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# Rotarian takes role in Myanmar relief

those reasons.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Patrick Olson is one of two Americans on a specially trained, four-person team scheduled to leave Wednesday from East Midlands, England, to help with relief efforts in cyclone-ravaged Myanmar.

Olson — a Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club member — is part of a response team from ShelterBox, a grass-roots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs throughout the world. The organization was one of the first outside relief organizations to be allowed in the country, where last week's cyclone killed an estimated 100,000 people and left more than one million homeless.

"I have a mixture of feelings, but we have a very focused mission and we're For more on this story, go to www.hometownlife.com

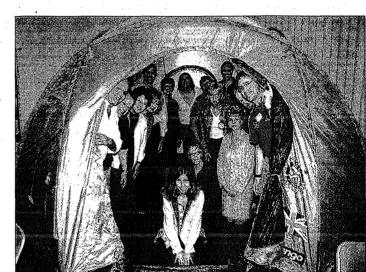
going to hit the ground and execute that mission," Olson said in a telephone interview Wednesday morning, just hours before departing for Myanmar with 55 tons of relief supplies. "We'll make every effort to ensure they get where they are supposed to go and the end-users benefit by them."

According to Rotary International in Evanston, Ill., the team will arrive with 1,000 ShelterBox containers that include tents, blankets, multi-fueled stoves, water purification kits, tools and other necessities. Each container is equipped to help a family of 10 survive for six months. The team will support ShelterBox volunteers from England who have been in Yangon, Myanmar, for a week distributing an initial shipment of 644 ShelterBox containers.

"My interest in ShelterBox grew from their business model," Olson said. "They've been involved in dozens of deployments in 44 countries, and very often they are the first people on the ground, sometimes in advance of the local authorities. They aren't a governmental, religious or political organization, simply a very focused and effective relief organization ... I wanted to be part of that for

"There may be some risk, but they are mitigated by good training and experience," he added. "I'll be joining a team already on the ground that has developed some good relationships in Myanmar. I wouldn't consider it dangerous, but a critical situation to get supplies to people who need them as quickly as possible."

Olson, 47, said he expects to be deployed in Myanmar for at least two weeks.



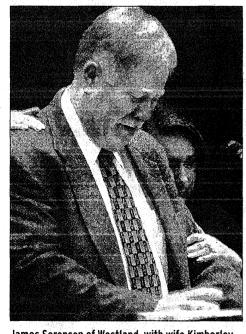
Members of Plymouth A.M. Rotary stand inside a shelter similar to the ones Rotarian Pat Olson will help deliver to cyclone-ravaged Myanmar.



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Jean Pierre Orlewicz enters the courtroom for his sentencing. he was sentenced to life without parole on the first-degree and felony murder charges, plus 50 months to 10 years for mutilating a body.

# Judge: Convicted teen 'would kill again'



James Sorensen of Westland, with wife Kimberley, fights back tears during his statement at the sentencing of Jean Pierre Orlewicz, convicted of killing their son, Daniel.

# Orlewicz gets pair of life sentences

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling his actions "evil" and expressing gratitude for the jury that convicted him, Wayne Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry did the only thing she could do under Michigan law following Jean Pierre Orlewicz's conviction last month.

She sent him to prison for the rest

Berry on Monday sentenced
Orlewicz, the 18-year-old from
Plymouth Township, to life sentences
without possibility of parole on the
first-degree and felony murder counts
on which a jury last month convicted
Orlewicz in the stabbing, beheading
and dismemberment of 26-year-old
Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

And, while Orlewicz stood silently before her, speaking only to answer questions, Berry had plenty to say.
"It's still hard for the court to fathom
why someone would do something as
heinous and evil as what you have done,"
Berry told Orlewicz. "There is a difference between mental illness and evil ...
your actions are tantamount to evil.

"I'm grateful the jury convicted you," she added. "I'm grateful you are going away for the rest of your life. I believe you would have killed again."

Orlewicz repeatedly stabbed Sorensen in his grandfather's Canton garage Nov. 7, then burned his fingertips with a blow-torch in an effort to hide the identity. He then beheaded Sorensen and dumped his body in a Northville Township field, setting it on fire. He then dumped Sorensen's head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz claimed self-defense, but a

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# Hopefuls beat the clock to get on election ballot

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Voters are going to need a scorecard to tell the players when they're trying to decide for whom to vote in the Plymouth Township election.

Fourteen potential candidates for the seven seats on the Plymouth Township board beat the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline to file. That number includes six people - with one Democrat - running for supervisor.

Five candidates - notably missing among them incumbent Charles Curmi - filed for the four trustee seats. Township treasurer Ron Edwards will run unopposed, and there's a two-person race to replace clerk Marilyn Massengill.

That doesn't mean, though, Massengill's name won't be on the ballot. She's one of the five Republicans who filed in the supervisor's race. However, she

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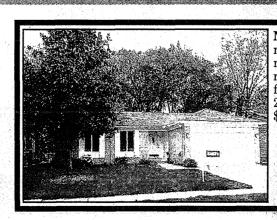
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# Township sale

Plymouth Township officials are holding a sale on used furniture Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the old township hall complex at the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road.

Buyers will be able to get a variety of used furniture, including desks, chairs, filing cabinets. etc.

For more information, call (734) 354 - 3214.

# Veteran's car wash

On Sunday, May 18, the Main Street Car Wash in Plymouth will be donating all the proceeds for that day to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, which represents Plymouth and Canton. The Veterans will be wetting down and drying off cars. Owner Phil Pursell has been doing this for years. All the money donated this day will go to help all veterans.

# Poppy days

Volunteers from the Beasley Zalesny Post 112 and the Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 15-17.

Post members said poppies became a symbol of the sacrifices of lives lost during World War I and have become a way to honor the contribution of all veterans. Hand-crafted by hospitalized veterans, poppies

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are offered in exchange for donations which will be used to benefit veterans.

Volunteers will be stationed at Kmart on Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's, both at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

# Eucharistic conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts a morning conference on the Eucharist 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 24.

Mass starts at 7:30 a.m.. followed by a continental breakfast. Speakers include Steve Ray, "Defending the Eucharist," and Sr. Ann Shields, "The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus."

OLGC also presents Vatican International Exhibition of **Eucharistic Miracles** 

in the Social Hall 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 22; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23; after the conference Saturday, May 24, until 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m. to

OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, call Margy at (313) 225-0549, or Sarah at (734) 667-2287. There is no charge, though a free-will offering will be taken.

# Community Band concert

The Plymouth Community Band presents a concert of American music 8 p.m. Friday, May 16 at Canton High School auditorium, located on Canton

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# PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Center just south of Joy. The program will feature teen pianist J. Bennett performing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and resident clarinet soloist Irv Feldman playing Artie Shaw's Clarinet Concerto. It will be an entertaining evening of great music!

# Cemetery tour

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through Riverside Cemetery, the public cemetery in Plymouth, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24. Burr will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, with a limit of 25 people on tour.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal at: www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html

# Kiddie Kampus

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is offering, for the first time, Kiddie Kampus Summer Preschool.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers at Hoben Elementary School. Two three-week sessions will be

offered with morning and afternoon class options.

For more information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12. mi.us/earlychildhood

# Preschool open house

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is hosting an Open House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. If you are considering sending your child to preschool in the fall, please stop in to experience our classroom. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call Sheila Johnson at (734) 453-5464, Ext 27.

# Celebrating authors

Meet the authors of works ranging from youth pictures books (self discovery, Plymouth history) to adult nonfiction (college math, careers, journaling, diet & exercise, sports car) to adult fiction (historical, Christian) to poetry at the Plymouth District Library Saturday, May

A meet-and-greet with the authors runs 1:30-2 p.m., with a formal presentation at 2 p.m. Authors have up to 10 minutes each to present their work (booktalk, getting published, reading, Q&A); the remaining hour is for members of the audience to meet one-on-one with authors at their display stations for additional questions, conversation, book pur-

chase or signing. Participating authors include:

■ Kelly Behr, Leslie Hampson, and Jillian Hakala, Footsteps in History, Historical Fiction about Plymouth in the 1800s.

Richard Dahlke, Ph.D., How to Succeed in College Mathematics: A guide for the College Mathematics Student.

■ Gene D. Dickirson, GDT Speedster from Dream to Reality, photographs and engineering diagrams about the one-of-a-kind sports car.

■ Rick Hauser, *The Naked* Bunny, a children's picture book about conforming and facing fears.

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■ Hermann Kaiser and

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to Die: a historical novel about Armenia & the quest for Noah's Ark. ■ Angel Pyle, Miss Junk

Food, a health and fitness book based on the author's life from junk food addict to body builder. ■ Jane Saylor, *The Road* 

You've Traveled: How to Journal Your Life, including memory sparkers and tips for organizing thoughts. ■ David M. Schmittou, Omniscient, a novel about

personal accountability and integrity from a Christian perspective. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Registration is requested for this free program at (734)

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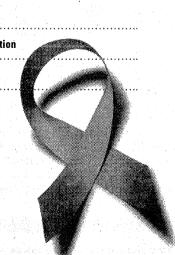
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# ArtFeast to feature dozens of artists including a dog BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Among the dozens of artists being displayed at this weekend's ArtFeast in downtown Plymouth will be one that only goes by her first name - Annie - who is Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young's 13-year-old Basenji dog.

