

Where: Crofoot Ballroom, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Tickets: \$5, visit www.thecrofoot.com for details.

Patrick Campbell doesn't just frequent music festivals like Tennessee's Bonnaroo and Cleveland's Midwest Reggae Fest, he's taken the leap to produce his own for the first time, and for the environment. Just prior to Earth Day, which is April 22, the Brighton Township resident called upon a slew of area performers and artists to come together for Earth Fest.

"I am an avid music fan and I love live music," said Campbell, who adds he's looking forward to Michigan's Rothbury festival this July. "Putting together a music festival is something I have been interested in for a long time — and what better cause than Earth Day?"

The lineup includes performances by poet and former MC5 manager John Sinclair backed by Glowb, Maruga, electro-jazzsters The Macpodz, soulful Nadir, the folk-tinged blues of Rootstand, Mutual Kumquat, reggae courtesy of the Ann Arbor Dub Project, Joey Spina, Howard Glazer and Slight Return.

Campbell, owner of Little Fish Music Promotion, expects to draw more than 800 people to Earth Fest in this, its maiden year. And he already has plans to make it an annual event.

"If we all just put a little effort and tweak our lifestyle a little, I believe we can make a lot of progress," he said.

When it came to finding a location, Campbell said choosing Pontiac's Crofoot Ballroom was "a no-brainer."

"This is one of the coolest clubs in Michigan," he said.

"The sound is amazing at this venue. Owner Blair McGowan restored this historically significant building using environmentally-friendly techniques as well as his expertise in what a good live music venue needs to make it top notch."



Rootstand

In addition to the stage performances, non-profit groups will be on hand to provide information about global issues. Look out for representatives from American Indian Services, Change the Music, Michigan Darfur Coalition, the Oakland Land Conservancy, the Women's International League for Peace and Justice and more.

Campbell hopes the festival will foster a completely positive, upbeat vibe. "I don't believe doom and gloom, end-of-the-world scenarios work to motivate people," he said. "We need to appreciate the planet and all the beauty it has to offer. Respect it and celebrate it."

"I believe there is an environmentalist in all of us. We all want clean water and air. If we would all just tap into that and not let greed or laziness stand in our way, the world can benefit for generations to come."

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Miss America returns to Michigan

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

President George Bush shook Miss America Kirsten Haglund's hand and said to her "I can see why you won."

"He's much more presidential in person than the way they make him appear on television," the crowned beauty of Farmington Hills said.

After speaking cautiously about Bush, and steering clear of political topics, Haglund's tone turned serious when she switched to the subject of eating disorders. She's using her title to help draw attention in Congress to raise education funding about the issue. The confident blonde speaks boldly about her own struggles with anorexia knowing she can help other women admit to their disorder.

And then she talks about ballet and dance.

This is the life of Haglund these days. A whirlwind of topics, traveling 20,000 miles per month, using the crown to help others and herself. On Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, back home in Michigan, Haglund will focus on art and entertainment.

She's co-hosting and singing at National City's *Stars of Ballet and Broadway*. The event at Detroit Music Hall is a benefit for

STARS OF BALLET AND BROADWAY

What: Music, song and dance featuring Miss America

When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19

Where: Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org

Tickets: \$20-\$75

After Party: Gala at the Roostertail, (313) 887-8512.

dance and The Miss America Scholarship Fund.

Superstars from *New York City Ballet*, *The Light in the Piazza*, *Alvin Ailey*, *The Color Purple*, *Joffrey Ballet*, *Complexions*, *Bring in 'Da Noise*, *Bring in 'Da Funk* and *Sweet Charity* join together for the return of the event.

An aspiring Broadway star herself, Haglund will share the stage with local winners from auditions held last month. World-renowned musicians and dancers plus the aspiring local Broadway hopefuls will perform in the dance extravaganza. Music will be provided by Billy Joel's *Movin' Out* band.

Michiganders Maria Kowroski from *New York City Ballet*, and Glenn Seven Allen, star of Broadway's *The Light in the Piazza* are among the cast. Detroit's Alvin Waddles directs the gospel choir for a finale of *I Shall Not Be Moved*, featuring recording artist Kenny Bobien.

"I will sing and if they ask me to dance, I absolutely will," Haglund said. "I pick up on dance quite well."

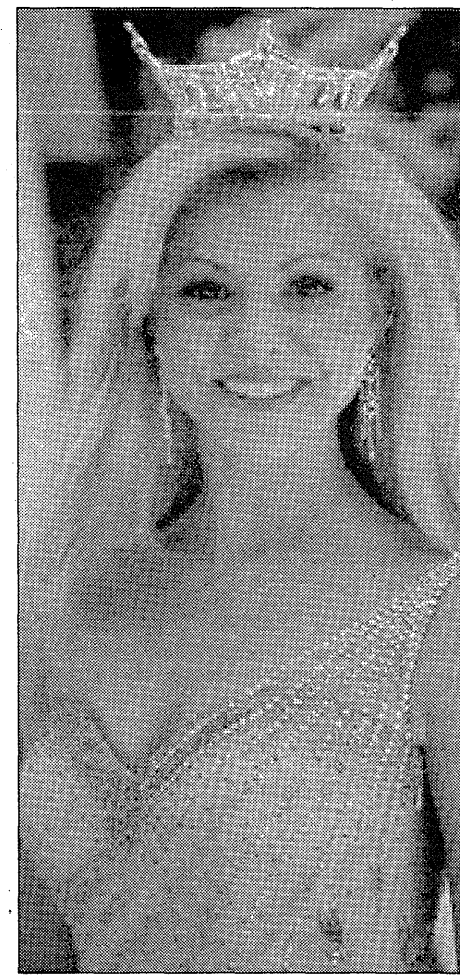
Haglund sings, plays piano and dances ballet and studies music at the University of Cincinnati.

"I have such passion for all three art forms, but if I had to choose one, it would be dance," Haglund said.

The world already knows of her singing skills, hearing her rendition of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* during the January pageant.

The benefit supports Music Hall's dance education program, which provides training for Detroit's youth through auditions, coaching, world-premier works and master classes. It will also benefit the The Miss America Scholarship Fund. The benefit also honors Eunice Moore and Debra White-Hunt for their contributions to dance in Detroit.

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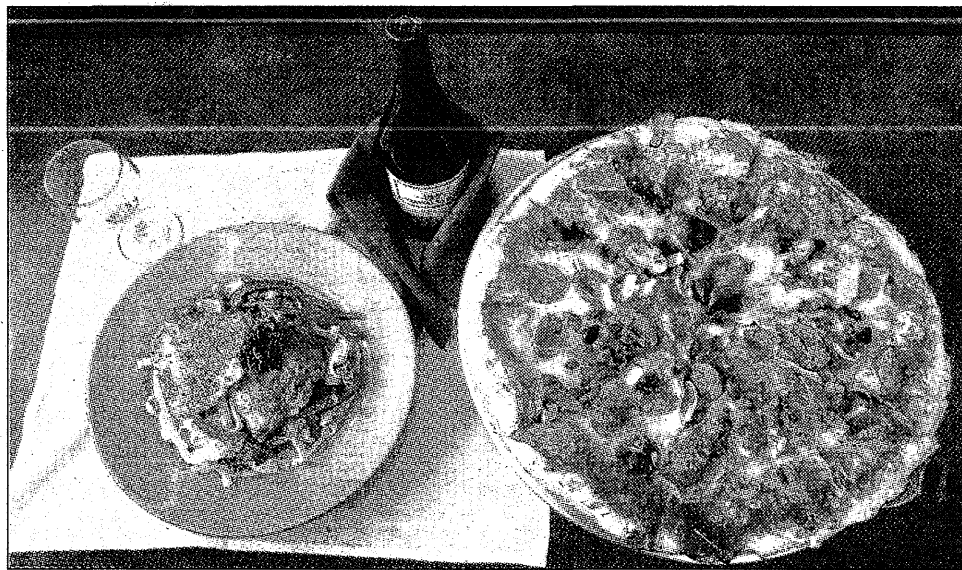
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Dario's in Garden City serves up chicken marsala (left), two chicken breasts top fettuccini noodles tossed with sautéed fresh mushrooms, green beans and roasted red peppers in a rich marsala wine sauce. Dario's pizza (this one is a 14-inch) is the restaurant's specialty.

