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## Penn Grille gets stay from city

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Penn Grille and Bar, which faced the possible revocation of its liquor license, received a short-term reprieve when Plymouth city commissioners voted to give the establishment's owners six months to clean up its act.

Commissioners agreed to put on hold any action against the Penn Grille — which has been cited for too many drunken drivers, assault and battery, fights and public urination incidents — only after Plymouth attorney Keith Kecskes presented a 10-point plan to improve operations.

"Our business goals line up with the community goals, we're moving along, but it hasn't been as quickly as we liked and as it should," said Kecskes. "Certainly there have been some missteps."

The plan by owners Chris Knight of Plymouth, Vince Spica of Northville Township and Billy Farwell of Plymouth Township includes increasing the ratio of food to alcohol service, additional training for servers and staff to monitor patron alcohol intake, increased communication with the city and police department concerning possible problems, and on nights when the establishment closes at 2 a.m. the last call for alcohol will be given a half-hour beforehand.

The owners also pledged to pick up trash around its neighbors, including next door at The Doll House, owners of which have complained of trash, vomit and damage to outside plants by patrons of the Penn Grille.

"We don't want the problems, there's no money in problems," said Spica. "There are issues that need to be resolved and we will do what we can to make things right."

Commissioners took no action against the liquor license of Sean O'Callaghan's Public House after owners paid back taxes on their building.



Plymouth Nursery's Tim Parker talks to customers Bob and Sharon Kilgore about the nursery's upcoming home and garden expo.

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## Extreme makeover

Multimillion-dollar renovation makes nursery state of the art

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the amenities at the newly renovated Plymouth Nursery is a tranquility court, complete with fountain.

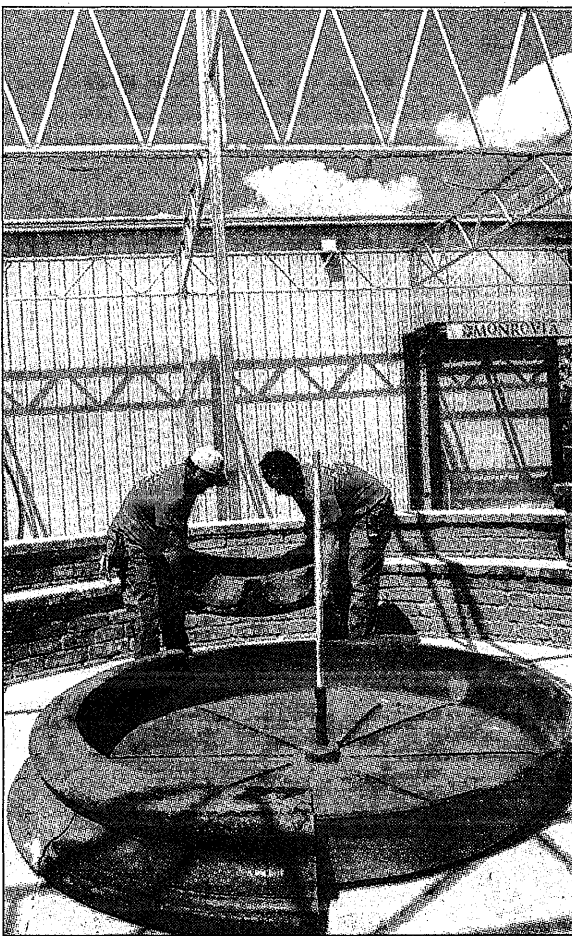
It's going to come in handy after a hectic last year or so, during which the nursery's owners wrangled a multimillion-dollar remodeling project they believe has transformed the nursery into a state-of-the-art, one-stop shopping center designed to improve homeowners' outdoor lifestyles.

After pouring more than \$2 million into the project, Plymouth Nursery — a fixture at Plymouth/Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson for more than 40 years — will unveil its new look at a grand opening Saturday and Sunday.

"We've always had the quality people and the quality products, but we didn't have the state-of-the-art facility," said Jeff Jones, one of the nursery's co-owners. "We've been here so long, it was time to take a quantum step forward. A lot of smaller nurseries are falling away because they aren't investing in the future."

"It was time to move forward, or

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Jim Bradley and Adan Montenosinos build a fountain as part of the renovation project at Plymouth Nursery.

## Beheading accomplice receives 20-30 years

—BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry repeatedly asked Alexander Letkemann at his sentencing hearing Wednesday why he got involved in the murder and beheading of Daniel Sorensen, and why he didn't do something to stop convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz from going through with the killing.

Letkemann's answer? A repeated "I don't know."

He'll have plenty of time to think about it after Berry, pursuant to a plea agreement between Letkemann and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for Letkemann's guilty plea to second-degree murder, sentenced the 18-year-old former Churchill High School student from Westland to 20-30 years in prison.

Letkemann was also sentenced to 3-10 years for mutilation of a corpse. The sentences will run concurrently. A felony murder charge against Letkemann was dismissed.

After saying he couldn't "find a reason for myself" why he didn't walk away from the murder, Letkemann apologized to Sorensen's family, who forgave him during their statements to the court.

"I can't find enough words to say how sorry I am for what I did," Letkemann said. "I'd like to thank the Sorensens for their forgiveness. I'm grateful I'm going to have a second chance."

The forgiveness came during tearful statements by both James and Kimberly Sorensen, the parents of the victim. Kimberly Sorensen, who noted her son's penchant for thinking of others ahead of himself often led him "to make foolish decisions," called the months since his death "surreal."

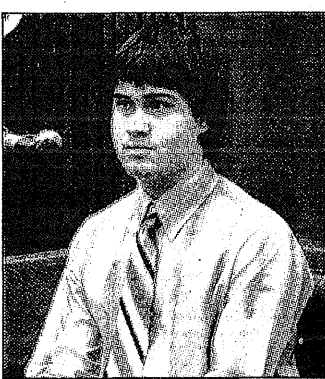
"The enormity of how my life will change has yet to strike me," she said. "Those who truly loved Dan will always love him, and they'll miss him for as long as they live. My two best friends are (husband) Jim and Dan, and one of them has been taken from me for the rest of my life."

James Sorensen told of the last father-son moment he shared with Daniel, weeks before his death, when the son took the father for a ride in his new truck. Daniel would always be, James Sorensen said, "my little boy."

"I'll never see that big ol' grin that would light up my soul," James said. "He is gone, and the hole in my heart is so big, it will never be filled."

Kimberly Sorensen pledged her forgiveness to Letkemann, and her husband thanked him for the testimony that ultimately helped convict Orlewicz.

"It would be easy to justify hating (Letkemann), and I don't think anyone would



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Alexander Letkemann of Westland was sentenced to 20-30 years in prison Wednesday as part of his agreement to plead guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Daniel Sorensen.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judge Annette Berry Wednesday sentenced Alexander Letkemann to 20-30 years in prison for his role in the murder and beheading of Daniel Sorensen.

fault me, but I don't hate him," James Sorensen said. "In an act of courage that will send him to prison for many years, (Letkemann) stepped forward to accept responsibility for what he did. I thank you, Alex, and I forgive you."

Letkemann's father, Pete, took exception to an insinuation from Berry that Letkemann and other teenagers testified during Orlewicz's trial in order to get a deal from prosecutors. The elder Letkemann said his son is truly remorseful, even if he couldn't voice it in court.

"Alex thought anything he said would sound lame," Pete Letkemann said. "The Sorensens are amazing in their forgiveness. It means a lot. Alex always wanted a shot at redemption, and now he's going to get it."

Prosecutors agreed to the plea deal in exchange for Letkemann's testimony against Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted last week of killing and beheading Sorensen, then disposing of his body in a Northville Township field and tossing his head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz, 18, faces a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12. Assistant prosecutor Robert Moran, who prosecuted Orlewicz, said Letkemann's testimony was a key element in Orlewicz's conviction.

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## Plymouth goes green for two-day fair

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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More than 300 local and national businesses will descend on downtown Plymouth in a street fair atmosphere May 3-4 to help educate and inform about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services.

It's all part of Green Street Fair, organized in part by Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork, the mother/daughter team best known for the successful Art in the Park event held each July in downtown Plymouth. They've partnered with Mandi Buckland and Terri O'Brien, sisters and owners of Street Marketing in

Northville.

"I was looking at a huge potato one day and wondering what was in it and what made it grow," said Quinn. "That's what started me on this organic, green venture."

"Everybody is becoming interested in this green movement," added Quinn. "It's not the world, but our world."

Businesses will be spread throughout downtown Plymouth streets — not unlike Art in the Park — displaying, demonstrating and selling eco-friendly, organic and green products. The Penn Theatre will host 18 speakers over the two-day event.

Meri-Lyn Hill of Plymouth Township, a

representative for Ecoquest International of Greenville, Tenn., will be displaying air and water purification systems.

"The air system will kill up to 99 percent of germs — such as MRSA, staph and e. coli — in a 3,000-square-foot home," said Hill. "Laundry Pure fits on the wall behind your washing machine and uses ultra violet light, oxygen, silver ions and cold water so you don't have to use detergents," she said. "Since you aren't using hot water it saves electricity and there are no more plastic laundry containers going to the landfill."

Bauer Power of Wayland, Mich., will be on hand to demonstrate solar and air power.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Breast cancer survivors, family and friends to Race For the Cure



# Event takes stress from wedding plans

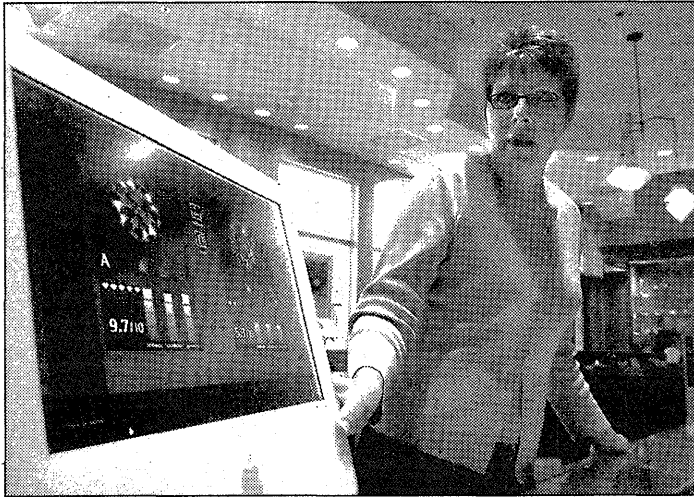
BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Planning a wedding can be very intense and nerve-racking with having to pick the perfect date, reserve the church, shop for the wedding rings, pick out a wedding dress, tuxedos, florist, banquet hall, photographer ... and on and on and on.

And, once you've found all the pieces of the puzzle, it turns out to be a lot of time spent driving around and making certain everything is just right, all the while paying nearly \$4 a gallon for gasoline.

Nearly 40 Plymouth merchants will try to make it a less intense and costly experience when they host their first Downtown Plymouth Bridal Stroll noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, complete with three mock weddings in Kellogg Park.

"You can plan your entire wedding in downtown Plymouth because we have so many stores that have wedding-related services," said



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Teri Allen of Dearborn Jewelers will use her computer to teach brides and grooms how the cut of a diamond affects how the diamond reflects light.

Teri Allen, owner of Dearborn Jewelers and organizer of the event. "It's not a lot of pressure, and we're here to give information and give suggestions. Brides will be able to see lots of examples on what people can do for their wedding in a much more relaxed atmosphere." Allen said brides can liter-

ally stroll downtown and plan their entire wedding.

"In many of our stores the owner is also the salesperson, which means the bride and groom will be talking to someone with many years of expertise, experience and personal service to guide them in making good decisions and make it a more enjoyable experience,"

she said. "What we have to sell is the value to the customer and the benefit of dealing with small independents."

Sarah Klatt, owner of Magnolia, a Fresh Flower Market on Forest Avenue, said a lot of brides know what they want.

"But, they don't know how to make it work for them or their budget," said Klatt, who owns Magnolia with partner Tia Williamson. "A lot of times you look in a bridal magazine and see stunningly gorgeous floral arrangements. Most people can't afford that, but we know how to make changes and bring the cost down so they can still have what they want."

Allen said there will be six fathers-of-the-bride as ambassadors to help brides and their husbands-to-be find the various locations in downtown Plymouth that can help with wedding services. Brides who register will receive a canvass tote bag and a gift basket with savings totaling more than \$2,000 from Plymouth merchants.

# Pioneer student faces expulsion for role in copycat bomb 'hoax'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Pioneer Middle School student has been suspended after admitting to writing a message on a boys' bathroom wall that indicated a bomb would go off at the school.

Pioneer Principal Phil Freeman said the unidentified student was in the office at 10:30 a.m. Monday morning and by 11 a.m. he confessed to the writing on the wall.

"The No. 1 thing we can do at Pioneer to ensure the safety of students is to know our children well," said Freeman. "The initial investigation was centered on the handwriting, and by knowing our kids we were able to focus our investigation and get the child to confess to the hoax."

"He gave us information on when and where he did it, and gave us information no one else was given," he said. "When we asked 'why,' he said he read about the incident at Central (Middle School) and wanted to see if he could get away with it."

A similar threat was found written on a boys' bathroom wall at Central April 3. The same kind of precautions were taken by Plymouth and Michigan State police; however, the person responsible for that incident has not been identified.

Freeman said the Pioneer student has been suspended and faces expulsion.

"He caused a situation that could have been worse," said Freeman. "We want to send a strong message to him and other students this won't be tolerated."

Freeman said the message was discovered after school on Friday by another student.

"We did a cursory check of the building Friday, and the State Police went through the school with the dogs on Sunday," said Freeman. "They didn't find anything and we secured the building overnight."

"We had only two doors open for students when they arrived for class, their backpacks were checked and they were immediately sent to their homerooms," he said.

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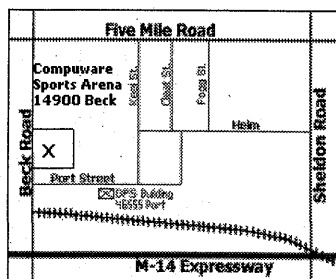
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**Hazardous waste day**

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth once again host a joint Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck in Plymouth Township.

The event is only open to city and township residents. Acceptable wastes include paints/stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, fertilizers and pesticides.

Among the unacceptable items: televisions, smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition and fireworks and medical waste.

A full list of acceptable items can be found on the Web at [www.plymouthtp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWD2.htm](http://www.plymouthtp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWD2.htm). You can also call the township at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4, or the City of Plymouth, (734) 453-7737, for more information.

**Card at prayer breakfast**

Christian singer, composer, author and radio host Michael Card will be featured at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 15 in the Laurel Manor Special Events Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 are available. Deadline to purchase tickets for "A Morning Song with Michael Card, is Friday, May 2.

In a career that spans 25 years, Card has recorded more than 20 albums, written 19 No. 1 singles, authored or co-authored more than a dozen including Gold Medallion Book Award winner A Sacred Sorrow, and hosted two radio programs.

Card's most famous song is El Shaddai, which was recorded by Amy Grant as well as by Card. Card's Heal Our Land was commissioned as the 1993 National Day of Prayer's theme song. Card, best known for folk-style melodies and instrumentation with lyrics that draw on the Bible, is expected to weave his music throughout his spoken message. For ticket information, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427, or e-mail [Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org](mailto:Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org) by May 2. Read more about the prayer breakfast at [www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org). For more on Card go to [www.michaelcard.com](http://www.michaelcard.com). For music performances, see Card on YouTube.com.

**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 April 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.

**Fighting hunger**

The Birchler family hosts "Jammin' to End Famine," a concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and to feed starving children around the world.

The concert begins 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. The show will feature five bands, all manned by members of the extended Birchler family.

Bands playing include The Strangers, The B-Bros, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Days Gone and Scratch. Concert goers will enjoy a cash bar, free munchies and a dance floor.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are tax-deductible, and are available at the door or in advance by contact Tom Birchler, [tbirchler@twm.rr.com](mailto:tbirchler@twm.rr.com). Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

**Park cleanup**

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts the fourth annual Park Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 3 at the Bennett Arboretum and Northville Recreation area. Parking is located across the street at Cass Benton. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; work goes from 9 a.m. to noon. Detroit Tigers tickets go to the first 50 volunteers.

For more information, call (313) 224-0946.

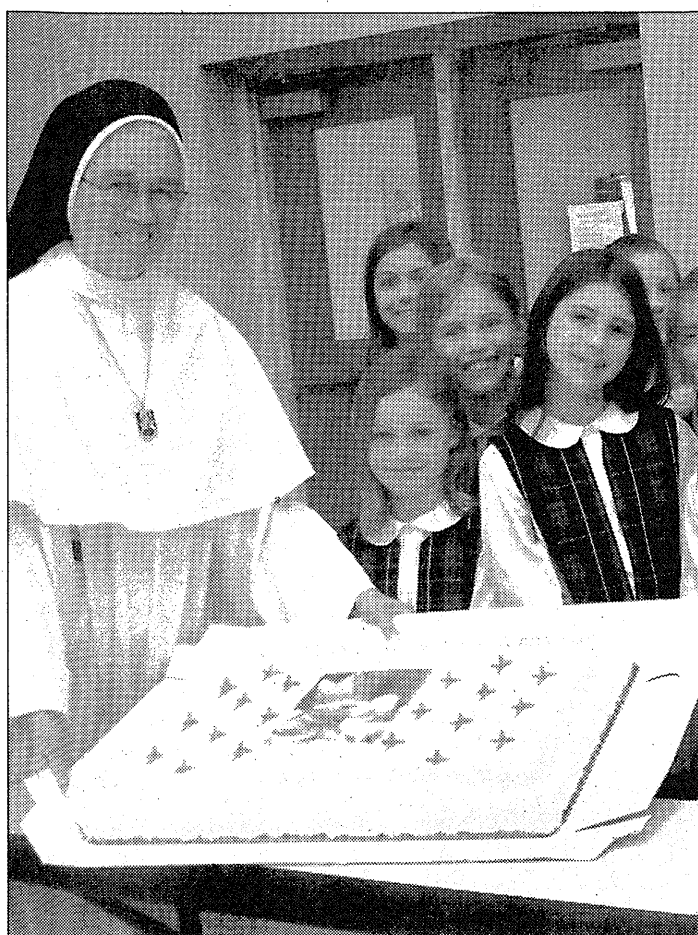
**Seniors seminar**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an educational seminar for seniors 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 28.

The seminar will cover financial and legal issues including prolonging retirement income, IRA distribution planning, wills and trusts, elder law, asset protection, wealth transfer strategies, estate planning, gifting and charitable giving, long-term care, Medicare, Medicaid, college planning for grandparents, taxation, dispute resolution and ethical wills.

The seminar takes place in the downstairs social hall at OLCG, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. Reservations must be made by April 25.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (734) 453-9730.



**Papal party**

Students at Spiritus Sanctus Academy held a birthday party last week in honor of Pope Benedict XVI, who celebrated his 81st birthday in Washington, D.C., on the second day of his first visit to the United States. Students spent the week learning about the Holy Father and wrote him birthday cards and letters to send to Rome for him to receive upon his return. The students were treated to birthday cake (bearing the pope's image) and extra recess as a celebration in honor of the Holy Father's visit. (Above) Principal Sister Mary Samuel and third-graders Audrey Towler, Nicole Henderson, Genevieve Lilley, Grace Schoenle, Matthew Jana and Jack Timm show off the cake.

**Chiefettes tryouts**

Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon teams will hold tryouts Wednesday, May 7, 6-8:30 p.m. (clinic); Thursday, May 8, 6-8:30 p.m. (clinic); Friday, May 9, 6-9 p.m. (clinic and interviews); Saturday, May 10, 10-11 a.m. (check in) and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (tryouts). All meetings will be held at the Phase 3 Building at Canton High School.

For more information, students should check in their school office.

**Spring concert**

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its Spring Concert, a "Salute to Stage, Screen and Television" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

Performances will be held at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six mile Road, Northville. From the concert and Broadway stages to the silver screen and television, this concert is sure to bring back fond memories. From movie classics like the "Over The Rainbow" to Broadway favorites like "Send In The Clowns" — "A Salute To Stage, Screen and Television" is sure to help you relive some of the great and not-so great songs that made a lasting impression.

For more information or to order tickets visit us on-line at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) or to order using our business phone call 734.416.9885.

**Lecture series**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Brown Bag Lecture Series Tuesday, May 13, at noon. The topic will be "Games Played at the DIA." The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The PCAC and the library also present the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Evening Lecture Series Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925," depicting works from the current DIA exhibition. Held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

For more information visit the PCAC Web site at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) or call (734) 416-4278.

**Hike for Hope**

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its "Hike for Hope," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 7, at Maybury State Park (8 Mile entrance, a mile west of Beck, car fee of \$6).

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch. There will be lots of fun for kids and family entertainment.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The nonprofit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

**Farm and garden**

The Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden meets 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Plymouth Library. Presenter is Celeste Watts, who will discuss Ecological Gardening. All are welcome.

For more information contact Linda C. at (734) 459-7478.

**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](http://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 down-

town 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](http://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.



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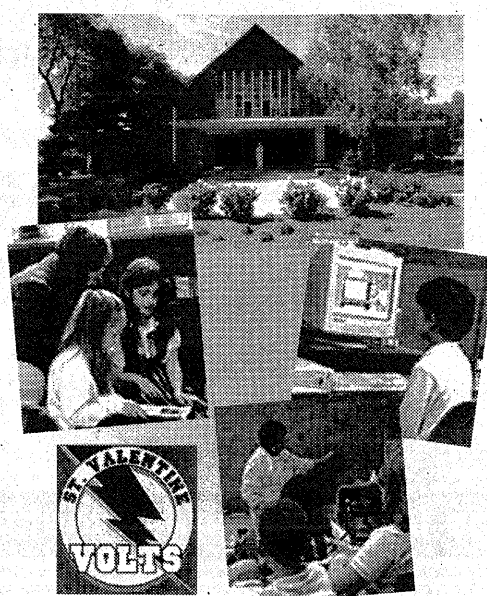


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## Investors, be wary of practices

Last week I watched a network news program which ran an exposé concerning the sale of investment products. The product highlighted was the sale of annuities but in effect, it could have applied to just about any investment.

The gist of the exposé was that investment products were sold merely to generate a commission as opposed to doing what was appropriate for the investor. The show highlighted the deceptive sales tactics that financial salespeople will use in order to convince someone to invest.

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The deceptive sale tactics included misrepresentations about the product and in some cases outright lies. Unfortunately, the exposé was not an isolated case but rather something that happens frequently. That is why it is important for investors to be educated and always on guard.

The unethical sales practices take on many different forms. They were creative but at the same time meant to deceive investors. For example, one story showed that in order to gain credibility, the financial salesperson co-authored a book. However, the financial salesperson never authored the book. Another practice designed to give the salesperson credibility was to claim they were interviewed on a national radio show. The implication is they must have some expertise to allow them to be on a national radio show. First, it is important to recognize that the radio show they used was nothing more than an "infomercial."

I do want to mention that my radio show is not an infomercial. I have never and will never charge anyone to be interviewed on my show. In addition, unlike many weekend radio shows, I do not buy air time for my show.

Government regulators do not have the resources to prevent unscrupulous sales tactics. It's up to you and me. Avoid seminars and sales presentations that are meant to sell a product as opposed to educating investors. In addition, before you buy, make sure you know what the surrender fees are and how long.

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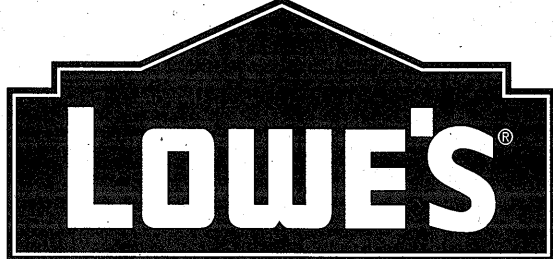
Students from eight area high schools are competing for the top prize in the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest. The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among students.

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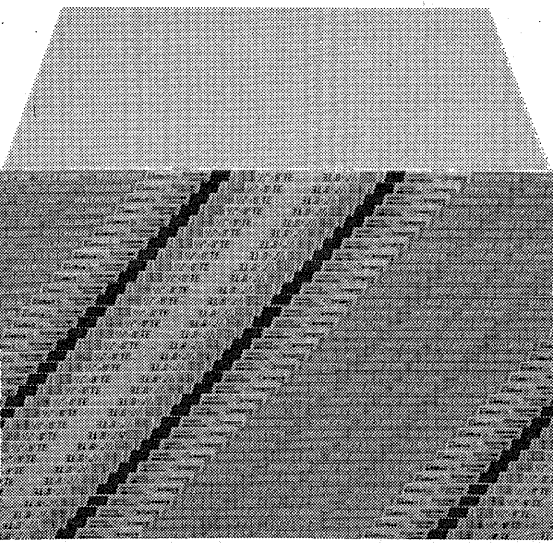
Schools throughout the area were invited to produce a 30-second public service announcement video focusing on teen issues.

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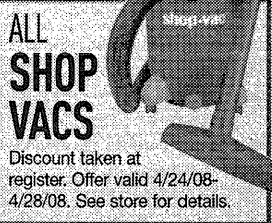


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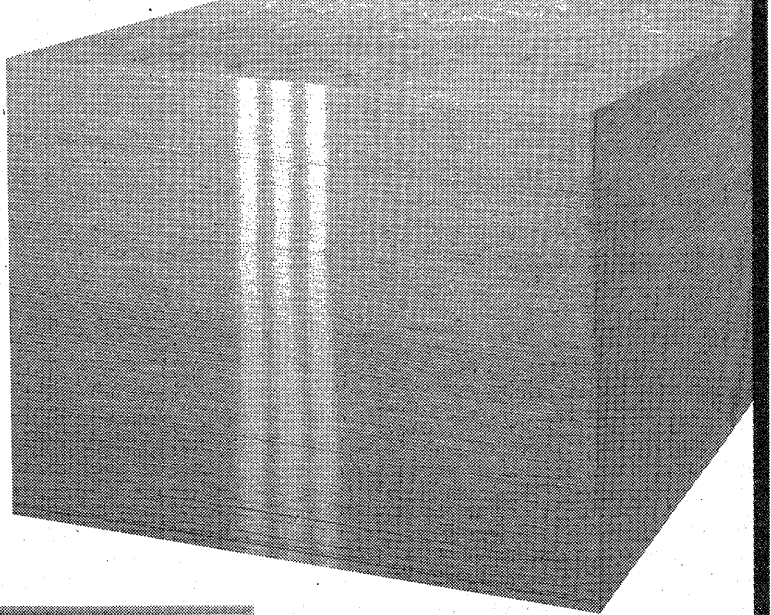


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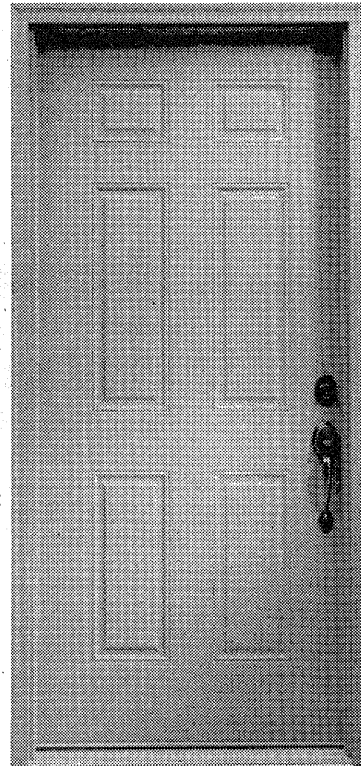


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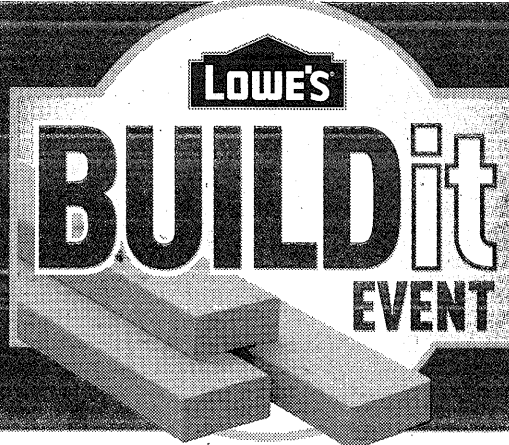
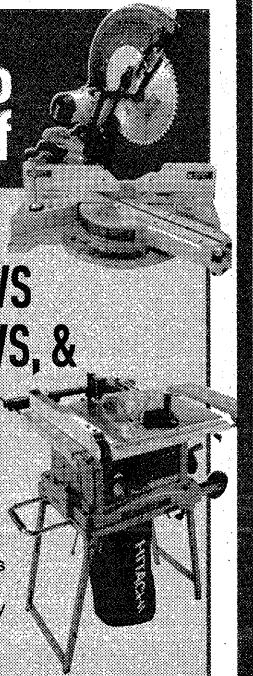
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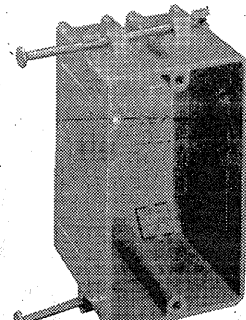
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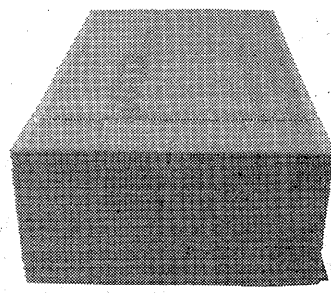
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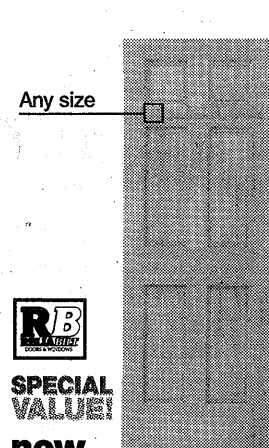
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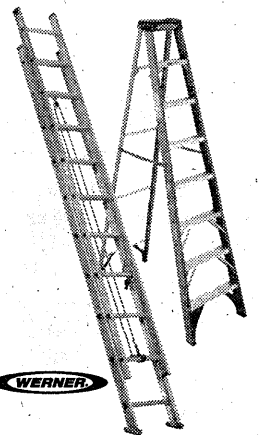


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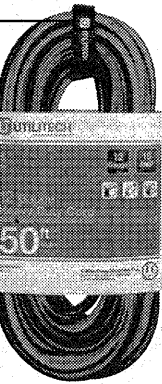
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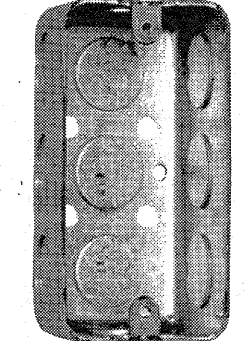
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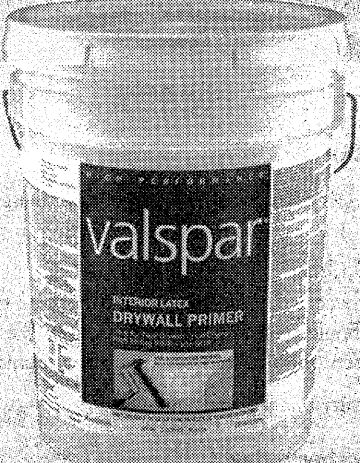
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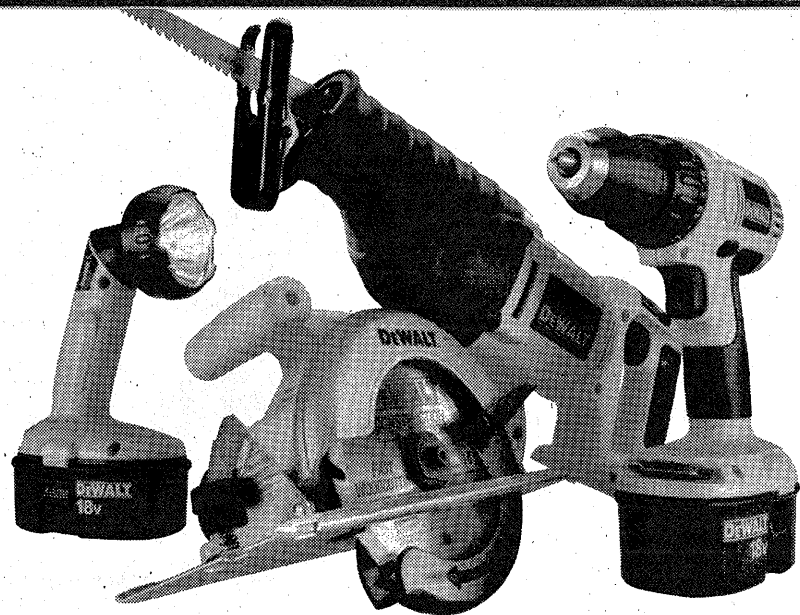
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# Pay equity not just a woman's issue

BY JULIE BROWN  
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A number of organizations brought their message of pay equity to Lansing Tuesday for Equal Pay Day.