"We put newspaper on the floor and then a large piece of water color paper, watercolor paints and cheese treats," said Young. "We then entice Annie with a cheese treat to walk across the paper, and as she dances across the paper a painting is created. The result are beautiful abstract paintings." Young will have Annie's

paintings on display in

her Penniman Avenue

photography studio during ArtFeast, which runs Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, ArtFeast is a gallery walk at the PCAC and 26 Plymouth businesses, with artists including glassblowers, potters, chalk artists, balloon twisters and musicians - at each location. On Friday night, patrons can board a trolley from Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail and make the circle to Greko Printing & Imaging, The Glassworks,

the PCAC. Those who attend the event can obtain a passport and have it stamped in at least 12 locations to be eligible to win a piece of art.

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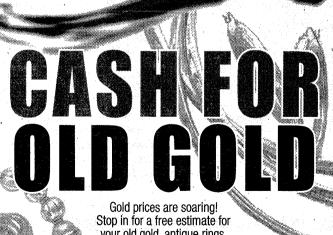
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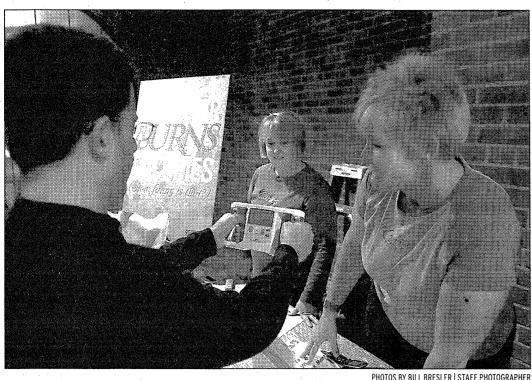
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# Annual event puts businesses on display

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Nearly 700 people passed through Showcase Plymouth, the annual networking opportunity for nearly 80 exhibitors, at The Inn at St. John's Monday.

'We had a record number of vendors and a huge turnout," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the event. "It's great to see the community coming together.

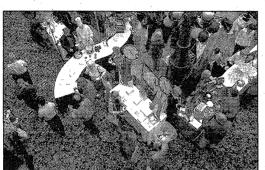
"Hopefully, people will use a lot of the businesses they see and support the local economy," he said. "We're hoping to generate a lot of activity." Paul Mix, the assistant manager of Jet's Pizza

at Five Mile and Haggerty roads, said Showcase Plymouth always helps his business. "Last year after the event, we had a huge increase

in sales," said Mix, who was handing out samples of cheese, pepperoni and barbecue chicken pizzas. "It seems to get the word out that we're out here.' Joe Gentilcore celebrated his 75th birthday

with his wife, Dee, at Showcase Plymouth. "It's the first time I've been here," said Joe

THE BEST



Nearly 700 people filed through the Inn at St. John's for the 16th annual Showcase Plymouth event Monday.

Gentilcore. "With all the people, it really makes it festive."

Lorraine Beechuck agreed that Showcase Plymouth is a good time.

"They always do an excellent job, and each year it gets better," said Beechuck. "It's a nice time to mingle with others in the area, and it's a nice atmosphere for everybody.'

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jury didn't buy it and, after some 12 hours of deliberation, found him guilty on all counts April 16. Orlewicz's attorney, James

Thomas, said he'll appeal. 'We have issues (to appeal)," Thomas said. "We had a position in this case it was self-

defense. We still think that." Sorensen's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen of Westland, never believed that defense, and nothing has happened to change their mind. Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Alexander Letkemann of Westland, described the crime in horrific detail during the trial, after

having pleaded guilty to seconddegree murder in the case.

Letkemann is serving a sentence of 20-30 years. The Sorensens have forgiven him his role and, at his sentencing last month, praised Letkemann's decision to "accept responsibility" for his actions. They had no such kind words Monday for Orlewicz.

"Even a person who takes a life in self-defense will express horror and remorse," James Sorensen said. "There has been no remorse, no sorrow ... only the arrogance of not wanting to be punished for his actions. When he was caught (Orlewicz) took the ultimate act of cowardice and refused to take accountability.'

James Sorensen said he'd

heard "the pundits" on television saying 18 years old is too young an age to send someone away for the rest of their lives.

"I disagree," Sorensen said. "The heinous nature of this crime shows Mr. Orlewicz should never be allowed to live

among us again." Still, Kimberly Sorensen admitted she can't conjure up any hatred for Orlewicz.

"(Orlewicz) threw everything away when he decided my son's life was not of any value," she said. "The lives he has affected, the pain and terror he brought upon my son ... I look at this young man and I can't bring myself to hate him.

"I hate what he did," she added. "This has altered our lives for the remainder of our days."

has until the Friday deadline to withdraw, a decision she said she hasn't quite made.

"Right at this moment, nothing's in stone," Massengill said. "By Friday I will either withdraw or I will go for it and I will go for it 100 percent. I didn't want to cut it off at this point and not be secure in the decision I was making, I decided to go ahead and submit the petitions, think about it a little more and make up my mind by Friday.'

Other supervisor candidates include the lone Democrat, Mike Watts (he of Plymouth Ice Festival fame), and incumbent supervisor Richard Reaume, Plymouth-Canton school board member Dianne Gonzalez, and former trustees K.C. Mueller and Abe Munfakh.

Munfakh will have to make a decision on which office to seek; he filed petitions for

the supervisor's race and for the Republican nomination to run against incumbent State Rep. Marc Corriveau. the Northville Democrat who holds the 20th House District seat. Munfakh, who was out of town Tuesday, said he'll decide by Friday which petition to drop.

In the 20th House race, Corriveau is the only Democrat. Jerry Vorva will battle Munfakh (if he stays in) for the Republican nod.

The clerk's race will feature deputy clerk Joe Bridgman, appointed by Massengill in March 2003, against Mary Ann Prchlik.



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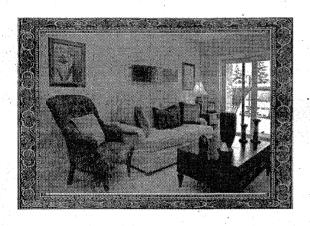
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# Production company still seeks Plymouth foothold

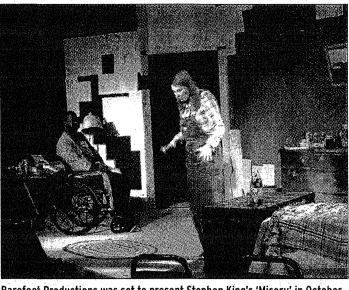
**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Craig Hane is a patient man. That's why he isn't panicking just because his pet project, Plymouth production company Barefoot Productions, has struggled to establish itself. having had to cancel a couple

of shows since its 2006 debut. Hane and the bevy of volunteers on whom he counts to keep Barefoot running have simply plugged along, slowly getting the foothold Hane hoped to grab in his hometown. It isn't quite the Jeff Daniels theater, Purple Rose in Chelsea, but Hane believes it'll get there — eventually.

"I know it takes time to get established, and I have the patience to get there," said Hane, a Farmington Hills native who has lived in Plymouth three years. "I've got people who think, 'We need to be the Purple Rose,' but they've been around 17 years. I know it takes time."

Despite the fact Barefoot had to cancel shows in December and February, Hane is encouraged by early returns on his latest production, Agatha Christie's Black Coffee.



Barefoot Productions was set to present Stephen King's 'Misery' in October 2007, but cancelled the show.

which opened last weekend in the company's new home, the old Walker-Buzenberg furniture store on Main Street near the railroad tracks.

Black Coffee, Barefoot's first production to stretch into two weekends, opened with a solid showing, and better crowds are expected when it ends its run Friday-Sunday. That's not bad, considering the last production to actually hit the stage, Stephen King's Misery

in October, played to a total of 41 people over three shows (including just nine for its opening).

"Black Coffee is so important to us because it's a chance to say, 'We are here, and we're not going anywhere," Hane said. 'It's not make or break, but it's important to let people know we're still here.'

There have been some changes. Barefoot started on a shoestring budget, funded

# **BAREFOOT ON STAGE**

- What: Barefoot Productions presentation of Agatha Christie's 'Black Coffee'
- When: 8 p.m. Friday and
- Saturday: 2 p.m. Sunday ■ Where: Walker-Buzenberg building, 240 N. Main (near the railroad tracks)
- Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and stu-
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entirely by its ticket sales, with a meager \$500 budget for its first show in October 2006. Budgets for other productions have ranged from \$700 to \$1,300, which is "still not a lot," according to Hane.

But the company recently gained nonprofit 501(c)3 status, meaning it can take advantage of donations, sponsorships and patronage. Questions of support were eased a little by a recent fundraiser at Ernesto's, which hosted a silent auction and winetasting to benefit Barefoot. According to Hane, only 100

tickets were printed, and 88 of those sold.

"I thought it would be mostly family and friends (attending), but it wasn't," Hane said. "I was overwhelmed by all the people coming in."

Barefoot has overcome other hurdles. For instance, actors had been rehearsing in the upper level at the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth, but showed up one night only to find the store had closed. The company scrambled to find a new rehearsal space, and were gratified when Lotus Arts Gallery owner Walt Menard offered a vacant space next to his gallery, free of charge.

They've also found a new home for their productions in the Walker-Buzenberg building. Like Menard, owners offered its use at no charge (Barefoot has to reimburse owners for utilities). Having its own venue has advantages over its previous site at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"We couldn't leave our sets up at the museum, but with our own little building, we can do that," Hane said. "Our sets can be bigger. We designed a set (for Black Coffee) it took us a month to build.

Actors in Barefoot are volunteers, but Hane tries to push them at professional levels. He holds open auditions for his productions, though

he does "pre-cast" some roles with actors with whose work he's familiar.

"I'm trying to raise the bar on community theater," Hane said. "I'm trying to keep Barefoot a professional company with amateur volunteers. It's a little stricter, but the product will be better for it."