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Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday.
Alcohol: Beer, wine and liquor served.
Carryout: Yes.
Catering: Yes.
Reservations: Call-ahead seating allowed for six or more.

Dario's Italian Eatery

Restaurant fires up family recipes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dave Valdivia always had ideas in his head for the last 15 years about what his restaurant should be.

For the past three years, he's gotten what he wanted.

"I wanted a place where the kids can pull up the chairs and watch (the cooks) make pizzas," Valdivia said.

Dario's has occupied its current digs on Ford Road in Garden City since July 2005 with its Italian/American menu. The restaurant serves homemade meatballs, soups, breads and sauces.

House specialties feature homemade meatballs, lasagna, chicken marsala and chicken parmesan. "We go through a lot of our hand-tossed pizza," said Valdivia. "Pastas and raviolis also are good. The spinach, portabella and meat ravioli sells strong."

Many of the family's recipes were featured at the original Dario's, owned by Valdivia's parents at Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff roads, where Dave worked. "The alfredo sauces and marinara are made from scratch," Valdivia said. "A lot

of these recipes are homemade." Valdivia said he hires "good family people with good family values."

"We try to train in a corporate way but keep those family values in dealing with customers, so that they get good service," Valdivia said.

Valdivia competes with the chain restaurants with specials.

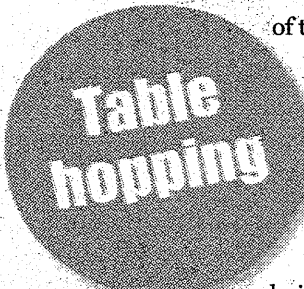
On Tuesdays, the restaurant offers a black angus burger for \$3.75. Kids can order an individual "make your own" personal 8-inch pizza for \$4.25 (with one item) 4-9 p.m. Wednesdays.

Dario's has some meatless offerings, including caesar salad, vegetarian pizza, spinach ravioli, portabella pizza and cheese tortellini.

The restaurant was cited for the "best food" at the Westland Tastefest in December for caesar salad, homemade meatballs and Italian sausage with peppers.

Valdivia expects to unfold a new menu soon with the old favorites and a few new wrinkles — perhaps a vegetable and pasta stir-fry and prime rib on Fridays and

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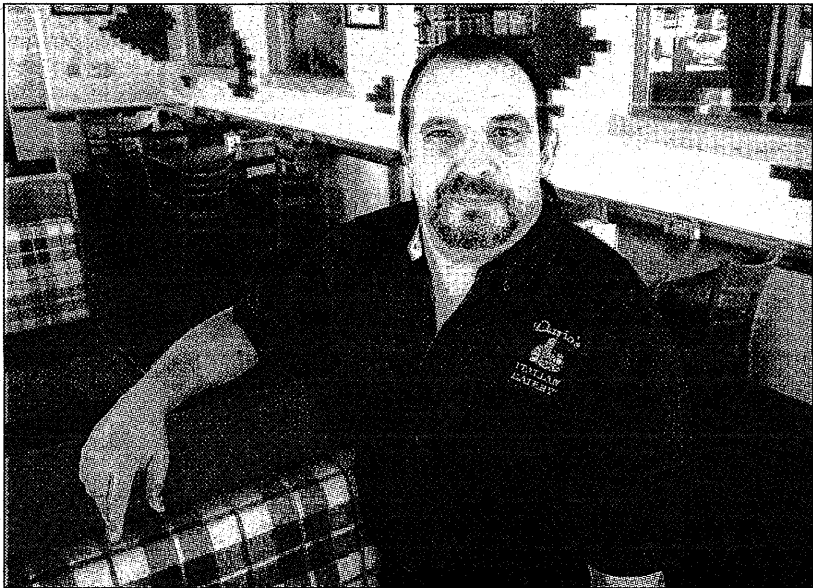
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Dave Valdivia, owner of Dario's in Garden City



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Saturdays. The menu will show a slight increase in prices, due to the increase in the prices of flour.

"Times are tough," Valdivia said. "People are looking for a good value meal. We'd like to get them to come to a family-established business instead of going to the chains."

Dario's is involved in Garden City

schools, too. Elementary students have a chance to win a free pizza at Dario's for their family as part of reading month.

What is the key to a good pizza?

"The sauce and the cheese," Valdivia said. "Use a good flour. Use homemade sauce with quality mozzarella cheese."

A delicious pasta sauce should have good seasonings such as basil and garlic, and a quality tomato product.

For a meat sauce, "put good burger in it," Valdivia said.

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Wine dinners hosted

City bites

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar invites guests to test their palates — and their preconceptions — at its High-Low Wine Dinner on Friday, April 18.

This unique wine dinner pairs each of three courses with two wines, one of which is approximately half the price of the other. Guests will then be challenged to use their palates and wine knowledge to determine which wine is High and which is Low. Actual selections won't be revealed until both wines for each course have been sampled.

The wine pairings are matched with specially created dishes from Fleming's Executive Chef Russell Skall. The cost of the five-course dinner is \$95 per person (not including tax or gratuity); reservations are recommended.

Fleming's will host the dinner at both its two Detroit-area locations, 323 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 723-0134; and 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia (734) 542-9463. For more information, visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

PIEMONTESE WINE DINNER

Giulio's Cucina Italiana presents a Piedmontese wine dinner featuring the wines of Beni di Batassio at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27, with a courses of Torta di Formaggio, bread salad, Papparedelle, Piedmontese Filet Mignon with "zip

sauce" and Zabaglione. The cost is \$62 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

Giulio's is located at 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Call (734) 427-9500 for reservations or visit www.giuliositalian.com.

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Panera Bread bakery-cafes across metro Detroit are now offering a line of grilled breakfast sandwiches. The sandwiches are a combination of all-natural eggs, aged Vermont white cheddar cheese, Applewood-smoked bacon and all-natural sausage grilled between two slices of fresh-baked Ciabatta bread. The sandwich combinations are egg and cheese; bacon, egg and cheese; or sausage, egg and cheese.

Customers can enjoy Panera's breakfast sandwiches Monday-Friday until 10:30 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday until 11:30 a.m.

Visit www.panerabread.com for more information or for the nearest location.

City Bites is compiled each week by Observer & Eccentric Food Editor Ken Abramczyk. Ken is currently looking for restaurants that will be open or featuring special promotions on Mother's Day. E-mail information to kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

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ART

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: 2008 Michigan Masters Series, George Vihos "Spiritual Flesh," April 25-May 30, reception 6-8 p.m. April 25, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBartCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

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

Community Arts Gallery: Waynemia, Undergraduate Exhibition, April 18-May 23, reception, 5-8 p.m. April 18, Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

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.

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.

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

Janice Charach Gallery: "Mad About Glass: New Works from Old Friends and Brothers, with Robert and Andrew Madvin and CCS graduates" through April; An Evening of Cultural Arts with the Madvin Brothers, 7 p.m. May 1, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (238) 432-5448.

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

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

Lotus Arts Gallery: "Michigan Colored Pencil 2008," juried colored pencil exhibition, 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.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "James Parker:

Photographs documenting a disappearing agrarian landscape," May 2-June 21, reception 6-9 p.m. May 2, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Pewabic Pottery: Anat Shifan Recent Works of Still Life, through May 9; Historic Pewabic Pots from 1903-1964, through May 9, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.com.