"Pay equity is a simple matter of fairness and justice," said Mickey Edell of Canton, state president for the American Association of University Women. Edell moderated a press conference to bring the pay equity message to the forefront. The event is nationwide.

She noted women in 2001 with a bachelor's degree age 25-34 earned \$32,238 a year compared to \$42,292 for men, a 24 percent gap. April 22 represents the day into the next year women must work "to achieve equity with men," said Edell, a Plymouth-Canton schools speech and language pathologist. "So almost four months."

The organizers gave members of the House of Representatives and Senate in Lansing cookies with a bite out of them (a cutter was used) to demonstrate women's pay shortcomings. Organizers also wore red, to show women are in the red.

"I find that younger people, and women, are particularly surprised" pay equity's still an issue, Edell said. She's met with women engineers who realize their pay lags compared to male colleagues.

In Edell's field of education, pay is determined by a union contract so there's not as much disparity.

The Lansing press conference in the Rotunda Room included AAUW, the National Organization for Women, Women Work, the Pay Equity Network, Michigan Women's Commission, and the Business and Professional Women.

There's been legislative action at both the federal and state levels. In Michigan, both SB 417, introduced by Sen. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and HB 4625, introduced by Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing, have been referred to committee. Organizers hope that the press conference on Tuesday encourages legislators to take action.

AAUW has a long history of involvement in pay equity beginning with its 1913 report on United States Civil Service job classifications and compensation in Washington, D.C., Edell said. AAUW has supported federal pay equity legislation since it was first introduced in 1945.

In 2007, AAUW released "Behind the Pay Gap," a report that indicates that one year out of college women earn only 80 percent as much as their male colleagues and 10 years after graduation earn only 69 percent as much. She noted women earn only 67 cents to a man's dollar in Michigan, ranking near the bottom in equity nationwide.

"It's not just an issue for women but it's an issue for families," Edell said. "Obviously if income is less there's less to invest in the future."

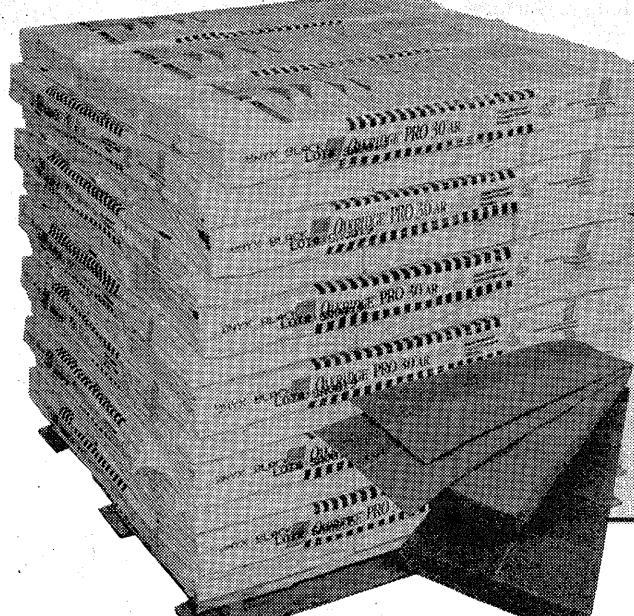
The Business and Professional Women organization's also been active in pay equity for years, said Marilyn Alimpich of Plymouth, secretary of Plymouth BPW. "If somebody isn't earning a full wage, it's hard to pay for things," said Alimpich, who recently retired from the Social Security Administration after a 34-year career.

There are a lot of single women, many with children, Alimpich said, and women's Social Security earnings are impacted by disparity. Plymouth BPW has a lot of retirees now, but they remain concerned about younger women.

"This is an issue that's been going on for all our working lives," Alimpich said. "It's still a fight to be won."

Alimpich's full career was in government, so she faced less disparity. She has a 24-year-old niece wrapping up college and would like to talk in depth with her to see how she perceives the issues. Title IX took away the disparity in high school and college sports for women, she noted. "Some of them may not be cognizant of what awaits them in the workforce," she said of younger women.

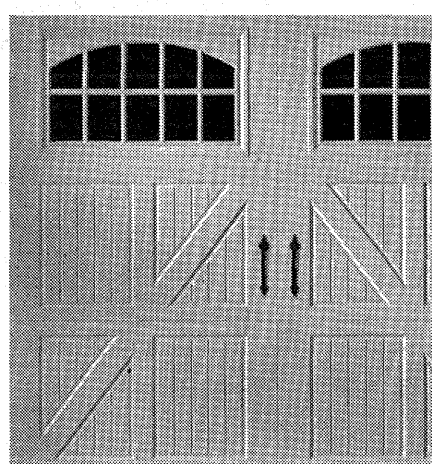
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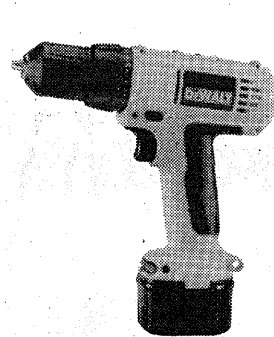
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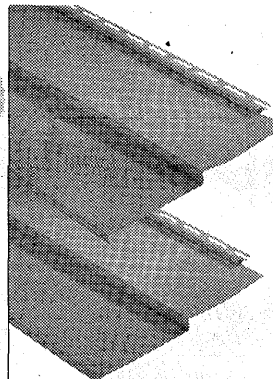
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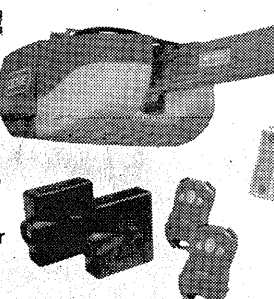
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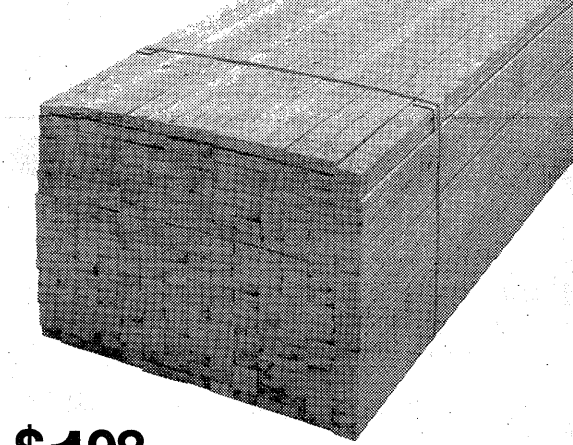
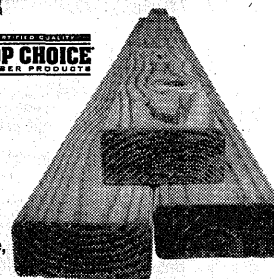
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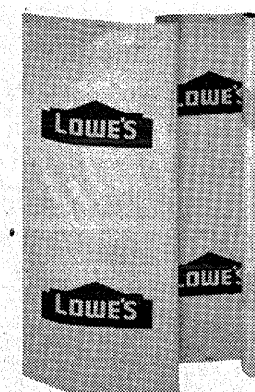
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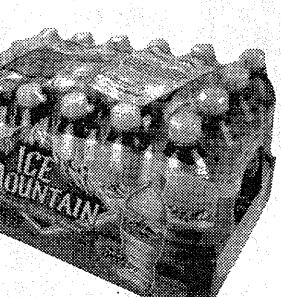


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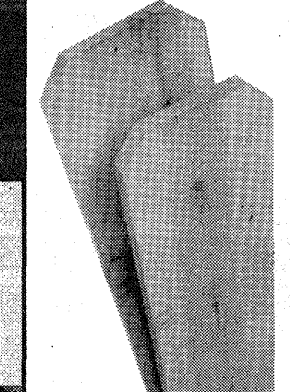
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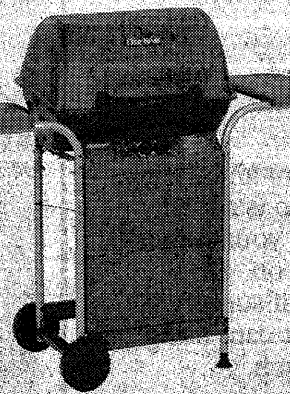
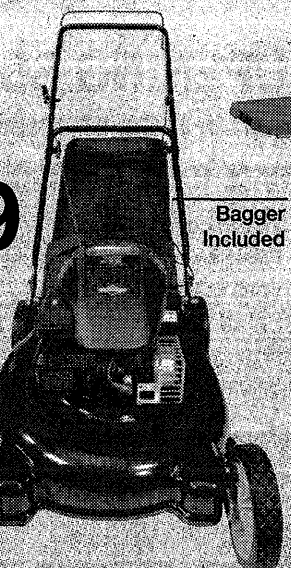
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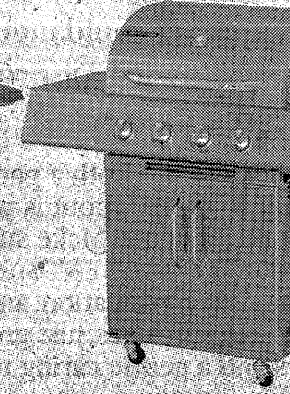
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**NURSERY**

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get out," he added, with a big smile. "And I'm too old to get out."

Owners have added new paved parking, restrooms, wider aisles and new product lines. They've expanded their merchandise to include things like patio furniture, high-end Weber grills and indoor foliage.

They've taken down the old 19,000-square-foot greenhouse and added 29,000 square feet of retail space, including, among other things, an outdoor kitchen.

"One of the things we're trying to accomplish is becoming

a 'lifestyle' retailer," Jones said. "We're going from trees and shrubs to a complete outdoor lifestyle product line. Outdoor living is becoming more active. People are doing that a lot more."

The project added a 5,000-square-foot greenhouse to the existing store, but the centerpiece of the renovation is a state-of-the-art, 12,000-square-foot new greenhouse.

"It's got atrium-style venting and shading that will let customers be comfortable shopping all year round," said Tim Parker, the long-time general manager who recently became a part-owner of the nursery. "The old greenhouse was dilapidated, it was hard to heat. In the new one, on an 85-degree day, it'll be 85 degrees

in there, not 120 like it was in the old one."

Landscape supervisor Jim Bradley has been at Plymouth Nursery for 15 years, and he's looking forward to the changes that will be unveiled to the general public this weekend.

"I think it'll expand our horizons, move us into a whole new category," Bradley said. "That's a good thing, especially in today's (business) climate. People are looking for one-stop shopping. Time is of the essence for them."

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Cindy Bailey waters flowers in the new display greenhouse.

Jones said. "We're trying to go green here."

And while the facility has grown and the product lines have increased, owners noted the nursery falls under the old adage, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

"We wanted to diversify the business, increase our

customer visits," Parker said. "People are excited. They just kept coming, even during all the construction. Even though it's a new facility, we're still the same family-owned business, with a great staff and great products. That's not going to change."

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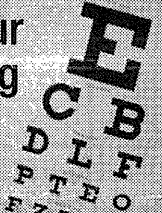
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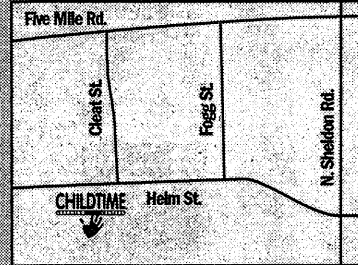
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# 'Dining' winner gets to 'unwind' with Daniels

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Stacy Duff of Livonia had the chance to say thank you to Trudi Daniels and the morning crew at WRIF-FM (101.1) who help her unwind on the way to work.

"I thank Trudi for helping me forget my 40-minute trek to work everyday. Each day I listen to her and laugh with the crew and unwind," Duff wrote in her winning entry.

"She simply makes my day better. I love her spirit, her ability to fit in and keep up with the guys! When it's tough to get through the news on an ordinary day, she makes it tolerable and in her own way relatable. I assume WRIF listeners are predominantly men, but I listen everyday and truly look forward to leaving the morning home chaos (I have three little girls to get off to school everyday) just to hear her! WRIF rocks!"

Duff dined Monday with Daniels at the Farmington Hills Buddy's Pizza.

Daniels and Duff were picked up at their respective offices by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services and arrived in style to walk the red carpet at Buddy's. Daniels said she felt



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Trudi Daniels of WRIF (right) and Dining With The Stars winner Stacy Duff of Livonia exit their limousine to walk the red carpet into Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills for dinner.

like she has a new girlfriend: "It was like I already knew her when she was picked up in the limo."

After a mini-makeover from Sebastian of I Design Hair Spa in Dearborn, Duff received a makeup application by Hiba of I Design and a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield.

Buddy's Pizza made a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels' honor.

The pair shared pizzas, wine, salad and lots of conversation. They were treated to a dance exhibition courtesy of

Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Duff, a quality assurance analyst at Bridgeway Services, Inc. in Taylor, was selected from among five finalists for Dining with the Stars. She's mom to three girls — Hailey, 11, Gabriella, 7, and Alexis, 4. Her husband is Capt. Michael Duff of the Southfield Fire Department.

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Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike Show* on WRIF, is the winner of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition. She describes herself as "a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving."

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

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for Dining With the Stars and selects the top four to five fan letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection. Look for the next Dining With the Stars featuring Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) in Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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OUR VIEWS

## City's bar squabble needs to be settled

City of Plymouth officials should be commended for trying to do something to clean up the burgeoning problem being created by the atmosphere surrounding downtown bars.

And, despite a minor stumble over a deadline issue relating to the state Liquor Control Commission, the city's efforts were rewarded Monday when owners of the Penn Grille & Bar presented a plan to clean up their act at a committee meeting called to decide the bar's immediate future.

City officials have been concerned for some time now with an increasing number of drunken driving incidents traceable to the bar, as well as issues over fights, loud noise and trash.

The city had threatened to recommend to the state LCC nonrenewal of the Penn's liquor license, an action that would have put the bar's license in a sort of escrow until the bar straightened out the problems.

However, the threat turned out to be less than fearsome when the city discovered the state's LCC only entertained such notions once a year. That means if the city wants to take that step, it will have to wait some 10 months for the LCC to entertain it.

That left possible revocation as the only stick left in the city's arsenal, and apparently the spectre was enough, because the owners showed up Monday with a plan, including moving last call up a half-hour and a better policing of the nearby area, designed to make the Penn Grille a better neighbor.

City Manager Paul Sincock and Police Chief Wayne Carroll understand the changing nature of the downtown, and the fact people are coming to expect a certain variety in the city's night life.

Revoking the bar's liquor license would be tantamount to putting them out of business, a harsh step we don't believe the establishment has earned.

But Plymouth businesses are expected to be a certain kind of neighbor, too, and no one is willing to give up that atmosphere. City officials were right to be concerned, and they brandished the one club — revocation — almost certain to bring about the kind of change they sought.

The owners of the Penn Grille showed Monday they're interested in being a good neighbor, and the city rewarded them with a six-month window to prove it. The city showed that, despite their deadline stumble, nice guys can — on occasion — finish first.

## Going green doesn't have to cost towns a lot of green

"It's not easy bein' green," as Kermit the Frog used to sing.

That's why we applaud local municipalities that have taken steps to protect the environment.

Some, like Berkley and Ferndale, have established volunteer groups to identify ways they can conserve energy, increase recycling, reduce greenhouse gases and adopt other environmentally friendly practices.

These committees, among other tasks, are charged with finding green initiatives that cost little to implement, such as installing bicycle racks and recycling bins for plastic water bottles in downtown areas.

Being green can be expensive, at least initially. With declining state revenue sharing and property tax revenue, many communities don't have money for costly changeovers. Researching green initiatives also takes time, which short-staffed city or township departments don't have.

Citizen committees who care about the environment do the work for free, and they can recommend a range of green initiatives from those that cost nothing to those that are worth saving for.

Other communities don't have committees, but they're still environmentally responsible.

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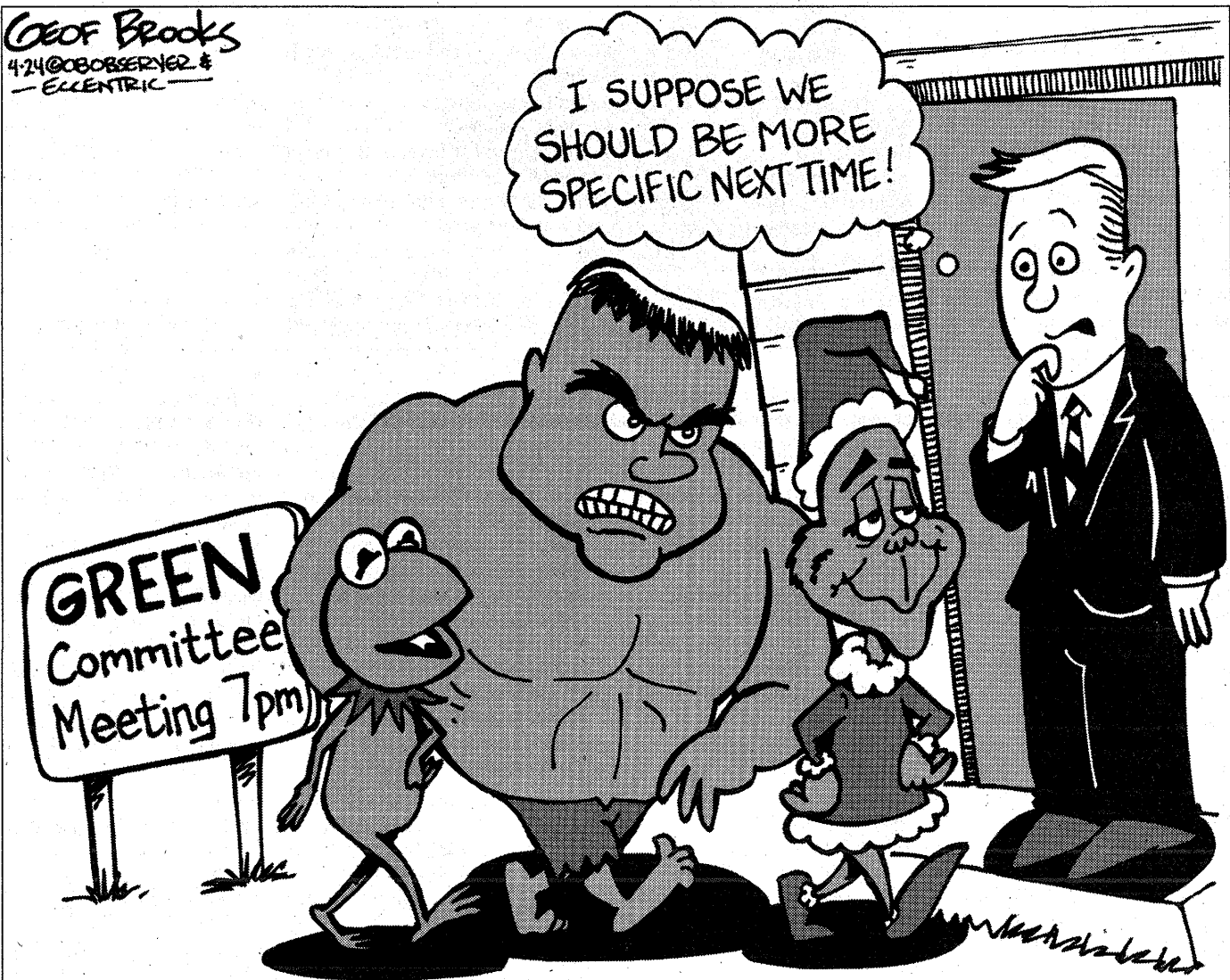
Rochester Hills will reduce the city's energy costs by 25 percent in the next two years. Birmingham uses an electric-operated vehicle for parking enforcement and just launched a new Web page offering residents tips on recycling, etc.

Canton Township has gone paperless with its board packets, and has ordinances protecting vegetation along rivers and streams.

But other municipalities have done little to nothing — falling far behind their peers and the private sector, like AAA Michigan with its new LEED-certified branch in Birmingham and Madonna University in Livonia with the new science and media center it's building to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards.

It isn't easy being green — but it's the right thing to do. And local municipalities leading the way are doing it at little or no cost.

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LETTERS

### 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 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? 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 worshipping his non-existent God?

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, 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. 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

### Red flag for voters

John McCain's connection to neoconservatives should raise red flags for voters. Neocons had their beginning in the Democratic party. After failing to convince President Clinton to invade Iraq, they left the Democratic party in large numbers, and resurfaced on the radical wing of the Republican party, allied with Christian Zionism. As staunch supporters of Israel, they were chief architects of the war in Iraq, and want that war expanded into Iran and Syria.

Just who are the neocons? Senator Joseph Lieberman stands out. He is a supporter and confidant of John McCain, who is constantly viewed in McCain's presence. Following Rudy Guiliani's failed primary in Florida, he threw his support behind McCain, along with his supporters that included prominent neocons Norman Podhoretz and Daniel Pipes. This group also includes Douglas Feith, a recent Pentagon analyst, Paul Wolfowitz, prominent in the Bush administration and of World Bank fame, and Richard Perle, government think tank analyst. It should be pointed out that Richard Perle and

Sen. Joseph Lieberman served as interns to Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson in the late 1960s. Senator Jackson was one of the original neocons.

As pointed out by General Zini on television's "60 Minutes" three years ago, "The war in Iraq was to make Israel safer." A primary objective of neocons, who then were able to convince the Bush administration that Iraq's oil was worth pursuing an unnecessary war. The cost of which has outstripped any promised gain.

Joseph Borrajo  
Dearborn

### Less talk, more action

In a sidesplitting attempt to pander to Sen. (Barack) Obama's critics about his singular, long-winded "bitterness" statement that holds true in many American small towns, at the corner store and in the coffee shops, Hillary Clinton's Pennsylvania supporters lose sight of what is really important to voters: getting our country moving in the right direction once again. Her misguided criticism of Obama is an ill-founded political ploy which attempts to capitalize on the same fears which she scorns Obama for.

It is a false argument to deny that there isn't an antipathy amongst many second-, third- and fourth-generation American families, Republican and Democrat alike, who are upset with any of a number of important issues facing our national interests.

What bothers most Americans is the ongoing loss of good-paying blue-collar jobs because of the Bush 41 proposed and Bill Clinton signed NAFTA legislation; government conducting a church raid on a religious institution and taking children against their parents' will; Microsoft's billionaire founder Bill Gates advocating Congress to pass federal legislation for a 77% increase in high-tech worker visas so that the companies that will benefit can pay the in-sourced workers 50% less than the many qualified and unemployed American high-tech workers would earn if hired, a bill in Congress which will subsidize home builders with a \$25 billion bail-out while millions of American families lose their homes to foreclosure; a \$3 trillion Iraq war the U.S. can no longer afford which two of the three contenders fully supported in spirit and by vote; failing public schools, escalating crime rates; fewer cops on the streets; high oil and energy prices; rising inflation; climbing grocery prices, etc.

Sure people are bitter, it's an American tradition.

One thing holds true in modern politics: for each 24-hour news cycle, Sen. Obama's "bitterness" statement has received what seems like 48 hours of news coverage, much more than is merited. Less attention should be paid to the Pennsylvania primary and horse race politics. The candidates need to understand that Americans want a little less talk and a lot more action. We want a leader that can present solutions that solve matters which will enhance the lives for American families, and not harass religious institutions and take children away from their parents.

Senators Clinton and McCain both

need to own up that they are the elite amongst elitists and focus their campaigns on delivering a new tomorrow for all Americans. Barack Obama seems to have risen to this challenge. At least the Obama campaign message is reminiscence of two highly-principled and admired modern U.S. presidents, those of Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy. Both were visionaries who made us feel good about being Americans.

Kenneth Hreha  
Dryden

### Support Obama

As a college student, I was active in the student movement of the early '60s and participated in many civil rights gatherings. The rhetoric and marches drew attention to the need for racial justice and much was accomplished. However, it took the riots in L.A., Newark, Detroit, Memphis, and elsewhere to cause America to look inside the black communities and discover what was really going on.

White America had conveniently placed the problems of its black citizens in ghettos that were kept separate. Many regarded these areas as trash heaps, and the lid of the trash can was never lifted for fear of seeing what was there.

It took the riots, not the rhetoric, to truly lift the lid off the garbage can and show us what we had tried to hide.

Alas, as years passed, that lid returned in the guise of polite denial, and it remained there until Barack Obama's remarkable speech on Tuesday.

America has been deluded to believe that civil rights laws have overcome racism and classism. Barack Obama, by acknowledging the hidden fears and rationalizations of all communities, has put the issue of race on the table. He has lifted the lid and opened the door and told us what we already knew: that Americans mistrust those who are different from them. He has placed us at a fork in the road and asked us to choose wisely. He has asked us to see this choice not as a black, white or class problem ... not even as an American problem ... but as a view into the future.

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— Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on plans to resurface North Territorial following the completion of the Sheldon Road underpass project

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# Recall efforts equal nothing more than politics as usual

Think Michigan legislative politics are all sweetness and light these days, following last year's partisan bruising budget wars?

If so, you might want to take a look at what's going on in the 17th state House District. It consists of Redford Township, southeast Livonia and north Dearborn Heights. That's the turf that the current Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, calls home. But it's also the site of an increasingly ugly campaign to recall the 46-year-old Democrat from his seat.

Words like "thug," "liar" and "criminal" are flying around freely, and wads of money are being spent. The recall, one of several mounted by the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, is supposedly in response to Dillon's vote last fall to increase the state income tax to overcome a billion-dollar-plus deficit in the state's budget.

Initially, six representatives and four senators, including both Republicans and Democrats, were targeted for removal.

But it now looks as though Dillon is the main focus of the recall movement. That, in turn, raises the prospect that the right of recall is being manipulated for purely partisan purposes. The Michigan Constitution says that valid signatures of 25 percent of registered voters who voted in the last election for governor are enough to force recall of a sitting lawmaker.

In the case of the 17th district, that comes to around 8,720 signatures, due by May 1. Recall advocates are led by former state Rep. Leon Drolet, now a Macomb County commissioner, and Rose Bogaert, of Dearborn Heights. She is chairwoman of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association and Taxpayers to Recall Andy Dillon.

Bogaert says her group wants to collect at least 10,000 signatures, to make sure it has a cushion; some names are always certain to be invalid or duplicates. According to three sources (who asked for anonymity for fear of harassment), the pro-recall people started out paying \$2 for every signature. That went to \$4 each, then \$6. Now the going rate appears to be \$10 per name.

That's a lot of dough! If they're aiming for 10,000 signatures, that's going to cost a cool \$100,000, not counting other expenses like postage (fliers have been mailed to all houses in the district), newspaper ads, office and legal expenses.

That's big money. All things considered, I wouldn't be surprised if total campaign costs come to more than \$250,000.

So where's all this money coming from? Democrats and Dillon supporters talk darkly about far right-wing, out-of-state moneybags. Lending credence to this suspicion is the fact that the national anti-tax guru — Washington-based Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform — is a member of Drolet's board.

Two long-term Lansing lobbyists, who wouldn't go on the record, told me big GOP money is behind the effort, "because it will be a big feather in their hat if they knock

off the Democratic Speaker of the House." They also mention House Minority Leader, Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, although he denies being involved.

When I asked Bogaert directly about the money, she wouldn't tell me. "Companies, individuals," she said. "You can't increase business taxes by 22 percent and expect them to be happy about it."

But why won't she tell me who's paying? "It would give our opponents a leg up on us."

Drolet says his campaign has more than 300 donors, almost all of them from Michigan. With the fog machines turned on full blast, I expect we'll never know for sure where the real money is coming from.

I'm also told that petition circulators are being devious, asking voters if they "want to reduce their taxes" by signing, or even "cut gas prices." One source claimed circulators said the petitions supported stem cell research and universal health care. For the record, Michigan election law (168.957) requires signatures not be obtained "through fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation."

One man named Hugh H. Jordan III wrote a letter to the editor of the *Redford Observer* that said, "One of the petition signature collectors came to my door a few days ago and said to me, 'Sign this petition to lower your taxes.' Thankfully, I knew that the petition was actually intended to recall Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, and I declined to sign."

But even though there may be a bull's-eye pinned to his behind, Dillon is fighting back. He's dispatched people to shadow petition circulators. "I feel bad for the folks in my district," Dillon told me. "If petitions were being gathered based on what I truly did, that would be fine. But they're not."

"And there's an election this November; if people don't like what I've done in office, they can chuck me out then and there." Without spending a pile on special elections, either.

What he didn't add is that even if he wins, he'll be gone forever two years after that, thanks to the curse of term limits.

Term limits are bad enough, but I've always thought that threatening to recall elected lawmakers because they cast a certain vote is awfully close to blackmail. Recalls, if they succeed, solve nothing; special elections cost thousands of dollars and newly elected legislators who come in as part of a recall have no idea what they're up to before they face a regular election in November.

And it seems perverse that local voters could be stampeded by a bunch of noisy activists into reversing course just 17 months later.

Recalls — perhaps especially the one now under way against Dillon — only fuel the kind of hyper-partisan warfare we all have come to hate. Whether you agree with the way he votes or not, Dillon has been an able legislator. He fully deserves to remain in office at least until his term expires in January. And neither he, nor we, should have to put up with any of these silly and obvious recall games.

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# Recall only about taxes, don't be fooled by insults

I'm writing in response to Mr. Power's op-ed, "Recall efforts equal nothing more than politics as usual." It contained many inaccuracies that need to be addressed, both in the "facts" he states and in the false tactics he uses.

Let's first start by getting the facts straight.

Power states this is a partisan battle. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is, it's a tax battle. I'm a resident of Redford Township, a small business owner and a Michigan taxpayer. The true

fact is that Speaker Dillon pushed through two tax hikes, one on residents and one on small businesses. And that's why I personally am collecting signatures to recall the Speaker.

Now let me take a brief moment to talk about Power's false tactics.

Power uses such terms as: "far right-wing, out-of-state moneybags," "stampeded by a bunch of noisy activists," "shadowy, dogmatic interest groups with fat pocketbooks," etc. Power is using name calling to advance his side. This is a false argument. (It's officially known as "argumentum ad hominem.")