There is support for Barefoot from other artists. Barbara Bloom, president of the Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild), which holds four productions a year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, said when Barefoot opened there is room for more live theater in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"I'd like to see one on every corner," Bloom said. "I think Plymouth is a viable area for something like that."

Hane still believes it's true. He said he's had offers to move Barefoot to Northville and Canton, but has eschewed them in favor of building the company's reputation in Plymouth.

"My goal is to find a space within walking distance of (Kellogg Park)," Hane said. "I want people to be able to come downtown for dinner, then come to take in our show. I'm not frustrated. I staged my first show in 1980, so I'm not in a rush."

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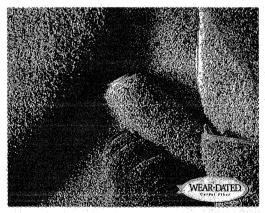
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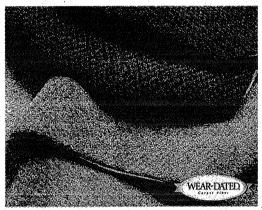
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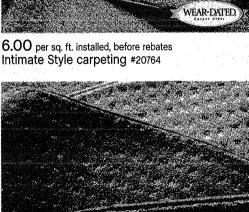
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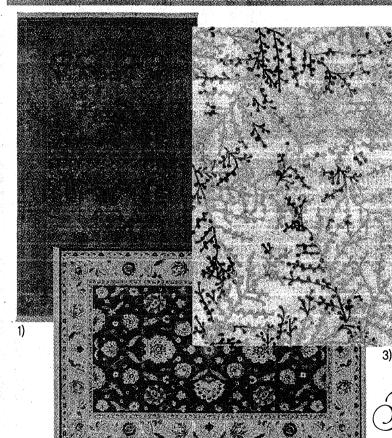
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dent organization at MSU. Students inducted into Tower Guard are selected from the top 5 percent of the freshman class. After this academic criterion is established, they are evaluated on their embodiment of the four pillars of Tower

Guard: leadership, service, scholarship and character.

As a member of Tower Guard, Portrey will volunteer 120 hours of service next year to aid students with visual impairments through MSU's **Resource Center for Persons** with Disabilities.

Portrey is the daughter of Paul and Donna Portrey of Plymouth.

# Olivet College

Heather Michalsen, a senior from Plymouth, received the Debra Tighe Memorial Award during the annual Honors

Convocation for Olivet College held April 16 in the college's Mott Auditorium.

This award is presented in memory of Debra Tighe to the woman who, through exceptional performance and achievement in the classroom. is voted the outstanding female major in health, physical education, recreation and sport.

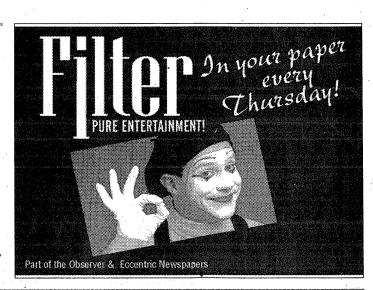
# **Howe Military School**

Melvin Gregory Sillmon II was named to the first-team All Area Basketball Team for the 2007-2008 season. The award is voted on by coaches

and media people in northeast Indiana.

Sillmon was also named to the *Hoosier Basketball* Magazine's Top 100 senior boys' basketball performers for the 2007-08 season. The list is compiled by Hoosier Basketball Magazine based on statistics reported by coaches throughout the state.

Sillmon is the son of Melvin and Anna Sillmon of Plymouth and is a senior at Howe Military Academy in Howe, Ind.

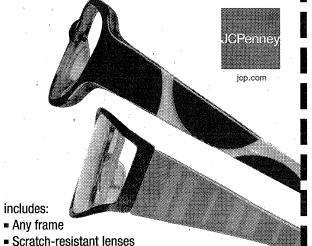




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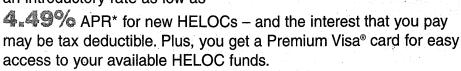
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# School board closes out year of budget, hiring decisions

It was a pretty busy year for the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education, with budget problems, the loss of their popular superintendent and a variety of other issues with which to deal.

The district opened the year in the

aftermath of two failed bond proposals, faced with making some personnel and budget cuts. That's nothing new; the board has cut some \$12 million from its budget over the last five

But the board also started the year

knowing it had to replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan, the popular face of the district. The board hired a search firm to handle the process.

As a result, the board found their man: Craig Fiegel, voting unanimously to hire the superintendent

of Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124.

More recently, the board is dealing with another \$3 million in cuts to the budget.

Here's a look at the seven board members making all these decisions:

# **Judy Mardigian**

■ Residence: Plymouth Township\* Family: Married to husband Si Nahra for 25 years. We have a son Charlie junior at MSU and daughter Sandy, who is a senior at Salem High School. She will be attending Albion College this fall.

■ Education: B.A. social science from Michigan State University. Postgraduate



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■ When were you first elected? I joined the board in 1998 through an appointment to fill the seat vacated by Jack Farrow. I have been elected three times since. I am currently board president and the most senior board member.

■ What originally made you want

I developed an interest in PCCS when my children first entered the school district. I was an involved parent, co-chairing the Class Size Action Partnership for several years. I also served on the district's Citizen's Finance and Long Range Planning Committees prior to running for the board.

I decided to run again because of my desire to see that the children of our district to get the best education possible. Given our state's economic climate, state funding for public schools has not been keeping pace with inflation. It takes experience and creative minds to make sure that cuts stay as far away from the class room as possible. I have found school board to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

■ What are the big issues your board faces?

Two: 1) Continue to raise academic achievement for all students. We have made tremendous progress, but need to focus on achievement with all students, especially those with special needs or students that are struggling. Our new state graduation requirements for the class of 2011 will stretch our students to attain higher levels of achievement.

While this is a very good thing, it will require extra instruction for many students.

2) Attaining a balanced budget. Years of inequitable funding from the state, and funding that has not kept up with the rate of inflation, has made our district's finances very challenging. We made \$12 million in cuts over the past five years and expect to cut another \$3 million in 2008-2009. With solid leadership from our administrative team and board, we may possible attain or come very close to a balanced budget next year.

■ Where were you on moving the election?

I was in favor of moving to oddyear elections and holding them with Schoolcraft College because it saved the district money (a twothirds reduction over 2007 election

November elections have a tendency to be very full ballots. My concern (shared by the Michigan Clerks Association) is that School Board elections would be placed at the bottom of the ballot, and many people would not make their way to the end of the ballot. We also expect the legislators to act on this issue

What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

I believe a superintendent needs to have a strong knowledge and demonstrated competency in key areas of school operations such as curriculum /instruction, finance, housing and construction and community relations.

Some superintendents stand apart from others because of their personal qualities such as honesty and integrity. Dr. Fiegel certainly has a strong background in the key areas, but more importantly, he is very well regarded and respected by those that have worked with and been served by him.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love spending time with my family. I also love cooking, gardening and outings with my friends. ■ What's the last good movie you

Bonneville. Not many people saw it. Wonderful movie about friendship and promises kept, starring Jessica Lange, Joan Allen and

Kathy Bates. It was a hoot! If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

Right now, improve the economy, everywhere, but especially in Michigan. Michigan offers a wonderful quality of life but needs to be rejuvenated through economic diversification and promotion of tourism, our "North Coast." It breaks my heart to see so many of our children grow up and have to move away from their families in order to get a job. So many families are struggling in this economy as evidenced by jobless rates, foreclosures and lack of health care. We can and should be doing better here

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person,

My mom, Louise Mardigian. I lost her too early in life and would love to sit down with her at her kitchen table, over a cup of coffee and talk for hours. She was someone really special.

# Tom Wysocki

■ Residence: Plymouth ■ Family: Wife Edie, son Joe Wysocki, daughter Erin (Mike)

■ Education: BS, ChE, Wayne



■ When were you first elected? What originally made you want to run?

State University,

I had been very active with the Plymouth Canton Wysocki **Band Boosters** since 1996. In 2000 and 2001 I had

been going to School Board meetings to lobby for additional funding for the band programs. I also served on the Educational Specifications Committee for the new high school (now Plymouth High School). I was interested in expanding these interests to a district level and thought if Roland Thomas was not running for re-election, there would be a good chance of getting elected. I learned a lot in my first term and thought I could be more effective in a second

■ What are the big issues your board faces?

Funding is the main one and it impacts almost all the rest.

■ Where were you on moving the election?

I was not in favor of moving the election. My position was to keep the annual elections to give voters more opportunities to vote. Your vote counts and you should use it as much as you can. I am in favor of driving the municipalities, who now run the elections, to bring down the cost of elections.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

Dr. Fiegel demonstrated a very collaborative style in his interviews and in his interpersonal relationships. The emotions of the people I met in his current district confirmed that this is the person we need for Plymouth-Canton. He will invest himself in our district and it should pay huge dividends.

■ What do you like to do in your

I like to recreationally read but it will be in bursts, completing one or two books and then taking maybe several months before I latch unto another book. I read the newspapers every day and technical information related to my profession and school board matters nearly every day. I also do some writing, publishing newsletters to a select group of people and I've written a book, not published, on water chemistry for fossil fueled power plants. I also like to golf and used to play softball. I enjoy listening to Broadway show tunes and I do watch dvr'd American Idol shows. I've downloaded Brooke White to my iPod. I like to fish but only from a little row boat on a nice calm, clear day. I always enjoy watching the Tigers play, no matter how good or bad they are at the time and I really enjoy swimming in Lake Michigan. Last but not least, I love to spend

■ What's the last good movie you

before that.

time with my wife.

one thing, what would it be? That the anger people feel could

not lead to violence, injury, and even death. If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person,

# Nancy Eggenberger Family: Husband John

who would it be?

children Maricat (a freshman at Albion); Olivia (a junior at Plymouth); Brian (an eighth-grader at Pioneer).