River's Edge Gallery: "Shades of Green: Rescued, Recovered, Reworked, Repurposed" group show, through May 10, reception 6-10 p.m. April 18, 3024 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

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

Sisson Gallery: Henry Ford Community College Annual Student Art Exhibition, April 17-May 2, reception 6-8 p.m. April 17, HFCC's Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

BOOKS

Borders Birmingham: CBS Early Show's Mark McEwen signs "Change in the Weather: Life After Stroke," 7 p.m. May 1, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005.

Borders Farmington Hills: Julie Halpert & Deborah Carr sign "Making Up With Mom," 2 p.m. May 3, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 737.0110.

Barnes & Noble Northville: Channel 7 anchor Robbie Timmons signs her new children's book "Woey & the Goat" 1 p.m. April 26, 17111 Haggerty Road, (248) 348-1274.

Barnes & Noble Royal Oak: Kurt A. David signs "From Glory Days: Successful Transitions of Professional Detroit Athletes" 7 p.m. April 26; Royal Oak's Judy Davids signs "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom" 3 p.m. May 4, and perform with the Mydols, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

Ladies Who Launch Speakers Series: Daryn Kagan will talk and sign "What's Possible: 50 True Stories of People Who Dared to Dream They Could Make a Difference," 7 p.m. April 23, National City Center, Troy, \$35, krichard@ladieswholaunch.com, www.darynkagan.com.

Library of Michigan: Valerie Hemingway, author of "Running with the Bulls," shares stories of author Ernest Hemingway, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 in conjunction with "Up North with the Hemingways," a traveling exhibit April 18-May 5. "Night for Notables" includes keynote speaker Eric Villagas, chef and author of "Fork in the Road," samplings of Villegas' cuisine, Michigan

wines and book signings by many of the 2008 Michigan Notable Books authors, 7-9:30 p.m. April 26; 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing (517) 373-4692, www.greatmichiganread.org.

The Magic Stick: Wayne State University "Made in Michigan" Book Release Party with Janet Kauffman, Conrad Hilberry, M.L. Liebler with the Magic Poetry Band, 6-8 p.m. April 22, 4120 Woodward, (313) 833-9700.

CHORAL

BeckRidge Chorale: Spring concert, a "Salute to Stage, Screen and Television," 8 p.m. May 3; 4 p.m. May 4, Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885.

Farmington Community Chorus: "Every Day of My Life" spring concerts, 8 p.m. May 9-10, Seligman Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir: Spring Concert, 7 p.m. April 28, Wexford Hall, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1859.

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

Oakland Choral Society: Johannes Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem), 8 p.m. April 26, with Oakland Choral Society, Rochester Community Chorus, and Rochester College A Cappella Chorus, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo, Rochester, \$15-\$50, (248) 391-0184.

Our Lady of La Salette Church: Detroit Handbell Ensemble, spring concert, 4 p.m. April 20, 2600 Harvard, Berkley, (248) 541-3762 Ext. 17.

Plymouth Oratorio Society: 22nd Season Concert, Te Deum by F. J. Haydn, 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 Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8533.

CLASSICAL

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 seven instruments, \$10-20, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: 3 p.m. April 20, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

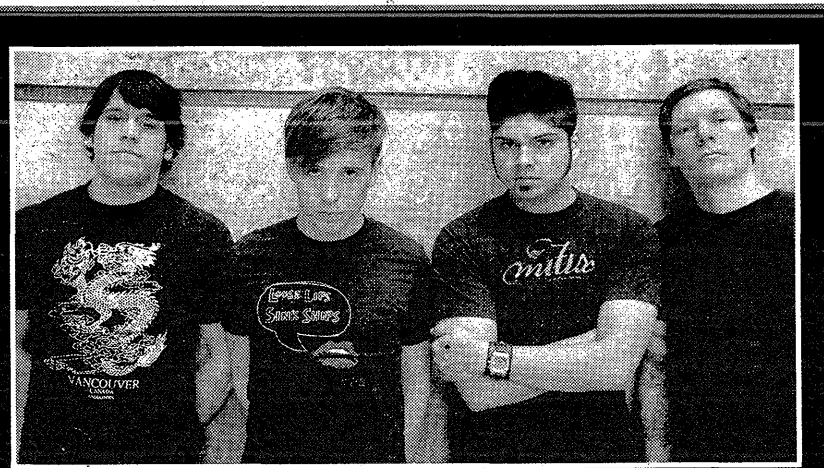
Detroit Institute of Arts: Detroit Brass Society, American music from the early 1900s, 7 and 8:30 p.m. April 25, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, free with museum admission.

Madonna University: Belgian guitarist Raphaella Smits presents a concert of Bach, Mertz and Coste at 7:30 p.m. April 23, \$20, \$15 students, Kresge Hall, 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.

Steve King & The Ditties: Plymouth Symphony League's annual dinner auction and benefit will feature big band music from "The Fabulous Forties" 6 p.m. April 25, Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, \$85 advance only, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Tally Hall: With the Republic Tigers and Amerial, 7:30 p.m. April 19, Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets \$10 (plus service charge) at www.881TheEscape.com. Profits go to WSDP student radio station at Canton, Salem and Plymouth High Schools.



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Billy Talent

Billy Talent takes over the Fillmore this weekend, opening for My Chemical Romance, alongside Drive By. The April 19 show sold out and spurred a second go-round on Sunday, April 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. both nights, at 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666 to inquire about tickets, \$35.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Gary Gulman, April 24-26, \$13-\$18, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Tom Wilson, April 24-26, \$10-\$20, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

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

The Second City: Sex and Second City, ongoing, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Rancid, Aug. 1, 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; Stevie Nicks and Boston, June 15; 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; Brooks & Dunn with ZZ Top, Aug. 23; Maroon 5 and Counting Crows, Aug. 29; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore-Detroit: My Chemical Romance, April 19; MIA, May 8; The Mars Volta, May 15; Nick Swardson, May 17; Panic at the Disco, May 20; Stone Temple Pilots, June 3; 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; Death Cab for Cutie, Rogue Wave and Sea Wolf for 89X B-Day Bash, June 4; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Joe Louis Arena: Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Raven-Symone, June 6; Rush, June 10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

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

Masonic Temple Theatre: Duran Duran, May 15; Raven-Symone, June 6, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 433-1515.

Meadow Brook Music Theatre: James Taylor, July 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 with The Derek Trucks Band, 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; Alicia Keys, June 6; BonJovi, July 7; 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.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: 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: 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.

Wayne State University: Captstone, The Senior Dance Concert, 8 p.m. April 19; 3 p.m. April 20, \$12 general/\$6 students, 3226 Old Main, 4841 Cass Ave., Detroit, (313) 577-4273, www.dance.wayne.edu.

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.

Canton Cinema: Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456.

Detroit Zoo: Senior Day, seniors 62 and older get free admission and free parking, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 30, (248) 541-5717, www.detroitzoo.org.

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 Fish Full Moon Walk, 8 p.m. April 20; Fun on the Farm, 10 a.m. April 24; Backpacking Basics, 2 p.m. April 27; Spring Festival, sheep shearing, wool spin-

ning demonstrations, etc., noon-4 p.m. April 26-27; (800) 47-PARKS, www.metroparks.com.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: "A Year with Frog and Toad" 2 p.m. April 27, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.
Shield's Pizzeria: Children's characters visit 6-8 p.m. Mondays: Elmo, April 21; Curious George, April 28; Dora the Explorer, May 5; Horton, May 12, 1476 Maple Road, Troy, (248) 637-3131.
Stony Creek Metropark: Full Moon Walk, 7:30 p.m. April 28, \$2, (800) 47-PARKS, www.metroparks.com.