Dear resident of Redford, you're a thinking person. Tell me, if Power had a strong argument based on facts, would he have to resort to insulting your intelligence by using this false tactic, name-calling?

But I know you're a thinking person so I'll give you the facts on this recall: tax hikes. Let me explain why I think Speaker Dillon's decisions are hurting Michigan. The fact is, he raised our income tax to 4.35 percent. And, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)) this is a time when Michigan has lost jobs each year since 2000, has had the highest unemployment rate (between 6.7 to 7.2 percent) each year of any state in the union and, each year, continues to lose people.

Let's think about this in terms of your family. When your children grow up and leave the house, and if at that time — God forbid — you lost your job, would you then decide you needed a bigger food budget? No, of course not. But that's what Speaker Dillon did by raising taxes. So tell me, does that make sense for

Michigan? I don't think so.

Now let's talk a little about the tax increase on businesses. According to an article on the front page of last Sunday's *Free Press*, (4/20) the new tax on business called the Michigan Business Tax increased taxes on many small businesses, increases from last year as large as 500 percent! The article says that some businesses are thinking about moving out of state. And our neighbor state to the west, Indiana, is taking advantage of Speaker Dillon's tax increase to tell Michigan's businesses that they can move there, because business taxes are lower.

So tell me, dear Redford resident, is Speaker Dillon's tax increase helping Michigan's economy? The answer is, of course, no.

This recall is all about the taxes. And we, the voters of Speaker Dillon's district have the right — under Michigan law and under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States — have the right to recall our legislators because we are their employers.

It's our duty to hold politicians like Speaker Andy Dillon accountable if they are not representing us properly. The reason we can't wait until November is that general elections are affected by a wide range of issues and presidential campaigns. On the other hand, the recall election will be about only one thing, and that thing is taxes. Recalling Speaker Dillon will send a clear message that tax hikes will not be tolerated. We can't afford to wait a moment longer, while families struggle and small businesses evaporate under Speaker Dillon's tax hikes.

Unfortunately, Power and other recall opponents have to resort to lies and name-calling because the facts are not on their side. As you can see, tax hikes are the wrong policy for Michigan. As a result, Dillon and his allies will do whatever they can to distract you, the voter, from the real issue: Speaker Dillon's tax hikes.

So the next time you hear of a friend's son or daughter losing a job, grandchildren leaving Michigan for better jobs or your neighbor losing her home, remember Speaker Dillon's tax increases. And you — his employer — decide whether he is truly working for you — or not.

Sandra Eggers is a resident of Redford, a small business owner and a Michigan taxpayer.



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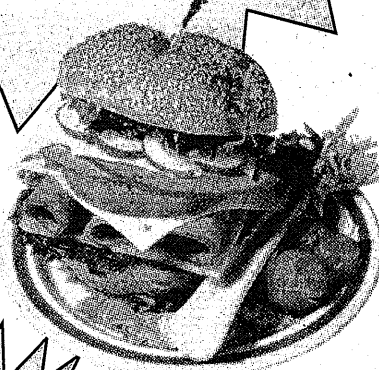
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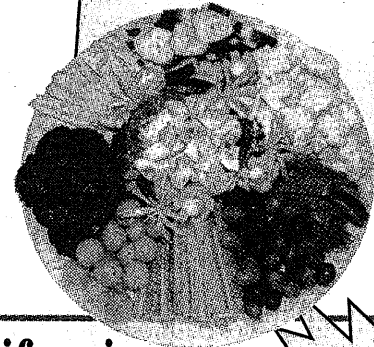
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## Ex-Chief Thomas pumped for NFL Draft

**B**elieve it or not, I have something in common with Devin Thomas.

No, I don't run a 4.4 40-yard dash like the former Canton High School gridiron star.

And, no, I don't have biceps the size of bowling balls like the ex-Michigan State All-Big 10 wide receiver.

Our common bond is this: When we were younger, Thomas and I both made it a habit to watch the NFL Draft every April and dream of the day the NFL commissioner would call our name out and reveal to the world which team had selected us with its first-round pick.

Sometime Saturday afternoon, that dream is about to become a



Ed Wright

reality for one of us and — *surprise!* — it's not me.

### 'Mock' speed

Depending on which mock draft you believe (see box on page B2), Thomas, who graduated from Canton in 2004 and left MSU in January following a record-breaking junior season, will be selected in the first round — anywhere from No. 11 (Buffalo) to No. 21 (Washington).

While he didn't admit to having a hunch as to where he'll end up, Thomas knows one team that *won't* select him.

"If Detroit takes another receiver," he said, chuckling, "that city will go *cra-zee!*"

Thanks to the incredible display of skills he put on at the NFL Draft Combine in February, Thomas's stock has risen faster than fuel prices at the corner gas station.

Some skeptics questioned the ex-Chief's decision to forgo his senior season at MSU for the big bucks of the NFL when he revealed his plans in January.

But no one's doubting Thomas now.

"Ever since I was in middle school, I've watched the NFL Draft because I always wanted to see where the college guys



OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

Former Canton football player Devin Thomas, pictured during his high school days in a playoff game against Detroit Catholic Central, is expected to be selected in the first round of Saturday's NFL Draft following a record-breaking season at Michigan State University last fall.

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## Sidelines

### Boston runners

Several Plymouth and Canton residents competed in Monday's Boston Marathon. Following are their places and times:

■ **Plymouth:** Dean Brown (1,837th place in 3:06.57); James Dawson, Jr. (2,698th in 3:13.09); Terry Rush (4,881st in 3:26.30); and Kimberly Bedigian (2,383rd in 3:41.01);

■ **Canton:** Chris A. Woodring (3,234 in 3:16.27); Paul Lipinski (3,921st place in 3:20.36); and Julie Scordino (2,133rd in 3:38.54);

### Wildcat golf outing

The 7th Annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a best-ball scramble with a shotgun start.

The \$100-per-golfer fee includes dinner and a hot dog at the turn. Individuals can attend just the buffet dinner for \$40.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

For more information, contact Lisa Goble at (734) 207-8889 or at Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is July 7.

### Rotary golf outing

The 11th Annual Plymouth A.M. Rotary Golf Outing will be held June 3 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Money raised from this event are used to fund the club's yearly budget, which in turn contributes to numerous global and local charitable causes.

The cost to golf in the 18-hole scramble format event is \$165 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Hole sponsorships are also available.

For registration and sponsorship information, visit [www.plymouthrotaryam.org](http://www.plymouthrotaryam.org) or e-mail Tracy N. Danner at [tnd@azlaw.com](mailto:tnd@azlaw.com).

## 2008 Bolger/Mangan City Meet



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Sprinters from Salem, Canton and Plymouth are pictured during the opening second of the 100-meter dash at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. Plymouth's Stephanie Okolo won the event in 12.7 seconds.

## Canton boys reclaim city championship

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The boys' version of Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track & Field meet was won by the deep red "C".

Despite placing first in just five of the 17 events, Canton reclaimed the city title it relinquished for the first time last year to Plymouth when it amassed 70 points, 15 more than runner-up Salem. The defending champion Wildcats registered 50 points.

Canton coach Bob Richardson credited his team's depth for its gold-medal finish.

"Last year Plymouth beat us and our guys had a year to think about it and they put it all together today," said Richardson. "We have a very large, deep team and it showed today. We didn't take a lot of firsts, but we had a lot of seconds.

"All three teams turned in fantastic times. There were personal bests all over the place."

The weather for the annual event — warmer-than-normal temperatures and partly sunny skies — couldn't have been much better, Richardson noted.

"Somebody was smiling down on us today," Richardson said.

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## Determan leads Rock girls to title

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth girls track & field teams were singing the blues following Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Meet.

The Salem blues.

The Rocks clinched top honors in the

much-anticipated annual event by winning the 1,600-meter relay to finish with 74 points, eight more than runner-up Plymouth. Canton placed third with 35 points.

Along with winning two of the four relays, Salem earned firsts in five other events. The winners' top point-earner was Kelly Determan, who crossed the line first

in both the 1,600-meter run (5:40.5) and the 800 (2:31.8).

Other blue-ribbon efforts for the champs were registered by Deja Wright (400), Madeline Vala (300 hurdles) and discus thrower Ashley Benton.

The Wildcats stayed hot on the Rocks'

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Detroit Ignition forward Ryan Mack (left) and La Raza de Monterrey's Carlos Pichardo battle for a loose ball during Sunday afternoon's MISL semifinal game at Compuware Arena.



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## 24-karat heartbreaker

### Monterrey's 'Golden Goal' stuns dominant Ignition

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In just over 11 minutes Sunday afternoon, the Detroit Ignition saw its fortunes shift from complete domination to ultimate dejection.

A low, sizzling 30-foot shot from the right wing off the foot of La Raza de Monterrey's Byron Alvarez found a small crevice between the outstretched arms of Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman and

the left post to give Monterrey a victory in the Major Indoor Soccer League semifinal series-deciding "Golden Goal" mini-match.

Immediately after the ball crossed the goal line, Alvarez ripped off his jersey and was mobbed by his teammates as he acknowledged the small contingent of Monterrey fans who attended the game.

The sudden-death "Golden Goal" session was made possible over the previous two hours

during which the Ignition dominated their visitors from south of the border, 21-2, in Game 2 of the Series that was played before an announced sell-out crowd at Compuware Arena.

Monterrey captured Game 1 over the No. 1-seeded Ignition, 15-11, on Friday night in Monterrey.

The winners earned a berth in Saturday's MISL Championship Series Final in

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would go and listen to how they'd get analyzed by the guys on ESPN," Thomas said Monday afternoon, not long after he held his final pre-draft workout for the Baltimore Ravens.

"I'm usually pretty good at holding my emotions back, but when I hear my name called Saturday, I might crack a little."

**Through thick and thin**

After the sweat-paved path he's followed to the NFL's doorstep, no one would blame Thomas for shedding some tears of joy once he's selected.

He's overcome some obstacles that would have made many people pack it in.

After graduating from Canton, Thomas spent a season at Coffeyville Community College due to shaky grades in high school.

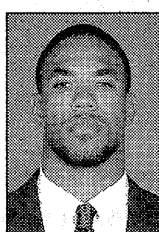
After getting his academic habits straightened out and putting together some electrifying statistics at Coffeyville, Thomas signed with MSU in 2006.

Following a disappointing sophomore season with the Spartans during which he caught just six passes, Thomas burst onto the national scene this past fall when he hauled in 79 aerials for 1,260 yards and eight touchdowns.

At times, Thomas's trail to stardom was like Cedar Point's steepest roller coaster — up and down, up and down.

But last year was more like the Top Thrill Dragster — a pure adrenalin rush.

"It's been all about persever-



Devin Thomas

ance and staying motivated," said Thomas, when asked how he defied the odds and ascended to a position only one of every 1,000 little-league football players reach.

"The key was staying focused on what I wanted to achieve. I played with a lot of guys in high school and at Coffeyville who were very talented, but they lost their focus somewhere along the line."

**Talented and humble**

I don't know Thomas well, but I'm convinced his personable, unselfish demeanor won't be altered much — if at all — by the number of zeroes on his soon-to-be envied paychecks.

"I'll probably get a new vehicle — maybe a Benz or something — this summer," he admitted. "After that, I want to help out my parents and settle down in a house in the city I'll be playing in."

He emphasized that his No. 1 priority will be making sure his four-month-old son, Devin, Jr., is well taken care of.

"He already has some pretty big muscles," said Thomas, laughing.

**The big day**

So on Saturday, like always, Thomas and I will both be watching the NFL Draft with dreams of being selected.

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Where will ex-Canton football star Devin Thomas be selected in Saturday's NFL Draft? Here are a few opinions from the national media (and one local writer):

**Peter King, Sports Illustrated** — 11th pick to Buffalo. King says: "He's a 6-foot-2, 4.45-ish deep threat with good hands. It may take him a year, but he should be a good pro."

**Don Banks, Sports Illustrated** — No. 11 to Buffalo. Banks says: "The Bills have the need for a big receiver opposite Lee Evans and Thomas has emerged as the guy whose value is deemed suitable for this high draft slot."

**Pro Football Weekly** — No. 19 to Philadelphia. "A big player who can help open up the offense..."

**Sports Xchange** — No. 19 to Philadelphia.

**Pete Prisco, cbssportsline.com** — No. 21 to Washington.

**Clark Judge, cbssportsline.com** — No. 20 to Tampa Bay.

**Ed Wright, Plymouth-Canton Observer** — Cincinnati will cave in to Chad Johnson's trade demands, move up to the middle of the first round and select Thomas to fill the shoes of the departed Johnson.

agent Drew Rosenhaus in the room.

And — *surprise!* — it won't be me.

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**Salem's Kordick dims Northern's lights**

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When everything seemed to be crumbling around Salem pitcher Chris Kordick Monday afternoon during the first inning against Walled Lake Northern, the sophomore right-hander didn't panic.

Instead, Kordick displayed the poise of a senior and was rewarded with a complete-game 6-2 victory over the visiting Knights in a key WLAA Lakes Division showdown.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 4-4 overall and 2-1 in the division. Northern slipped to 7-4 and 2-1, respectively.

"The first inning was an abomination with errors, balks, a lot of mistakes, but Chris kept his cool," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, referring to the Knights' two-run first. "He pitched very well and only ended up throwing 79 pitches in seven innings. He struck out two guys in the seventh inning, so he was still throwing well at the end."

Kordick struck out four and walked just one Northern batter.

The Rocks seized the lead for good in the third with four runs. Mat Woster, Sam Ott and Joe Posler all contributed clutch hits in the frame.

The winners added single runs in the fifth (Dana Lorber singled and eventually scored on a Kordick single) and the sixth, when Woster tripled and was plated by Ott's RBI single.

Ott finished 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Other multi-hit performers for Salem were Woster, Heath Parling, Posler and Kordick.

**W.L. WESTERN 5, CANTON 4:** On Monday at Western, the Warriors broke a 4-all tie when Andy Buchanan led off the bottom of the fifth with a triple and scored on a fielder's choice. Senior Erik Wright pitched the first four innings for the Chiefs, yielding four runs and four hits before giving way to Dane Staples, who turned in two solid innings of relief.

Dan Stoney and Alex Dixon continued to swing hot bats for Canton. Stoney was 3-for-4 with an RBI double and a run

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scored while sophomore sensation Dixon went 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

The loss dropped Canton to 5-5 overall and 0-3 in the WLAA's Western Division. Western is now 6-2 and 3-0, respectively.

**CANTON 10, GRANDVILLE 3:** On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, senior right-hander Will Tidwell dominated state power Grandville, striking out seven while walking just one in a complete-game effort.

**PLYMOUTH 12, GRANDVILLE 11:** On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the Wildcats put together a dramatic five-run seventh inning to record the comeback victory. Luke Merandi earned the win in relief, working the final two innings.

Plymouth led 7-0 after two frames, however, Grandville knotted the score with a seven-run third. Grandville then scored single runs in the fourth and sixth and two in the seventh before the Wildcats' remarkable rally.

Hitting stars for Plymouth were David Harvey (three runs, RBI), Garrett Reback (three runs), Brad Lineberry (2-for-5, two RBI), Matt Priebe (3-for-3, five RBI), Ronnie Goble (two RBI), Kyle Sanders (2-for-2) and Merandi (1-for-3, two RBI).

**MILAN 5, PLYMOUTH 3:** On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the hosts built a 5-0 lead over the first four innings and hung on for the triumph. Ryan Spencer started and suffered the loss for the Wildcats, who received key

offensive contributions from Reback (2-for-3), Lineberry (1-for-3, RBI) and Goble (1-for-3, two RBI).

**PLYMOUTH 7, A.A. PIONEER 2:** On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the Wildcats never trailed after plating a pair of runs in the first and second innings. Reback earned the mound victory with 5.1 solid innings of work (five hits, four strikeouts, two earned runs). Sanders picked up the save with 1.2 innings of hitless relief.

Offensively, the Wildcats were paced by Harvey (2-for-3, RBI), Lineberry (3-for-4, two RBI, run), Priebe (1-for-2, RBI) and Merandi (RBI).

Plymouth out-hit the Pioneers, 8-5.

**PCA 6, BAPTIST PARK 5:** John Slater tossed a complete-game six-hitter, striking out eight, to tame the Chargers. Slater also excelled at the plate, going 1-for-2 with a double and a run scored.

Mitch Geracz proved to be the offensive spark plug for the winners with three walks and two runs scored. The Eagles received seven hits from seven different players.

**AGAPE 7, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 6:** On Tuesday at Griffin Park in Canton, senior Jared Miller scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth when he came home on a wild pitch. Miller was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. He then stole second and third. Calvary intentionally walked the next two batters before the game-deciding errant pitch.

Calvary lost despite out-hitting Agape, 9-8.

Brandon Pierson earned the win for the Wolverines, striking out nine while walking just one in a complete-game effort. Miller (2-for-4, two runs) and Mark Mullett (3-for-4, two RBI) paced the winners' offensive attack.

On Saturday, the Wolverines split a double-header with Westland Huron Valley, dropping the opener, 9-8, before bouncing back to claim the nightcap, 23-3.

Miller (3-for-4, two RBI) and Ethan Walker (2-for-4) sparked at the plate in the loss.

The Wolverines plated 11 seventh-inning runs to win Game 2 by a lop-sided margin. Pierson notched the mound win with three innings of solid work.

The Walker brothers — Ethan and Daniel — closed out the game.

Pierson swung a hot bat in the 20-run win, going 4-for-6 with three runs and three RBI. Cameron LeRoy (3-for-5, two RBI) and Ty Majeski (3-for-4) also punished the Huron Valley pitchers.

**IGNITION**

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Milwaukee against Baltimore.

The Blast ousted the Wave in a two-match sweep.

Ignition coach Bob Lilley lamented his team's misfortune in the wake of a sequence of events that saw his team soundly outplay Monterrey at the both ends of the field for 60 minutes before succumbing to Alvarez's heroics with 3:51 left in the first overtime.

"It's very frustrating to lose because I thought we outplayed them in seven of the eight quarters in the two games," said Lilley, whose

team led 11-6 after three quarters of Game 1 before faltering late. "I thought the guys played great tonight. The (game-winning) goal was nobody's fault. The guy just made a great play."

Waltman was spectacular in the losing cause, stopping 23 shots, including four from point-blank range in the "Golden Goal" period.

The Ignition couldn't capitalize on two golden opportunities in overtime. With 11:27 left, Josh Rife hit the crossbar with a 20-yard laser.

Just under two minutes later, Birmingham native Ryan Mack controlled a pass from Worth Sampson, but his hard

shot from 18 yards out sailed high and wide left.

Detroit roared to a 7-0 first-half lead thanks to a two-pointer from Jamar Beasley. Mack's successful penalty kick with 6:33 left in the half and a triple from Rife at the 2:16 mark of the second quarter.

The hosts led 13-2 with 15 minutes to play thanks to third-quarter goals from Hewerton Moreira, Droo Callahan and Valid Assadpour.

Beasley, Callahan and Mike Apple found the back of the net for the Ignition in the final quarter.

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**PCA's Carnevale too fast for Baptist Park**

**PREP SOFTBALL**

On Saturday, in the first game of a double-header, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Taylor Baptist Park, 4-3, behind a stellar outing from senior Kristie Carnevale, who tossed a three-hit complete game with eight strikeouts and zero walks.

The victory improved the winners' record to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC Red Division.

The Eagles scored twice in the first on hits from Autumn McKenzie and Megan Greve. They extended their advantage to 3-1 in the fourth on Kristin Slater's RBI single.

Baptist Park knotted the game at 3-all in the top of the sixth, but PCA won in the bottom of the inning when Bethany Hale singled and

eventually scored on a passed ball.

"Kristie pitched great," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "Thanks to hard work, she's really improved since last season. She's only walked five batters in five games. Last year, she may have walked five batters in one inning."

**PCA 13, BAPTIST PARK 3:** In the second game of Saturday's double-header, Carnevale limited BP to five hits and two walks while striking out 10 in a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened game.

The hitting stars for the winners were McKenzie (2-for-3, double, three RBI), Carnevale (3-for-4, double, two RBI) and

Hale (3-for-4, double, three RBI).

"The girls really came to play today," said Hammar. "The first game was very important because it counted in the league standings and Baptist Park had their No. 1 pitcher out there. We never let down even a little today, which was nice to see."

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 17, PCA 8:** On April 17, the Eagles lost despite a 3-for-4, three-RBI effort from Carnevale, who struck out nine and walked two in a solid effort on the mound.

"Even though we lost, I'm encouraged because that's the first time we've scored more than five runs against Southfield Christian in five years," said Hammar.

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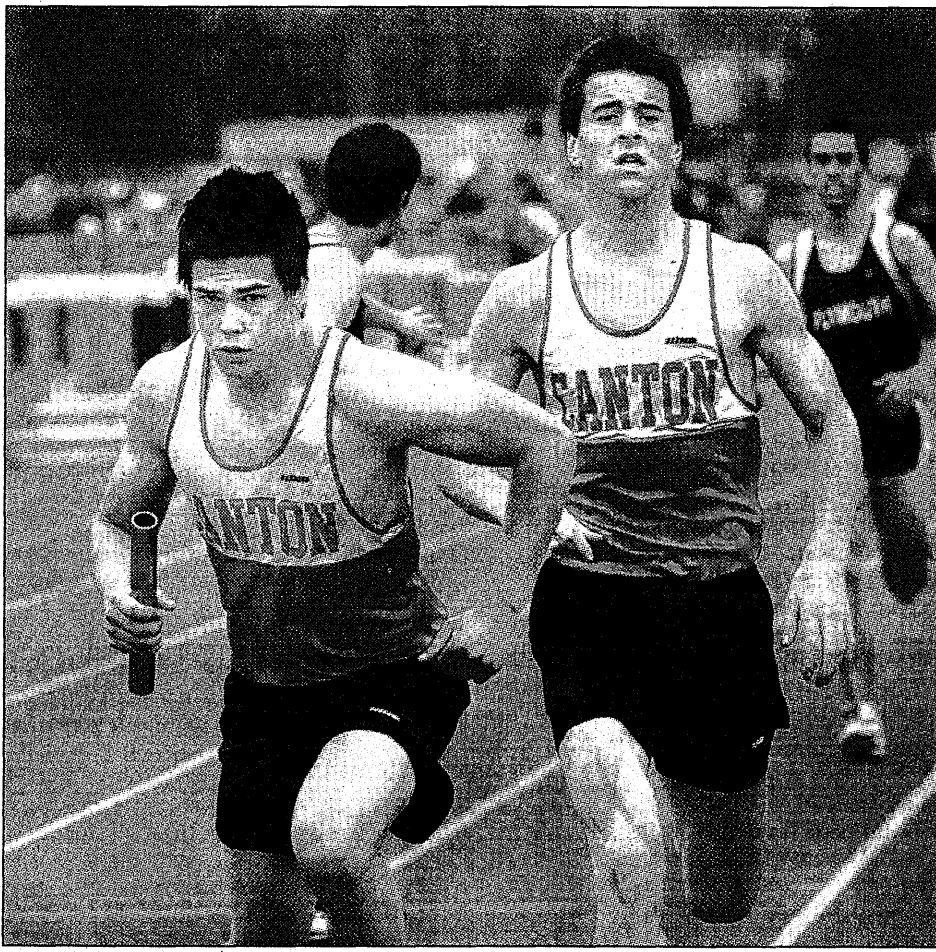
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Canton's Josh Hurst takes the baton from teammate Keith Zech in the 3,200-meter relay at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. The Chiefs won the event in 8:18.5.



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**CANTON**  
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Several Chiefs brought a smile to Richardson's face Tuesday, including senior speedster Eric Piwowar, who has overcome a string of debilitating leg injuries to place first in the 200-meter dash and second in the 100. Other first-place Canton showings were turned in by pole vaulter Chris McGinnis (13 feet, 6 inches), discus thrower Jason Foster (125 feet), 300-meter hurdler Sherif Hassanien (39.9 seconds) and the 3,200-meter relay quartet of Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst and Paul Rakovitis. The runner-up Rocks were sparked by distance standout

Kevin deBear, who won the 1,600-meter run in 4:33.0 and the 3,200 in 9:58.7; and field-events star Jace Bearden, who won the long jump (20-8) and the high jump (6-4). Mike Hanchett (400), Kyle Wallath (800) and Connor McKinney (100) all took first in their respective events for the Wildcats. Plymouth also broke the tape first in three of the four relays.

**BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL CITY MEET**  
TUESDAY AT PCEP VARSITY STADIUM

**BOYS RESULTS**  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 70; 2. Salem, 55; 3. Plymouth, 50.  
**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Paul Rakovitis), 8:18.5; 2. Plymouth, 8:33.5; 3. Salem, 9:00.7.  
**100 high hurdles:** 1. Mike Giles (S), 15.9; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 16.7; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 16.9; 4. Sherif Hassanien (C), 18.1.  
**100 dash:** 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.2; 2. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.5; 3. Rico Tyus (P), 11.5; 4. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.5.  
**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:33.5; 2.

Canton, 1:33.9; 3. Salem, 1:36.4.  
**1,600 runs:** 1. Kevin deBear (S), 4:33.0; 2. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:36.9; 3. Josh Hurst (C), 4:39.7; 4. Mike Charara (S), 4:40.5.  
**400 relays:** 1. Plymouth, 44.2; 2. Canton, 44.6; 3. Salem, 45.5.  
**400 dash:** 1. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.6; 2. Stephen Telenko (S), 52.9; 3. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.3; 4. Ken Lomske (P), 53.9.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 39.9; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 40.2; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 41.2; 4. Mike Giles (S), 43.0.  
**800 run:** 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:02.9; 2. Scott Zech (C), 2:06.1; 3. Justin Huey (P), 2:06.4; 4. Keith Zech (C), 2:06.5.  
**200 dash:** 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.3; 2. Pat Patin (S), 23.7; 3. Ryan Randall (C), 24.0; 4. Ocie Lewis (C), 24.2.  
**3,200 run:** 1. Kevin deBear (S), 9:58.7; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:03.1; 3. Craig Cowing (S), 10:11.2; 4. Jason Smith (S), 10:13.9.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 3:33.4; 2. Canton, 3:35.7; 3. Salem, 3:37.9.  
**Discus:** 1. Foster (C), 125 feet; 2. Courtney Frazier (S), 124.9; 3. Choma (P), 113.7; 4. Cory Gomoll (P), 109.0.  
**High jump:** 1. Jace Bearden (S), 6-4; 2. Gaskell (S), 6-2; 3. (tie) Spreitzer (C) and Zech (C), 5-6.  
**Long jump:** 1. Jace Bearden (S), 20-8; 2. Ocie Lewis (C), 20-7; 3. Connor McKinney (P), 20-5; 4. Brandon Roberts (P), 19-0.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-6; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-6; 3. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-0; 4. Gage Hermann (C), 10-6.  
**Shot put:** 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 46-7.2; Ed Merhi (S), 44-10.5; 3. Richards (P), 44-1; 4. Cory Gomoll (P), 43-2.

**'Cats, Chiefs fare well at Elks Relays**

The Plymouth and Canton boys track-and-field teams both turned in stellar efforts at Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays, which were held at Dearborn High School. The Wildcats placed fourth in the 12-team event with 25 points. Canton was sixth with 19. Adrian won the competition with 47 points, five more than runner-up Novi Catholic Central. Plymouth set school records in the 1,600-meter relay as the foursome of Malik Rich, Kyle Wallath, Ken Lomske and Mike Hanchett blazed around the oval four times in 3:31.9. Coach Kurt Britnell's 400-meter relay quartet of Connor McKinney, Hanchett, Rico Tyus and Rich also set the school mark of 43.1 seconds in that event. Plymouth also placed fifth in the high jump

with a combined effort of 16 feet, 6 inches. Canton placed second in the pole vault, high jump and 6,400-meter relay. Rocks in Mansfield Salem's boys track-and-field team traveled to Mansfield, Ohio last weekend for the Mansfield Invitational, a 73-team, two-day event. The Rocks' points came in the 6,400-meter relay when the foursome of Alex Lang, Mike Charara, Matt Devey and Craig Cowing placed fourth with a time of 19:40.1. Other strong efforts were turned in by high jumper Zack Gaskell (6 feet), 110-meter hurdler Mike Giles (16.3 seconds), 1,600-meter runner Kevin deBear (4:39.0); 200-meter runner Pat Patin (24.33) and Cowing in the 800 (2:13.5).

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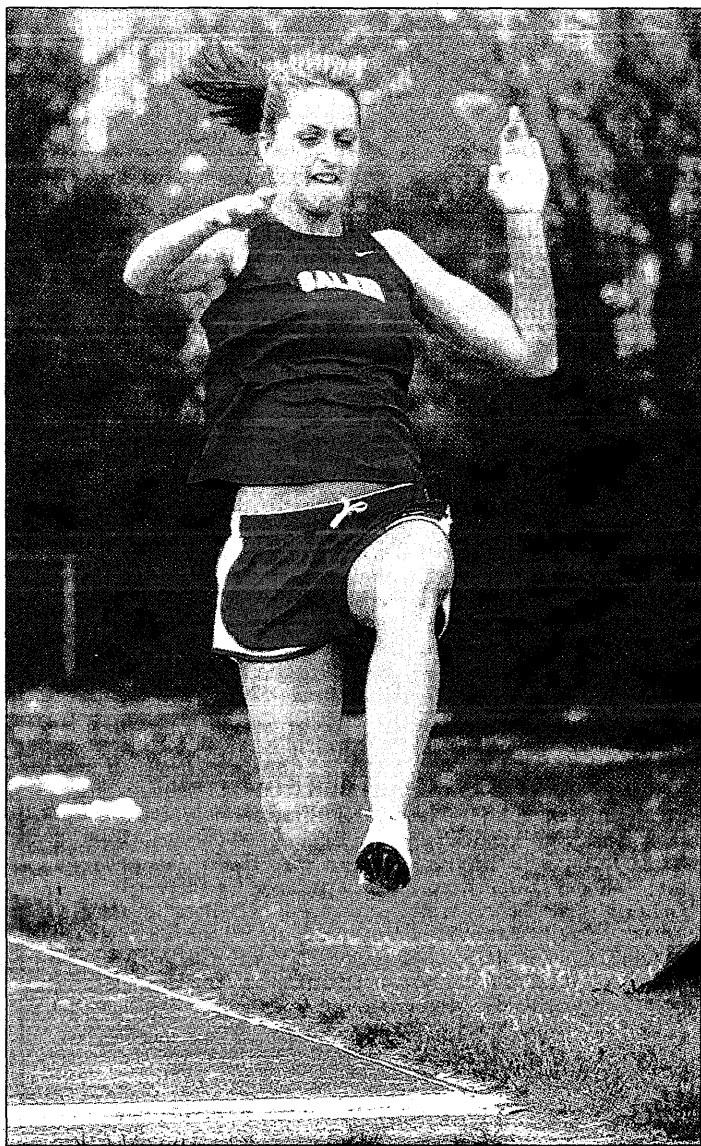
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Salem's Caitlin Heaney gives it her full effort during the long jump at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. The Rocks won the meet.

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trail all afternoon by earning six individual firsts and a pair of relay victories. Stephanie Okolo was the Wildcats' lone double-winner as she captured both the 100 (12.7) and the 200 (26.7). Plymouth also received first-place efforts from long-jumper Jill Morton (15-10), shot-putter Tyler Buchanan (29-5.75), pole-vaulter Beah Knisely (8-6) and 3,200-meter runner Molly Slavins (11:58.4). Earning first-place points for the Chiefs were 100-meter hurdler Ashley Hoener (17.5) and high jumper Lindsay Lipa (4-11).