University of Michigan; M.A. in guidance/counseling, emphasis in College Student Personnel-Eastern Michigan University

■ Elected in May 2007. ■ What originally made you want

I ran because I was interested trict. I also felt the school board was

ment in the school district. ■ What are the big issues your

■ Where were you on moving the

election? I voted to hold the elections every

■ What did you think was the

new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

I think it is important the superthen synthesize the information and best for the children of this district. Based on the answers he gave in the interviews, I believe Craig Fiegel has that skill.

■ What do you like to do in your

I like to spend time with my family and read.

■ What was the last good movie you saw?

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

I have no idea. ■ If you could sit down for a one-

I would enjoy having a one hour

conversation with many different

# John Jackson

■ Residence: Plymouth

30 years; son Pat, 25, and daughter Polly, 20, students at Eastern Michigan. ■ Education: B.S. in business

administration, Central Michigan

■ When were you first elected?

Appointed June

■ What originally made you want to run? had a strong This includes

Jackson

I have always interest in developing our youth. Scouts, Sunday school teacher,

position was a great way to continue serving the community and our

booster groups. I've also served on a

youth athletic teams, PTO and

■ What are the big issues your board faces? The biggest issue is continuing

the record of increased student achievement with inadequate funding from the State. Where were you on moving the

election?

This was a tough decision. I continue to feel the move to odd year May was the best option but odd November was a very close second

new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has Personal Accountability. If I could name more than one, it is the

with difficult issues. ■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play golf and tinker with small projects around the home. I received a fishing pole for Christmas so I hope to get a chance to use it when nice weather finally arrives. What's the last good movie you saw? Forbidden Planet at the Penn

Theater. My wife and I are regulars for the Thursday classic movie

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? The method for funding schools in Michigan

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be? Stephen Covey

# Dianne Gonzalez

■ Residence: Plymouth Township ■ Family: Married to Leo Gonzalez since 1995; three children, Mitchell, 10, Christina, 8, and

■ Education: BA Education, MA Educational Leadership,



attended Wayne State Law School (no degree) ■ When were you first elected? May 2, 2006 ■ What originally made you

Gonzalez

want to run? I started attending school board meetings as a community member as a result of potential redistricting of a friend's neighborhood from our elementary school Once Lattended Lbecame very interested in the whole spectrum of issues the school board discussed. I knew I had to run when I had to miss a meeting and I won-

dered what had been discussed. ■ What are the big issues your

board faces? The biggest issue is maintaining academic excellence in an era of declining funding.

■ Where were you on moving the election?

I wanted to change the election date to odd year May in order to save \$75,000 annually for the district. I think it is a good interim step and I suspect the state may step in and change this before we have another election.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has it?

To me it was most important to have someone with a strong financial background to help us with our budget issues. What do you like to do in your

spare time?

I love to spend time with my family and I love running. We did the Turkey Trot in downtown Detroit

in 2007 as a family. It was a great moment. A cold one, but really fun. ■ What's the last good movie you

Horton Hears a Who. The movie

had a great message. ■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

I would wish that as a society we held all children to the light and appreciated them with the same fierceness that people feel toward athletic events and superstars. It

would make for a better world.

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be?

In a perfect world, someone inspirational like Maya Angelou or Oprah Winfrey. But in reality, with our schedules as hectic as they are, one quiet, quality hour with my husband while we are both fresh and awake would be great!!

# Steven Sneideman

■ Family: Wife, Kelli; daughters

**Sneideman** 

Emily and Maggie ■ Education: My highest level of education is an M.B.A. from New

When were you first elected? 2006

York University.

■ What originally made you

want to run? My work is global, not local. I looked for a way to volunteer my time that would allow me to become more

in touch with my community. This position has enabled me to do that.  $\blacksquare$  What are the big issues your

board faces? Financial issues are the biggest. We have a good handle on how to maintain and increase student achievement. We have made great strides in that area. However, the lack of sufficient state funding makes all district activities (which benefit our students)

difficult to maintain. ■ Where were you on moving the

election? I began my 2007 Observer editorial by stating that I know politics play a part in school board elections and activities. However, I don't believe that political parties (Democratic or Republican) should be involved, since board members don't run attached to a party. Even year November elections would incent political parties to become involved in School Board elections as they could successfully fund candidates who would then be indebted to those parties. I am glad we found a solution that saves the district 2/3 of the election costs, yet still maintains the credibility of the elections and continues to allow local citizens to run successfully without

big time funding. What's the most important attribute you want the new superintendent to have? Someone who is a good listener and is not afraid to make difficult decisions.

■ What do you like to do in your With extended periods of free time I love to travel with my family.

go to Paris. This year we plan to go to the National Parks out west. ■ What's the last good movie you

Last year we were lucky enough to

Michael Clayton. It's a great performance by George Clooney. If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? Add more tolerance to our world. People, understandably, see things from only their own view point. I

would love there to be a way for peo-

ple to walk in other people's shoes for a while. ■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person,

who would it be? If he were still alive, my greatgrandfather. He came over from Eastern Europe in the early 1900s as a teen and lived to be over 100 years old. I was very young when he

# died, and did not know him well. Barry Simescu

Residence: Plymouth
Family: Wife Dorothy, who is a special education teacher in South Redford, and two sons, who both graduated from Canton High

■ Education: I graduated from Thurston High School in South



School

Simescu

from Michigan Tech with a B.S. in civil engineer-

ing.
■ When were vou first elected: I was elected in

May 2004. ■ What originally made you want to run? I had been interested in giving

back to the community for some time. I felt that 2004 was a good year to run with Liz Givens deciding not to. ■ What are the big issues your

board faces? I think that the most difficult decisions we have to make is to balance the budget and still maintain

student achievement.

■ Where were you on moving the election? I am disappointed in the legislature getting involved in this issue and wish that they would allow

August elections, which I think is

the best alternative. Since that is

not allowed at this time I voted to move to the odd May option. ■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new

superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has it? I was looking for a superintendent that had excellent communica-

tion skills in working with all facets of the district. ■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to golf, ski and read. (What spare time?) ■ What's the last good movie you

The last good movie I saw was

Charlie Wilson's War. ■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? I would like to see a better way to

fund public education! ■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be?

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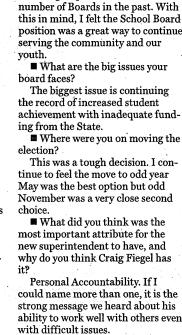
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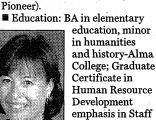
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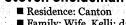
intendent have the ability to listen, make a decision based on what is

spare time?

The last movie I saw was 27

hour conversation with one person,

# Family: Wife Jean, married for



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529 Plan can only be used for college, that is not the case. Many business trade, technical and vocational schools also qualify for 529 money.

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529 Plan is it shows the graduate how important an education is and the priority you are placing on it.

I cannot think of a better investment for the high school graduate than in continuing to pursue their education. The Michigan Education Savings Plan is an investment vehicle that definitely deserves your consideration.

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

# Bowling benefit to raise money for scholarships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trish Geick and her husband Paul are looking forward to Bowling for Brian, their annual benefit in honor of their 18-year-old son who died July 3, 2005, eight days after a heart transplant. So far the Canton couple has been able to help four students pursue their dream of going to college with proceeds raised at the event. The third annual day of

fun takes place Sunday, May 18, at Oaklane Bowling Alley in Westland.

Last year the Geicks raised \$4,000 for scholarships that went to Megan Luther (Eastern Michigan University) and Kelsie Michalsen (Western Michigan University) through the Educational Excellence Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports educational programs in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools including special education.

Proceeds from the first Bowling for Brian in May 2006 went to Sorin Oprican (Schoolcraft College).

"It's a nice way to remember our son," said Trish Geick. "Our son was born in the spring. We do it in May because he would be in college right now and all the college kids are home and can come.

"Each year the response gets bet-

In addition to bowling three games, participants have a chance to win door prizes, take part in a raffle or bid on silent auction items, each valued at over \$100.

Brian liked bowling.

"Brian had strokes when he was little and had a right side deficit but could bowl. He took an independent study right before he died, bowling," said Geick."

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# **Police officers** deserve thanks

Any given day or week of the year is set aside to recognize a person, place or thing. Some observances are little known, like National Revise Your Work Schedule Month and National Fairy Godmother Week. Others are more recognizable, such as National Hamburger Month and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Hidden in these many observances is one that's important, but doesn't get the recognition it rightly deserves National Police Week. This is the week and today (May 15) is the day that was set aside by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 to honor police officers who serve and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Police officers play an essential role in safeguarding our rights and freedoms by protecting us against violence and disorder, deception and oppression. There are plenty of hazards. In fact, a police officer dies in the line of duty every 57 hours in this country.

Thankfully, neither Plymouth nor Plymouth Township lost an officer in 2007. That cannot be said for other communities. According to preliminary statistics from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Concerns of Police Survivors, 186 officers were killed nationwide in 2007. Outside of 2001, when 239 officers died - 72 in the 9/11 terrorist attacks - 2007 is the deadliest year for American law enforcement since 1989.

The number of officers killed by gunfire and in trafficrelated incidents reached a record high of 81. Sixty-nine officers were shot and killed, including a shooting that killed three Odessa, Texas, police officers.