FILM

Born of Earth: A new supernatural thriller starring Daniel Baldwin and Brad Douir, produced by Milford's The Skeleton Factory, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 17, Imagine Theatre, 44425 12 Mile, Novi, \$10, www.myspace.com/theskeletonfactory

Detroit Film Center: Lighting Workshop for Film and Video by Spike Simms, noon-4 p.m. April 20, (313) 961-9936, www.detroitfilm.org.

Detroit Film Theatre: "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; Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

Jewish Community Center: 2008 Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, May 11-15, Uptown Palladium 12, Birmingham, (248) 432-5461, www.djff.org.

PAH Fest: Christopher Coppola's film festival May 8-13, awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit www.pahnation.com.

The Green Screen: Youth Environmental Film Festival seeking environmental documentaries by youth 13-18. Submit by 5 p.m. May 15 to 3901 Margaret St., Detroit, MI 48221, www.emeac.org.

GALAS

MOCAD: Be In Art benefit, 6 p.m. May 3, art demonstrations, silent and live auctions, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and jazz, \$125, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org/benefit2008.

Starry Night Gala: Dinner, music, dancing, auction, casino and art sale, 6:30-11 p.m. April 26, raises money for Festival of the Arts 2008, Costick Center of Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1870 ext. 1857.



MAX BOLTON

Spotlight on Cabaret

The annual Meadow Brook Estate concert at Oakland University will showcase "Spotlights," a series of performances featuring students (shown here) who have created their own cabaret-style musical revues. "Spotlights" will be presented in Varner Studio Theatre 8 p.m. April 17-19. Tickets, \$16 general admission/\$8 students, are available at 800-585-3737 or www.starticketsplus.com.

JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: Dr. Lonnie Smith, April 17-19, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., in the Star Theatre Complex, Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturosjazz.com.

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays; Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.

Detroit Golf Club: Straight Ahead Trio, April 26, www.palmerwoods.org, (313) 892-3848.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Project to Play, flutist, cellist, and bassist fuse jazz, hip-hop, and world music, 7 and 8:30 p.m. April 18, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, free with museum admission, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

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 Baptist Church: Jazz Vespers with Carl Cafagna & North Star Jazz, 6-8 p.m. April 20, corner of Willits and Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-0550, firstbaptistbirmingham.org.

Stanley Jordan Trio CD release party: 6-9 p.m. April 23, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, (313) 882-5299.

MORE MUSIC

Madonna University: Raphaella Smits, classic guitar, 7:30 p.m. April 23, \$20/\$15 students; master class 6-10 p.m. April 22, \$20; Schoolcraft Road at Levan, Livonia, www.rsmits.com.

Great Lakes International Banjo Convention: April 24, 26-27, concerts 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, \$8, free concert 2 p.m. Saturday, Doubletree Hotel Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Service Drive, (734) 282-6635.

Oakland Community College: Flamenco Jazz Fusion, 8 p.m. April 19, \$20; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, 7:30 p.m. May 2, \$20, Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Ridge, Farmington

Hills, www.oaklandcc.edu/entertainment, (248) 341-2270.

Palmer Woods Concerts: Straight Ahead Trio, 6 p.m. April 26, Detroit Golf Club; A. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry, 8 p.m. May 24; tickets will be available for purchase online at palmerwoods.org, call (313) 920-4864 for information.

University Musical Society: Mehr and Sher Ali, April 18, Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

The Prime Ministers: Around midnight Friday, April 18, New Dodge Lounge, 8850 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 874-5963, with Last Tourist and Project Mapex. 21 and over, \$5, www.newdodge lounge.com.

Jammin' to End Famine: Concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger, 6:30 p.m. April 25, with The Strangers, The B-Bros, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Dayz Gone and Scratch, \$20, Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, tbirchler@twmi.rr.com.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Art Museum: "Here & Now" 2008 Dept. of Metalsmithing graduates Susan Hoge, Robert Laskey, Steven Wang, April 19-May 10, reception, 6-8 p.m. April 18; "William Massie: An American House," through Sept. 14, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Music by Project, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. April 18; Happenstance pays dance homage to Isadora Duncan, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 25; Detroit Brass Society, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. April 25; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25; 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Holy Hip Hop! New Paintings by Alex Melamid" and "Refusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" through April 20; "Considering Detroit" with works by Ellen Cantor, Maurice Greenia, Jim Gustafson, Allie McGhee, Heather McGill, Gordon Newton, and TIME STEREO, May 10 through July 28, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "Batter Up!

Generations of Baseball" through June 1, at 155 S. Main, Plymouth, \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, 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," through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, 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, all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Benefit for Animals: 6th Annual Vegan Banquet and Silent Auction to benefit rescued farm animals at SASHA Farm, 5:30 p.m. April 26, Comfort Inn, 1645 Commerce Park Dr., Chelsea, Vegan food, silent auction, guest speaker Jack Lessenberry of Michigan Public Radio, \$60 in advance, SASHA Farm Banquet Tickets, PO Box 222, Manchester 48158.

American Croatian Hall: Detroit Tamburitza Orchestra celebrates 50 Years of cultural music performance April 25-26 with gala concert featuring song and dance, www.detroittamburitzaorchestra.com.

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

7th Annual Classic Car Show: Proceeds to Angela Hospice, Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 12, (248) 380-8078, www.livoniachurch.net.
Detroit Derby Girls: Motor City Disassembly Line vs. Kalamazoo Derby Darlins, 7 p.m. April 26, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666, www.detroitderbygirls.com.
Detroit Puppeteers Guild: 36th Annual Day of Puppetry, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 26, Mt. Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Ave., workshops, puppet show, puppets for purchase, (248) 357-2090, www.detroitpuppeteersguild.org.

Ford Model Railroad Club: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 1-3, award-winning model train layout and talks on Detroit-area rail history, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave.

Michigan Magic Day: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. April 19, Ypsilanti High School, 1885 Packard Road, \$50 all day; \$12 for 8 p.m. magic show; \$10, night before party at comfort Inn, www.aamagic.org.

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

Scarab Club: 2008 Downtown Poetry Series, Diane Wakoski, Jim Daniels, John Sinclair with Jeff "Baby" Grand on guitar, Tim W. Brown, 2 p.m. April 20, at The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth at John R, (313) 831-1250.

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

Stratford Shakespeare Festival: Previews begin April 23 (Shakespeare's birthday), official openings May 26, shows run through November, this season featuring "Hamlet," "The Music Man," "Taming of the Shrew" and more, 800-567-1600, www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com.

Weber's Inn: CD and Record Collector Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 20, 3050 Jackson Blvd., Ann Arbor.

THEATER

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.

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre: "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," through May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

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 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955; www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Fox Theatre: "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

Gem Theatre: "Menopause The Musical," through May 18, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, www.ticketmaster.com, www.gemtheatre.com.

Henry Ford Community College: "Oliver," April 18-27, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.

Marquis Theatre: "Velveten Rabbit," April 19-20, 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Man of La Mancha," April 23-May 18; "Nunsense" starring Cindy Williams, April 23-May 18, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.com.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "Greater Tuna," through April 19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Spotlight Players: "Company," April 25-27; May 2-4, 9-10, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.

SRO Productions: "Dinner With Friends," May 2-18, Historic Burgh, 26060 Berg Road, Southfield, (248) 796-4645.

Stagecrafters Contemporary Theatre: "String of Pearls," 2nd Stage, April 25-27, May 1-4; Auditions, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," ages 8-18, 2:30 p.m. May 10, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org.