**100 high hurdles:** 1. Ashley Hoener (C), 17.5; 2. Madaline Vala (S), 18.0; 3. Mandy McManus (P), 18.7; 4. Jenna Hamed (P), 20.0.  
**100 dash:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12.7; 2. Deja Wright (S), 13.0; 3. Lindsay Lipa (C), 13.2; 4. Ciara Williams (C), 13.4.  
**800 relay:** 1. Salem, 1:51.8; 2. Canton, 1:53.7.  
**1,600 run:** 1. Kelly Determan (S), 5:40.5; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:42.5; 3. Victoria Tripp (S), 5:54.4; 4. Paula Green (P), 6:08.7.  
**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 51.7; 2. Canton, 51.8; 3. Salem, 57.3.  
**400 dash:** 1. Deja Wright (S), 1:03.6; 2. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04.3; 3. Rocheleau (S), 1:05.0; 4. Schmidt (C), 1:06.6.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Madeline Vala (S), 51.0; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 52.4; 3. Ashley Hoener (C), 52.4; 4. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.3.  
**800 run:** 1. Kelly Determan (S), 2:31.8; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:34.2; 3. Etleva Mema (P), 2:39.4; 4. Abigail Gosalaki (C), 2:39.7.  
**200 dash:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 26.7; 2. Deja Wright (S), 28.2; 3. Kacie Parker (P), 28.9; 4. Paige Regular (S), 29.1.  
**3,200 run:** 1. Molly Slavins (P), 11:58.4; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:51.9; 3. Kelly Determan (S), 13:05.4; 4. Lauren Ahearn (P), 13:07.8.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Salem, 4:22.2; 2. Canton, 4:24.2; 3. Plymouth, 4:31.5.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Beah Knisely (P), 8-6; 2. Emily Voglewede (S), 6-0; 3. Leah Hunter (C), 6-0; 4. Megan Paruta (S), 6-0.  
**High jump:** 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-11; 2. Kelly Determan (S), 4-6; 3. Y. Belikov (S), 4-3; 4. Candy Knisely (P), 4-3.  
**Long jump:** 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-10; 2. Linda Ling (S), 15-3; 3. Paige Regular (S), 14-9; 4. Ciara Williams (C), 14-6.  
**Discus:** 1. Ashley Benton (S), 89-9.5; 2. White (S), 85-10; 3. Fellows (S), 77-11.5; 4. McLeay (P), 76-3.5.  
**Shot put:** 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 29-5.75; 2. Douglas (C), 29-0; 3. McLeay (P), 29-0; 4. Fellows (S), 26-10.5.

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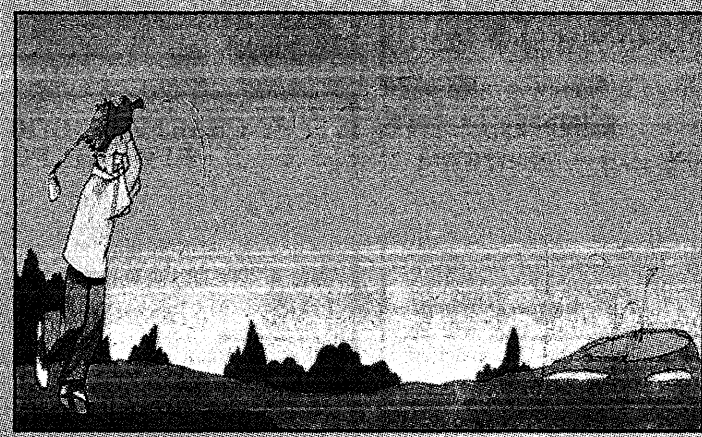
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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
 Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
 PCA at Parkway Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Milan at Salem (DH), 11 a.m.  
 PCA at Lake Orion Baptist (DH), 4 p.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
 Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Canton and Plymouth at Chelsea Invitational, TBA  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 26**  
 Canton at Brighton Tournament, TBA  
 Salem at A.A. Huron Invite, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
 Plymouth at Canton, 3:30 p.m.  
 Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Salem at Raider Relays, 4 p.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3 p.m.  
 Salem at Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
**PREP LACROSSE**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
 Canton at Hartland, 6 p.m.  
 Salem at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Ypsilanti at Canton, 3 p.m.  
 Belleville at Salem, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.

TENNIS RESULTS

**CANTON 4**  
**W.L. CENTRAL 4**  
 (MONDAY AT CANTON)  
**No. 1 singles:** Erica Rouleau (WLC) defeated Ashley Madau, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Janelle Burdiss (C) def. Stephanie Indianer, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Sarui Yoshida (WLC) def. Johanna Alexander, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4; **No. 4:** Lis Slusher (WLC) def. Janelle Karinen, 6-4, 6-2.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Sara Johnson-Madison Bartlett (WLC) def. Gunjan Malhotra-Katie Schwenn, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Amy Provost-Emily Misko (C) def. Nicole Melita-Alicia Segnitz, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Jessica Reed-Kathleen Marcinkowski (C) def. Mackenzie Conn-Luong-Vicki Chen (C) def. Melissa Kosky-Rena Molnar, 6-3, 6-2.

**SALEM 8**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0**  
 (MONDAY AT CHURCHILL)  
**No. 1 singles:** Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Lucy Klanko, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Allie Carpenter (S) def. Katelyn Forster, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Jessica McClain, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Kelly Felner-Jenna Zuccarini, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Lauren Vella-Mikki Fata, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Emily Hayter-Jennifer Hunsaker (S) def. Danielle Vasko-Cortney Bennett, 7-6(3), 7-5; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Brianna Devlin-Val Rose, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.  
**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 4-1.



College-bound pitcher

Canton senior William Tidwell recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Hillsdale College beginning with the 2008-09 season. Tidwell, a first baseman and pitcher, is currently 2-0 for the 5-5 Chiefs. He's also lettered in basketball and football.

Canton lacrosse team sinks Lakeland, 8-3

Canton's boys lacrosse team used a balanced scoring attack to defeat host Huron Valley Lakeland, 8-3, Monday night. "It took a while to get the feel of the turf — we had some unlucky bounces — but we stayed with them and came alive in the third quarter," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. After scoring three first-quarter goals, the Titans were shut out by Canton keeper Justin Scott.

Canton cut its deficit to 3-2 at the half thanks to goals from Kyle Dunleavy and Scott Wisniewski. The Chiefs grabbed the lead for good thanks to third-quarter net-finders from Wisniewski, Mark Barath and Joey Underwood.

Joey Underwood and Jake Underwood (two) added insurance goals in the fourth quarter. **W.L. NORTHERN 13, PLYMOUTH 11:** On Monday, the host Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead and hung on for the dramatic victory. Northern led 4-3 after one quarter, 6-5 at the break and 9-7 with 15 minutes to play.

"The team fought the entire game -- we did not give up at all, even when we were down three early. We had some momentum in the second half, but we didn't make Northern pay for their stick penalty."

**PCS LADY WARRIORS 14, HARTLAND 5:** On Monday, the Lady Warriors turned a tight 4-2 halftime lead into a rout thanks to Chelsea Olson's four goals.

The victory improved the Lady Warriors' record to 5-1. "During half-time, I didn't have to say much -- the captains took over motivating the team by letting them know they were playing Hartland's game and not at the speed we play," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I was pleased that we were able to turn it up a notch even though we were missing our leading scorer, Kate Spangler."

Also netting multiple goals for the winners were Lauryn Ebersole (three), Morgan Franke (two) and Jessica Murray (two). Single-goal scorers for PCS were Megan Burke, Laura Hahn and Natalie Sitko.

Three goalies saw time between the pipes for PCS: Caitlin Andrews, Lauren Miller and Nicole Rettell.

Notification is given that The Huntington National Bank, 17 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on April 24, 2008, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a branch at 47152 Michigan Ave., Canton, Michigan 48188. Popular name: Canton - Michigan & Beck. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60605 or mail to: [CustomerAssistance@occ.treas.gov](mailto:CustomerAssistance@occ.treas.gov) within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 for the following:

RADIO SYSTEM EVALUATION PROJECT CONSULTANT SERVICES

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed qualifications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008 for the following:

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF CELL BLOCK AND BOOKING AREA

Qualifications may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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.

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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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 for the following:

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS SERVICE & EQUIPMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 for the following:

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step, \$28,695; Growth Works, \$6,225; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7,360; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,940; Revival Outreach Center, \$2,000; Leisure Services arts education project, \$1,225; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$45,000; CDBG program administration, \$70,000; Affordable Housing Contingency, \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction April 29, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd. Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1995	OLDS	ACHIEVA	4 DR	1G3NL15M2SM344620
1986	FORD	RANGER	P/U	1FTCR15T8GPB75402
1996	DODGE	VAN	VAN	2B6HB21YXTK190281
1992	CHEVY	SUBURBAN		1GNEC16KXN351728
1990	FORD	PROBE	2 DR	1ZVPT21U8L5210966
1997	DODGE	NEON	4 DR	1B3ES47Y3VD253446
1995	BUICK	REGAL	4 DR	2G4WB52L7S1422357
1988	FORD	ESCORT	2 DR	1FAPP2190JW22989

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 15, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Brad Sharp, Deb Billrey-Honsowetz, Abe Vinitzki, Sean Fletcher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE** Discussion on Strategic Plan, Master Plan, Barlett-Travis House, Revisions to Park Ordinance and Phase III Summit Expansion. **Item 2. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION** Discussion on proposed new term compensation package for elected officials. Other: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. First Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188 **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval. Publish: April 24, 2008

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from Packaging Corporation of America, 1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045 for their property located at 936 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan more specifically identified as follows:

TAX ID #49-008-02-0006-001: Lots 6 to 15, inclusive, except the west part thereof measuring 18.2 feet on the south line of lot 6 and 29 feet on the north line of Lot 15, also adjacent vacant valley, also Lots 16 to 21, inclusive, also the west one-half of the adjacent vacant street, Auburn Addition to Plymouth Heights, T1SR8E L31P58WCR.

The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment with an estimated cost of \$5,875,000. The certificate would result in the abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied, except for the State Education Tax, on the estimated State Equalized and Taxable Valuation of \$2,937,500, for a maximum period of ten (10) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad-valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of an IPT Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

Linda J. Langmesser  
 City Clerk

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# Prep golfers ready to hit fairways after long layoff

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## PREP GOLF PREVIEWS

If you think your golf off-season seemed to drag on forever, you should get a load of the one the area's high school boys golf teams were forced to endure.

Local prep golfers have been idle — at least in terms of competing at the high school level — since the fall of 2006 thanks to the change of seasons that affected six sports.

Whoever can shake off the rust the fastest will be the teams that should contend for a conference title.

Following are previews on the area's boys golf teams.

### CANTON

The Chiefs have a nucleus of six solid linksters, according to coach Tom Alles.

"We're pretty balanced so far," said Alles. "We don't really have a No. 1 guy, but we have six solid players."

The team will be captained by senior Clark Albers, who qualified for the Division 1 individual state meet as a junior. The straight-driving Albers was also a key contributor to the Chiefs' hockey team in the winter.

Another senior who should contribute plenty to the Chiefs' fortunes this spring is Kendall Persons, who has improved markedly after spending most of his junior season on the junior-varsity squad.

Canton's two key juniors are Jeremy Lindlbauer and Andrew Rickerman, both of whom earned varsity letters as sophomores.

Rounding out the core of the team's line-up are sophomores Zach Conrad, who was the medalist at the season-opening Brighton Invitational on Monday; and Brendan Muir, who Alles expects big things from this season.

### PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats are blessed with a deep and talented roster as they head into the 2008 campaign.

"It will be very competitive this year to earn one of the 12 varsity spots for each match, however, I believe that each young man has the ability to do so," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore.

Leading the Wildcats will be seniors Kyle Eisiminger and Kyle Sanders, both of whom earned varsity letters as juniors. Other key returners include Nate Conroy, Andrew Overmeyer, Ryan Bauer and James Bryans.

"Each of these returners has the ability to shoot some low scores," Moore said.

Other returners include Tyler Bergquist, Justin Smith and Max Pardikes.

New-comers who could make an impact on the squad include Trevor

Bidwell, Zack Vojcek, Justin Bauer and Nick Conroy.

The Wildcats' roster is filled out by: Tyler Sanders, Jay Thomas, Mike Runyan, Justin Congdon, Donald Henry, David Titus, Joe Klonowski, Mark Thompson, Tommy Dean and Andrew Kwiciczen.

### SALEM

Pacing the Rocks' attack will be proven seniors Tyler Jeleniewski and Joel Cheesman, both of whom have had a taste of playing in the Division 1 state tournament.

"I'm expecting a lot of consistency out of those two," said Salem coach Rick Wilson, whose team finished 6-5 last season.

The team's No. 3 player is expected to be sophomore Aaron Thompson, who earned a varsity letter as a freshman and has "really improved" since the fall of 2006, according to Wilson.

A trio of juniors figure to play key roles: Eddie Mazorwicz, Adam Powers and Matt Snidebush. Freshman Josh Perrin and juniors Chris Leib and Alex Murray will also provide the Rocks with plenty of depth.

"Northville should be strong again along with Livonia Churchill, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Northern," said Wilson, when asked to assess the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

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## Canton's Conrad sparkles at Brighton golf tourney

Judging by his performance at Monday's Brighton Invitational, the future is bright for Canton sophomore golfer Zach Conrad.

Conrad earned medalist honors at the talent-rich event as he fired a career-best 71 before besting a pair of other golfers in a playoff.

Overall, the Chiefs placed fourth in the 19-team field, which pleased coach Tom Alles.

"It was a very encouraging way to start the season, especially for Zach," said Alles. "He said it's the lowest round he's ever shot. He's capable of shooting a good round every time he goes out there."

The tournament was played at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton.

Saline won with a score of 298. Canton was fourth with 305 while Plymouth netted 16th with a 340.

In addition to Conrad, scoring for Canton were Andrew Rickerman (78), Brendan Muir (77), Jeremy Lindlbauer (79) and Clark Albers (82).

Plymouth's scorers were Kyle Sanders (79), Kyle Eisiminger (84), Nate Conroy (88), Andrew Overmeyer (89) and James Bryant (92).

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PLYMOUTH'S SCORERS: Ryan Bauer, 38; James Bryans, 39; Kyle Eisiminger, 41; Andrew Overmeyer, 41; Kyle Sanders, 43; and Nate Conroy, 48.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; Western, 1-1.

# Baseball Crusaders clinch WHAC title

Canton's Shawn Little drove in two runs with a first-inning single Sunday to jump-start Madonna University's baseball team to a doubleheader sweep against Aquinas College to clinch the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship.

Host MU took game one 2-0 before closing out the sweep with a 3-0 win in the night cap. With the wins the Crusaders are now 29-12 overall and 16-4 in WHAC play. The Saints fall to 14-23 overall and 6-12 in loop action.

In the opener, Madonna scored all of the runs it would need in the third inning as Drew Adamiec (Walled Lake) led off with a single.

Levi Cheshire (Troy) followed two batters later with a double to move courtesy runner Mike Ganser to third for Little, who delivered a single to left that scored both Cheshire and Ganser for a 2-0 MU lead.

Madonna starter Eric Wendling had allowed just three hits heading into the top of the seventh but back-to-back walks forced head coach Greg Haeger to go to his bullpen and bring in closer John McCracken to try and nail down the save.

McCracken did just that, as a pair of fielder's choices erased two Saints and McCracken took care of the final out himself, striking out pinch hitter Kennon Less for the

third out and his team best seventh save of the season.

Wendling picked up his third win of the season against just one loss. Marc Sobota took the loss for AQ, falling to 0-3. Cheshire was the only Crusader with multiple hits while Little provided the RBIs with his pair.

### GAME TWO

The night cap saw Madonna put up a run in the bottom of the first inning as Cheshire hit a one-out triple to the base of the wall in center and came home on a single by Farmington's Kevin Zerbo for the 1-0 lead.

Crusader starter Richard

Lindquist worked himself out of trouble in the second, using a strike out and a fielder's choice to over come a single and an MU error to keep the game 1-0 in favor of Madonna.

After Lindquist allowed back-to-back hits to open the sixth, Haeger again went to the pen and brought in Carl McDevitt (Canton). The senior righty used two fielder's choices — the first erased the lead runner, Less and the second erased Kevin Scholten — before Todd Peters grounded out to Pat Kenny at third to end the inning and keep it 1-0 MU and give McDevitt a hold.

The Madonna bats gave the

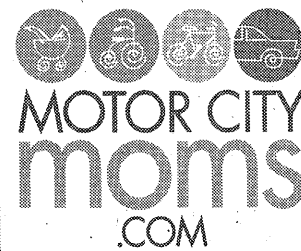
pitching staff a little insurance in the bottom of the inning as Little led off with a single to left and stole second.

After Kenny was given the intentional free pass, Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) singled to score Little and make it 2-0. Zack McMillin singled home Kenny for a 3-0 MU lead heading into the seventh.

Haeger called upon McCracken for the second time on the day and the senior induced Jon Good into a ground out and struck out pinch hitter Jon Weltin and Jon Morse for the final two outs to give the Crusaders the WHAC title, their third in four seasons.

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FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R)  
12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40  
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STREET KINGS (R) SUN-WED 7:35, 10:00  
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13)  
SUN, MON-WED 11:10, 7:20  
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 11:50, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00  
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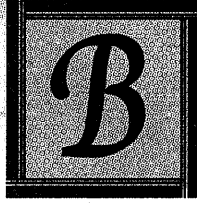
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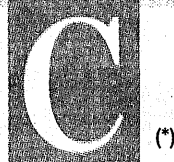
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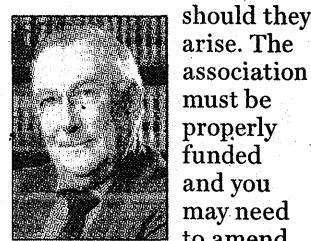
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## BBB warns against small business loan scams

## Redraft documents, boost funds

**Q. I am on a homeowners association and we need our documents revised as they are over 30 years old. Unfortunately, we only collect \$25 a year in assessments. What can we do to correct the situation?**

**A.** Hopefully your documents allow the board to increase the assessment. With such a low annual assessment, the association is not in the position to deal with bylaw enforcement or collection matters,



Robert Meisner

should they arise. The association must be properly funded and you may need to amend your documents to give the board additional latitude with respect to collecting monies to protect the integrity of the community. You should engage in an attorney familiar with community association law to assist you in redrafting your documents, including the ability to increase the revenue for the association.

**Q. Are you aware of a question concerning whether condos, co-ops, etc., are subject to the Michigan business tax classifying the assessments as "gross receipts," and whether it requires the association to pay taxes on it? Do you have any information?**

**A.** The question is up in the air, and preliminary discussions with the state have suggested that it may be wrong in regard to assessing co-ops. As to condos, to the extent that they were incorporated under the 1982 Nonprofit Corporation Act, there may be no wording exempting them from application to the tax. The state has been asked to issue an opinion on this. You are advised to consult and contact your legislators to make sure that condominiums and co-ops are exempt from having to pay any Michigan business tax.

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

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Better Business Bureau officials, citing the current credit crunch, are seeing small businesses forced to search for alternative funding sources. The BBB warns that business owners are becoming victims of fraud when using the Internet for loans and grants.

BBB Serving Eastern Michigan spokesman Tim Burns said, "The scam artists are always looking for a way to take current affairs and events and use them to their advantage. They're working that angle to make an easy buck."

Dishonest lenders can make a Web site look legitimate when it's not, noted Clawson resident Burns. He recommends potential borrowers check with the BBB "to see if there has been a pattern of complaints against them."

He and colleagues have been seeing people having difficult times in this economy. "When they have a hand stretched out to them, they're looking at it as an opportunity."

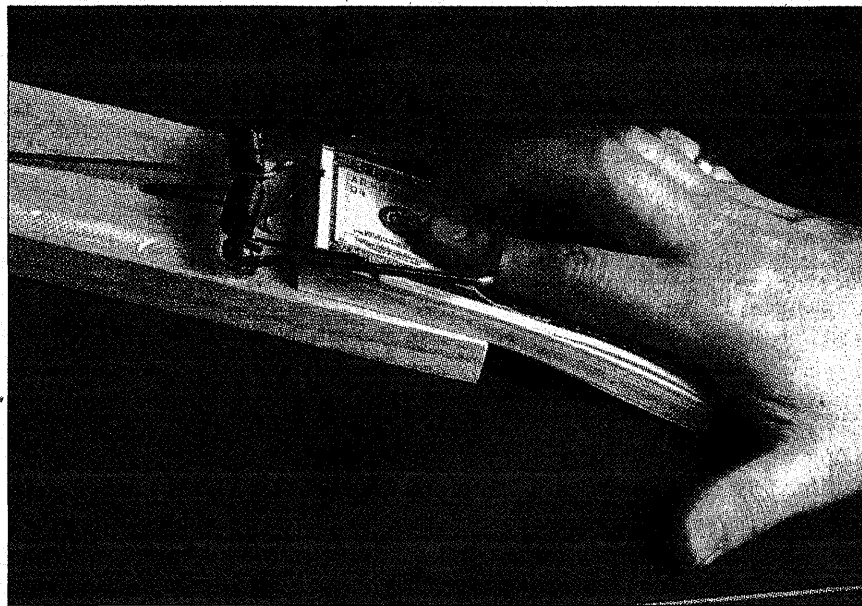
If you pay upfront, most likely you won't get anything back in return, Burns warned.

Watch out for people who want to avoid normal channels of a loan applications, he said, and watch out for unsecured loans. If you have trouble getting a credit card for your business through traditional channels and then get an offer, "you have to check and see what's going on."

"The Internet provides a perfect stage for fraud because bad actors in the loan industry can easily portray a professional image that provides unsuspecting small business owners with a false sense of trust," Burns said.

Clarence Sanders, who owns an insurance agency in Southfield, signed up for the National Small Business Alliance, a problem area seen recently by the BBB. "They said I had a certain amount of time to study the material. I asked for my money back and never heard another word from them," Sanders said.

"I would highly recommend they stay



away from it," Sanders said of advice he has for other businesses. He reported his problem to the BBB but didn't get a refund that had been promised.

Following are examples of recent loan and grant offers BBB has identified as taking advantage of small business owners locally and nationwide:

### NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The BBB has received more than 1,100 complaints from 49 states and the District of Columbia about the National Small Business Alliance ([www.natsba.com](http://www.natsba.com)). Complainants state they were initially contacted by phone or e-mail and told they were preapproved for a credit line of \$8,000 for a one-time membership fee of \$99 to \$149. Despite what complainants were led to believe by representatives of the company, the "credit line" is not a small business loan, but rather, is collectively comprised of coupons, discounts, and offers made by participating vendors to purchase goods and services such as computers or travel arrangements using credit terms. Complainants say the company continues to deduct money from their bank account without their permission and does not refund money as promised.

The National Small Business Alliance currently has an "Unsatisfactory" rating from the BBB for its continued failure to resolve the pattern of deceptive marketing, misrepresentation, false advertising, and unauthorized debits.

BBB advises: Small business owners should be extremely cautious when providing bank account numbers and insist on reviewing all details of any offer before making a buying decision and signing a contract. Prior to entering into an agreement, small owners can always check out a potential creditor, partner or vendor's reliability report with BBB. BBB Reliability Reports™ are free and available online at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

"It's more of a coupon for businesses they're associated with," Burns said of the National Small Business Alliance. Those promised a refund locally he's checked with haven't received it.

"That's one example of many that are out there that people should be aware of," Burns said.

### CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMS, OTHERS

In 2007, and so far in 2008, BBBs across the U.S. have received hundreds of complaints from small business owners who were burned by online offers to

receive government grant money. Using spam e-mails to drive traffic to professional looking Web sites, fraudulent companies have promised to help small business owners rake in thousands of dollars in government grants to start or expand their businesses. As part of the scheme, small business owners have been required to pay several hundred dollars via wire or money order, but then never heard from the phony companies again.

Capital Funding Programs ([www.capitalfundingprograms.com](http://www.capitalfundingprograms.com)), purportedly of Champlain, N.Y., is one such company. Since September of 2007, 34 victims from 23 states have filed complaints with the BBB after losing more than \$400 each.

BBB advises: Business owners can research free information on government grant programs at the U.S. government Web site, [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). If a company does qualify for a grant of some type, the U.S. government does not request payment as part of the application review or grant award process.

"They're not providing anything of value that you couldn't get on your own," Burns said. Don't wire money or send via money order, as such transactions are hard to trace and/or cancel, he recommended.

"Those are the red flags," he said of such transactions. "You should be cautious."

For more information on the businesses mentioned in this release or additional BBB advice on how small businesses and consumers can avoid fraud when seeking loans and grants, on- and off-line, go to [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org). The phone is (248) 644-9100, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

"You can talk to one of our consumer agents who can handle inquiries," Burns said. You can also enter company information into the automated system, or look it up on the BBB Web site 24 hours a day.

"We know the economy's tough." The BBB works to make sure problems don't become worse, Burns said.

## Stoskopf takes helm for BIA, AAM

On April 9, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) welcomed Michael C. Stoskopf as their new executive vice president. He was selected by a search committee responsible for identifying only the seventh executive officer in BIA's 80-year history. The position had been filled by Irvin H. Yackness from July 1951 until his death in July 2007.

"In Michael we have found a dynamic leader to guide our members and this industry toward a positive future," said Peter Burton, Burton-Katzman Development, BIA past president and search committee member. "He has the clear vision, compelling energy and extensive experience that will help us face the challenges of economic recovery and growth. We are fortunate to have him on board."

"As a Michigan native," said Stoskopf, "I have a strong sense of pride in our state and everything it has to offer. While the challenges we face are taking their toll, residential construction and remodeling are a vital engine for leading Michigan's economic recovery. BIA members will be at the heart of this recovery."

Stoskopf has more than 22 years of business management, business development and marketing experience. The past seven years have



Stoskopf

been spent in the construction industry, most recently with Granger Construction in Lansing, Mich. "Beyond the friendships and professional relationships I developed across Michigan while at Granger, I have also gained a much deeper appreciation for the professionalism, skill and quality that Michigan's construction industry — both residential and commercial — offers its clients," he said. "The most exciting aspect of my new role is having the opportunity to lead an experienced staff and engaged membership focused on proactively addressing the economic challenges and exciting trends that will reinvent the home-building and the light commercial marketplace for the better."

Prior to joining Granger's management team in 2004, he held various positions with the Lockheed Martin Corp., the MITRE Corp. and the U.S. Air Force. He earned a B.S. in applied mathematics from Michigan State University in 1985. Stoskopf originally hails from St. Clair Shores.

While at Granger, he was involved with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, MichBio, Michigan Association of Physical

Plant Administrators, Construction Owners of America Association, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and the Lean Construction Institute.

"My career has taken me to six different states where I've been both a renter and a homeowner. I've also seen firsthand how different locales have redefined themselves as the result of economic downturns. I'm counting on these perspectives to help me in guiding our Associations' membership toward better times," he said.

Stoskopf currently lives in the Lansing area with his wife of 22 years, Wendi, and their two children, ages 14 and 16. When he is not working he enjoys time with his family, travel and sports. "I love to play hockey, basketball and golf and I am a lifelong fan of Detroit's sports teams."

"BIA and AAM have a legacy of doing many great things for their members and the industry they serve," he said. "I look forward to working with the Association Board, Executive Committee and staff to establish and communicate the vision and strategies that will benefit our membership and their customers for years to come. As one staff member aptly summed it up, 'We're helping people make their dreams come true!'" he added. "Who wouldn't want to be part of that?"

### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 2-4, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	6861 Bunkerhill Ln \$160,000	<b>Milford</b>	864 Annie Lang Dr \$172,000
43759 Cranford Ave \$183,000	<b>Northville</b>	17540 Maple Hill Dr \$318,000	
45426 Embassy Ct \$175,000	20121 Silver Spring Dr \$108,000	16322 Westminister Dr \$345,000	
2038 Preserve Cir W \$188,000	<b>Novi</b>	45920 Ashford Cir \$525,000	
2589 River Woods Dr N \$309,000	25016 Avon Ct \$300,000	47625 Cheltenham Dr \$140,000	
3425 Riverside Dr \$210,000	24972 Hadlock Dr \$762,000	24972 Hadlock Dr \$762,000	
2191 Woodmont Dr W \$192,000	25766 Laramie Dr \$395,000	41046 Malott \$196,000	
<b>Farmington</b>	42185 Park Ridge Rd \$187,000	25612 Portico Ln \$210,000	
31831 Grand River Ave \$33,000	24982 Samoset Ct \$545,000	27147 Victoria Rd \$85,000	
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	27231 Victoria Rd \$85,000	49650 W Nine Mile Rd \$115,000	
37985 Baywood Dr \$264,000	45797 Willingham Dr \$415,000	<b>Plymouth</b>	
31861 Belmont St \$185,000	413 Ann St \$375,000	415 Arthur St \$475,000	
30702 Club House Ln \$213,000	252 Blanche St \$170,000	47911 Brewster Ct \$300,000	
27598 E Echo Vly \$75,000	9097 Cobblestone Cir \$365,000	40647 Crabtree Ln \$209,000	
38652 Evonshire \$149,000	432 N Evergreen St \$200,000	19980 Norborne \$59,000	
36114 Hardenburg Rd \$328,000	<b>Redford</b>	19905 Seminole \$125,000	
31679 N Marklawn St \$159,000	11335 Woodbine \$93,000	<b>South Lyon</b>	
32600 Rockridge Ln \$915,000	435 Amelia Cir \$418,000	529 Whipple St \$88,000	
27990 W 11 Mile Rd \$170,000	<b>Westland</b>	1751 Ackley Ave \$108,000	
21245 Waldron St \$235,000			
28381 Wildwood Trl \$270,000			
<b>Garden City</b>			
31235 Barton St \$75,000			
30276 Elmwood St \$162,000			
29149 James St \$99,000			
33746 Marquette St \$158,000			
<b>Livonia</b>			
9834 Brookfield St \$140,000			
30418 Elmira St \$107,000			
32835 Fargo St \$45,000			
11318 Hillcrest St \$75,000			
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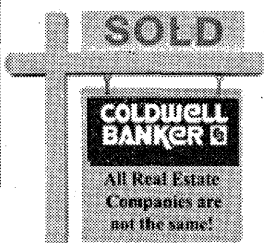
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**\$188,900 (P-766MA)**

**NO PLACE LIKE HOME...**  
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**\$184,900 (P-202LO)**

**WHAT A DEAL!!!**  
 Beautiful end unit w/2 bd, 2 baths, Great Rm w/cath ceil, roomy maple Kit w/all appl's, outstanding Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage, & great location.  
**\$120,000 (P-952EL)**

**AWESOME LOFT LIVING**  
 Downtown Plymouth condos w/soaring ceilings, granite island Kit's, all appl's, balcony & terrace's, tile baths, 1-3 bdms, & still time to choose colors.  
**Starting at \$199,900 (P-300HA)**

**BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO**  
 Over 2000 sq ft w/3 large bdms, 1st fl Master w/bath, all bdms have private bath, huge bonus room, 2 car Garage, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, large bsmt, & quiet Deck.  
**\$194,500 (P-568GL)**

**PARK LIKE SETTING**  
 A premium treed lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre.  
**\$430,000 (P-674CO)**

**BETTER THAN NEW**  
 Recently renovated col w/Pl/Cn schools. Shows like model w/tear off roof, gran counters, newer furn, C/A, humidifier, carpet, & more. Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.  
**\$223,850 (P-965GA)**

**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
 Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/shed, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence.  
**\$203,900 (P-815DO)**

**CANTON WELCOMES YOU**  
 Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral décor, open floor plan, hwd flrs, formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/frpl, brick paver Patio, close to xways & Summit Park. A must see!  
**\$269,900 (P-701SH)**

**GREAT LOCATION**  
 Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, bsmt, & motivated Seller!!  
**\$279,000 (P-331WO)**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**  
 Brick ranch in Westland w/Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 bas, part finished bsmt, hwd flrs, newer roof, fresh paint, Garage, & appl's stay. Price to sell.  
**\$122,000 (P-570AL)**

**BEST LOCATION IN SUB**  
 Awesome location backs to woods. Grmt isl kit w/corain, butlers pantry, & stain steel appl's. Glamour BA w/Jacuzzi tub, mstr w/cath ceil, upgraded crpt, W/O bsmt, & more.  
**\$429,900 (P-215BA)**

**CHECK THIS OUT!**  
 Buy this home and get a week stay at a beachfront Ft. Myers FL. Condo! When you get back you can move right in to this 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch w/too many updates to list!  
**\$139,000 (P-247MA)**

**MOVE TO THE LAKE!**  
 Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2800 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 BAs, maple cab's, GR w/frpl, mstr w/sit area & BA, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lake.  
**\$300,000 (P-515SA)**

**PRESTIGIOUS STEEPLCHASE**  
 5099 sq ft home is definitely a 10! 4 bd, 4 BA, gourmet Kit w/granite, conservatory, den, FR, crown moldings, dual staircases, daylight bsmt, & backs & sides to protected land.  
**\$725,000 (P-070CR)**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**  
 8570 ALPER, S OF JOY, W OF MERRIMAN

**BEST LOCATION IN SUB**  
 45215 BARTLETT, N OF 12 MILE RD, W OF NOVI RD

**CHECK THIS OUT!**  
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 18070 CRESTBROOK, N OF 6 MILE RD, W OF RIDGE

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 3948 GLORIA, S OF MICHIGAN AVE, W OF MERRIMAN

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 28961 GREEN CASTLE, S OF 12 MILE, E OF MIDDLEBELT

**PRESTIGIOUS STEEPLCHASE**  
 6913 CHIRREWA, S OF WARREN, W OF FARMINGTON

**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
 Very updated 3 bd bungalow w/new roof, siding, windows, exterior doors, Kit, bath, furnace, A/C, beautiful hwd floors, close to schools, parks, & Rec Center.  
**\$108,900 (P-948GL)**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
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**\$679,900 (P-746ME)**

**WAKL TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
 Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint, vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm, dining area, small animals welcome & unbeatable location.  
**\$116,500 (C-331PI)**

**MUST SEE!**  
 3 bd brick ranch w/2 fireplaces, dual staircase, 2 Kit's, newer windows, 2 grills for outside entertainment, hwd in most rooms, & nice Farm Hills location. Seller must sell!  
**\$235,000 (P-961GR)**

**LOVELY TRI-LEVEL**  
 3 bd, 2 bath tri-level w/newer Kit cabs, both baths updated, freshly painted, over 1500 sq ft, 2 car Garage, and Immed Occup.  
**\$135,000 (P-913CH)**

**WELL MAINTAINED**  
 3 bd brick ranch in lovely area featuring spacious rooms, hwd under carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt w/glass block & bath, lots of closets, & appl's stay.  
**\$115,000 (P-130JA)**

**MUST SEE!**  
 Stunning downtown Plymouth home w/custom features t/o. 3 bd, 3 bath, Maple Kit w/granite, Master w/tray ceiling, prof landscaping, & endless quality features t/o.  
**\$349,900 (P-911PA)**

**CONDO ON THE POND**  
 Imagine the view! Precious 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/very open floor plan, Great Rm w/frpl, walkout to scenic pond, welcoming décor, & so much more.  
**\$144,900 (P-052BO)**

**NORTHVILLE COLONIAL**  
 Fabulous 4 bd home w/great floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl & door to Deck w/hot tub, private fenced yard, granite Kit, fin bsmt, large Master w/his & her WIC's, & so much more.  
**\$305,000 (P-550SC)**

**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!  
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**CHARMING RANCH**  
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**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
 Completely updated 3 bd ranch in popular sub. New Carpet, Pergo, Fam Rm w/frpl, private court location backing to commons area, & so much more.  
**\$159,900 (P-869VI)**

**OUTSTANDING VALUE**  
 Newly renovated Canton ranch w/1400 sq ft, hwd flrs, modern black & white Kit, freshly painted, tastefully decorated, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & more  
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**BEAUTIFUL CONDO**  
 In walking distance to everything! Completely updated Kit, baths, furnace, C/A, hwh, interior doors, crown midg, finished bsmt, 2 bd, 2.5 baths, & neutral décor.  
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**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
 Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Over 2000 sq ft, bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, chef's Kit w/granite, 1/2 acre lot, & great location.  
**\$375,000 (C-964HA)**

**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)**

**EMERALD POINTE BEAUTY**  
 Squeaky clean 2 bd, 2 bath detached condo near shopping center & xways. Great Rm, formal DR, island Kit, open floor plan, Deck, 1400 sq ft, & home warranty.  
**\$125,900 (C-596DE)**

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"Mold in Homes, Defensive Briefing" presented by Matt Bezanon, a professional home inspector, will cover how to separate fact from hype, how to protect yourself from liability. It is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742 or visit [www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com).

**BIA**

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. Fees are \$15 per person for PMC, AAM and Building Industry Association members, \$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. 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. Fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or AAM 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 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. 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, 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.

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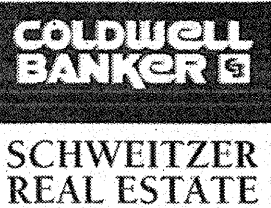
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# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Souffle ingredient
- Harsh calls
- Humerus neighbor
- Scratch or dent
- Territory
- Fastened
- Capitalize on
- Potato style
- Burger accompaniment
- Quick look
- Wind dir.
- Lettuce variety
- Machu Picchu founder
- Fiddle idly
- Very long time
- Blacktopped
- Ozarks st.
- Unusual
- Beat the field
- Cajun st.
- Shoals
- With, to Fritz
- Shade tree

**DOWN**

- Sweet wine
- Loophole
- Mall of America's st.
- Fictional government
- Keen
- Horses' gear
- creek
- Fat cat's friend
- Fiesta shouts
- Chair part
- Garment flaw
- Goddess of victory
- Agent's take
- Ostrich kin
- Nasty cut
- spoon diner
- Packing crate
- Equator segment
- Spear or club
- Auctions
- Visions
- Gloss target

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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**SUDOKU**

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Level: Beginner

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# SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
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C	O	N	V	E	R	S	E	D	C	
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O	U	S	I	U	Y	Y	B	T	F	
P	L	C	M	N	R	V	A	C	E	
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**THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.**

# SEEK AND FIND

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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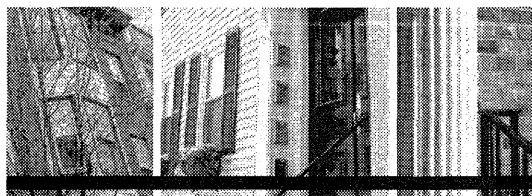
**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

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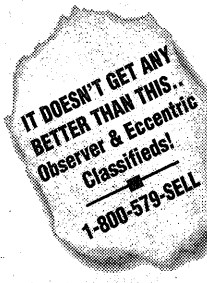
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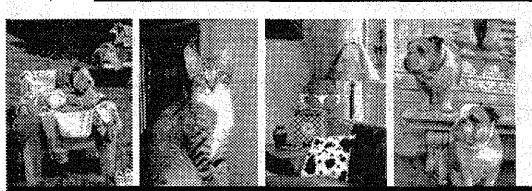
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**Announcements**  
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A Wayne MI band is in the detnews.com/battleofthebands, we need your votes to win. Ends May 3rd!  
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Exterior wooden door, 30" x 1 light. Lumber. 734-453-8449  
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**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080**  
**CANTON - FLEA MARKET**  
Royal Holiday Park Club-house. 39500 Warren, S of Haggerty, N of Hix. Fri. April 25th & Sat. April 26th, 9-3:30. Refreshments avail.  
**CLASSIFIEDS WORK!**  
**1-800-579-7355**  
**FARMINGTON ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**  
NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
36520 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, between Drake and Halsted. Friday, April 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, Bag Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Clothing, toys, books, sports equipment and much more!

**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080**  
**LIVONIA - ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
16360 Hubbard Rd. (First signal light W. of Merriman, btwn. 5 & 6 mile). Fri. April 25, 9am-4pm. and Sat. April 26, 9am-1:30pm. \$3.00 bag sale. 12:30-1:30.  
**Redford Aldersgate Church Annual Spring Rummage Sale.** April 26th 9-2pm. 10000 Beech Daily, Plymouth & W. Chicago.

**Local Events Online**  
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080**  
**ROCHESTER FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
1315 N. Pine, 2 bks. S. of Trienken, 1 blk. W. of Rochester Rd. Great bargains, visit our Royal Rummage Room. Fri, April 25, 9am-5pm. Early birds admitted at 8:30am for \$2. Sat., April 26, 9am-1pm. Brown bag \$3, 30 gal plastic bag \$8.  
**We always find the best stuff in the Observer & Eccentric!**

**7100 Estate Sales 7100**  
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**7100 Estate Sales 7100**  
**BERKLEY**  
Sat. Only, 8am-5pm, 1979 Gardener, N. of 11 Mi., W. of Coolidge. 91 years of accumulation!! No early sales.  
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**7100 Estate Sales 7100**  
**DUMAR MOVING SALE**  
Fri & Sat, April 25 & 26 10-4 Numbers Fri, at 8:30 Beautiful House, Beautiful Furnishings.  
Beautifully Maintained!!!  
Drexel dining table/leaves /china cabinet. Ethan Allen Chippendale Chairs, Henredon Server, Drexel Lacquered Chest, Maitland Smith Leather Etegers, Four Hitchcock Chairs, Oriental Art/Stand, LaBarge Mirror, Drexel Down Sofa/Chairs, Drexel Tapestry Sofa/Chairs, Piano. TONS of high quality accessories. Bedroom furniture. Antiques/Collectibles: Portable Riding Desk, Victorian Parlor tables, Bossons, Deco lawn chairs, Misc. 17125 Maple Hill Dr. Take 6 mile, W. of Haggerty, to Maple Hill Dr., right. SYLVIA 734-981-1625



7100 Estate Sales

ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY IRIS Fri-Sat, April 25-26 10am-4pm 853 Challenging Trail Eagle Heights Sub South Lyon, 48178

Garage Sales

CANTON HUGE ONE DAY SALE! EVERYTHING MUST GO! Housewares, toys, games, furniture, books and more!

Garage Sales

PLYMOUTH Sat April 26, 8am-4pm. Ridgewood West Sub Garage Sale! S of Ann Arbor Road - E of Ridge Road.

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ESTATE SALE BY Americana

Tools, Tools, Tools! Furniture & Household. April 25-26, 10am-4pm. 1847 Bowers, Birmingham, W off Eaton S. of Maple. Details: 248-739-4197

LIVONIA - 28 Family Golfview Meadows

28 Family Golfview Meadows/ Barton Valley Sub Sale. Sat., April 26, 9-5. Enter at Wayne or Country Club, E/Levan, southside of 6 Mile.

PLYMOUTH WESTBRIAR II - SUB SALE

Sat. April 26, 9am-4pm Off of McClimphra btwn Ann Arbor Rd & Joy.

FREEZER - upright Frigidaire

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LIVONIA - Huge Sale

Thurs-Sat, April 24-26, 9-4 pm. 18718 Golfview S. of 7 MI., E. of Levan. Furniture, toys, household. Don't miss!

WEST BLOOMFIELD Moving Sale

4/25 Only, 9-5pm. Refrigerator, living room furniture (2 sets), treadmill, basic dining room set, computer desk, clothes, toys & more!

WESTLAND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sat. May 10, 9am-4pm. 36601 Ford Road Approx 80 vendors. 734-722-7620

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Garage Sales

BIRMINGHAM - Quanton Lake. April 25-26, 9-11. 1393 Fairfax, Cranbrook & Quanton, N. of Maple. All proceeds will benefit the YoungLife organization.

LIVONIA - 6 Family garage sale

April 25 & 26, 10-4pm. 29979 Lyndon, W. of Middlebelt. You Name We Have It!

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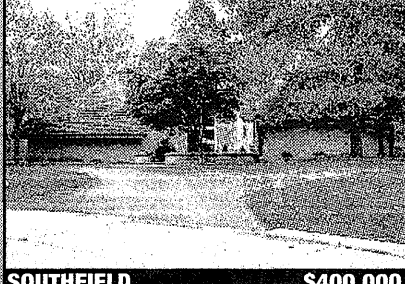
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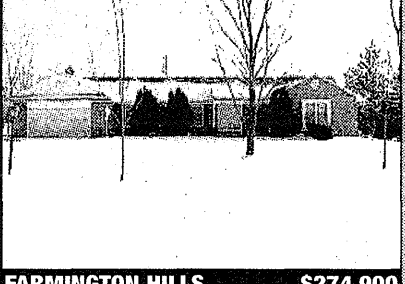
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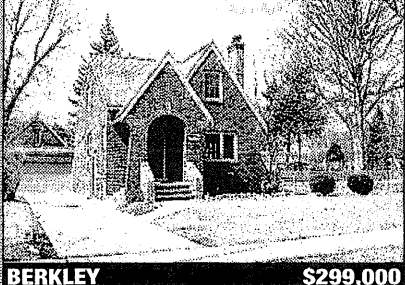
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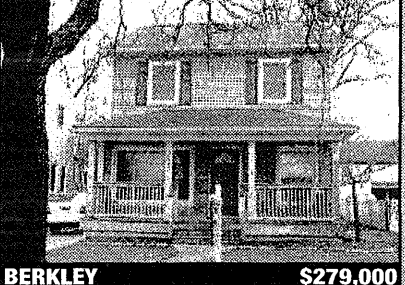
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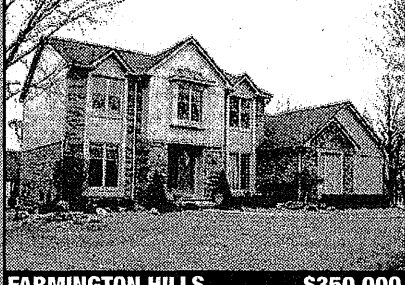
**REDFORD \$94,900**  
Updated Kitchen newer cab, countertops, & hrdwd flrs Spacious Mstr Bdrm. P/F Bsmnt. Newer fur, c/a. Gar w/covered Patio area. MLS 28054179 734-462-9800



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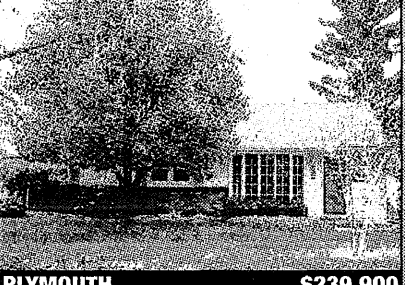
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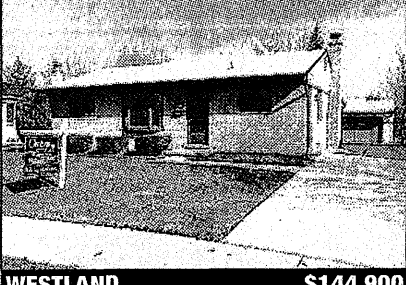
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**HIGHLAND TWP \$399,000**  
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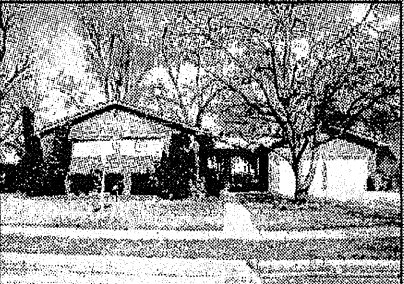
**WHITE LAKE TWP \$229,000**  
Beautiful 3 br, 2.5 bath home located in Walled Lake School District. Large kit with counter bar seating. Din rm with hardwood floors. Den with door wall to deck. MLS 27153277 248-673-2211



**WHITE LAKE TWP \$194,900**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch. Cherry hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, dual skylights. Great room with door wall to large deck. Finished basement with wet bar. MLS 27170316 248-673-2211



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## Chef is flattered by McCain's use of her recipe

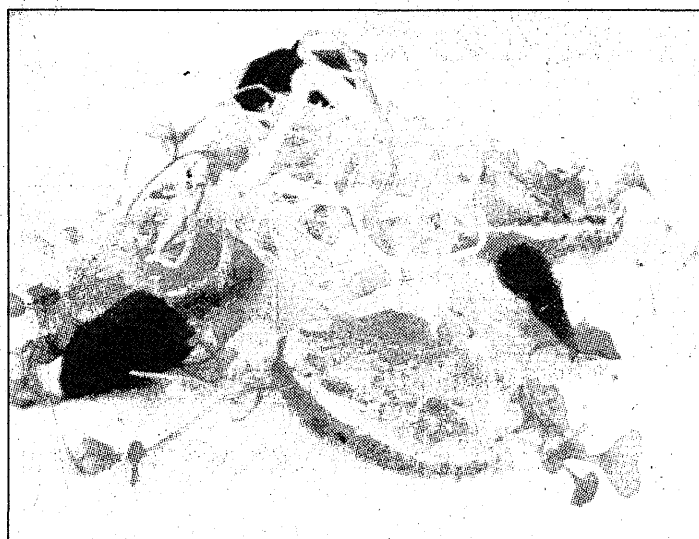


PHOTO AND RECIPE FROM "GETTING THIN AND LOVING FOOD"

Kathleen Daelemans created Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad for her second cookbook, "Getting Thin and Loving Food."

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Daelemans doesn't mind that her Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad made it on the family favorite recipe list of Cindy McCain.

The wife of presidential hopeful John McCain, offered a list at his campaign Web site, which included three recipes from the Foodnetwork.com.

But apparently the recipes were not credited to Food Network, nor to the original creators, Daelemans included.

Call it Salad-scam. Or The Great Tuna Tale.

Daelemans, host of the former *Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans* show on



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Kathleen Daelemans

the Food Network who has also appeared on NBC's Today Show, doesn't understand all the hub-

bub.

"It's extremely flattering, but it's silly, and you kind of laugh at it when you look at all the serious issues (in the presidential campaign)," Daelemans said by telephone from her Sylvan Lake home.

But the recipes were made to appear that they were Cindy's original recipes, media outlets reported early last week. And technically, stealing a recipe is like copying a report from a classmate or stealing a song from a musician heard performing in a bar.

But really, she's not mad. "I don't think (Cindy McCain) had anything to do with it,"

Please see **CHEF, D3**

## Archive and access files online with free storage services

**Question:** Last week you wrote about online backup services, but all of them cost money. Where can I find online storage that's free?



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

**Answer:** There are loads of sites that let you park files online without spending a penny. However, most of them are exactly that: online hard drives. The advantage of a backup service

like MozyHome or Carbonite is that it comes with software that automatically uploads new and changed files.

With basic online storage, there's no synchronization: It's up to you to pick and choose which files to upload, and when.

Let's say you want to back up your photo library (always a good idea). Services like MediaMax ([mediamax.com](http://mediamax.com)), ADrive ([adrive.com](http://adrive.com)), and MyBloop offer more than enough free storage space for most users (25 gigabytes, 50 gigabytes, and unlimited, respectively).

However, after you perform the initial upload of your photos, it's up to you to remember to add new ones. If you're not diligent about it, this can quickly turn into an organization hassle.

I'm not saying you shouldn't take advantage of these freebie storage options—quite the opposite. But you should be aware of their limitations if you're planning to use them for backup purposes.

You should also be aware that because they're free, they could vanish at any time, taking your files along with them. All the more reason to have multiple backup destinations, as I've discussed the last two weeks running.

**Question:** I use Quicken 2005, and I just received a notification that Intuit is discontinu-

Please see **TECH, D3**



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower, a native of Rochester Hills, sautés mushrooms in the Detroit restaurant's kitchen.

## New heights

### Rochester Hills native glows at Motor City's Iridescence

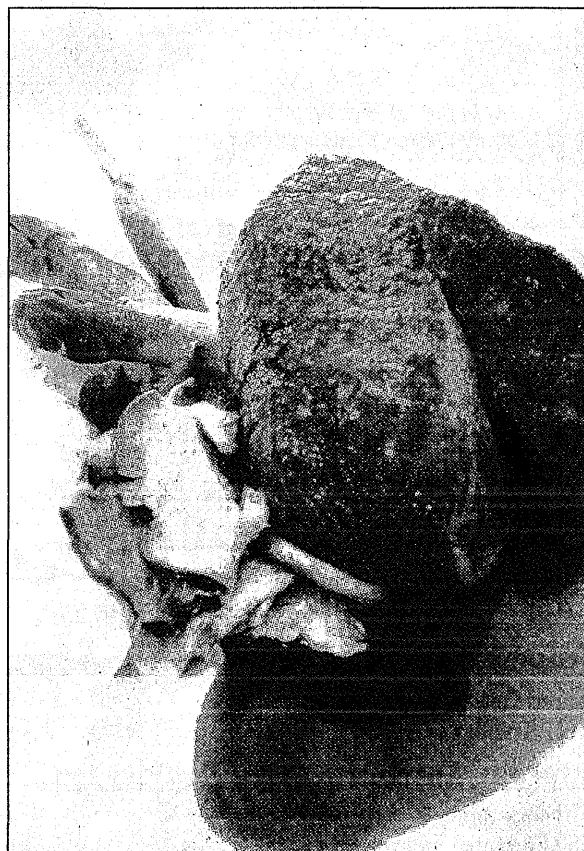
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Long before he put the shimmer into Detroit's revamped Iridescence restaurant, head chef Adam Hightower knew his career would begin in the kitchen. Growing up in Rochester Hills, Hightower said, he preferred watching Julia Child rather than Saturday morning cartoons. His earliest memory involves cooking up scrambled eggs for his younger brother - when he was just 4. "I grew up around food," said Hightower. "I traveled the world with my parents."

And he discovered early on he wanted to be a chef. After his first trip to his father's native Hawaii, Hightower also knew he intended to live there. Though his family didn't buy into these announcements when he was young - "They laughed," he said - Hightower managed to achieve both.

As a junior attending Rochester Adams High School he simultaneously enrolled in Livonia's Schoolcraft College - where he eventually earned his degree in culinary arts. What began as a quest to purchase a car quickly developed into a culinary mission.

Please see **HIGHTOWER, D2**



More than meat and potatoes, this Beef Tenderloin dish is featured at Detroit's Iridescence.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

## Big House wines tout cell blocks

Soledad, Calif., is located in that state's central coast where wine grapes are grown in abundance. However, Soledad is best known for its large penitentiary. So it seems fitting that a winery located there makes wines under the Big House brand and wine-maker Georgetta Dane is known as "the warden."

Most of the Big House wines are

a blend of different grape varieties because Dane believes that the sum is more expressive than the individual grape components. Dane approaches blending like a perfume designer, basing blending on aromas. Big House White (\$10) is principally a blend of chenin blanc and sauvignon blanc with additional varieties blended to add aromas and top notes. Each variety

is cool fermented in stainless steel tanks with a yeast selected to enhance the grape's most favorable characters, then blended to achieve the best balance of aromas and flavors.

The Big House Rose (\$10) is a blend of 10 different grape varieties while the Big House Red (\$10) contains about 20 varieties. Syrah and petite sirah are the base while

Mediterranean varieties like barbera, sangiovese, montepulciano, malbec and petit verdot add depth and complexity.

**UPPER CELL BLOCK**

Now that Dane has been able to 'free the grapes,' she has added an upper cell block that includes The

Please see **WINE, D3**

## ACCENTS

### LEARN ABOUT SOLAR

"See, touch and feel" solar energy and learn how it works at an Earth Day Open House April 26 sponsored by Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton.

Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center Rd., in Canton. Open house hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Utilizing renewable energy can help reduce dependence on imported fuels, offset greenhouse gas emissions, diversify the energy supply, improve air quality and stimulate the Michigan economy through the creation of new jobs in the manufacturing and installation of solar energy systems, according to Joe and Donna Napolitano, owners of Mechanical Energy Systems.

According to Martin Kushler, director for the Utilities Program for the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Michigan has the eighth highest energy cost burden in the nation. Energy use in Michigan totaled over \$20 billion annually in the year 2000, and is now likely in excess of \$30 billion and growing.

Attendees will have an opportunity to see the extraordinary impact of a natural daylighting system in an office environment, feel the sun's energy through a working solar hot water heating system, view a solar powered attic fan demonstrating conversion of sunlight to electricity, and experience the warmth of a solar thermal space heating system.

Other solar and alternative energy applications will also be on display, including a wind turbine.

For more information on the open house, call (734) 453-6746, or visit their website at [www.by-solar.com](http://www.by-solar.com).

### FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market opens Saturday, May 3.

Area residents can enjoy the vibrant colors, aromas and flavors of southeast Michigan's growing season at the market, located at the corner of East Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street.

The market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, May 3 through Oct. 25.

The market features only Michigan-grown (or made) products including vegetables, fruits, flowers, container gardens, fresh cut flowers, herbs, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup and organic, locally roasted coffee.

Opening day festivities include free donuts and tote bags, while supplies last, music, hands-on children's activities and a drawing for a gift certificate.

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Chrysler.

For more information about the market, visit [www.DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://www.DowntownRochesterMI.com) or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.



# A simple repair? No, it's another recall

Our daughter Hollie moved into a brand new condo just over three years ago in the Walled Lake area and married Virgil, an up-and-coming executive in the business world. He is just a jewel of a guy who has become very close to his father-in-law, which allowed him to call me a few days ago at 6:30 in the morning. "Joey, there is no hot water coming out for my morning shower. What do I do?"

## Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I said (as any good father-in-law would): "Virgil, you go to work and I'll come over and fix the problem because it's probably just the thermocouple that has to be replaced."

Most of you know that the thermocouple is the part that the pilot flame hits and keeps the flame constantly on. It costs between \$5 and \$10, is available at all hardware stores and I've changed many in my lifetime. Not a big job at all!

I removed the thermocouple

and it was a big pain. I had to remove the whole burner assembly at the bottom of the hot water heater to get the part out. Once it was removed, I visited a local Home Depot store and went to the plumbing aisle. A nice woman and gentleman told me that my thermocouple was no longer available. They directed me to two hardware stores and a plumbing supply house.

No one stocked this thermocouple. This thermocouple uses a left-handed thread that screws into the gas valve control. I soon learned that all of these thermocouples were recalled from the market throughout the United States.

The next morning, after Virgil and Hollie went through another cold shower, I called some plumber friends who directed me to a company that repairs these American hot water heaters still under warranty. The repairman replaced the whole burner assembly and charged a flat rate of \$125 for service and labor. The parts were covered by the warranty.

Virgil and Hollie now have hot water again in their condo, but I've been thinking of the other 200 or so condo own-

ers who probably have the same hot water heater in their homes. I'll bet they don't have a clue as to what to do when the problem hits them.

I also found out that a settlement was approved on Oct. 11, 2007 on a class action lawsuit against Whirlpool, American Hot Water Co., A.O. Smith Corporation, and Lowe's HIW Inc. hot water heaters sold by these companies from 2000 through 2006, which have a defective thermocouple assembly.

Imagine six years of producing these hot water heaters, which means several million of them currently in homes across America and homeowners unaware of the problem. Well, you can still get into the class action suit and file a claim but it must be done before June 28, 2008. Contact [www.waterheatersettlement.com](http://www.waterheatersettlement.com)

Stay tuned.

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

# HIGHTOWER

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"I've cooked my entire life," said Hightower. His earliest restaurant jobs included delivering pizza and working in the kitchen at Max & Erma's in Rochester Hills - all while he was still in school.

At Schoolcraft College, Hightower honed his skills with guidance from teacher and mentor Dan Hugelier. "He's the Michael Jordan of chefs," said Hightower, who crafted his own food philosophy based on Hugelier's motto "Simple food done right."

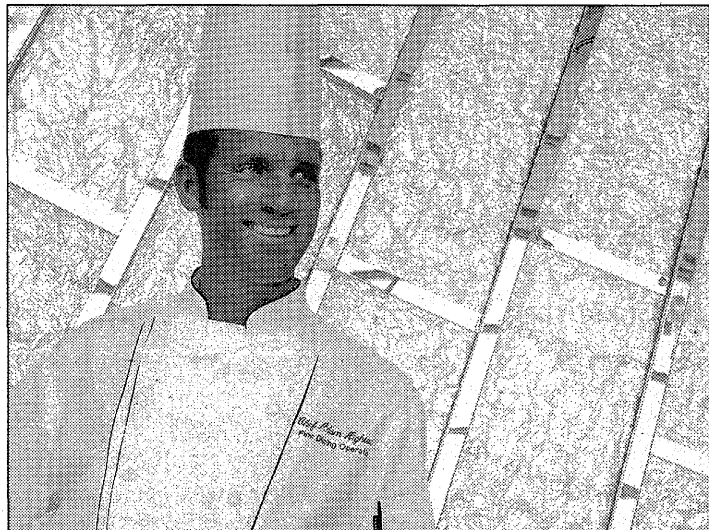
Hightower lives by the adage "Simple food done perfect." Hugelier said Hightower was simply "born to be a chef." "Beyond his natural gifts, he has heart, is a top rate human being and like a son to me," said Hugelier. "Adam knows how to work past the hurt - a full dining room, board full of tickets, orders backed up, and most people would fold. Adam's the guy that can bail you out."

Hugelier used words like honest, hardworking, sincere and talented to describe the young chef. "Hightower can cook better than most, but never stops wanting to improve," he said. "Simple food done perfect is what any good chef strives for. It takes years to learn it. Fast rising chefs don't know it. They look in the mirror too much, make weird foam and towers of ahi tuna with strange wasabi glaze."

"Adam is a solid cook. Don't expect anything different. I'm very proud of him."

It's true Hightower's not one to follow food fads or trends because, he said, they don't last. "Simple food done perfect will always exist."

Once armed with his degree, Hightower traveled extensively and - at age 21 - took his first executive chef position at The Creek Country Club in Long Island, New York. Never one to stay in one place for long, he moved on to other positions in Florida - first the Boca Raton Country Club and later the Ritz Carlton in Naples. "Originally my goal was 10 states in 10 years," he said. "I only wanted to work with certified master chefs." Hugelier was one of 65 certified master chefs in the world at that time (today Schoolcraft has four of them on staff) and Hightower intended to continue on that path professionally. "I wanted to be as well-rounded as I



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower is a Schoolcraft College graduate and native of Rochester Hills. His passion for food is reflected in the menu at the recently revamped restaurant at the Motor City Casino.

## CHEF HIGHTOWER'S TOP FIVE GO-TO INGREDIENTS

- Here's a list of five unique ingredients at Detroit's Iridescence Restaurant:
- Molokai Potatoes, they're purple and hail from Hawaii.
- Hamachi, Japan's most prized fish.
- Lemongrass
- Ti Leaf, Hawaiian greenery used for color and presentation.
- Truffles and Truffle Oil

could," said Hightower. He also opted for several country club settings - striving for perfection in places where "every member is your boss."