Police work isn't a glamorous job, and it takes a special kind of person to be able to deal with the good, the bad and the ugly in a community. The job is fraught with hazards and sacrifices the police officers encounter on a

We may not always agree with what our police officers do — we doubt there is anyone who is in agreement with they ticket they've gotten — but we need to acknowledge that they do provide a vital public service. We can walk down our streets, live in our houses and shop at our neighborhood stores in relative peace and tranquility because of them. And if that peace and tranquility is disrupted, they are there to set things right.

We ask residents to join us in applauding the work of our Plymouth and Plymouth Township police officers and to pray they will continue to be safe from harm. It is not an easy job, someone has to do it, and we think we have the best people doing that job here in the Plymouth community.

# Big effort needed to keep spring rites safe

Thousands of area teens in the coming weeks will participate in the traditional rites of passage of prom and graduation.

Spring is a time of celebration, and our young people have every right to enjoy themselves at prom and graduation parties. These events mark the last time many of them will be together, before they head off into the scary world of adulthood.

As parents, the best gift we can give our graduates and their friends is a safe and healthy environment for the celebrations. All too often, parents either look the other way when alcohol is present at these parties or, in the worstcase scenario, actually furnish booze for the bash.

These graduates may look like full-grown adults on the outside, but many times they have not reached a level of maturity to deal with alcohol use. It is not enough to simply remind our teens that underage drinking is against the law and send them on their way.

Parents need to have frank discussions about the consequences of using alcohol and, worse, drinking and driving. For underclassmen, being caught in possession can bring school suspension and a quick end to a high school sports career. It can also lead to problems when applying for col-

Parents need to ask questions when their son or daughter heads off to prom or a graduation party. Will the party have adult supervision? Is drinking permitted in the home? Is there an after-party scheduled and, if so, where?

Most important, parents can help their teens avoid potentially dangerous situations by assuring them that if they find themselves in trouble, they can call for a ride home with no questions asked and no attached lecture.

If a teen feels they will be punished for drinking, or being at a party where alcohol is being served, they are less likely to reach out to a parent for help. Knowing ahead of time they will be supported will go a long way toward ensuring your teen makes the right decision and makes that critical phone call.

Spring is a time for new beginnings. Teens and their parents need to work together to guard against a tragic ending.



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# **LETTERS**

# Still good kids

This is just a note to let you know there are still good — really good — teenagers

Yesterday, while I was very busy taking care of my 91-year-old mother, who has dementia, I received a phone call from my grandson, Tyler Randazzo, saying he forgot to take his medication that a.m., and wold I please go to his house, find it, and bring it to him. I did and, joking, said, "You owe me a grass cutting job."

When I returned home 13 hours later from taking mother shopping, to lunch and a hair appointment, Tyler had taken a special bus to my house and already had fixed my lawn mower (it wouldn't start) and was cutting the grass.

I was surprised, to say the least. Next, there was a "free" bike sitting on my neighbor's yard. He took it, cleaned it up, walked it to the gas station and put air in the tires. I thought he did this so he could have something to ride at my house. No! He did this to give it to a man in his neighborhood who had recently had an accident involving his bike, and he has no money for a new one.

What a thoughtful, unselfish act from a boy 13 years old. Tyler Randazzo is a great kid!

Sandra Oakley

# Raising our children

We, the community, must take responsibility for how we raise our children. The death of Daniel Sorensen was a tragic loss for the family and the community. Is this the tip of the iceberg? We need to think, plan and act to prevent this from occurring again.

Where do our children learn or fail to learn that life has no value or that money has power over us? Where do our children learn we can talk about killing someone and be desensitized to it? Where is the reality and the virtual reality getting mixed up?

When do the children stand up and tell someone something is wrong?

Our children are exposed to violence in computer games, movies, TV shows. The Space Odyssey 2001 has arrived, the character of the computer is in our home, schools, and in hand-held toys. Our children are exposed to this mentality 24/7.

How can the community get control

Parents cannot do it alone. We can teach it, but media makes fools of parents (i.e., The Simpsons). We can show good examples, but the computer age has got their attention.

We can teach moral standards in the home, and at our place of worship, but not in school. The media is ruled by

There is no accountability for moral values. Swearing and harassment in songs, on the media and in school should stop.

We need to stand up for what we believe in. We all have a soul, a purpose, a unique character and talents. How can we teach the value each one of us has, if it is whipped as a religious belief and discarded?

mean remove moral standards from our life. America was founded on Christian moral values. Prayer was acceptable and encouraged. Has anyone been harmed by prayer?

George Washington in his farewell address said it best: "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

We need to pay attention to who we vote into any office. We need leadership with moral character and back bone. We need a long range plan. Do not be quiet any more. Invite the children to take charge of this problem. They are living this reality, or virtual reality.

Nina Deptula

# Foolish and short-sighted

So big deal; or score a point for the severely multiple-impaired programs who won't see their classrooms burgeon

Are parents supposed to bow down and thank the Wayne RESA and Mark Francis, director of special education, for bowing to strong grassroots advocacy and media attention on the most limited population of students in special education while larger populations like emotionally impaired and speech and language are thrown under the yellow school bus?

The Wayne RESA plan, if approved by Superintendent Flanagan, will still rob students emotionally impaired (18 students instead of 10), hearing impaired (as many as 28 instead of seven), visually impaired (as many as 32 instead of seven) and receiving speech and language services (75 per teacher instead of 60) of a meaningful education.

The Michigan legislature and Gov. Granholm better ratchet up the Wayne juvenile justice system, homeless shelters and food banks for the dramatic increase in illiterate, unemployable and noncontributing young adults. The Michigan Humane Society has higher standards for its feline residents than Wayne and Michigan have for its cross-categorical students warehoused in these emotionally-impaired classrooms for the hopeless.

Ask teachers staffing emotionally impaired classrooms about over-riding the state rule (R 340.1741) that allows no more than 10 students and exploding it to 18 students that include kids with pediatric bipolar disorder, AD/HD, autistic spectrum disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, schizophrenia, Tourette's syndrome, learning disabilities and emotional and behavioral issues severe enough to dump them in these jail-like warehouses where academics, reading instruction and literacy are nowhere to be found and teachers are a one-stop shop warden, social worker, psychologist and even surrogate parent - that is until the kids are suspended, expelled or end up in the Wayne County Juvenile Authority or Children's Village.

The Wayne RESA plan and Michigan Special Education Administrative Rule R 340.1832e (ISD plan alternate rule) are

Separation of Church and State did not a call to action for all parents, stakeholders and legislators in Michigan. Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and many other ISDs already have these disturbing plans in place. Wayne RESA is not the first and won't be the last.

Special education is in a free-for-all in Michigan and no one is paying attention. Does anyone worry about the fact that 26 percent of Michigan's 250,000 students with disabilities are dropping out of school and that 35 percent of these students are in Wayne County? It is long overdue that Gov. Granholm and our legislature care about meaningful quality of life and turning every possible child into a future taxpayer in a state imploding in its own foolishness and shortsightedness.

**Marcie Lipsitt** 

Franklin

# Oliver North is hero

This is concerning columnist Kurt and you know who ("Rev. Wright and Col. North sure know how to play to an audience," May 1). I could dig up comparisons between Kuban and Michael Moore, but what would that prove. Wouldn't that be divisive? The colonel served in Vietnam honorably and was a leader of men with a very low casualty rate. What the heck, you wouldn't be interested in that or the many times he has gone to Iraq at great risk to himself.

I get tired of picking up a paper and reading all that's wrong. Why can't the press report and let me make my own judgment? The column about this benefit should have been about how these brave men received Col. North, and then tell one of their stories. Just saying I support the troops isn't enough, but it gets Kuban off the hook. About the facts he left out — the British intelligence thought Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Bill Clinton threatened to bomb Iraq over the imagined weapons and John Kerry and almost every official that voted to go.

This is not about Kuban. It is about the truth that the club he belongs (the press) seems to worry more about circulation. Col. North also belongs to a club — the U.S. Marines. Talk to one sometime. Now that's a story to write about.

**Larry Gossett** Redford

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# QUOTABLE

"It's still hard for the court to fathom why someone would do something as heinous and evil as what you have done ... There is a difference between mental illness and evil ... your actions are tantamount to evil. I'm grateful you are going away for the rest of your life. I believe you would have killed again."

Annette J. Berry, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge, passing sentence on Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the convicted killer given two life sentences without parole Monday in the death and beheading of Daniel Sorensen

# Blogging just first step as Web site goes more interactive

'm the first to admit I'm not technically savvy. Unlike Al Gore, I certainly didn't invent the Internet. I barely know how to

spell Internet. Circumstances have forced us to become



**Brad Kadrich** 

more knowledgeable. The Internet, and computers in general, have become such a force in our lives you're going to get left behind in a lot of areas if you don't at least give yourself a fleeting knowledge.

As our company continued its emphasis on the Internet - you can get daily updates on local news, sports and even the weather now (shameless plug alert!) at www.home-

townlife.com - my nervousness obviously grew exponentially.

Our management thinks two things: 1) We're smart enough to figure out how to accomplish this Web stuff; and 2) we should

have a forum on our Web site. Silly management.

When the boss said, "Blog," I think I may have actually cringed (after, of course, looking the word *blog* up to find out what it was). As I tried to fathom becoming a blogger, I did what any self-respecting techno-boob does: I asked my 10-year-old.