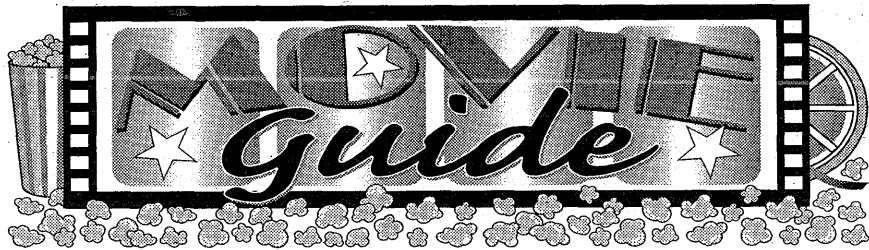
Village Youth Theater: Auditions for "Little Shop of Horrors," 11 a.m. April 20, 3:30 p.m. April 21, ages 13-20, 34460 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 644-2075, www.villageyouththeater.com.

Who Wants Cake: "Debbie Does Dallas, The Musical," through April 28, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.



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Babylon Circus: Gypsy, ska, French jazz and a hint of Bob Marley

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Fans of the modern gypsy music revolution won't want to miss the current band making U.S. headlines in that genre: Babylon Circus, of Lyon, France, performs tonight at Comerica/Ford Global Thursdays at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn.

The theater, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., has been *the* hot spot over the past year for those who like to explore different instruments and sounds from around the globe.

This is the last show of the 2008 Global Thursdays season.

Babylon Circus is in a similar category of the more popular Gogol Bordello — French style. But Babylon Circus is a unique band in its own right.

It's a 10-piece group founded 13 years ago in Lyon.

While Gogol strings punk and ska elements into its authentic gypsy style, Babylon fuses ska/carnival/punk/reggae plus elements of Django Reinhardt (jazz) style, Balkan gypsy sounds and the inspiration of great French singers like Edith Piaf. And Bob Marley is never forgotten.

The newest CD is *Dances of Resistance*.

The band's touring experiences are well publicized and are helping them gain recognition.

"In Syria, Muslim women dressed black clothing dance in a carnival procession. In Dublin with instruments in hand, band members chase policemen chasing a band member, through the streets," the band's publicity company explains.

Dances of Resistance is about optimism in a world that at times seems hopeless. Songs are about civil justice and injustice, and encourage listeners to be active; or as they put it "join the dance."

"The music is way to fight, to be an actor in today's society rather than a victim," lead vocalist David Baruchel said.

The band has played across the globe and in some seemingly unlikely places. They were the only European band to play at La Fête de la Musique in Damascus three months after the start of the Iraq War.

"What we found there wasn't what we had been told by the press. It wasn't as violent as it was supposed to be. Our music opened doors to people in the streets," Baruchel said.

Music



The 10-piece band Babylon Circus has established itself in Europe and is breaking ground in the U.S.

BABYLON CIRCUS

When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 17, the last show of the Global Thursdays season

Where: The Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 582-2266

Genre: Gypsy/ska mixed with punk, reggae, folk, swing, jazz and European folk roots.

Admission: \$12 at the door

Hear them: myspace.com/babylonicircus

While the lyrics have a message, the melodies are at times intentionally humorous, like the sounds of a carnival. The song *Contra La Guerra: Greva General!*, includes the sound of two million anti-war protesters in Barcelona, plus sonic joyous music. Babylon isn't poking fun at anything, they too marched in the demonstration.

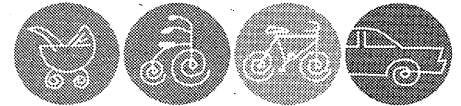
And why were they chased by law officials in Ireland?

Because they drank potato vodka outdoors, not knowing it's illegal to drink on the streets. That led to a police-chase of a confused band member, followed by concerned band members following the cops. All ended happily with a laugh in the police station.

What antics will occur in Dearborn? Probably a lot of dancing in the theater.

The band says "Life is sometimes hard, and it takes its toll. Sometimes dancing is the best way not to fall."

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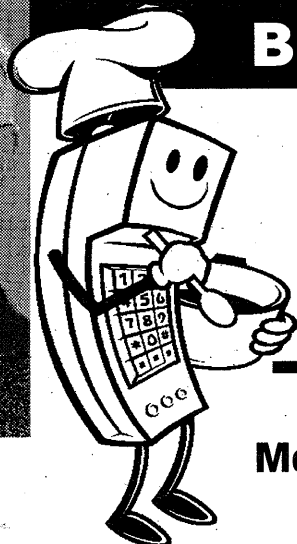
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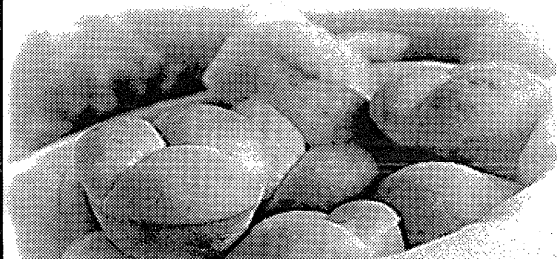
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Model T Medley: The Greenfield Quartet and Village Trio will perform a lively medley of Model T-inspired songs from the early 20th century.

Motor Muster: From June 14-15, the Village hosts a special section of "T-bucket" hot rods — made popular in the 1950s and 1960s. The cars join more than 500 vehicles dating from the 1930s through the 1970s on display throughout Greenfield Village.

Old Car Festival: On Sept. 6-7, more than 200 Model Ts will be part of America's longest-running antique car show, the annual Old Car Festival, which showcases everything from cars to bicycles dating from 1932 or earlier.

The Henry Ford Ideas and Innovations Lecture Series: At 1 p.m. Sept. 7, hear Casey's lecture *The Model T: A Car for the Great Multitude*. He will also discuss his new book, *The Model T: A Centennial History*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