With each stop, he familiarized himself with regional cuisine and mastered new techniques. He worked in Houston to learn how to make the best barbecue. There, he regularly served such esteemed clientele as the current and former Presidents George H.W. and George W. Bush and family. And his Texas experience is reflected in one of Iridescence's most popular dishes, the Cabernet Braised Beef Short Ribs served inside a taro cylinder with buttermilk potatoes. It's an example of his favorite type of dish - comfort food people can identify with even when it looks upscale and unrecognizable.

He perfected that concept during four years he spent at another AAA Four Diamond restaurant, Bali by the Sea in Waikiki, Hawaii. He said the location provided "some of the best seafood I've ever worked with in my life" and he imports some of it into Iridescence. Though he never thought he'd leave Hawaii,

Hightower couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to his hometown and make a difference. Once he saw the design for the stunning restaurant, his fate was sealed.

Executive chef Greg Carroll considers Hightower to be a "cutting edge" chef. "He's very passionate about food," said Carroll. "We're thrilled to death to have him here." He said Hightower excels in preparing seafood and his tapas menu allows the chef "an opportunity to show off."

To Hugelier, Hightower remains "one of the best young chefs to ever work with me." He incorporates the best elements of the places he's lived and visited into his menu, whether it's red snapper from Florida or purple Molokai potatoes from Hawaii. In the three short months since Iridescence reopened in its new top-floor location within Motor City Casino and Hotel, it's become a destination restaurant. "We have a great clientele," said Hightower. "People are coming from the suburbs of Detroit. People are traveling."

That excitement might be attributed to Hightower's hands-on approach in the kitchen. "The food must be fresh, local, organic and exciting, he said. Most any night you'll find Hightower saucing and perfecting each dish before it's delivered to a diner at the restaurant. He's available to answer questions and said he loves interacting with his clientele.

"I don't want to change the way Detroit dines," said Hightower, "I want to enhance the way Detroit dines."

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### Lalique Architectural Event

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### Cranbrook Seeks Docents

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the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

### Temple Israel Home Tour

Sisterhood's 15th annual house tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 28, tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour, for more information about tickets, call (248) 661-9182.

### The Birmingham Showhouse

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### Designer's Show House

The Junior League of Detroit's 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 sweeping staircase, gourmet kitchen and wonderful architectural details from the 1940's. 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](http://www.jldetroit.org) to find a list of ticket sellers.

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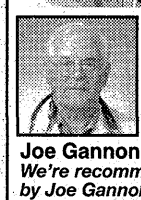
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## FOOD CALENDAR

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### 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](http://www.MichiganHealthCoach.com)

### The Community House

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including 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.community-house.com](http://www.community-house.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](http://www.greenstreetfair.com) for information.

### Chocolate Cake Bake-off

Hosted by The Henry Ford, contestants are invited to enter chocolate cake recipes with the winner's recipe featured in the Henry Ford's Museum Chocolate Cafe in time for the summer exhibit, Chocolate: The Exhibition, May 31-Sept. 7, four finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a live competition in Henry Ford Museum on May 29, e-mail [publicrelations@thehenryford.org](mailto:publicrelations@thehenryford.org).



**TECH**

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ing online services and tech support for the product. What gives?

**Answer:** Believe it or not, this is standard practice: Intuit routinely discontinues products that are two versions old.

This is also known as "sunsetting," which means putting old software out to pasture because it's no longer current. It's also a lovely excuse to strong-arm customers into buying the newer version.

If you're thinking about switching over to Microsoft Money, don't bother: It's the same deal there.

Your personal-finance software will still work, but you won't be able to download transactions from your bank, pay bills online, or take advantage of other

online services. Tech support goes out the window, too.

Unfortunately, there's not much you can do about this annoying, unfair situation, other than to contact the company and express your displeasure. You can also try Quicken Online, which costs \$2.99 monthly and shouldn't ever "expire." Grumble, grumble.

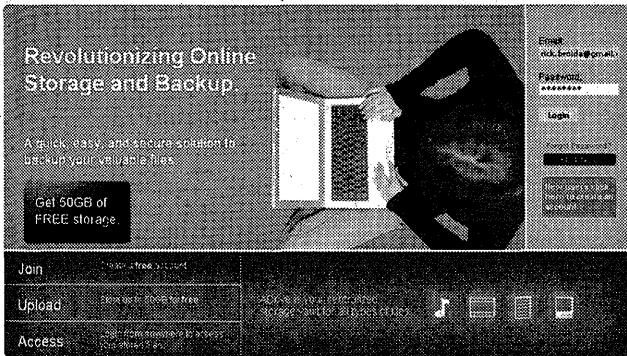
**Question:** How can I save money on printer ink and paper?

**Answer:** Everyone could use less paper in their lives. It's good for the environment, easier on your filing system, and just plain cheaper.

Start by getting a duplexing printer, one that can print on both sides of a sheet of paper (effectively halving your overall output).

Monochrome lasers like the Lexmark E250d (\$199), Brother HL-5250DN (\$249),

**ADrive**



Web service ADrive offers a whopping 50 gigabytes of free online storage, but it's not ideal for backups because it can't sync with your PC.

and HP P2015d (\$399) can output doubled-sided documents—something to consider the next time you're shopping for a printer.

In the meantime, opt for electronic output instead of paper. There are many ways to "print" documents as PDF files you can store on your hard drive; find out more in

this online tutorial: <http://tinyurl.com/5cnock>.

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**WINE PICKS**

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 2006 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Marsanne \$30  
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 2007 Herding Cats Chenin Blanc/Chardonnay (So. Africa) \$8  
 2006 Angove's Nine Vines Viognier \$11

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

**WINE**

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Birdman 2006 (\$15) a fruit forward, palate friendly pinot grigio that boasts in-your-face peach aromas. The Lineup 2006 (\$15) is a blend of grenache, syrah, and mourvedre with full body, spice and great red wine character.

The Slammer 2006 (\$15) is a Monterey County syrah with 15 percent petite sirah showcasing both black and red fruit character, a full palate and roundness due to 18 months aging in neutral oak.

The Prodigal Son 2005 (\$15) is a Paso Robles petite sirah that shows big blueberry fruit, round tannins, chocolate and spice in a big-boy style that pleads for a grilled steak.

Last, but not least, is Cardinal Zin 2006 (\$17). Zinfandel is

blended with four percent mourvedre all from head pruned old vines, grown by experienced Italian farmers in Oakley, Calif. It's an approachable red that pairs perfectly with pasta, pizza and grilled burgers.

"I enjoy making the Big House wines from many different and unusual varieties," Dane said.

"I also enjoy the irreverent names we have given each of them. Many of the consumers I've met really like the imaginative labels we have created to adorn the upper cell block wines."

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

**CHEF**

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Daelemans said. "She probably didn't even know the recipes were up there. But there's absolutely no hard feelings." (The recipe was removed from the Web site and the mix-up was blamed on a McCain intern.)

The recipe itself is a "super simple salad," Daelemans said. She prefers to keep it like a slaw. "It has a lot of fresh ingredients in it — lime juice, cabbage, carrots and cilantro."

For Daelemans, the recipe brings back fond memories of a culinary assistant.

Daelemans developed the recipe with her sous chef, Miho Mizuno, while they were working on Daelemans' second cookbook, *Getting Thin and Loving Food*. Mizuno moved to the United States from Japan, immediately after her father lost his battle with colon cancer. Her mother had died in a car accident.

"A twist of fate brought her to my doorstep when I was in desperate need of a culinary assistant," Daelemans wrote on her Web site. "I had 200 recipes due for 'Getting Thin' and another 75 for a show I was working on for the Food Network (*Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans*)."

**AHI TUNA WITH SPICY NAPA CABBAGE SALAD**

2 tablespoons lime juice  
 1/4 tablespoons fish sauce  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 1 teaspoon sesame oil  
 1 medium Napa cabbage  
 1 bag shredded carrots  
 1/2 cup basil leaves, torn into quarters  
 1/2 cup mint leaves, torn  
 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped  
 One pound tuna steaks (or chicken breasts or lean steak)  
 Coarse-grained salt and black pepper  
 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

In a large salad bowl, whisk together lime juice, fish sauce, sugar and sesame oil. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cut cabbage in half lengthwise. Place cabbage, carrots, basil, mint and cilantro into the bowl with dressing. Toss to combine.

Season fish with salt and pepper on both sides. Heat olive oil in a 12-inch nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add fish to pan and cook until rare, about 2 minutes per side. (Alternatively, cook until done to your likeness.) Slice thin and distribute among four serving plates. Serve with a generous portion of Napa cabbage slaw.

*Recipe courtesy of Kathleen Daelemans, Getting Thin and Loving Food, 200 Easy Recipes to Take You Where You Want to Be, Houghton Mifflin Co., New York, 2005.*

Miho was also diagnosed with colon cancer, stage four.

"The work was a godsend, a diversion and Miho's last great culinary adventure," Daelemans remembered. "For a while, she was allowed to forget she was dying of a terrible disease. And I was too."

Daelemans hosted Food Network's *Cooking Thin* for three seasons.

Prior to that gig, she lost 70 pounds while developing the menu for Cafe Kula at the Grand Wailea in Maui, Hawaii. She was named one of the Top Ten Rising Star Chefs by John Mariani. She also worked with Judy Rodgers at Zumi Cafe.

This summer she will be shoot-

ing a new Detroit-based PBS food show, *Just Be Licious, Just Be Quick*. She expects it will be shown next winter.

Would she like to prepare the dish for the McCains if they were elected? "I'd love to prepare the dish for them, even if they weren't elected," she said.

As for her politics, Daelemans said she voted for Hillary Clinton. The evening of the interview for this story, she was to eat dinner with her father, a McCain supporter. She wondered whether she could convince him to switch.

"Or maybe he'll convert me," she said.

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# Organization recognizes Lutheran layman of year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Habitz admits to having tears in his eyes after receiving a phone call that he was selected as 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit. The 58-year old Novi man celebrates his award at a banquet Sunday, April 27, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren.

Habitz was recognized for his lifetime of service to the community and Grace Lutheran Church in Redford where he serves on the board of elders and as a communion assistant and lay reader. Under his management of Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia and Glen Eden East

in Macomb Township, the cemeteries have given more than \$500,000 to organizations such as Lutheran Seminaries, Lutheran High School Association, Concordia University in Ann Arbor, and Lutheran Child and Family Services over the last 10 years. He is a member of the chamber of commerce in Livonia and Macomb, and recently volunteered through Livonia for the Here 2 There program of business professionals who speak to students in public high schools about their careers.

Habitz was born and raised by Lutheran parents in Dearborn and attended Emmanuel Lutheran School, Lutheran High School West, Valparaiso University, and Wayne State University College

of Mortuary Science. As a licensed funeral director and later as general manager of both Glen Eden cemeteries, he has comforted families and helped them through their grief for more than 28 years.

"It's my Christian responsibility. It's not just about earning a living for me. It's about giving back to my community and church," said Habitz who was nominated for the honor by Rev. Victor Halboth Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

"Something that has focused me my whole life is a verse from the book of Isaiah, if you believe in Lord Jesus Christ he will walk with you your entire life through the good and bad times. Ultimately you will be with him every day. It affects

how I live my life. You have to do the right thing. It's sort of an acronym for the kids today (who wear the bracelets) What Would Jesus Do. It's true."

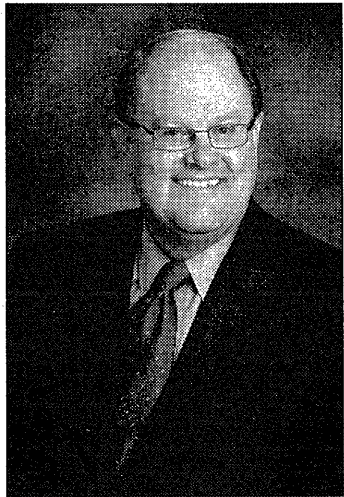
Habitz's sons, Tom Jr., and Brent, will both speak at the banquet as will Halboth. Wife Linda will be in attendance as well as stepchildren Gordie, Brandon and Meaghan Engel.

"I'm very humbled," said Habitz. "The award has been given out since mid 1950. Even now there were more deserving people. It's a highlight of my life to be honored by my peers."

Founded in 1948, the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit was organized by a group of laymen who worked in downtown Detroit and wanted to get together for lunch, said Art Fischer,

past president and annual banquet chairman. Over the years they've met at Carl's Chop House and Historic Trinity Lutheran. Today there are nearly 200 members in the tri-county area. Habitz joined the club two years ago.

"We're made up of Lutheran church members who end up doing a lot of work in the church they're a member of, dedicated people who want to serve where they can, sometimes within a mission, sometimes active within their church," said Fischer of Macomb Township. "They're selected with a formula after eliciting nominations from church and club members. We weigh various attributes and qualities and the board selects the winner who has the highest



Tom Habitz has been selected the 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit.

level of attributes of service to the community and his church. We want a well rounded individual."

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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### APRIL

#### 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.

#### Seder

Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield will join with Temple Israel, West Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in a Seder at Temple Israel to celebrate the freedom for African Americans and Jews. The event will show that the two faiths share a history of slavery, and together they can continue their pursuit for equality and freedom and live in a world where there is no racism, no anti-Semitism, no oppression, and no bigotry. In rec-

ognition of the need for furtherance of understanding and respect for other faiths, Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel and the Rev. Carlyle Stewart, III, Hope United Methodist Church will continue the relationship between the two congregations and plan other shared events in the future.

#### 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

Books, DVD's, CD's, & Videos at low prices 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 choir 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 and available by calling (734) 422-1470 as soon as possible as seating for dinner is limited.

#### Pizza and movie night

For adults with developmental disabilities 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. To reserve a spot contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 or elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz before April 27.

#### 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.

#### Smart discipline

Seminar for parents by Larry Koenig, author of the book Smart Discipline 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the sanctuary at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Cost \$10 before April 27, \$12 at door. To pre-register, call (734) 459-3333

#### 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 beaconhillccdc@aol.com.

#### 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

#### Bucket fillers

Author Carol McCloud visits 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Elementary age, parents welcome to learn how to carry an invisible bucket to be filled with kindness. Admission \$2 or one canned good. To RSVP, send e-mail to jackie@lahinen.org. For more information, visit www.staidanlivonia.org.

#### Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend the special Mass 1:30 p.m. Saturday,

May 3, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the people attending.

#### Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, 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.

#### Ladies night out

Deadline is Monday, May 5, for tickets to Ladies Night Out with Teresa Tomeo, well-known syndicated talk-show host and author, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Tickets \$20, includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. All area women are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207.

#### Clothing bank

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

#### Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco 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.

#### Holy Ghost Outpouring

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge), Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwineglory.org.

#### Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### Choir concert

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A free-will offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

#### Spring rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

### ONGOING

#### Reformed Protestant services

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

#### Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

#### 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.

#### 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@sbccglobal.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.livoniafaith.org.

#### Tai chi and strength classes

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

#### Church offerings

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

#### Church services

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

#### Thursday fellowship dinner

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

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April 22, 2008, age 93. Resident of the Plymouth area since 1926. Employed in sales with Cadillac Drapery for over 25 years. Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since 1926 and was very active in civic and church organizations. Beloved wife of the late David. Loving mother of Susan M. (George) Lind, Charles Mather and Balakrishnan Pappoo. Grandmother of Ted Jacka and Michael (Debra) Jacka. Great-grandmother of Joshua, Nicholas and Nathaniel Jacka. Sister of Margaret Jean Fradenburgh, David Nichol and the late Catherine Randall and Christine Warner. Visitation from 10am until time of Memorial Service at 11am on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers donations suggested to the First Presbyterian Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at [schradler-howell.com](http://schradler-howell.com)

#### EVELYN GRACE WRIGHT

Age 85, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

#### GARY B. McCOMBS

April 20, 2008. Age 62. Beloved husband of Kristi. Loving father of Gary (Davinia) McCombs and Kelli (Matthew) Canales. Proud grandfather of Noah, who says he was a great man, and Riley. Loving son of Bernard and the late Mary Lou. Devoted brother of Michael (Donna) McCombs. Memorial visitation and services were held at McCabe Funeral Home in Canton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Belleville.

#### HELEN VENTURA

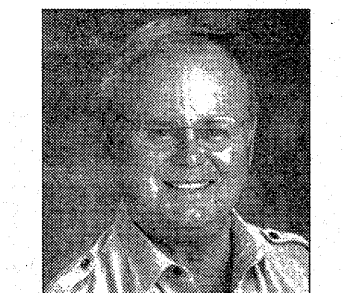
Passed away April 18, 2008 at the age of 93; formerly of Farmington Hills. Helen was preceded in death by her husband Leo Ventura in 1982. She is survived by her daughters Barbara (the late Joseph) Ciaramitaro and Vivian (the late Philip) Cohen; grandchildren Jennifer Fishera, Dean Ciaramitaro, Alyssa Ciaramitaro, Tamara Ciaramitaro, Stephanie Ciaramitaro, Ida Marie (Jim) Rogers and Kristin (Thomas) Cohen-Toth, Gregory Cohen and Jason Cohen. Helen is also survived by her great-grandchildren Angela, Sierra, Hannah and James. A Memorial Mass was held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Inurnment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Reflections may be shared by visiting: [www.sparksgriffin.com](http://www.sparksgriffin.com)

#### IRVING R. GRENKE

Age 59, April 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Diane. Dear father of Amanda (Douglas) Walker, Jackie, Cory, Bradley and Todd. Papa of Torri, Britanni, William and Joey. Predeceased by his brother David. Survived by siblings Mary (William) DeVier, Duane (Mary), Anne Camerella and sister-in-law Trish. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Tuesday April 22 at Santeu and Son Funeral Home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

#### JESSIE F. NEMETH

Passed away on April 19, 2008 at her home in St. Augustine, Florida. Mrs. Nemeth was a native of Toronto, Canada and had lived in Redford Township, Michigan for 63 years before becoming a resident of St. Augustine, Florida 5 years ago. Survived by her sons, Frank, David, and Robert; daughters, Beverly Kedzierski, Joan Hall and Carol Keeler; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (one mile west of Farmington Road) Livonia, Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 PM.



#### ROBERT P. "Bob" NORTH

Age 69, a resident of Birmingham for more than a decade, died April 19, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital after a short illness. He was born on December 9, 1938 in Wakefield, Mass. He grew up in Havana, Cuba before the revolution, attending Rustin Academy there. He also attended Wilbraham Academy (now Wilbraham and Monson Academy) in Wilbraham, MA. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1956. Mr. North spent 33 years working for General Motors in several positions starting in starting in New York. Fluent in both Spanish and English, he then worked for GM in Venezuela from 1963 - 1967, where he met and married Cheryl Kay Neal of Flint, Mich. GM moved Mr. North to Chile from 1967 - 1969 and then back to Venezuela from 1970 - 1978. Still with GM, Mr. North moved back to the Detroit area, settling first in Franklin and finally in Birmingham. He took early retirement and opened his own translation and relocation consulting company, Siboney Inc., helping companies like GM and Daimler-Chrysler smoothly move employees from South America and Mexico to the Detroit area. Mr. North continued to provide these services until his recent illness. Mr. North was a strong supporter of the Birmingham Community House, the Kirk in the Hills Singles Club and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He also served on the Birmingham Jazz Festival Committee, often escorting Spanish speaking musicians while they were here. Mr. North is survived by his son, Scott North (Rachel), his brother John B. North, Jr., sister Janet Tompkins (Ken) and by his granddaughter Madeleine North, 5, who wants everyone to know she will miss him very much. Mr. North is also survived by his cherished companion of five years, Kathleen "Kitty" Walters. Memorial service and eulogies Friday 3pm at the Birmingham Community House, 280 S. Bates St. (248) 644-5832, followed by a memorial reception until 5pm. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

#### JANET ALBERTA NELSON SCHUMAKER

Age 78, passed away April 17, 2008, Chelsea, MI. Former resident of Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak and most recently Chelsea, MI. Janet devoted her life to raising her family. After her children were grown, during the 1990's she worked at the Auburn Hills Police Department, the Social Security Administration and the Royal Oak Senior Center. Her family was the center of her life. Survived by her children: Susan Kaminski (Pat), Joan Chadde, Julie Schumaker (Kevin Dombkowski), and Janet Willard (Mark). Scott Schumaker (Marilyn) and the late Mark Schumaker. And her grandchildren: Laurel and Logan Chadde, Chris and Elise Dombkowski, Brandon and Brooke Willard, Shannon Zimny and Hollie Schumaker, and Jack, Max, Sam, and Sarah Schumaker. Arrangements by: A. J. Desmond & sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI. Funeral Service was held on April 21, 2008. Interment: at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, Arbor Hospice, or UMRC Towsley Village Charitable Fund.

#### PAULINE SIEWERT

April 19, 2008, age 82. Beloved wife of the late Waldemar Loving mother of Trudy (Steve) Siewert-Bhaerman, Rita H. (Dale Porter) Vaughn and Thom (Karen) Siewert. Grandmother of Samantha and Steven Siewert. Sister of Lydia, Hilde and Lore and the late Alfred and Erma, all of Germany. Services were held Thursday, 11am at the Schradler-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [schradler-howell.com](http://schradler-howell.com)

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**Living Water series**

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video

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

**Couple prayer series**

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

**ENDOW**

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

0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at [www.endowonline.com](http://www.endowonline.com). St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**ENDOW**

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**Prayer breakfast features Michael Card**

Christian singer, composer, author and radio host Michael Card will be the speaker Thursday, May 15, at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

The deadline to buy tickets is Friday, May 2.

In a career that spans 25 years, Card has recorded more than 20 albums, written 19 No. 1 singles, authored or co-authored more than a dozen books including Gold Medallion Book Award winner *A Sacred Sorrow*, and hosted two radio programs.

Card's most famous song is *El Shaddai*, which was recorded by Amy Grant as well as by Card. Card's *Heal Our Land* was commissioned as the 1993 National Day of Prayer's theme song.

This year's program, "A Morning Song with Michael Card," begins at 7:15 a.m. in the Laurel Manor Special Events Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road.

Card, best known for folk-style melodies and instrumentation with lyrics that draw on the Bible, is expected to weave

his music throughout his spoken message.

"It is out of community the gospel really comes to life," said Card, on his Web site.

"What greater event is there to attend, than one bringing all segments of the community together to share a meal and be inspired by a message of hope," said Ken McMullen, prayer breakfast chairman and senior communications specialist for Livonia Public Schools.

The 34th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is scheduled 7:15-9 a.m. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 are available.

For ticket information, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427, or e-mail [Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org](mailto:Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org) by May 2. Read more about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at [www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org). For more on Card go to [www.michaelcard.com](http://www.michaelcard.com). For music performances, see Card on YouTube.com.

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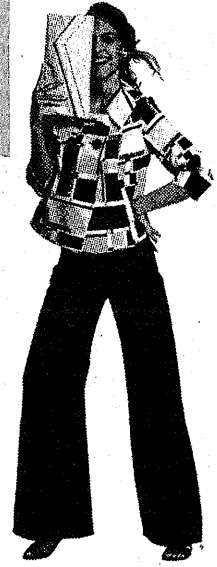
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## Badgley & Mischka visit Saks Somerset

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mark Badgley and James Mischka made a whirlwind trip to Detroit last week, accompanied by their tiny white papillon dog Buck. The famed fashion designers were guests of honor at "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends" at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, an annual event designed to raise money for breast cancer research.

As Buck lounged backstage in the Fifth Avenue Club, Badgley Mischka presented a glamorous runway show that encompassed their spring Platinum collection, as well as gowns from their primary couture line.

The clothing ranged from flirty cocktail dresses to diaphanous gowns, made from sometimes surprising fabrics and replete with the duo's signature embellishment which included beads, sequins and even bells.

The pair said they are often inspired by their extensive travels.

Their latest fragrance, Fleurs de Nuit, captures a trip to Angoa, India.

"We visited a moon garden full of nocturnal plants, jasmine, mostly white blossoms," said Badgley. "We had never experienced that before. It was so gorgeous."

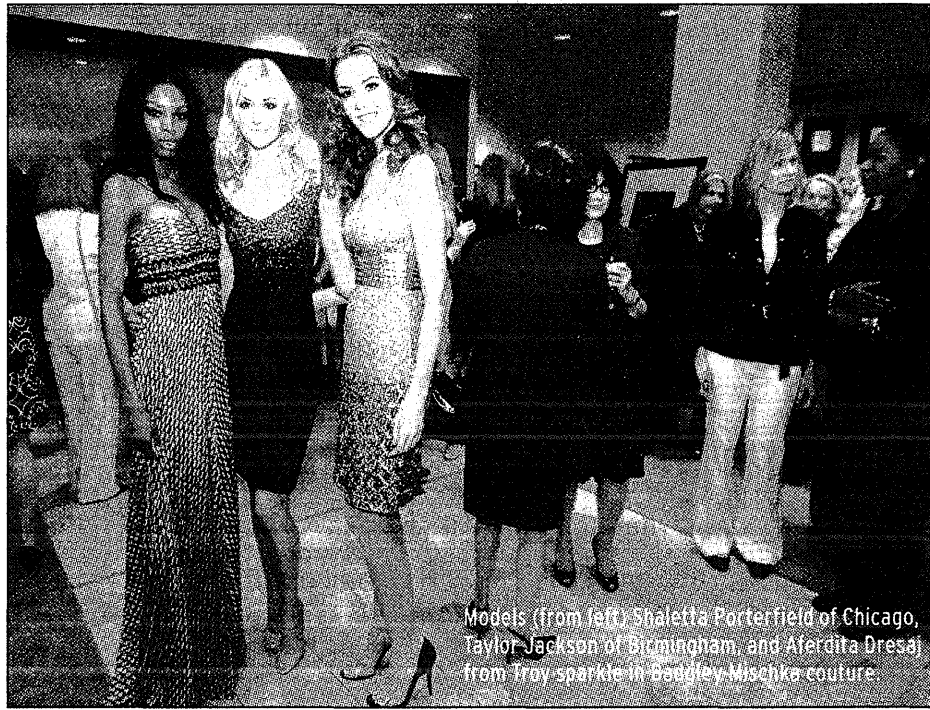
"Spooky too, which was kind of fun," Mischka added.

Staying at Hotel Bel Air in Beverly Hills, they watched old Grace Kelley movies, which informed their latest cruise collection.

And the pair recently staged their first show during London Fashion Week.

"It was really great to dress a whole new customer base," Badgley said.

For Fall/Winter 2008/09, they found



Models (from left) Shaletta Porterfield of Chicago, Taylor Jackson of Birmingham, and Aferdita Dresaaj from Troy sparkle in Badgley Mischka couture.



Mark Badgley (left, in Gucci) and James Mischka in YSL, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy.

muses in Mick Jagger's ex-wives.

"It's a bit of a '70s inspiration. We love the way they put themselves together, they were edgy," Badgley said. "We took Park Avenue out of it."

Here, Badgley and Mischka started their visit with a private dinner party at the Bloomfield Hills home of Annette Adelman, where they arrived to find Badgley Mischka gowns dating back a decade on exhibit around the dining room.

"When they walked in, Mark broke out in a huge smile," said Ken Dewey, director of the Fifth Avenue Club, who helped

### BADGLEY MISCHKA ONLINE

For a photo gallery of Badgley Mischka's visit to Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

mine the closets of Adelman, her mother Miriam Ferber and sister, Shari Kaufman, for the best Badgley Mischka pieces to display. "It was sort of a retrospective."

The following day at Saks, Badgley and Mischka signed fragrance bottles, greeted guests and made a modest appearance on the runway to close their show.

"We're always surprised how close Detroit is to Manhattan," Badgley said. "It takes no time at all to get here."

Badgley and Mischka said they are looking forward to launching their home collection this fall, as well as a diamond collection, which will debut in Las Vegas.

Before they left Detroit, they signed a sketch, which was raffled off for charity.

Event chair Shari Kaufman thanked her friends for coming to the show to contribute to Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, and gave a nod to Badgley Mischka.

"They've helped me through so many fabulous events," she said.

## Nordstrom opens to much fanfare in Macomb

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

From free-flowing champagne to the scent of designer perfume, the opening gala for Nordstrom at the Mall at Partridge Creek proved to be a posh affair. On April 16, patrons flooded into the 118,000-square-foot store for a first look at fashions and the sparkling two-level interior. The event was organized to benefit both the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. It featured live music on both floors — with the band Intrigue performing on the first floor and DJ John Grammatas spinning in the Fashion Lounge upstairs. Rather than displaying the season's best on a traditional runway, organizers carefully placed models on pedestals throughout the store. The fashion vignettes essentially brought mannequins to life.

The fully-stocked fashion retailer showed signs of summer throughout, boasting vibrant colors in every department. In Nordstrom's sprawling shoe department, bright citrus tones were plentiful as were jeweled sandals and flirty wedges. Jewelry displays shined with blue crystals and showed hints of kitsch like Betsey Johnson bangle bracelets in pink or white, with tiny black polka-dots.

The store's center aisles featured long, lavish buffets catered by Opus One, while bartenders behind the store's Ebar slung chic cocktails all night long.

Nearby, cosmetics experts touted products so new, some

aren't available elsewhere. According to Erin Bell, senior trainer with MAC Cosmetics, an ultra-shiny new addition, Dazzleglass, is available exclusively for Nordstrom at Partridge Creek and won't hit other MAC shelves until May 1.

In Accessories, a virtual wall of sunglasses is sure to catch anyone's eye from the north entrance. It's stocked with sleek Michael Kors styles, signature Pucci patterns, huge jeweled Jimmy Choos, and perhaps the most extravagant — a pair of Michele shades complete with 108 diamonds.

Jessica Lavin, manager of Fashion Accessories and Hosiery at the store, didn't mind modeling whimsical headbands, like those accented with butterfly details by Natasha. She called attention to belts ranging from skinny styles that wrap twice around the waist to wide ones with hefty jeweled buckles. The Royal Oak resident was anticipating the official opening, April 18, and said the outdoor mall was sure to draw in more customers as the weather warms.

On the second floor, the Via C department featured designer labels fit for a celebrant. Names like Tracy Reese and Anna Sui — both Michigan natives — figured prominently, as did Alexander Wang and Rag & Bone.

Virtually every designer offered up a cropped trench this season and jewels studied their way onto everything — including a classic white sleeveless shirt by Vera Wang Lavender Label.

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## Parisian's new department targets fashion-forward

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When it comes to fashion, it's great to have One Philosophy.

That's the name of Parisian's newest department, targeting today's young, professional women with the lines BCBCollection, Kensie, Chilli Pepper and Collective Clothing.

Only 10 of 280 stores operated by Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. were slated to get the new department, and Parisians at Laurel Park Place, The Mall at Partridge Creek and Village of Rochester Hills are among the elite.

"It's merchandise that's going to appeal to a whole new demographic," said Jill Engel, Special Event Coordinator for Parisian Laurel Park Place, where the clothing arrived last month. "It's all about being able to turn around and go out after work, taking off your jacket, adding accessories. There are tons of great mix and match pieces."

Engel picked up a black Kensie dress to wear to the store's One Philosophy Launch Party April 26, and said she loves the custom feeling of the lines. "There's tons of crystal buttons and beading, a lot of

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#### One Philosophy Launch Party

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extra detail in these clothes," she said.