Once he straightened me out — "It's a way  $\,$ for you to communicate with the people in your community who visit your Web site, Dad" - I started one. You'll find it (shameless plug alert!) on our Web site at www. hometownlife.com with the screen name EditDude (that's not my picture with it; it's an icon because IT hasn't gotten back with me yet to figure out how to get my actual photo attached to my blog) and I'm proud to say I've already successfully logged two entries. Along with successfully navigating my way into and out of downtown Detroit without having to call my brother or sister for help (for the first time in my life) recently, I may actually be

Of course, getting staffers out into the public's techno-view in an Internet-friendly way isn't the only reason management is excited about our new Web site. Not only have we

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redesigned the site, we've expanded its mission, to include an interactive arrangement with the people in our community.

The site features a whole bunch of new, well, features. If you're a frustrated movie or music critic, you can write your own reviews. You can recommend stories to other readers, participate in discussion forums and upload your own stories, photos and videos.

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The boss'll tell you there was a time I had to be dragged into the Internet age kicking and screaming. Now that we're here, it seems a vast new world has opened up. I look forward to passing you in cyber-space.

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# Legislative spine, smarts needed to address budget and tax mess

ou might say the new Michigan Business Tax was born under a cloud and with an unnecessary "birth defect" that now has the state's business community up in arms. So how did we get here?



**Phil Power** 

First, a quick recap: Last year, faced with a billion-dollar deficit and threat of a state government shutdown, the Legislature passed and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a new Michigan Business Tax.

The tax won widespread praise — at first. But weeks later, the deficit-fighting Legislature tacked on an incomprehensible, inexplicable and unenforceable tax on a

bizarre assortment of services, such as fortune-tellers and baby-shoe bronzers.

The business community rose in wrath. What it most worried about was that once there was a tax on any services, there soon might be a tax on all services. So at the last minute, thanks to Chamber of Commerce pressure, the service tax was repealed.

To make up the lost revenue, a 20-percent surcharge was then hastily tacked on top of the Michigan Business Tax, which took effect Jan. 1. Now tax bills are finally going out, and there's lots of howling going on — much of it legitimate. Some businesses are bitterly complaining their tax bills are double or triple what they used to be under the old Single Business Tax.

How did this train wreck happen? A few days ago, I received a lengthy e-mail from a lawmaker (who wishes to remain anonymous) who offers some valuable insights. Bottom line: "The service tax was the direct result of the brinksmanship of the GOP leadership in negotiations and (the) lack of GOP members (in) responding to the requests of their traditional supporters in the business community."

That's pretty stunning — and here's my attempt to put this all into context. Leading up to the critical votes, both the Michigan and Detroit chambers of commerce tried hard to persuade legislators to pass an income tax increase big enough to cover the entire deficit. Why? Simple — to avoid additional business

The House of Representative figured it out. There, Speaker Andy Dillon and other leaders tried repeatedly to pass a 4.7-percent income tax that would have resolved the budget crisis without resorting to the service tax.

But neither Sen. Majority Leader Mike Bishop nor House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche was willing to step forward. They urged their members to hold back and let the Democrats take the political hit for a vote for more taxes. At one point, it looked as though there were as many as 10 Republican representatives ready to vote for an adequate

income tax hike, but DeRoche wouldn't

That was too bad for all concerned. In the end, the attempt to construct only one difficult vote for legislators — an income tax increase sufficient to resolve the budget crisis - failed. Instead, it left lawmakers with three tough votes: One for a smaller increase in the income tax: one for a service tax (that was repealed before it took effect); and one for a 20-percent surcharge on the new business

Since no lawmaker wants to cast difficult and risky votes, it's hard to see how forcing three tough votes was better than one. But that was the political "new math" calculus in Lansing at the time. And it produced a bitter

My legislative source concludes, "The brinkmanship game of the leaders led to a much worse result for the state. ... Republicans need to know that the negotiation and political games led to higher taxes and more revenue to grow state government. Pretty high price."

High, indeed. At the end of the day, everybody wound up worse off. Lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, had to make three tough tax votes when one would have sufficed.

Businesses are now struggling with a 20percent surcharge on the new MBT. And the state still faces chronic structural budget deficits — deficits the present tax structure make virtually inevitable.

And the anti-tax fringe, namely the folks who are now trying to recall Speaker of the House Dillon, D-Redford, got a new lease on life. Remember, they started out by going after any lawmaker who supported any tax increase, whether Republican or Democrat. Once they discovered there was limited support for recalls, they dropped all the other efforts and went after only Dillon.

The bottom line: Basing a policy for governing on political expediency turned out to be the worst possible outcome. Worst, not only for legislators who are now regarded as nincompoops by their constituents and the news media, but also for the state as a whole.

This sorry tale illustrates all too well one of the worst aspects of our dysfunctional political system, namely a wholesale preference by both parties for scoring political points instead of concentrating on rational, longterm government for the state.

If we're going to dig ourselves out of the jam we're in, this has got to stop. And we all need to find ways to express that — and to get the word to those we elect and pay to represent

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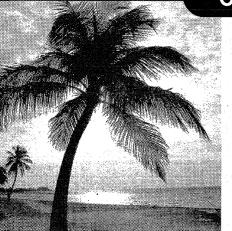
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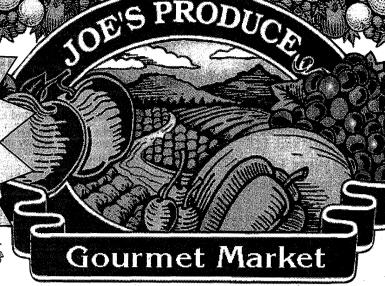
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Canton's Allison Schmitt (second from left) was presented with the Detroit Athletic Club's 'Female High School Athlete of the Year' award Monday night at a lavish banquet held at the DAC. Also pictured are award winners (from left) Mitch Zajac of Holt High School, who won the 'Male High School Athlete of the Year'; Schmitt; former U-M football coach Lloyd Carr, who was presented with a lifetime achievement award; Michigan State goal-tender Jeff Lerg; and U-M hurdler Tiffany Ofili.

# Canton's Schmitt receives distinguished DAC award

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

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The countless pre-dawn workouts in chlorinated pools, the impeccable work ethic, the numerous sacrifices and the millions of muscle-building strokes she's churned out to reach the pinnacle in the world of amateur swimming are paying off big-time for Canton's Allison Schmitt.

And anyone who knows the talented, yet humble, 18-year-old phenom isn't a bit surprised.

Schmitt, who graduated from Canton High School in January so that she could devote the ensuing months to train for a berth on the 2008 U.S. Olympic swimming team, was named the 2008 Michigan High School Female Athlete of the Year Monday in a lavish ceremony held at the Detroit Athletic

Club in downtown Detroit.

Schmitt was honored along with three other athletes — Holt's Mitch Zajac, Michigan State University hockey player Jeff Lerg and University of Michigan hurdler Tiffany Ofili and retired University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr during the annual Dodge National Athletic Awards banquet, which benefits the March of Dimes.

The winning criteria was based on athletic achievement, academics and involvement in the community.

One of just six female high school athletes to be nominated out of the thousands that competed during the past eight months, Schmitt found out she won the award in an Academy Awardstype announcement in the packed DAC banquet room.

"I was honored just to be nominated

for the award," Schmitt said Tuesday afternoon during a small gap between a pair of two-hour training sessions. "To actually win it, well, I don't really know how to describe how I feel other than privileged.

"I know I've worked very hard the past couple of years, so I guess this is the result of the hard work.'

Last year, Schmitt defied the odds and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials that are set for late June in Omaha, Neb. In the fall, she was a twotime state champion at the Division 1 state meet, touching first in the 200and 500-yard freestyle events. She was a two-time state champ as a junior as

"If you would have told me when I was a freshman that all this would be

Please see SCHMITT. B5

# **Lady Warriors** dominate on 'Senior Night'

Despite a chill in the air, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team turned in a firedup performance against North Farmington-Harrison Friday night on "Senior Night."

The Lady Warriors cruised to a 12-3 victory to improve their record to

"I can't say enough about how happy I was with the team's performance in this game," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I saw a lot of hard work come together and that's what I've been preaching — to play as a

"The underclassmen recognized this was a game where you honor the

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graduating class, and you make sure your seniors can look back on this game with warm, positive memories."

Fittingly, seniors dominated the scoresheet for the winners as Kate Spangler led the way with four goals. Seniors Morgan Franke, Jessica Murray, Stephanie Matusiak, Laura Hahn, Amy Coleman and Sarah Pursell also found the back of the net.

Non-seniors Chelsea Olson and Lauryn Ebersole also scored for the Lady Warriors.

The game's most memorable play unfolded in the second half when PCS net-minder Nicol Rottell made a save, then carried the ball the length of the field and fired a shot into the High Flyers' net.

The goal was waved off, though, because in lacrosse you can't use the goalie stick to shoot on goal," explained Medley. "Nicol and I had set the play up where she was supposed to pass it off 15 yards up-field, but I think she just got carried away in the excitement. This was just one example of the energy level on the field Friday night."

# Wildcat grid camp

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Youth Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. each day at PCEP varsity stadium.

This is a fundamentals-based camp for kids who are in fifth through ninth grades.

For more information on the camp, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com to acquire a copy of the camp brochure.

For more information, call coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

# Coaching opportunities

Plymouth High School has the following coaching positions open: assistant football coach; assistant boys and girls swim coach; boys and girls dive coach; and assistant gymnastics coach.

Applications for these positions can be found at pccs.k12.

Completed applications can be faxed to (734) 582-5650 or e-mailed to davesd@ pccs.k12.mi.us; attention: Diane Daves.

# Madonna hoop camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach and Canton resident Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28 to Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is legendary coach and camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

Each camper is guaranteed plenty of instruction on fundamentals of the game. with an 8-1 ratio of campers to instructors.