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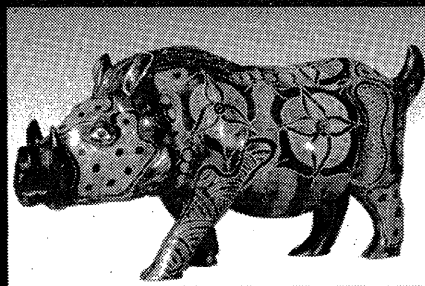
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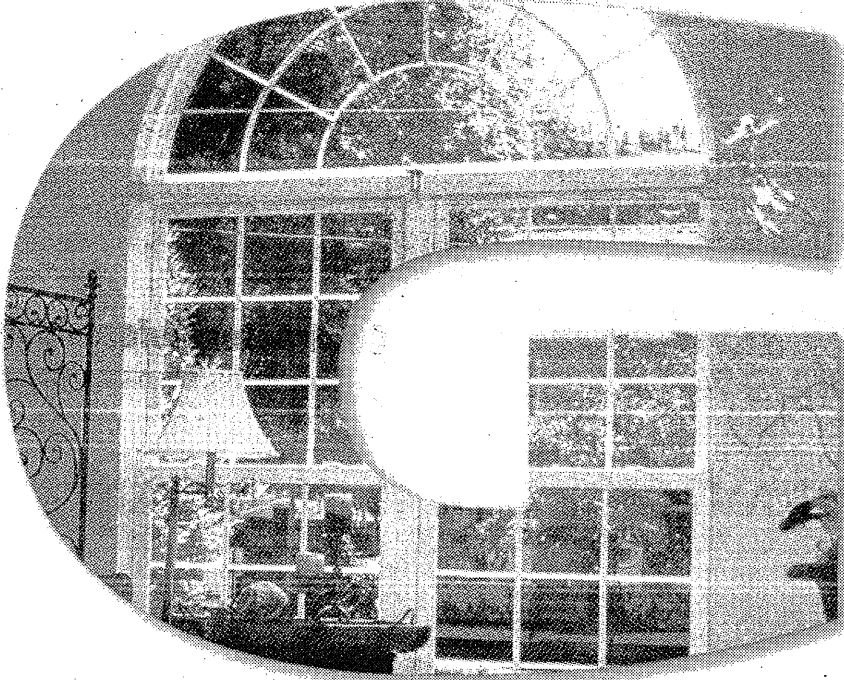
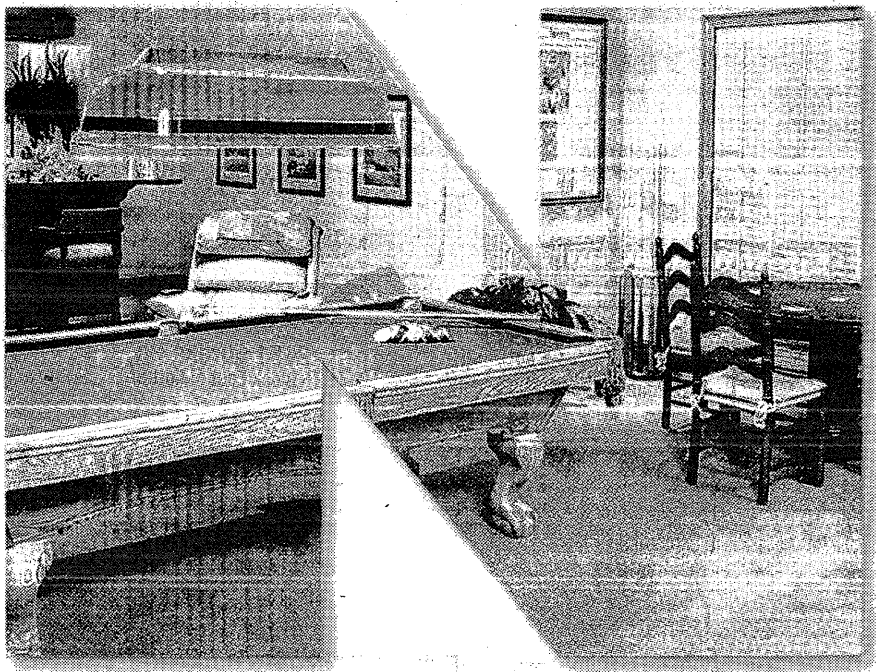
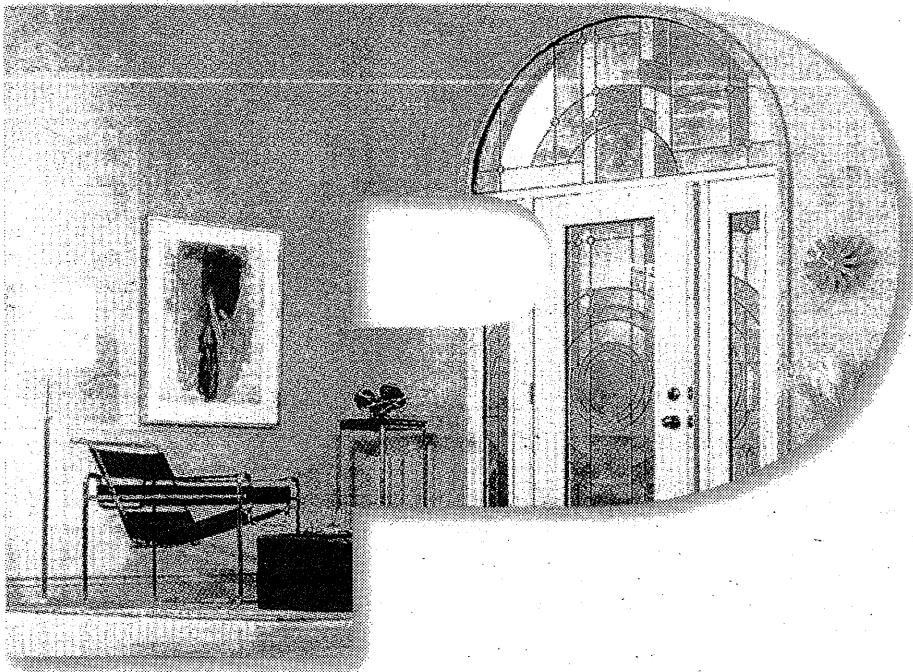
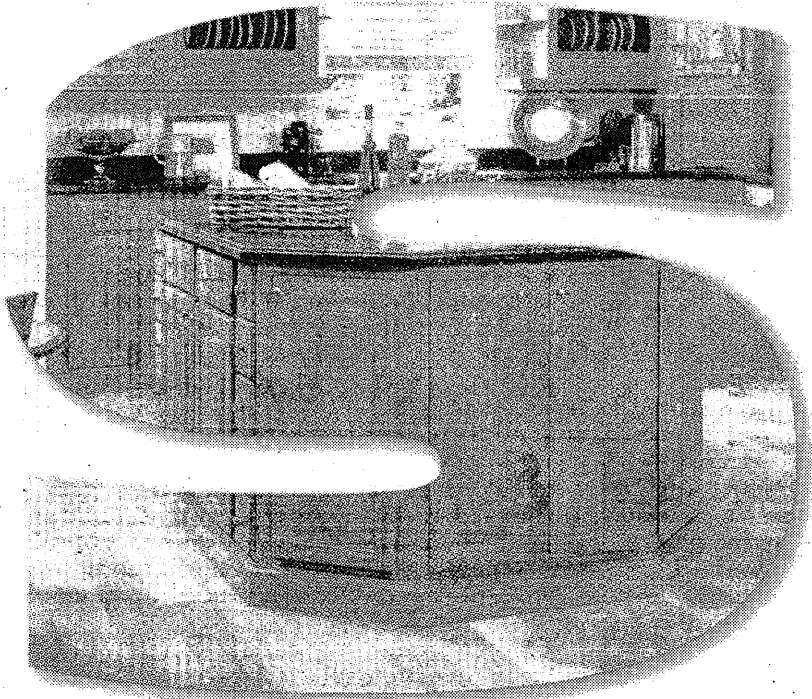
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Plan now to cool house and don't sweat it later

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Weather forecasters say really cold winters are followed by really hot summers.

And this winter, well, c'mon: it was freezing. So that could mean a scorching summer. And one of the worst things to happen to us in the heat of summer is to lose our central air conditioning.

Get it tuned up now to keep yourself cool and keep it running efficiently.

David Brooks of United Temperature Services in Livonia said Michiganders should "plan ahead."

"We like to do furnace tune-ups in the fall to ward off emergencies in winter," Brooks said. "And we like to do air conditioning tune-ups in spring, when it's warm, but before it gets too hot. We all know that extreme temperatures can be deadly."

Most people don't realize that central air systems should be tuned-up every other year. It should be checked to make the charge is running correctly - if it runs too high, you're wasting a lot of

money and a motor could die out. If it runs too low, well, you won't get cool.

And the outdoor unit needs to be kept clean. "If it's filled with grass clippings, dirt and fuzzies, it's a doesn't run properly," Brooks said.

On those 90-degree days an efficient system is crucial because an air conditioner doesn't blow cold air into the house, rather it moves heat out, Brooks said. That means the coils need to be clean.

So, do the central air tune-up now. A licensed contractor can test the three motors on the system to replace any that may be ready to burn out.

Fall is for furnace tune-ups - or get that tuned up now, too, and be super-prepared for next winter. Newer furnaces - 10 years and younger - should be inspected every other year.

"We always say that a new furnace will freeze you before they hurt you. Because they have so many safety sensors, they often go off for the smallest reasons," Brooks said.

An older furnace should be inspected every year, for safety issues, to make

sure there are no exhaust leaks and that it won't konk out in mid-January.

Here's a few cooling tips:

- For the central air, the thermostat fan setting should be on "fan" rather than auto. It saves some energy and money.