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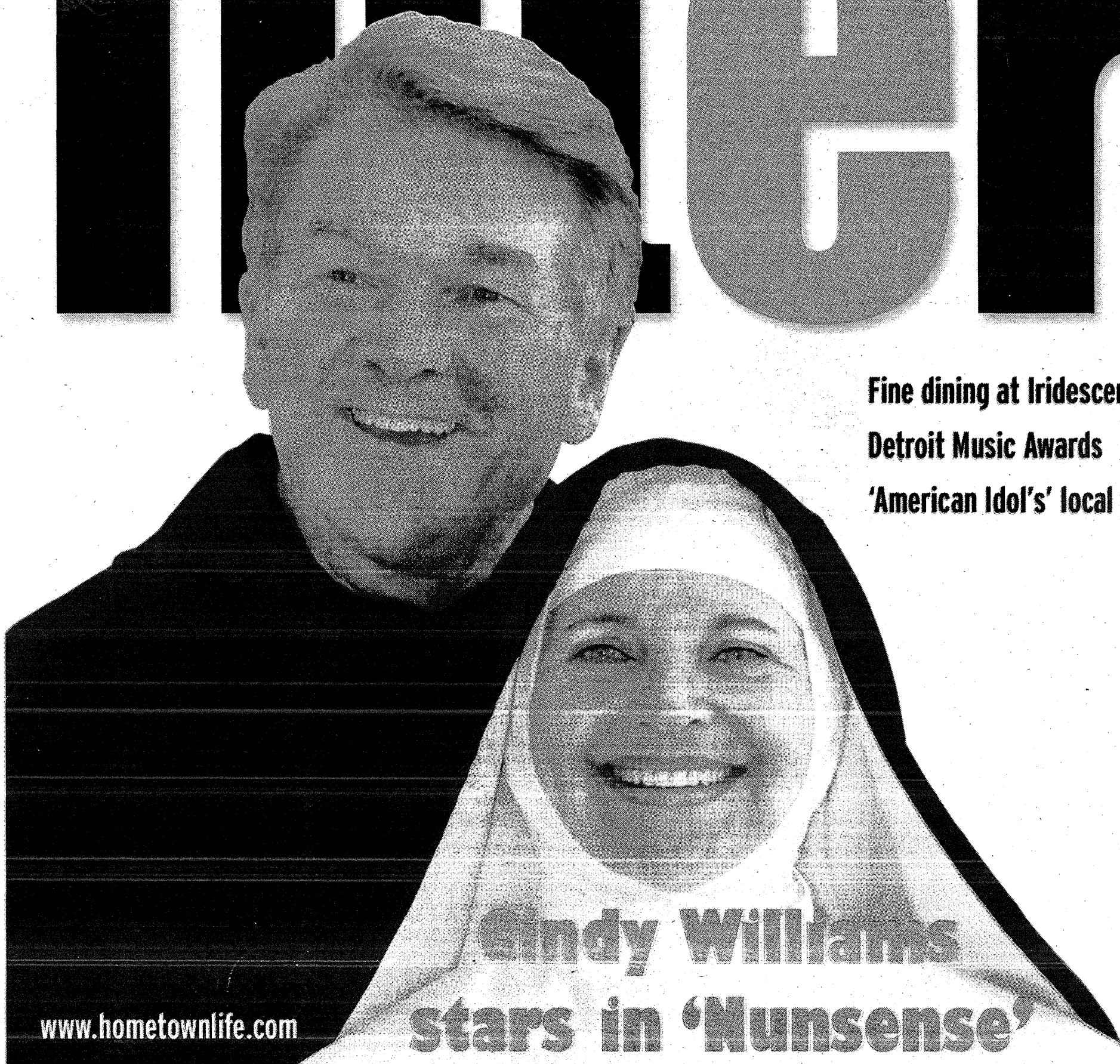
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Paris gives us the wit and unabashed self-promotion of The Teenagers, playing April 30 at Detroit's Magic Stick. The band's full-length debut, 'Reality Check,' was recently released on XL.

# Filtered Top Five: The Teenagers

What began with a fake band profile on Myspace.com has spawned some seriously hilarious dance tracks polka-dotted with lyrics we can't even print here, all delivered in a French accent. Still it's irresistible. The band's recently released XL debut *Reality Check* pops with electro-tinged dance-inducing songs like *Streets of Paris* and *Feeling Better*. The jaw-dropping single *Homecoming* and its follow-up, an ode to actress *Scarlett Johansson* are the sort you'll keep on

repeat. Don't believe me? See for yourself when The Teenagers hit Detroit at the end of the month. In the meantime, Singer Quentin Delafon of The Teenagers checked in with FILTER and shared his Top Five favorite:

#### RECORDS:

1. *Moon Safari* by Air
2. *Before The Dawns Heals Us* by M83
3. *A Strangly Isolated Place* by Ulrich Schnauss

4. *DJ Kicks* by Erlend Oye — "Yes it's a compilation but it's the best!!"
5. *Overpowered* by Roisin Murphy

Don't miss the fist-pumping bombastic fun of The Teenagers when the Parisian new-wave trio hits Detroit's Magic Stick 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. Openers include Team Robespierre and Frankie Bank\$. The Stick is at 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. Visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com) for more.  
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Richard Jenkins and Hiam Abbass fall for one another in 'The Visitor.'

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Cindy Williams, star of 'Nunsense,' with the play's author, Dan Goggin.



Cindy Williams, best known for her role as Shirley on TV's 'Laverne & Shirley,' is currently starring in 'Nunsense' at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills.

# Williams gets into the habit for back-to-back 'Nunsense' revues

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Film-goers first fell in love with Cindy Williams when she appeared in the iconic 1973 cruising classic *American Graffiti*. That role led to appearances on the TV hit *Happy Days* and later another mega successful sitcom, *Laverne & Shirley* — in which she starred opposite Penny Marshall. Now the accomplished actress dares to don the habit and grace the Meadow Brook stage in a 25th anniversary run of *Nunsense*.

It isn't her first visit to the mitten state. Williams appeared in the 2006 Woodward Dream Cruise representing *American Graffiti*.

"I love Michigan," she said, talking in a downstairs lounge at the Rochester Hills theater. "I just like the nature here."

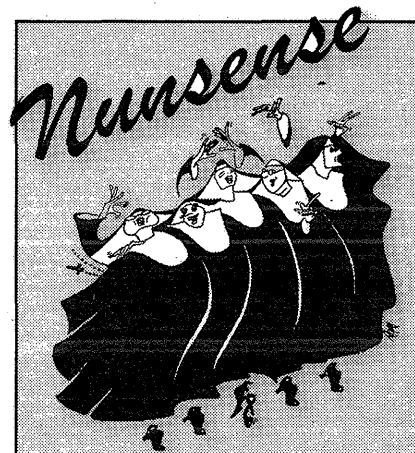
Alma, Mich. native Dan Goggin crafted his *Nunsense* series from a gag gift he once received — a mannequin sporting a nun's habit. That one image spawned a greeting card character and he later brought that character to life. What began as a cabaret act in New York City earned such a following that over the past two and a half decades he's written six sequels and the show

has grown into 8,000 productions performed around the globe. Inspired by the sisters he met while attending St. Mary's School in Alma, his characters range from streetwise Brooklynite Sister Robert Ann to Sister Mary Amnesia, who suffered memory loss after a crucifix fell on her head.

Though he'd spoken to Williams about performing in the show before, the timing finally worked out. She had just wrapped a production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* on Broadway and was free to try on the habit for the first time. "It was a Godsend," said Williams with a smile.

Her character, the Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer, is left to pick up the pieces after Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned a batch of vichyssoise killing 52 nuns with botulism. All but four are properly buried, so the story goes, when the Reverend Mother decides to buy a new television and entertainment center. When she can't pay for the burial of the final four sisters, she stores them in the freezer, and the nuns decide they'll have to put on a show to raise the money they need.

Goggin said his *Nunsense* is the sort of production where "hair and makeup are done after the show." His



**What:** The 25th anniversary of this enduring comedy, which has since spawned six sequels courtesy of Michigan native and creator Dan Goggin.

**When:** Showing Wednesday, April 23 through Sunday, May 18

**Where:** Meadow Brook Theater, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

**Tickets:** \$28, (248) 645-6666.

**Luncheon on the Aisle:** The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild sponsors its annual Spring fund-raiser to support the theater, beginning 10 a.m. Friday, April 25 with a boutique, raffle, refreshments and a performance of "Nunsense," followed by a discussion with its creator, Dan Goggin. Tickets \$25-\$30, call (248) 377-3300

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"We wanted something that would entertain people and educate them all in a fun and lively way," said Carol Halsted, who moderates the program. Rather than a lecture, the series offers patrons a chance to explore dance in a new way. From wine and hors d'oeuvres to

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**When:** Showtime is 7 p.m. for films on Tuesdays April 29, May 13 and June 17.

**Admission:** Tickets, \$10 at the door, include refreshments.

**Reservations:** Call (313) 237-3426 or e-mail [dance@motopera.org](mailto:dance@motopera.org)

background on the film and discussions afterward, the series is open to anyone interested. This season the series explores the world's greatest choreographers.

Three nights remain. On April 29 witness the ballets of Jerome Robbins — *Fancy Free*, *The Cage* and *Small House of Uncle Thomas* (from *The King and I*), and excerpts from George Balanchine's *Four Temperaments* and *Chaconne* with New York City Ballet.

On May 13 see the films tread into modern dance, courtesy

of Twyla Tharp's *Push Comes to Shove*; David Parson's *Caught*; Bill T. Jones's *D-Man in the Waters* plus Paul Taylor and Mark Morris' *Dido* and *Aeneas*.

### JET TO THE PARIS BALLET

On June 17, the films return to Germany and France with a rescheduled showing of Roland Petit's *Die Fledermaus* with the Paris Opera Ballet, and Christophe Maillot's *Sleeping Beauty* with Les Ballets de Monte Carlo.

John Neumeier's *Sylvia* with the Paris Opera Ballet will also be featured along with Hans Van Manen's *Black Cake* with the Bavarian State Ballet and an historic ballet from the 1930s, Kurt Joos' *The Green Table* featuring the Joffrey Ballet.

"We have quite a variety," said Halsted. By Stephanie A. Casola



# Dearborn native takes on emotion-driven 'The Visitor'



Richard Jenkins and Haaz Sleiman drum to the same beat in 'The Visitor.'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dearborn native and Wayne State University graduate Haaz Sleiman returned to the Motor City recently promoting his latest film, *The Visitor*. The Tom McCarthy-helmed drama follows the life of a lonely college professor named Walter Vale (Richard Jenkins), who reluctantly returns to New York for a conference, only to find a young couple has been renting his old apartment — illegally. After stumbling unexpectedly upon Tarek and Zaineb, Walter allows them to stay temporarily. He embarks on a surprising friendship with Tarek, played by Sleiman.

The two bond over a mutual love of classical music and soon enough Tarek teaches Walter how to play the djembe, an African drum.

While his character is a musician — and Sleiman himself pursued music before acting — the African drum proved a rather new experience. “For a month and a half I practiced for three hours a day,” he said, sitting in a posh room at the MGM Grand Casino. Sleiman learned the instrument from a coach named Mohammad Ali in New York City, and sat in with Ali’s fellow musicians for a scene in the film. “I was sort of like Walter,” said Sleiman of the experience.

Sleiman’s own journey, in some small ways,

mirrored that of his character. Though he is of Lebanese decent, Sleiman played a man who escaped Syria with his mother Mouna (Hiam Abbass) after his father died. In the film they lived in Dearborn, before Tarek moved to New York City to play music. In his life, Sleiman obtained a degree in computer science and lived in Dearborn before moving to New York City, also to pursue a career in music.

“It’s been a couple years,” said Sleiman. “Coming back with this film is just a surreal feeling.”

But that’s where the similarities end. In the film Tarek and his Senegalese girlfriend are just living their lives, trying to get by, when one day after playing drums in the park Tarek and Walter are mistakenly stopped on the subway. Tarek is accused of failing to pay the toll and the police take him into custody, a detention center in Queens. Zaineb, Tarek’s girlfriend, warns Walter that he’s not a citizen and is in danger of being deported. By then Walter’s life is tightly entangled in the lives of these strangers and he stays in New York in an effort to help free Tarek. In the meantime Tarek’s mother arrives, concerned she hasn’t heard from her son. Played by the lovely Hiam Abbass, who made her first visit to the Detroit area on the same press tour, Mouna cannot visit her own son — for fear she too will be held in the detention center.

McCarthy had Abbass in mind when he was still writing the script for *The Visitor*. The two met in Paris, her hometown, and discussed the

character of Mouna, who eventually falls in love with Walter. “We talked a lot about ‘Who is this woman? What would she be like,’” Abbass said. “Three months after I read the script and a lot of what we said was in there.” She said what appealed to her most about the film were McCarthy’s realistic characters. “They are real and they stay with you,” she said.

Abbass said in readings and rehearsals prior to filming the actors spent ample time discussing the script. “Everyone would be honestly defending his character,” she said. Both Sleiman and Abbass credited their director for creating a film that focuses on people’s differences and “brings everyone closer together,” Sleiman said, calling the story “so profound.”

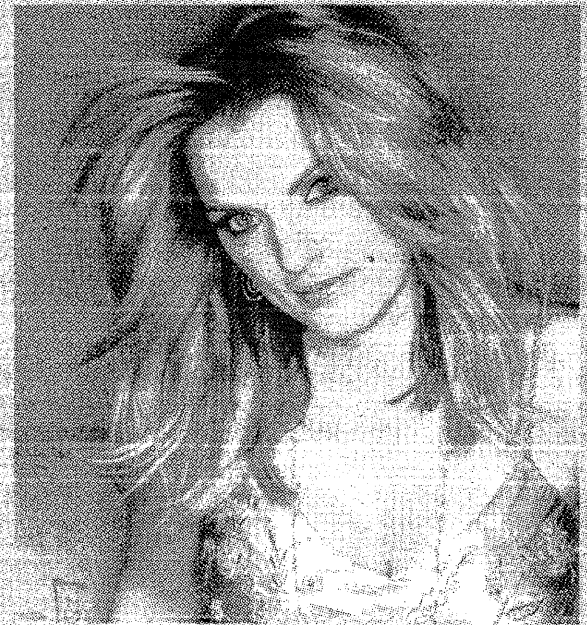
With careful pacing and a plot line that calls attention to the stark realities of living illegally in a post-9/11 America, *The Visitor* unfolds to reveal a lonely widower who finds friendship, purpose and love after a chance meeting that brought this small group of strangers together. “It’s a very emotional movie,” said Sleiman.

In preparing for the film, both actors visited a drum circle in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park. They were struck by the way everyone was embraced and encouraged to play, to drum on anything. “You have a place to be, an open invitation,” said Abbass. *The Visitor*, despite its somber undertones and doses of harsh reality, manages to evoke that hopeful sentiment and draw audiences right into the story. The film opens in metro Detroit theaters on April 25.

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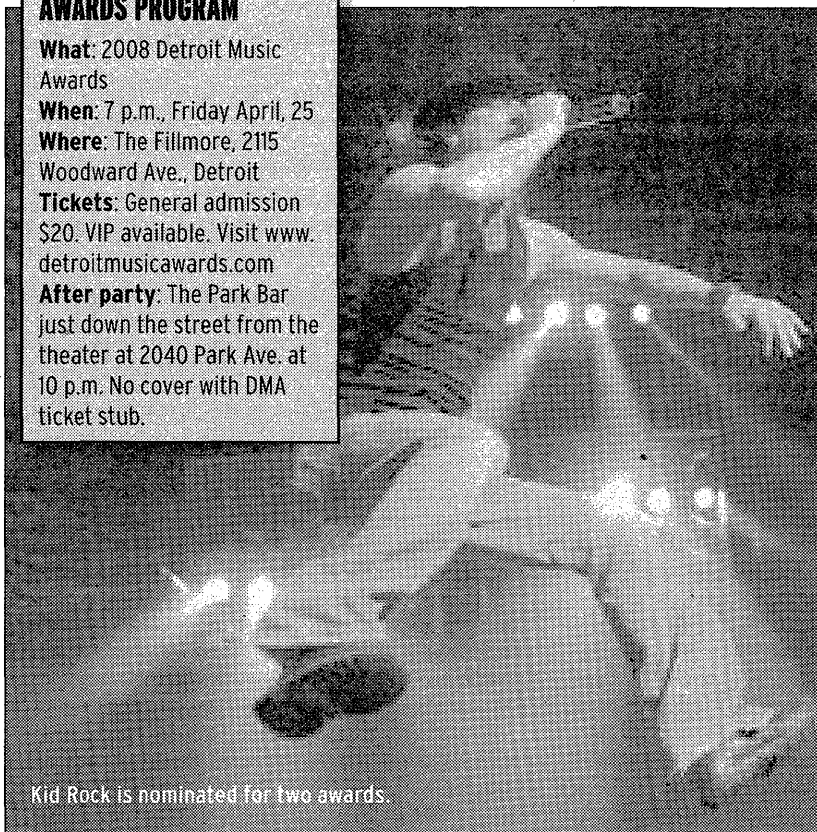
**What:** 2008 Detroit Music Awards

**When:** 7 p.m., Friday April, 25

**Where:** The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Tickets:** General admission \$20. VIP available. Visit [www.detroitmusicawards.com](http://www.detroitmusicawards.com)

**After party:** The Park Bar just down the street from the theater at 2040 Park Ave. at 10 p.m. No cover with DMA ticket stub.



Kid Rock is nominated for two awards.

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Musician Dana Forrester has earned Detroit Music Awards in the past.

Her band Crud — fronted by Sponge's Vinnie Dombroski — won for best industrial band last year.

But that doesn't lessen her enthusiasm for this year's DMAs. Crud is nominated again in the same category for its recordings. And her other band, 60 Second Crush, is also up for two categories: Best Metal and Best Rock/Pop Recording.

"It's always an honor to be nominated — and of course even better to win," Forrester said. "The DMAs are the closest thing to The Grammys that we have in Detroit."

The ceremony is at the Fillmore this Friday, April 25.

While some musicians say the DMAs help musicians and others say it doesn't affect them, Forrester is right in that it's Detroit's biggest music awards program.

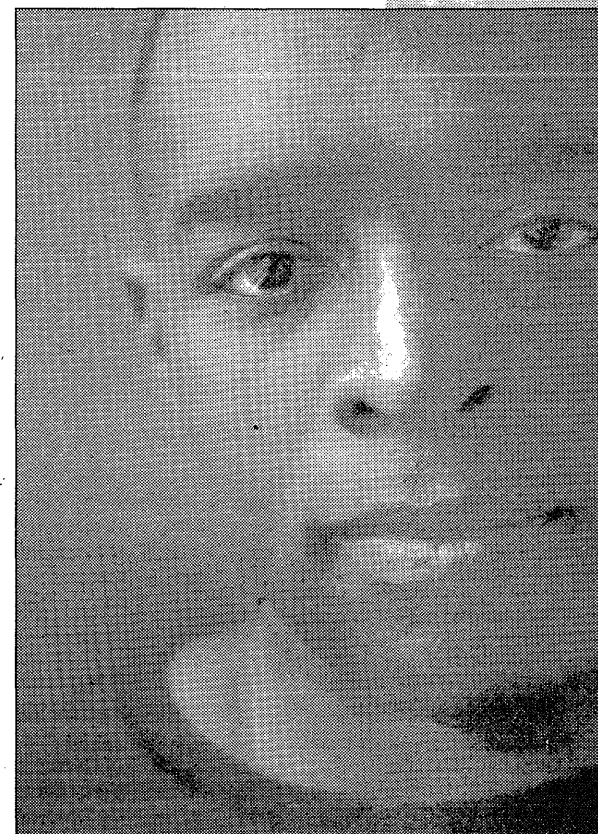
DMA winners are chosen by about 3,000 members of Detroit's music community — managers, booking agents, media, club managers, sound technicians and others. The awards program is headed, of course, by Detroit entertainment attorney Howard Hertz, one of the strongest supporters of local music — and music-makers — in the state.

"I think musicians and music fans need to really appreciate that Detroit is one of the few cities in the country that has a music awards show recognizing their own," Forrester said. "While this is a great reflection of Detroit's exceptional musical talent, the DMAs is also a result of hundreds of hours of hard work by a committee of volunteers. I am very grateful that we have such a passionate group of people dedicated to honoring Detroit's musicians."

Crud is performing this year, as are many other local artists. Singer-songwriter Don "Doop" Duprie, a three-time 2008 nominee will take the stage with fellow rock nominee Ty Stone and other respected artists like guitarist Brett Lucas; pedal-steel player Pete Ballard of The Deadstring Brothers; keyboardist Bobby Emmett of The Sights; drummer Jay Rowe and bassist Jay Lollo of The Inside Outlaws; and special guest "backup" vocalists Koko Louise of The Hard Lessons plus Carey Gustafson.

The categories span multiple music genres. This year, a handful of musicians will be honored for their repetitive wins. If a musician or band wins the same category three years in a row, they will be excluded from the nomination process for one year in that category. Those constant winners are:

Jeremy Kittel — Folk Artist or Group; Amp Fiddler — Electronic/Dance Artist or Group; Martin & Tino & Gross — Record Producer; Broadzilla — Hard Rock / Metal Artist or Group; Bobby East — Rock Instrumentalist; Houseshoes — Hip/ Hop D.J.; Black Bottom Collective — Urban/Funk Artist or Group; and Nadir — Urban/Funk Songwriter.



Musical legend Kevin Saunderson is nominated as best electronic DJ.



Jeremy Kittel will receive a special honor as a constant DMA nominee and winner.



The Dirtbombs are nominated for best alternative band along with Bump, The Gore Gore Girls, Nuroksol and The Silent Years.

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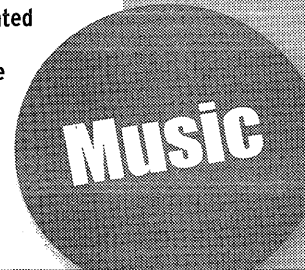
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# Help local musician win on 'American Idol'

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

A local man's song is in the top 20 on the *American Idol* song contest — and you're needed to get him to number one.

Dan Yessian is a strong force in music and chances are you don't even know his name.

The West Bloomfield man who owns recording studios in Farmington Hills, Troy, Oak and New York, under the names Yessian Music and Dragon Licks, wrote a song for *American Idol* that, if chosen, will be performed on television next month by *Idol* finalists.

His song *You Believe In Me* made the top 20 — out of thousands of entries.

Your vote is needed online to get that song on television.

You've heard Yessian's music on dozens of commercials — like that cool Chevy spot during the *Grammys* where the artist carved the truck out of clay — and the Heineken commercial searching for the best DJs on the planet. He makes the sounds that can actually evoke emotion during commercials. His music has been in ads by Pepsi, Subaru and GM plus in film trailers and movies.

But Yessian's goal is to write a song that becomes a hit.



Local musician Dan Yessian's song has made *American Idol*'s Top 20. Your vote can help him achieve number one status.

"My dream was to write that hit song that the public would appreciate," Yessian said. "*You Believe In Me* aspires to that dream ... especially in these times. I hope the public thinks the same way when the votes are cast."

You can vote for Yessian's song. Go to the following link and register as an

*American Idol* voter. The songwriters names aren't listed. Search for the title *You Believe in Me*. Listen to it and click on the star icons to rate it.

<http://songwriter.americanidol.com/register tovote/>

We will keep you posted. And Good luck, Dan!

## Local woman lands dream job: 'American Idol' reporter

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

How many people can say they have a job based purely on fun?

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Her career right now is focused: to inform people about everything *American Idol*.

Sofios, a 1994 Salem High School graduate and former Canton resident, is a journalist in Fresno who spends her time reporting on the set of America's most popular television show. She's a journalist with Fox-affiliate KMPH in California.

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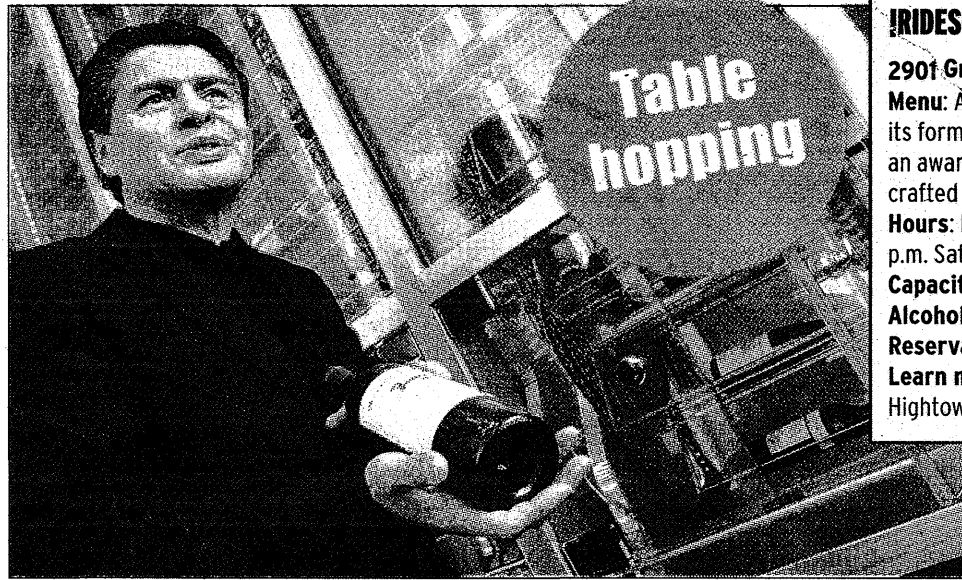
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Step out of the elevator onto the top floor of Detroit's Motor City Casino and delve into the upscale ambiance of Iridescence. It's instantly clear this space was meant to wow its clientele. From the marble tables, white leather seats and purple suede half-moon booths to the 40-foot-high windows that overlook the city below, Iridescence looks and feels like no other restaurant around.

Executive Chef Greg Carroll noted: "I've never seen anything like it."

As Detroit's only AAA Four-Diamond establishment, Iridescence has earned a reputation in fine dining thanks to Chef Adam Hightower, a Rochester Hills native and Royal Oak resident. Hightower has a penchant for elevating comfort cuisine to elegant new heights in both taste and presentation. He's incorporated local ingredients into his menu and is currently switching up dishes to make the most of seasonal Spring offerings.

"We focus on flavor, and presentation is a wow factor," said Lucio Arancibia, vice president of food and beverage operations. He said the restaurant seeks out locally-grown and



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Lucio Arancibia, vice president of food and beverage operations, holds a bottle of wine from the one-of-a-kind wine wall which houses 500 bottles at Iridescence, on the seventeenth floor of the Motor City Hotel and Casino in Detroit.

organic foods — adding more of each to the menu all the time.

If options like Kona Ahi Tuna Honolulu Style — encrusted with tempura and scallions and served with Ponzu Beurre Blanc; Black Cod with Fiddleheads Salad and Michigan

Corn; or Lemongrass Tempura Scallops don't automatically tempt curious taste buds, Hightower will treat guests to a personalized tasting experience.

For special events, reserve the private dining room. Groups of up to 10 people can

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**Learn more:** Check out our profile of Chef Adam Hightower in today's Hometown Life section.

enjoy the private room and try anywhere from six to 14 customized courses prepared by Hightower. In describing his style, he said, "it's simple food done perfect."

Be sure to save room for dessert. Pastry Chef and fellow Schoolcraft College graduate Patricia Nash earned the American Culinary Federation 2007 Pastry Chef of the Year award. Her Pistachio Crunch combines a crisp honey lemon creme with pistachio mousse, crushed pistachio, raspberry sorbet and a citrus glaze. Framed in delicate chocolate, it's as much a work of art as it is an indulgence.

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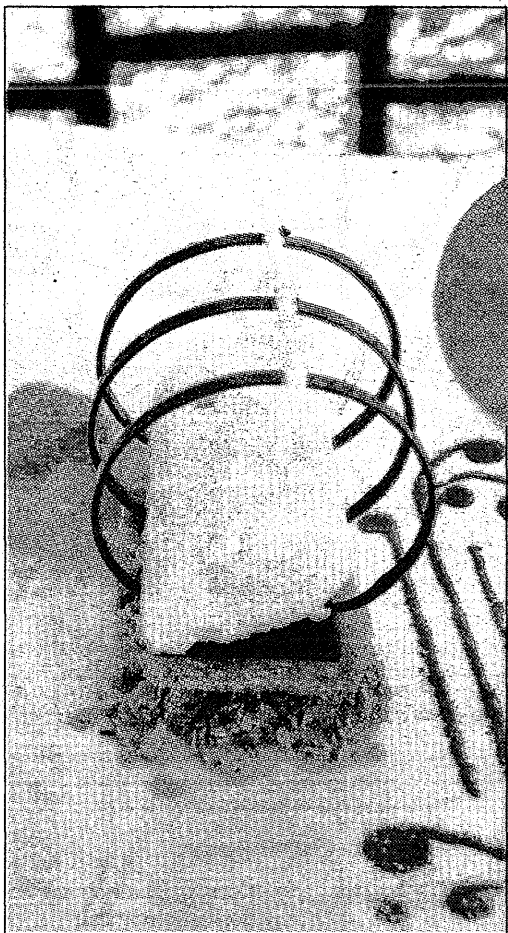
These inspired dishes can be paired with any of the restaurant's 500 bottles of wine. Iridescence earned the 2007 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and is applying for the same award again this year. Arancibia, of Huntington Woods, conceptualized the restaurant's one-of-a-kind, custom-made glass wine wall to hold and display the wine selection. Using a computerized system the wine bottles move vertically in each temperature-controlled case until the chosen bottle is accessible through the bottom doors. A sommelier can search by category, variety and vintage to find the right one.

Iridescence Executive Chef Greg Carroll oversees restaurants at Motor City Casino and Hotel.

Reserve a table around 7 p.m., suggested Carroll, to experience the spectacular day-to-night transition that occurs at Iridescence. Viewing the sunset through the enormous windows and seeing the lights and white walls dim offers a completely new atmosphere. "Sunset is really dramatic," said Arancibia. "We wanted to create something that would appeal to the five senses."

From the open kitchen, where you'll find Hightower perfecting fishes and interacting with diners, to the meticulous details like bone china and fine crystal, Iridescence offers an unparalleled experience in the city.

"I think the room is full of romance," said Carroll. "It's a great place to bring a significant other. A lot of couples sit at the booths. They sit close together."



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Award-winning Pastry Chef Patricia Nash created the artistic Pistachio Crunch at Iridescence.

# Chipotle's opens in Royal Oak

Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant opens in Royal Oak on Friday, April 25. The restaurant will serve up burritos, tacos, salads and bowls at 32824 Woodward Ave.

To help celebrate the restaurant's arrival, a Free Burrito Day will be held the day before the grand opening, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m. Thursday, April 24.

Customers need only bring appetites and they'll receive a burrito and soft drink of their choice, no strings attached. Chipotle serves more naturally raised meat (meat from animals that are raised in a humane way, never given antibiotics or added hormones, and fed a pure vegetarian diet) than any other restaurant company; more than 52 million pounds this year.

Chipotle uses chilis from the Southwest, an increasing percentage of organically grown beans, and sour cream and cheese made with milk from cows that are not treated with the synthetic hormone rBGH.

Customers can choose from a variety of ingredients — cilantro-lime rice, whole black or pinto beans, grilled or braised marinated meats, freshly grilled vegetables, house-made guacamole, aged shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream and a variety of fresh salsas.

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## ART

**555 Gallery:** Westland's Kelly Darke, May 1-31, reception, 7 p.m. May 1, 4884 Grand River Ave., Detroit, (313) 894-4202.