The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each

day, for boys ages 8-15. Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

# Rock concert

# Salem tunes out Central thanks to Posler's arm, 3 HRs

Chiefs are streaking. See Page B4.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Three words described the Salem baseball team's offensive performance Monday afternoon against visiting Walled Lake Central: BAM! BAM! BAM!

It would only take one word, however, to describe the stuff Salem junior pitcher Joe Posler threw at the Vikings: nasty.

The Rocks launched three home runs and Posler tossed a two-hitter as Salem cruised to a 6-1 triumph to solidify its place atop the WLAA Lakes Division standings. With the win, Salem improved

to 15-8 overall and 7-2 in the Lakes while the defending champion Vikings dropped to 2-7.

After yielding a home run to the second batter of the game - Central right-fielder Cody Husak — Posler gave up just one more hit — a second-inning single to Jack Kennedy. He struck out

four and walked two to improve

"It was a pretty typical performance by Joe," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He always comes in under 90 pitches and he had 88 today. The only thing uncharacteristic about Joe today was that he had two walks.

"Joe has good command of his pitches and he can locate all of them. He even used his fourth pitch today — a knuckle ball more than he normally does. It's like having a second off-speed pitch. The batter is usually on his front foot and they either pop it up or beat it into the ground."

The Rocks' power surge was provided by junior home run hitters Drew Grabowski, whose solo shot over the Mans Lumber sign in left center knotted the game at 1-all in the second; Kyle Powell, whose two-run dinger in the third dinged the top of the scoreboard in right center before finding a resting place in the nearby woods; and Sam Ott, whose solo blast in the fifth found the woods beyond the right-field fence on the fly.

Salem added two insurance markers in the sixth on Heath Parling's RBI single and an Ott sacrifice fly that scored Justin Horger.

Although he missed most of the first month of the season with an injury, Grabowski has already rocked two home runs and is third on the team in RBI.

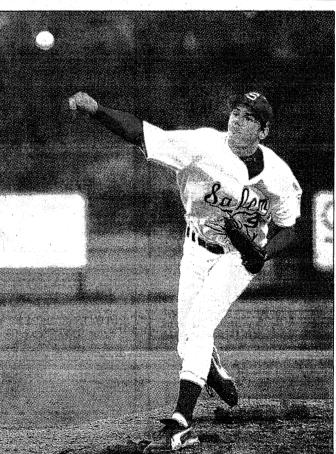
"It's nice to have Drew back," said Rumberger. "He's only been back about 10 days, but he's hitting .500 and giving us a lot of power.

"Kyle's been having some good swings in batting practice lately, so I had a hunch he was going to do something today. And Sam is Sam — he's dangerous every time he steps up to the plate."

Rumberger was equally impressed by his team's defense, which turned three double plays.

In the top of the fourth, the Rocks committed their only two errors of the day, yet Posler still only faced three batters as lead-off hitter Matt Johnson was

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior pitcher Sam Posler threw a two-hit complete game in the Rocks' 6-1 victory over Walled Lake Central Monday afternoon. The Rocks can clinch first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division with a win over Westland John Glenn this afternoon.



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# **GIRLS TRACK LEADERS**

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## **OBSERVERLAND GIRLS** TRACK & FIELD LEADERS (THROUGH MAY 13)

**SHOT PUT** Kyndra Abron (Churchill), 41-3.25 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston), 37-9.5 Ashley Price (Franklin), 36-5.5 Olivia Rork (Lutheran Westland), 36-5.5 Becca Bartek (Stevenson), 35-8 Taylor Byron (Churchill), 35-3

Maame Adomako (Stevenson), 33-8 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood), 33-4.5 Ryan Anderson (John Glenn), 32-1 Kaylee McGrath (Stevenson), 31-4

Nyndra Abron (Churchill), 131-6 Savannah Haig (Franklin), 107-1 Colette Fodera (Stevenson), 106-11 Shannon Gretchen (Churchill), 106-2 Maame Adomako (Stevenson), 100-1 Ashley Price (Franklin), 97-11 Becca Bartek (Stevenson), 96-9 Ashley Benton (Salem), 96-5 Tyler Buchanan (Plymouth), 95-7 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 93-2

HIGH JUMP Liz Hollaway (Franklin), 5-2 Cierra Yetts (Churchill), 5-1 Shannon Hogg (Ladywood), 5-1 Emily Quint (Franklin), 5-0 Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland), 5-0 Jaclyn Gribeck (Churchill), 4-11 Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-11 Kelley Determan (Salem), 4-8 Montgomery (John Glenn), 4-8 Sam Culp (Franklin), 4-8 Kyndra Abron (Churchill), 4-8 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 4-8

Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood), 4-8 LONG JUMP Chanel Payne (John Glenn), 17-1 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 16-4.5 Jill Morton (Plymouth), 15-9.5 Montgomery (John Glenn), 15-8 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 15-8 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 15-8 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 15-5 Kelly Tapella (Franklin), 15-4.5 Linda Ling (Salem), 15-3 Paige Regular (Salem), 15-3 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson), 15-2

**POLE VAULT** Meghan Powers (Franklin), 10-0 Emily Quint (Franklin), 9-6 Jamie Marihugh (Churchill), 9-6 Eren Ural (Churchill), 9-2 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson), 9-0 Beah Knisely (Plymouth), 8-6 Sharon Rayford (Churchill), 8-6 Alicia Dimauro (Churchill), 8-3 Rachel Storck (Lutheran Westland), 8-0 Lisa Black (Stevenson), 8-0

**100-METER DASH** Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 12.2 Ashley Parker (John Glenn), 12.4 Chanel Payne (John Glenn), 12.8 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill), 12.8 Deja Wright (Salem), 12.9 Olivia Hernandez (Franklin), 13.1

Katie Morasso (Ladywood), 13.1 Jenny Bartek (Stevenson), 13.4 Shante Roberts (John Glenn), 13:4 Olivia Rork (Lutheran Westland), 13.4 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 13.4 Molly Hirst (Franklin), 13.4

Molly Hirst (Franklin), 13.4

200-METER DASH
Ashley Parker (John Glenn), 25.4
Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 25.9
Saah LaBerge (Churchill), 26.3
Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 26.8
Monica-Hardy (Franklin), 27.0
Olivia Hernandez (Franklin), 27.2
Katie Morasso (Ladywood), 27.3
Molly Hirst (Franklin), 27.4
Deja Wright (Salem), 27.4
Megan Vitale (Ladywood), 27.4

**400-METER DASH** Adulmet iki yash Ashley Butkowski (Franklin), 1:01.9 Megan Vitale (Ladywood), 1:02.0 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 1:03.1 Samar Aoude (Churchill), 1:03.2 Deja Wright (Salem), 1:03.3 Chrissy Tappan (Stevenson), 1:03.4 Kati Katie Glynn (Stevenson), 1:03.5 Senneca Scott (Franklin), 1:03.7 Sara Kroll (Churchill), 1:03.8 Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:04.3

800-METER RUN 800-METER RUN
Sara Kroll (Churchill), 2:19.7
Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 2:21.4
Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 2:22
Kelly Hahn (Plymouth), 2:24.8
Megan McPherson (Franklin), 2:26.2
Katie Glynn (Stevenson), 2:29.5
Nicole Zehel (Lutheran Westland), 2:30.5
Emily Clairmont (Churchill), 2:31.6
Kelley Determan (Salem), 2:31.8
Mallory Church (Franklin), 2:33.2 Mallory Church (Franklin), 2:33.2

1,600-METER RUN Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 5:02.5 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 5:07.7 Sara Kroll (Churchill), 5:16.1 Sara Kroll (Churchill), 5:16.1
Megan McPherson (Franklin), 5:27.0
Nicole Zehel (Lutheran Westland), 5:36.3
Kelly Hahn (Plymouth), 5:39.0
Julia Kenney (Ladywood), 5:39.2
Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson), 5:39.7
Kelley Determan (Salem), 5:40.5
Victoria Tripp (Salem), 5:40.5

3,200-METER RUN Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 11:08.6 Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 11:24.4 Victoria Saferian (Stevenson), 11:24.0 Molly Slavens (Plymouth), 11:50.6 Christina Joss (Stevenson), 12:11.4 Michele Verellen (Churchill), 12:33 Kimberly Verellen (Churchill), 12:34 Julia Kenney (Ladywood), 12:37.0 Stacey Richardson (John Glenn), 13:04 Kelley Determan (Salem), 13:05.4 Cathy Wojtanowski (Ladywood), 13:06.0

100-METER HIGH HURDLES Megan Yanik (Ladywood), 15.4 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson), 15.7 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill), 15.8 Mallory Lukas (Churchill), 16.3 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 16.7 Jaclyn Gribeck (Churchill), 16.9



Canton hurdler Ashley Hoener earned a spot on the recently released Observerland Girls Track & Field leaderboard.

Jen Mueller (Franklin), 17.4 Ashley Hoener (Canton), 17.5 Mandy McManus (Plymouth), 17.7 Madeleine Vala (Salem), 18.0 Sam Campbell (Franklin), 18.0

**300-METER LOW HURDLES** 300-MEIER LUM HUNDLES
Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 46.8
Megan Yanik (Ladywood), 46.7
Brittany Gentile (Stevenson), 48.5
Senneca Scott (Franklin), 49.0
Mallory Lukas (Churchill), 49.2
Mece Martin (Thurston), 50.0
Margarita Lazzaryeka (Churchill), 60.0 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill), 50.8 Madeleine Vala (Salem), 51.0 Jaclyn Gribeck (Churchill), 51.9 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 52.0

**400-METER RELAY** Westland John Glenn, 49.4 Canton, 51.8 Plymouth, 51.9 Livonia Franklin, 52.5 Livonia Churchill, 53.1

Canton's boys track-and-

Invitational, which was held

Saline won the event with

146 points and was followed

by the host River Rats (130), Livonia Churchill (107), Ypsilanti (85) and Canton

The meet placed the top

eight finishers in each event

Following are Canton's point

Discus: Jason Foster (seventh at 120

at Ann Arbor Huron High

field team placed fifth

at Saturday's River Rat

School.