- Keep the outdoor unit clean, just like you wash a car. If the copper piping on the outside is hot, chances are the unit is too dirty or it's low on refrigerant. And, if the refrigerant is low you need to call for repair, because that means there's a leak. (You should never need to add refrigerant.)

- If you're leaving home for the day, it will save money to turn the thermostat up to eight degrees cooler, rather than turning it off. If you turn it off, it takes more energy to cool the house down again.

- Air filters, located near the return air duct or in a return air grill, should be cleaned every 30 to 90 days.

- Keep animals away from the central air conditioning unit. If animals urinate on the outside coil, it may rust and leak refrigerant.

How to set a home improvement budget

For the unprepared homeowner tackling a first do-it-yourself project, costs can quickly escalate out of control.

One way to successfully combat that is to make a budget before starting a project. Consider the following guidelines:

- Consult a professional: When initially sitting down to plan a budget, chances are you'll have no idea where to begin. Tools, materials and a time frame all contribute to how much you'll have to spend.

- Leave some leeway: Many a job has gone unfinished at the hands of a poorly set budget. When budgets are absolute at the onset of a project, dollars are often stretched too thin to handle the inevitable surprises that pop up on a project.

- Be realistic: When determining your budget, don't fool yourself. If it becomes increasingly apparent you cannot afford the job, don't go ahead with it anyway.

- Consider the value: While it's nice to improve your home, it's not always beneficial.

In their 2006 "Cost vs. Value Report," *Remodeling* magazine found that while costs of remodeling projects continue to climb, the recoup value of those projects at resale is declining.

When making your budget, compare the money you'll spend to the money you're likely to recoup at resale and go from there.





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Add or remodel?

Either way, renovations give home a new look, value

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Families are always changing and evolving.

Babies are born, 'twens grow into teens, and the homestead seemingly bursts at the studs and floor joists and the house no longer fits a family's needs.

Elbow room, cried Daniel Boone. And you're crying it, too.

So, should you build an addition? Or maybe just remodel?

BUILDING AN ADDITION

There are a number of advantages to building an addition, said Kimberly Turner, of KTP Designs, located at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

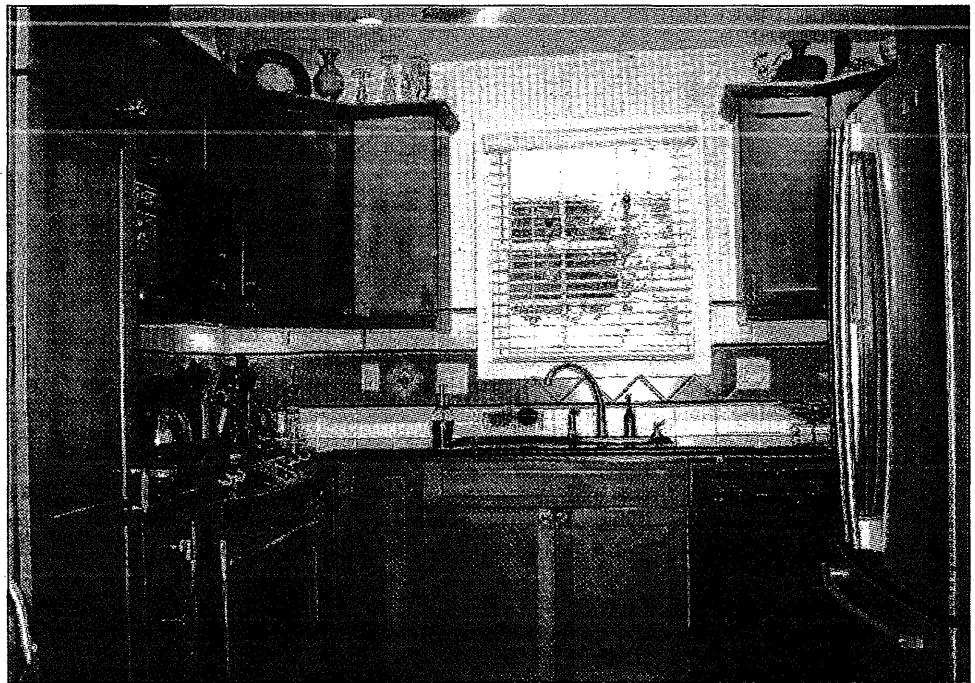
"Expanding a kitchen, adding or enlarging a family room and creating a master suite are popular additions," Turner said. "If a homeowner is happy with the home and neighborhood, then these rooms are excellent ways to gain needed space without moving."

The most popular addition is an added kitchen/family room space, Turner said.

Medium finished, fine grained woods, such as cherry and maple, are popular cabinet choices in kitchens and baths. "Granite counter tops are still in high demand," Turner said. Wood floors remain popular for kitchens and family rooms and heated tile flooring, where a heat element pad is installed under the tile, is commonly used in kitchens and baths.

When homeowners want additions built, they also like the four-seasons room, featuring a fireplace and heated flooring. "It's a great room to relax in, to eat Sunday breakfast or just sit with a cup of coffee," said David Compo, president of James D. Compo Inc., custom home builders in Farmington Hills. "It's a great space."

When considering an addition a homeowner should evaluate their short and long term goal of living in their home. "If (the homeowner) plans to move in less than five years, the expense of an addition may not pay for itself," Turner said. "If the homeowner believes the family will be in the home longer or indefinitely, then adding enough space



KIM TURNER

Kitchen remodeling projects help maintain or add value to the home.

is important to consider."

REMODELING

"A remodel project can be as simple as new carpet or flooring, paint and furnishings," Turner said. "Many clients like to update lighting and plumbing fixtures during the process."

Kitchen and bath remodels generally

give high returns on investment, Turner said.

Compo said redefining the space in a remodel is a "huge advantage" financially for those on a tight budget.

Remodelers like creating a master suite, Compo said. "If they're not going

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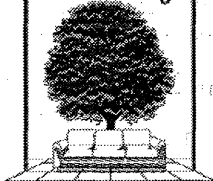
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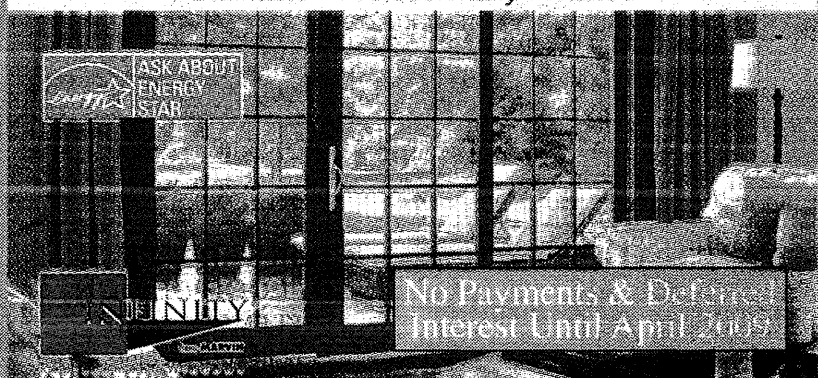


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Homeowners can get a fresh perspective on spring with room designs, courtesy of Thybony at the Michigan Design Center.

RENOVATIONS

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to move, they want to create a new master suite, get a plasma TV and put in the biggest closet."

They also want new kitchens. "They want to make that kitchen pop, because they've had the same one for so many years," Compo said. "They don't have the correct lighting in it, they want the granite or quartz countertop, and new flooring, they want to expand the island, and take out the soffits and create a walk-in pantry."

Lower levels remain high on the remodeling list, too, especially in homes where families want a larger great room for entertaining or where a large group can gather. "If you have too many columns, we can structurally alter it to remove the beams," Compo said. That's done by reinforcing the span.

Remodeling needs differ in terms of age. The most popular remodeling projects for homeowners over 45 is a master bath, while couples in their 30s generally prefer the lower level remodel, Compo said.