**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 (between I4 and I5 Mile roads), Birmingham, [www.BBArtCenter.org](http://www.BBArtCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

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

**Cass Cafe Gallery:** "Me and Jim," new works by Jeremy E. Hansen and Jim Slack, through May 24, 4620 Cass Avenue, Detroit, (313) 831-1400, [www.casscafe.com](http://www.casscafe.com).

**Community Arts Gallery:** Waynemia, Undergraduate Exhibition, through May 23, Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, [www.art.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu).

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

**Farmington Artists Club:** Spring 2008 Exhibit and Sale through April 27, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, (248) 455-9885.

**Elaine L. Jacob Gallery:** "Still Pulling: Traditional Printmaking in the Digital Age," group show, through May 16; 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, [www.art.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu).

**Furnace Design Studio:** 15 Years of Collaboration, reception, 7-9 p.m. April 29, lecture, 7 p.m., The Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn, (313) 561-4527.

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

**Habatat Galleries:** 6th Annual Contemporary Glass Auction, 7-10 p.m. April 24, Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley; 36th Annual International Glass Invitational Awards Exhibition, April 26-May 26, preview days, April 24-26, reception, 8 p.m. April 26, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, [www.habatat.com](http://www.habatat.com).

**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, opening reception 6-9 p.m. May 2, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

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

**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; Rochester Schools K-12 Art Shows, April 29-May 17, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

**Paul Kotula Projects:** Melissa Mytty "Urban Couture" and Amy Vogel "At Two With Nature" through May 10, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, [www.paulkotula.com](http://www.paulkotula.com).

**Pewabic Pottery:** "Anat Shifan Recent Works of Still Life" and "Historic Pewabic Pots from 1903-1964," through May 9, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954, [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com).

**Plymouth Community Arts Council:** DIA Brown Bag Lecture Series, "Games Played at the DIA," noon May 13, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com).

**River's Edge Gallery:** "Shades of Green: Rescued, Recovered, Repurposed, Repurposed" group show, through May 10, 3024 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, [www.artattheedge.com](http://www.artattheedge.com).



**Sisson Gallery:** Henry Ford Community College Annual Student Art Exhibition, through May 2, HFCC's MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Spring Art Exhibit, May 2-29, reception 7-8:30 p.m. May 8, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.

**Warren Tri-County Fine Arts:** Artist of the Month Tom Joseph, April; Carter L. Coss of Rochester Hills, May; Warren City Hall Gallery, One City Square, Warren, (586) 791-4047.

## BOOKS

**Detroit Working Writers:** Spring Readings, 1-4 p.m. May 18, Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, \$20 adults, \$10 children 5-12, includes brunch. Advance payment required to Diana Dinverno, 3649 Balfour Dr., Troy, Mich. 48084, (248) 816-8469.

**Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center:** William Christen, author of "Pauline Cushman: Spy of the Cumberland," 10:30 a.m. May 15, register by May 8 at 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, (248) 203-5270.

**Borders Birmingham Hills:** CBS Early Show's Mark McEwen, will sign "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 will sign her new children's book "Twoey & the Goat" 1 p.m. April 26, 17111 Haggerty Road, (248) 348-1274.

**Barnes & Noble Royal Oak:** Kurt A. David will sign "From Glory Days: Successful Transitions of Professional Detroit Athletes" 7 p.m. April 26; Royal Oak's Judy Davids will sign, "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom" 3 p.m. May 4, and perform with the Mydols, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Floral Artist Jane Packer lecture, demonstration and signing of "Colour" 10:30 a.m. May 7, \$25 lecture; \$50 includes lunch, (313) 833-4005, [dia.org](http://dia.org).

**Library of Michigan:** "Up North with the Hemingways," through May 5, "Night for Notables" tribute, keynote speaker Eric Villegas, chef and author of "Fork in the Road," samplings of Villegas' cuisine, Michigan wines and book signings with 2008 Michigan Notable Books authors, 7-9:30 p.m. April 26, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing (517) 373-4692.

**The Scarab Club:** Metro Detroit Writers Book Party for Christine Rhein's "Wild Flight," 2 p.m. May 18, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit (313) 831-1250.

## CHAMBER

**University Musical Society:** Sir James Galway, honored with 2008 UMS Distinguished Artist

Award and performs 6 p.m., May 10, \$10-\$75, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538, followed by gala reception, \$300, Michigan League, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 647-8009, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

## 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, Northville, [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://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 (at intersection of Lahser and 13 Mile Roads) in 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 in 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](http://www.fortstreet.org).

**Oakland Choral Society:** Johannes Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem), 8 p.m. Saturday, 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.

**Plymouth Oratorio Society:** 22nd Season Concert, Te Deum by F. J. Haydn, Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan William (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) 455-8353.

## 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](http://www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic).

**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Opus 9 Series with Jupiter String Quarter, May 17; Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$43-\$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070, [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.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.

**Macomb Symphony Orchestra:** "Memorable Movie Musings," 8 p.m. May 9, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, [www.macombsymphony.org](http://www.macombsymphony.org).

**Max M. Fisher Music Center:** Ilya Yakushev, 8:30 p.m.

May 2, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

**Orchestra Hall:** Tchaikovsky's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra with Hilary Hahn and Peter Oundjian, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. April 25, and 8:30 p.m. April 26, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

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

## CLUBS

**Berkley Front:** Crashing Cairo with Satin Peaches and Ashlawn, May 10, 3087 12 Mile Road, (248) 547-3331.

**Bosco:** NoWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, [www.thebosco.com](http://www.thebosco.com), (248) 541-8818.

**Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge:** Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

**Edison's:** John D. Lam Band, May 1; Good Gravy, May 2; Robert Penn, May 3; Larry Lee, May 8; Aaron Vaughn Band, May 9-10; The Blue Kings, May 15; The Push, May 16-17; No One Else, May 22; The Snakes, May 23-24; Remedy, May 29; Bazooka Charlie, May 30-31, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

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

**Magic Bag:** The Mega 80's, April 26; Bruce in the City (Bruce Springsteen Tribute), May 2; James McMurtly, May 8; The Muggs CD Release Party with Tres Bien & The Sisters Lucas, May 9; Savoy Brown feat. Kim Simmonds, May 10, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

**The Magic Stick:** The Night Marchers, May 5, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**Mario's in Troy:** Expedition, 7:30 p.m. May 10, 1477 John R, (248) 588-6000.

**O-Zen Lounge:** Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; [www.ozenlounge.com](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

**Plymouth Coffee Bean:** Open mic 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, [myspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean](http://myspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean).

**Sky Club:** Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Gary Gulman, April 24-26, Nick Gaza, May 1-3; Chili's Comedy Dojo Graduation Show, May 7; John Heffron, May 8-10; Jarrod Harris, May 15-17; Geoff Tate, May 23-24; Chrissy Burns, May 30-31; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, [www.aacomedy.com](http://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](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Dean Austin, May 2-3; Steve Hofstetter, May 9-10; Mark Fradl, May 16-17; Steve Bills, May 23-24; Rico Bruce Wade, May 30-31; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**Holly Hotel:** Billy Ray Bauer, April 25-26; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

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

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Tom Wilson, April 24-26, \$10-\$20, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com).

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

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Craig Ferguson, June 13, 315 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272

**The Second City:** Sex and Second City, ongoing, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com).

## CONCERTS

**Clutch Cargo:** Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.

**Comerica Park:** Van's Warped Tour, July 18, featuring The Academy Is..., Relient K, Gym Class Heroes, Reel Big Fish, Everytime I Die, Norma Jean, From First To Last, Anberlin, The Bronx, As I Lay Dying, Street Dogs, Pennywise, Against Me!, Say Anything, Bouncing Souls, Story Of The Year, Cobra Starship, Angels And Airwaves, more, \$32-\$35, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, call (313) 471-6611.

**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; Bachman Cummings, June 20; Chicago and the Doobie Brothers, June 21, Steve Miller, June 27; The Temptations and The Four Tops, June 29; Jonas Brothers, July 5; Martina McBride, July 11; Crue Fest with Motley Crue, Buckcherry, Papa Roach, Sixx: AM and Trapt, July 15; John Mellencamp with Lucinda Williams, July 18; Sheryl Crow, James Blunt, Toots and the Maytals Aug. 5; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6; Rockstar Energy Drink Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, Disturbed, Dragonforce, Mastodon, Machinehead, Underoath, more, Aug. 9; 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:** 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 7-8, 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, May 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.

**Freedom Hill Amphitheatre:** Return to Forever, June 21; Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sebastian Bach, Aug. 9, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, Call (248) 645-6666.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Raven-Symone, June 6; Rush, June 10; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, Aug. 23, (248) 645-6666, [www.ticketmaster.com/OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com/OlympiaEntertainment.com).

**Majestic Theatre:** 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.

**Michigan Theatre:** Flight of the Conchords, May 10, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**Meadow Brook Music Festival:** James Taylor, June 4; Trace Adkins and Kellie Pickler, July 17; OAR, July 25, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills, (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** 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; Bon Jovi, 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](http://Palacenet.com).

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** 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; Tantric, May 9; Augustana, May 14; Menudo, May 15; Mike Ness, May 19; She Wants Revenge, June 5; Fresh Rhymes Tour with Dilated Peoples, June 21, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** Auditions, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dance Studio, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn



(810) 444-4553, www.detroitdancecollective.org.

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Company auditions, noon-3 p.m. May 4, EDE Center for Dance, 103 S. Street, Rochester, www.ede-dance.org.  
**MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company:** "Tributes to Michigan Choreographers" 7:30 p.m. May 2, Groves High School's Little Theatre, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$15/Adults, \$12/Students & Seniors, (586) 899-2629.

## FAMILY

**Borders Birmingham:** Barenaked Ladies perform songs from "Snacktime," 3:30 p.m. May 9, followed by CD signing, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 203-0005, www.bordersgroupinc.com.

**Canton Cinema:** Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456.

**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., (248) 357-2090, www.detroitpuppeteersguild.org.

**Detroit Zoo:** Senior Day, 62 and older get free admission and parking, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 30; Mamapazooza, 2 p.m. May 3, (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.

**Exhibit Museum of Natural History:** Free dinosaur tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (734) 763-4190, www.las.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum.

**Kensington Metropark:** Backpacking Basics, 2 p.m. April 27; Spring Festival, noon-4 p.m. April 26-27, (800) 47-PARKS, www.metroparks.com.

**Matrix Theatre:** "Marsh Magic" puppet play, free, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. & noon, May 5-6, 2730 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 967-0999.

**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, 6-8 p.m. Mondays: 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 - Egg Moon, 7:30 p.m. April 28, \$2, (800) 47-PARKS, www.metroparks.com.

## FESTIVALS

**Birmingham Fine Art Festival:** Featuring 220 fine artists, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 11, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866, www.BBArtCenter.org.

**Farmington Festival of the Arts:** Live performances, music, food, activities, exhibits for all ages, through April 27; Art After Dark Gala, 7-10 p.m. April 25; Starry Night Gala, 6:30-11 p.m. April 26, Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

**Fine Art at the Village:** Fine art and craft fair, May 17-18, The Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

**Irish Music Festival and Competition:** May 9-10, Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Fwy., Dearborn, (248) 837-8022, www.detroitima.org.

**Plymouth Green Street Fair:** Presented by Whole Foods Market, May 3-5, downtown Plymouth, www.greenstreetfair.com.

## FILM

**Compuware Arena:** Drive-in theatre sneak peek weekends, May 16-17, May 23-25, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www.compuwarearena.com.

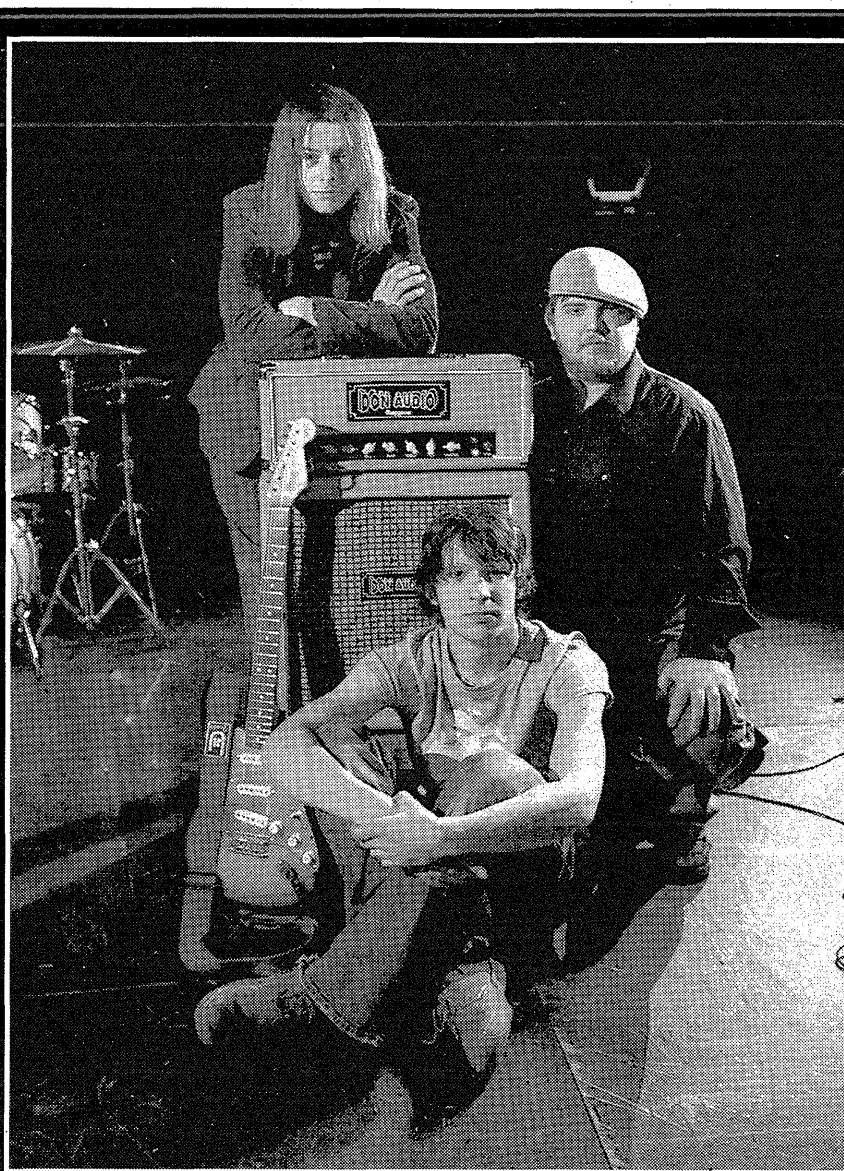
**Detroit Film Theatre:** "Aguirre the Wrath of God," April 24-25, "Beaufort," April 25-26; "The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser," April 27; at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

**Jewish Community Center:** 2008 Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, May 11-15, Uptown Palladium 12, Birmingham, (248) 432-5461, www.djff.org.

**Magic Bag:** Brew & View, "Be Kind Rewind" April 24, "The Backbeats" April 25, doors 8 p.m., films 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

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

**Redford Theatre:** Three Stooges Festival with "Men in Black" (1934), "Spook Louder" (1943), "Hoi Polloi" (1935), "Crash Goes the Hash" (1944), "Loco Boy



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## Back Door Slam

Fresh off performances on the 'CBS Early Show' and 'Jimmy Kimmel Live,' Back Door Slam hits Detroit's Shelter at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24. Touring in support of their recent Blix Street Records release 'Roll Away,' the band is fronted by 20-year-old guitar phenom Davy Knowles (center) and includes (left) Adam Jones and Ross Doyle. Visit [www.backdoorslam.com](http://www.backdoorslam.com).

**Makes Good** (1942) and "Fueling Around" (1949), April 25-26, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. www.redfordtheatre.com.

**The Green Screen:** Youth Environmental Film Festival (9 p.m. June 2, Royal Oak Main Arts Theatre) seeking environmental documentaries by youth 13-18, submit by 5 p.m. May 15 to 3901 Margaret St., Detroit, MI 48221, www.emecac.org.

## GALAS

**MOCAD:** Be In Art benefit, 6 p.m. May 3, \$125, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org/benefit2008.

**Stardust:** Gala fundraiser for Tipping Point Theatre, May 17, 800 Griswold, Northville, \$150 per person, call (248) 347-0003.

## JAZZ

**Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant:** One Year Anniversary Celebration featuring six performances by keyboardist Alex Bugnon, May 15-17, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., 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.

**Cliff Bell's:** Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots,

americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

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

## MORE MUSIC

**Detroit Historical Society:** "Behind the Scenes" series continues with performance by The Players and tour of their Playhouse, 6 p.m. Friday, May 9, (313) 833-1801, www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

**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 Dr., (734) 282-6635.

**Max M. Fisher Music Center:** Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m. April 24, 3711 Woodward, (313) 576-5111.

**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:** The Idan Raichel Project, celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary, 7:30 p.m. April 27, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org.

**Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, 7:30 p.m. May 2, Orchard Ridge campus, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

**Palmer Woods Concerts:** Straight Ahead Trio, 6 p.m. April 26, Detroit Golf Club; A. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry, 8 p.m. May 24, (313) 920-

4864, tickets online at palmerwoods.org.  
**St. Aidan Catholic Church:** Marie Bellet, 7-9 p.m. May 31, \$5 per person, \$20 per family, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 425-5950.

**Jammin' to End Famine:** A concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger, with The Strangers, The B-Bros, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Dayz Gone and Scratch, 6:30 p.m. April 25, \$20, Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, tbirchler@twm1.rr.com.

## MUSEUMS

**Charles H. Wright Museum:** "Picture Perfect: Zella's Traveling Scrapbook, the legacy of Louise Lovette Wright" through June 1, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** "William Massie: An American House," May 3 through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

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

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** 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 Historical Museum:** "Ford and Kahn At Gaukler Pointe," through June 29, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

**Detroit Science Center:** "Shipwreck: Pirates & Treasure," through Sept. 1; IMAX movie "Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk" now playing; Ford Free Fundays - free admission April 27 & May 11, 5020 John R. Street, (313) 577-8400, www.detroit-sciencecenter.org.

**The Henry Ford:** "Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T," now through September; Submit your best chocolate cake recipe and it might be featured in The Henry Ford's Chocolate Cafe during Chocolate: The Exhibition, May 31-Sept. 7, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmv.org.

**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** "Considering Detroit," 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:** Balhazar 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 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, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org).

**Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus:** Auditions for Detroit Opera House 2008-09 season, May 27, adults, SATB voices, (313) 237-3405, elizabeth@mopera.org.

**Southfield Public Library:** Spring opera program with La Rondine film, 1 p.m. April 29, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road, www.sfdlib.org.

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT**  
**American Croatian Hall:** Detroit Tamburitza Orchestra celebrates 50 Years of cultural music performance April 25-26 with 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](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/cities/grandrapids_2009.html)  
**Detroit Derby Girls:** Motor City Disassembly Line vs. Kalamazoo Derby Darlins, April 26, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, www.detroit-derbygirls.com, (248) 645-6666.

**Henry Ford Community College:** "Nothing Gold Can Stay - A Spring Star Talk" free planetarium show, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through June 17, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9628 www.hfcc.edu.

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

**Matrix Theatre:** 2nd Annual Trinidad Sanchez Poetry Tribute featuring Mariela Griffor, 7-10 p.m. April 24, \$5, 2730 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 407-0522.

**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 now, official openings May 26, shows through November, this season featuring "Hamlet," "The Music Man," "Taming of the Shrew" and more, 800-567-1600, www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com.

**Ypsi Area Street Rods:** 29th Annual Show and Shine Car Show & Swap Meet, May 4, kickoff party, 6-9 p.m. May 3, Historic Depot Town, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti (734) 485-7025, ypsiareastreetrods.org.

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

**Avon Players:** "Little Shop of Horrors," April 25-27, May 2-4, 9-10, at 1185 Washington Blvd, Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077.

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

**The Farmington Players:** "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

**Henry Ford Community College:** "Oliver," through April 27, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.

**Lorenzo Cultural Center:** "Michigan's Fight For Freedom: The Civil War Era," through May 4, (586) 445-7348.

**Marquis Theatre:** "Velvetene Rabbit," April 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild:** "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or [www.StDunstansTheatre.com](http://www.StDunstansTheatre.com), 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

**Tipping Point Theatre:** "Manuscript," April 26-May 24, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

**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.

**Water Works Theatre:** "9 Parts of Desire," May 9-24, Marlene Boll Theatre, 1401 Broadway, Detroit, www.waterworkstheatre.com.

**Who Wants Cake:** "Debbie Does Dallas, The Musical," through April 28, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.

## THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

**Broadway Onstage Live Theatre:** "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," through May 17, \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

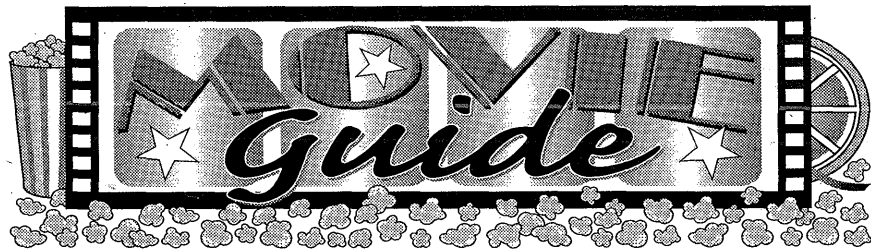
**Fox Theatre:** "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

**Gem Theatre:** "Menopause The Musical," through May 18, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, www.ticketmaster.com, www.gemtheatre.com.

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Man of La Mancha," through May 18, "Nonsense" starring Cindy Williams, through May 18, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

**Planet Art Theatre:** "Cobb," May 2-24, "In the Blood," Aug. 1-23, all at 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948.





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# 'NUNSENSE'

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rehearsing cast has already wiped their fingernails free of polish. While it's not the most glamorous wardrobe she's ever seen, Williams said she's pleased to be among this cast.

"She's so terrific at physical comedy," said Goggin, while in town directing the show. "We're so grateful to have her."

*Nunsense*, which opens April 23, will be followed by a run of *Nunsense Jamboree* starring Lee Meriweather. Though other installments of Goggin's series have been performed at Meadow Brook Theater, this year marks a premiere for both of these productions.

Despite its lead characters the *Nunsense* series doesn't deal with religion. But it does place humorous characters in unusual situations — sure to earn laughs time and again. "Nuns and priests are our biggest fans," said Goggin. "They love it."

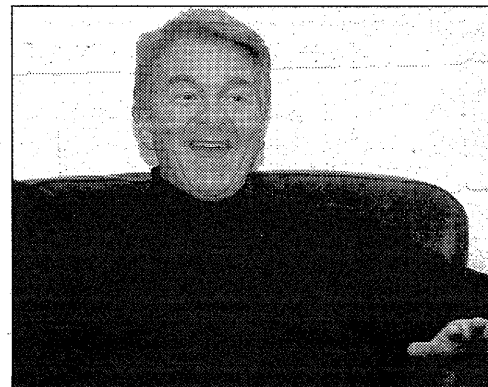
Williams' career began in the early '70s, but it was her role as Laurie Henderson in *American Graffiti* that put her on the map career-wise (she called it "a blessing"). She's gone on to success on the small screen and continued with theater. "This is what I love to do," she said.

Williams compared her experience on *Laverne & Shirley* with performing a play each week. The show was taped in front of a live audience and though the cameras stood between them, Williams and her fellow actors

were always playing to the crowd. When the crowd laughed, she said, they knew those watching the show at home would laugh too. It's that shared experience she thrives on in the theater as well. "There's nothing like it," she said.

Those familiar with *Nunsense* will notice Goggin hasn't had to change much in his script other than a reference from Beta to DVD, it's just as relevant today. "Now, people just need to laugh," he said.

And Williams added: "More than ever." She called laughter "the great equalizer." So for a little while at *Nunsense*, Goggin and Williams hope the audience feels uplifted, a little lighter, thanks to a good dose of laughter.



Dan Goggin created the 'Nunsense' series, two installments of which will be performed at Meadow Brook Theater through June 8. He's a native of Alma, Michigan.

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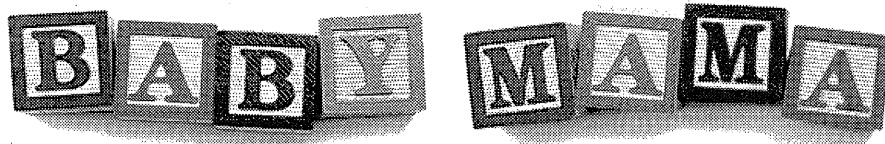
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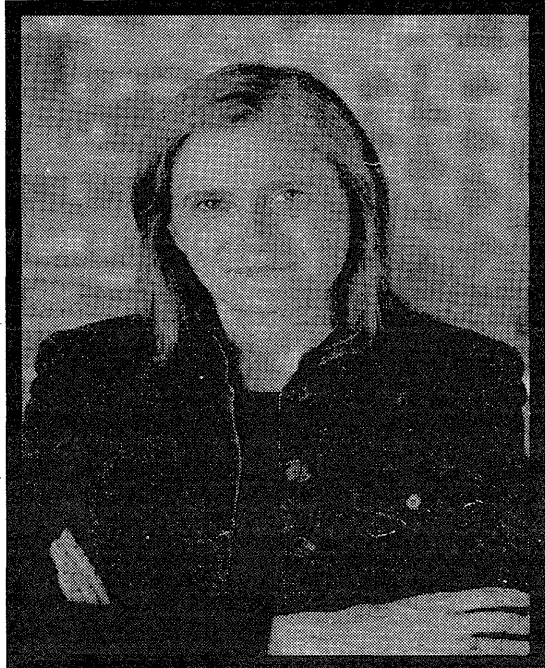
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# IDOL

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## Example:

Simon thinks it's going to be narrowed down to the two Davids — David Cook and David Archuleta, she said.

Last week she talked to Mariah Carey (whom she said is sweet and tiny) about glitter Band-Aids and mentoring singers. Then she questioned Snoop Dogg on whether being on *American Idol* hurts his street cred.

"I am *American Idol* ... that's what he said," Sofios said. "He was very funny."

All *Idol*, all the time. In the TV world, it's a major assignment change for Sofios, considering just recently she was a crime reporter covering the trial of a mass murderer who killed nine of his own children.

"It's nice to go from something so serious to something that's just fun," Sofios said.

She covered the television show as a journalist in Lansing years ago and is a huge fan herself. She understands the frenzy.

The show, she said, creates stars, gives to communities, lets even the contestant rejects get 15-minutes of fame and is pure family entertainment.

Sofios will tell you that Simon is nice and was the first judge to go out of his way to have light chatter with journalists. When he's harsh to contestants,

he doesn't think he's doing anything wrong. He believes he's preparing youngsters for the real world, she said.

Giving people their daily dose of *Idol* is never-ending because story possibilities are continuous. But don't question her about things like Paula Abdul rumors — she'll skirt the issue.

Sofios prefers to discuss the show itself.

"This is the season where a male might make it. I've been saying it's going to be David versus David" she said. "With the success of the Jonas Brothers ... it just might be time. One being the rocker and one for the tweens to gush over."

She's enjoyed watching contestants blossom and remembers the first time she met a wide-eyed Carrie Underwood.

"She kept looking around and telling me how amazing and surreal it all was. She had never really traveled outside of her small hometown. Then a few months later, the night she won, she had this newfound confidence. I asked her, 'Can you believe you actually have a private jet now?' She couldn't stop smiling."

And she has a theory about why the show is so popular.

"*Idol* really crosses age, gender and cultural barriers. It is truly a family show and I think people appreciate it. The competitive aspect doesn't hurt either. I just love being a part of it."



Popular 'Idol' contestant David Cook with Idol journalist, Alysia Sofios, formerly of Canton. Her family still resides in Wayne County and looks to her for the scoop on their favorite TV show.

### IDOL INSIDER BLOG

In addition to her 'Idol from Hollywood,' Sofios also has an 'Idol Insider' blog on her station's website. Click on [www.kmph.com](http://www.kmph.com) and then to the Idol 26 icon.

## Thursday nights are found again with return of 'Lost'

**A**aaah, *Lost* has been off for a month and aren't you ready for more? It's back on every Thursday beginning tonight with a new episode at 10 p.m.

To get our fix during the past month, we've been forced to play the games on [www.abc.go.com](http://www.abc.go.com) where you can see what kind of nickname Sawyer would give you if you were stranded on the island with him.



Lana Mini

Some nicknames given to *Filter* reporters: Imelda for the thoughtful writer here and Hawking for the impulsive.

And there's the connection map on the website that shows how each character is unknowingly tied to each other. Remember Jack and Claire are half-siblings.

Lisa Elias, of Canton, is like many *Lost* fans. She's having a hard time waiting in-between shows.

"I'll be in New Jersey for business (for tonight's return), but my best friend who lives in Pennsylvania is driving over to visit me and we will watch it together. She's also a huge fan ... I'm very intrigued by the whole time travel concept," Elias said.

And so are we.

Elias recommends the website [www.timeooptheory.com](http://www.timeooptheory.com) where it might solve the polar bear issue.

What will happen in the weeks to come? We can only guess.

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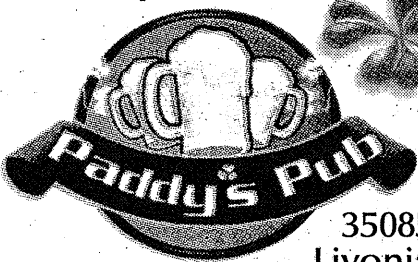
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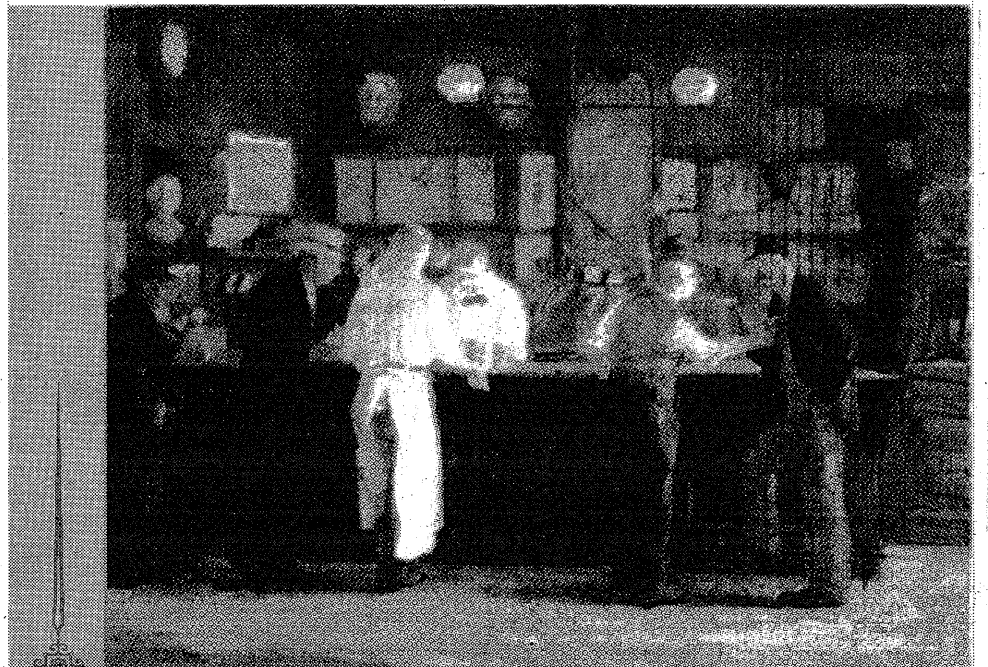
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