Homeowners need to evaluate whether the work will be worth it in the long run.

"Consider your goal for your



MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER


Kitchens remain the focal point of many homeowners who choose to remodel, rather than move. Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center created this room.

home," Turner said. "If you plan on moving in less than 5 years, it is best to simplify your updates. If you plan on staying in your home, then make choices that you will enjoy living with."

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Kitchen cabinets. Upgrading the kitchen cabinets be a major improvement. While it's rare to recoup the cost of refacing or replacing kitchen cabinets, painting them can add some new life to the kitchen, a room that is known to leave a very lasting impression on prospective buyers. While painting isn't a great longterm solution (so it's not the best option for those who aren't looking to sell), it can be a great short term solution, perfect for sellers.

The foyer. The foyer is the first room any guests or buyers will see when entering your home, so it can be a great way to make a good first impression. If your foyer is currently linoleum, consider installing tile instead. Professionals often suggest removing linoleum because it's

less appealing than a tile floor. Natural stone tiles are a popular choice, but also more expensive. Porcelain is a cheaper alternative that can look very similar to natural stone tiles.

The dining room. Homeowners can give the dining room a whole new look without spending any money on a new dining room set. A new overhead fixture in the dining room can drastically change how the room is seen. In general, keep the new fixture in line with the rest of the home. You might have dreamt about having a large chandelier in your dining room, but it probably won't match if the rest of the home has more of a log cabin feel. Keep the same theme in the dining room that exists in the rest of the home.

The bathroom. Rather than a complete bathroom renovation, you can save money by making minor adjustments. Consider replacing the shower curtain with glass doors. A glass-door kit can be purchased at a nearby home improvement store, and it won't take much time to install.



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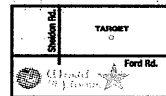
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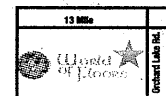
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Let the sun shine in, or block it out, with new window coverings

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Adding or altering window coverings can completely revamp a room. Birmingham's Neil and Nancy Disney specialize in just that sort of makeover. The couple purchased a franchise of Budget Blinds six years ago - a move that marked an extensive and rewarding career change for both of them. Nancy Disney had worked as a teacher and her husband Neil was a litigation attorney.

They made the switch and now spend their days consulting with clients, bringing product samples to their homes and installing them. Budget Blinds of Birmingham serves communities from Troy south through Huntington Woods.

When choosing new blinds, draperies or shutters, there are four key elements to consider according to Neil Disney. Privacy, light control, style and budget will determine just the right fit in any room. "It's hard to carry an idea from the store into your home," said Nancy Disney.

With a shop-at-home service, it's possible to mull over colors - even a range of off-white shades - while considering the surroundings and wall colors.

TRENDS OF THE TRADE

Current trends in window coverings range from the high-end appeal of shutters to the charm of Roman shades to the simplicity of roller shades. The Disneys said their clientele often opt for the classic style of shutters. "Draperies are coming back," Nancy added. "But they're not a top-seller for us."

The location of a window also comes into consider-

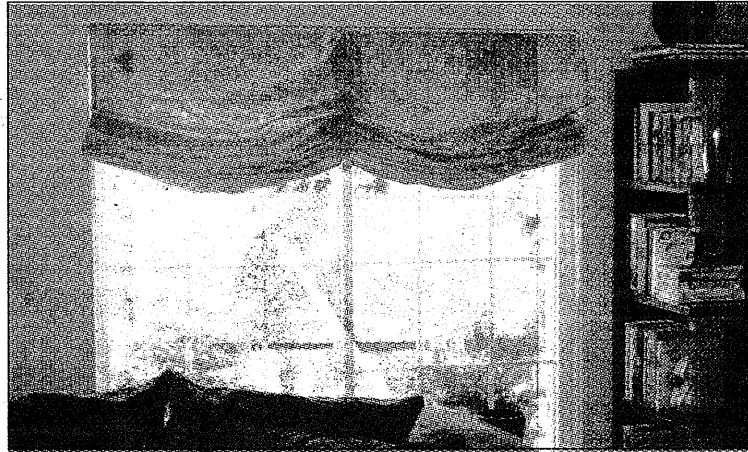


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This Lafayette balloon shade is an easy, elegant complement to the room.

ation when choosing the right covering. Smaller windows are better suited to Roman shades," said Nancy Disney, "in terms of the ease of raising and lowering them."

Neil Disney noted that Roman or balloon shades are also more suitable for windows other than those in the front of the home. Even the highest quality shades don't look very appealing from the street or outside of the house.

Roller shades have moved from basic white vinyl to a wide array of fabrics and colors. And loft-owners tend to opt for silhouette window shades that retain the look

of abundant windows but still provide shading from the sun. Customers seeking an alternative to vertical blinds can try panel tracks. "Those are fairly new," said Nancy Disney. They allow homeowners to mix and match colors, go from sheer to opaque, and offer an interesting visual addition to a window. Vertical sheer blinds are another versatile option.

FROM BARE TO BOLD

When it comes to colors, Nancy Disney said, she deals mostly in neutrals. "You can't go wrong," she said.

Depending on the size of the room and the color of the walls, though, there are other options. The couple recently installed a soft wheat window treatment in a room painted in shades rust and gold. "You have to look at the total picture," she said.

It's still possible to make a bold statement with window treatments. In one client's home the Disneys opted for black mini blinds to offset a new black piano, and to provide the sort of privacy the homeowner required.

"Some people's homes have a bold use of color," said Nancy Disney. And for them, colorful window treatments can really add more character to the room. To add that punch of color, the Disneys recommend honeycomb or cellular shades. Choosing a daring purple or red can look softer when sunlight seeps through during the day and will appear bolder at night.

In the end the right window treatments offers a wow factor, Neil Disney said. "It's fun to see people react," he said. "It makes a big difference in how a space looks."

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(MS) - Once the spring season arrives, homeowners know it's time for some spring cleaning. Veteran homeowners know spring is also a great time to give homes a checkup.

Giving a home a checkup involves a few relatively easy tasks meant to ensure your home made it through the winter unscathed.

Inspect the roof. The roof tends to bear the brunt of winter weather. Heavy snow regions can prove harmful to a roof, underlining the importance of a spring inspection. If it's possible to get onto your roof, check for any worn, misshapen or even missing shingles. If getting onto the roof is problematic, a roof inspection can be conducted from the attic if you have one. If you have an attic, check the ceiling for moisture or discoloration and do this every time you go into the attic, regardless of the season, as it's best to keep a close eye on a roof to avoid paying a big price down the road.

Inspect the gutters. Few people enjoy cleaning the gutters, but for homeowners, it's a springtime

rite of passage. Clean gutters will ensure proper drainage once the notorious April showers hit full swing.

Part of inspecting the gutters is making sure the downspouts are properly positioned as well. Make sure downspouts and the ground itself are sloping away from the house and carrying water away from the home's foundation.

Inspect the windows. It's always a good bet to seal windows before the winter season hits, which keeps a house warm by not allowing cold winter air in. However, winter can take its toll on window seals. When spring hits, these windows might need to be resealed and caulked.

Check sprinkler heads in the yard to make sure they haven't moved over the winter. Make sure no sprinklers are spraying the walls of the house. Such a problem can go unnoticed if your sprinklers run while you're asleep or during early morning hours when you've already left for work. However, if not inspected, you'll notice wall damage and unwanted growth soon enough.



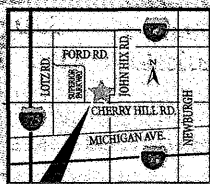
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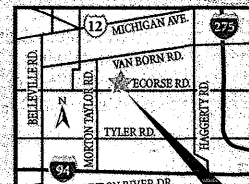
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