800-METER RELAY Westland John Glenn, 1:46.6 Livonia Franklin, 1:48.6 Livonia Churchill, 1:49.7 Livonia Ladywood, 1:50.3 Livonia Stevenson, 1:51.1 1,600-METER RELAY

Livonia Stevenson, 4:12.6 Livonia Ladywood, 4:14.0 Livonia Franklin, 4:17.2 Livonia Churchill, 4:17.6 Salem, 4:22.2 3,200-METER RELAY

Livonia Churchill, 9:55.9 Livonia Stevenson, 9:57.8 Plymouth, 10:17.4 Livonia Franklin, 10:35.8 Livonia Ladywood, 10:45.0

\*\*Coaches are encouraged to e-mail updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

# Mustangs are thoroughbreds at WLAA tourney

Northville lapped the rest of the field at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis tournament, which was hosted by Plymouth.

The Mustangs placed first in six of the eight flights to finish with 30 points - twice as many as runner-up Livonia Stevenson. Walled Lake Central was third with 14 points, Salem (12) was fourth while Livonia Churchill rounded out the top five with 11 points.

Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Hofstetter captured the No. 1 singles crown by defeating Northville's Haley Johnston in a three-set thriller: 6-3, 4-6,

The only other non-Northville titleist was Walled Lake Northern's No. 4 singles player Audrey Topp, who routed Northville's Jessica Yu, 6-1, 6-0.

The Spartans earned second-place points from No. 2 singles player Laura Sims, who was ousted in the title match. 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, by the Mustangs' Joann Weber; and No. 3 singles player Paige McNamara, who lost to Northville's Ursula Cauffiel, 6-2, 6-0.

Salem failed to advance anyone into the finals, but the Rocks received semi-final efforts from singles players Tracy Lytle (No. 1), Linda Ling (No. 4); and the doubles duos of Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (No. 1); and Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb (No. 4).

"I had projected us for 14 points, but our No. 2 doubles didn't advance like I thought **TENNIS** 

they would," said Salem coach

Lin Ware A pair of Churchill doubles teams placed second: Laura Vella and Nicki Fata at No. 2; and Cortney Bennett and Danielle Vasko at No. 3.

Plymouth's Jessica Bracey advanced to the semi-final round at No. 4 singles for Plymouth while the No. 4 doubles tandem of Vicki Chen and Megan Leung did likewise for Canton.

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SATURDAY AT PCEP COURTS FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 15; 3. Walled Lake Central, 14; 4. Salem, 12; 5. Livonia Churchill, 11; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 10; 7. Livonia Franklin, 7; 8. (tie) Canton and Plymouth, 5; 10. Wayne Memorial, 1.

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No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hofstetter (LS)
defeated Haley Johnston (N), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0;
semifinalists – Erica Rouleau (WLC) and
Tracy Lytle (S).

No. 2: Joann Weber (N) def. Laura Sims (LS), 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists – Stephanie Indianer (WLC) and Alli Carpenter (S).

No. 3: Ursula Cauffiel (N), def. Paige McNamara (LS), 6-2, 6-0; semifinalists – Sayuri Yoshida (WLC) and Kaitlyn Foster (LC).

No. 4: Audrey Topp (WLN) def. Jessica Yu (N), 6-1, 6-0; semifinalists – Linda Ling (S) and Jessica Bracey (P). No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Kristin Randall (N) def. Sarah Johnson-Madison Bartelt (WLC), 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists – Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) and Danielle Hicks-Holly Heckert (WLN).

No. 2: Abby Grajek-Sabrina Manciulli (N) def. Lauren Vella-Nicki Fata (LC); semifinalists – Lauren Osiwala-Jenny Neamtu (LF) and Alicia Segnitz-Nicole Mehta

(WLC).
No. 3: Valerie Juan-Maudie Smith (N) def. Cortney Bennett-Danielle Vasko, 6-2, 6-1; semifinalists – Ashley Bennett-Shannon Dwight (LS) and Taylor Kobylas-Chanel Leiua

(WLN).

No. 4: Sarah Koupal-Breanna Konnett (N)
def. Rena Molnar-Melissa Kosky (WLC), 6-2,
6-1; semifinalists – Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb
(S) and Vicki Chen-Megan Leung (C).

# Salem boys track team second at Sunset Invite feet, 4 inches); Long jump: Ocie Lewis (second at 20-5); Adam Payne (fifth at 18-9.5); Adam Somers (seventh at 18.9); Pole vauft: Chris McGinnis (fifth at 12-5); Eddie Koelzer (eighth at 11-5); 3,200-meter relay: Foursome of Chris Jahoda, Derek Hoerman, Scott Zech and Paul Rakovitis were fourth in 8.39.8; 110 hurdles: Sherif Hassanien (fourth in 16.1); Tim Beicher (sixth in 16.7); 100-meter dash: Eric Piwowar (second in 11.1); Chiefs 5th

Salem's boys track-andfield team placed second at Saturday's six-team South

Lyon Sunset Invitational. Fellow Western Lakes Activities Association powerhouse Northville was the lone team to rack up more points than the Rocks, who finished

ahead of South Lyon, South

Lyon East, Belleville and Livonia Franklin.

The highlight of the day for Salem was the record-setting performance of shot-putters Ed Merhi, Dana Baltazar and Anthony Davis, who combined for a total distance of 134 feet, two inches, which beat the old Salem record of 133 feet.

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in 11.1);

800 relay: Foursome of Ryan Randall,
Hassanien, Belcher and August Garrett
sixth in 1:35.8;
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Garrett, Somers and Piwowar third in 45.2;
400 dash: Jordan Wisniewski (fifth in
52.9); Davion Stackhouse (seventh in 53.4);
300 hurdles: Tim Belcher (first in 39.7);
Hassanien (fourth in 40.5); CANTON SCORERS: Jeremy Lindibauer (medalist), 36; Andrew Rickerman, 37; Brendan Muir, 40; Zach Conrad, 42; Clark

JOHN GLENN SCORERS: Andy Myers, 41; Dan Tamariglio, 42; Josh Duprie, 44; Alex Rochette, 53; Jim Dutchak, 54; Conner

**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 7-1;

Glenn, 1-7.

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## **WAYNE MEMORIAL 184** MAY 9 AT THE WOODLANDS (VAN BUREN)

**CANTON SCORERS:** Zach Conrad and Andrew Rickerman, 35 each (co-medalists); Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 37 each; Jake Andrews and Dominic Bonell, 40

**WAYNE SCORERS:** Kevin Erdmann and Jack Zimmerman, 45 each; Jacob Smith and Gary Neill, 47 each; Andrew Morton and Ryan

Raymor, 49 each.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Wayne, 0-9 overall, 0-9 WLAA; Canton, 5-1 overall, 5-1

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# **Canton LAX team** thumps Howell

Canton's boys lacrosse team improved to 10-5 Monday night with a 14-3 triumph over Howell.

"I was very happy with the game," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "It gave us a good chance to rotate players and tune up for Thursday's game against Plymouth."

Tonight's cross-campus clash between the Chiefs and the Wildcats is set to commence at 7 p.m. at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Matt Rodgers paced the win over the Highlanders with four goals.

Scott Wisniewski and Joey Underwood both registered a hat-trick, Jason Avedesian added two goals while Dakota Dark-Bird and Mark Barath both netted single

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goals. Canton led 10-2 at the

Senior Justin Scott started and earned the win between

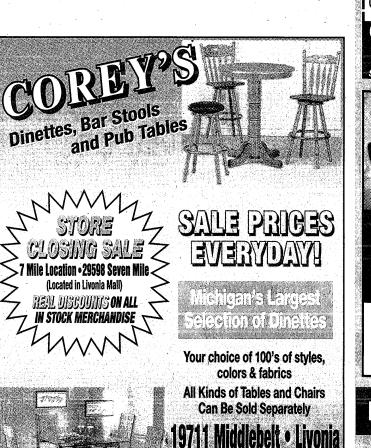
Back-up net-minder Sean Walsh was solid in the second half, yielding just one

On Saturday, the Chiefs dropped a 12-5 decision to state-ranked Saline. Five different players lit up the scoreboard for Canton: Wisniewski, Trevor Moore, who converted a nifty backhander, Rodgers, Avedesian

and Kyle Dunleavy. "Four games in one week took a toll on our conditioning," said Riley, referring to the loss to the Hornets.

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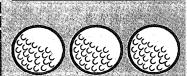
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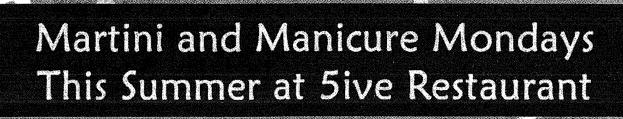
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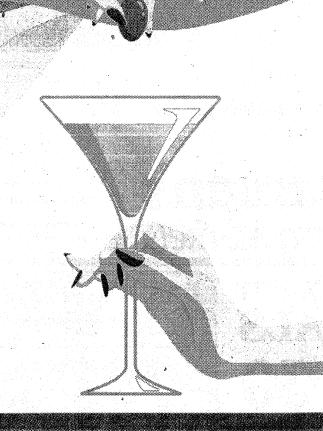
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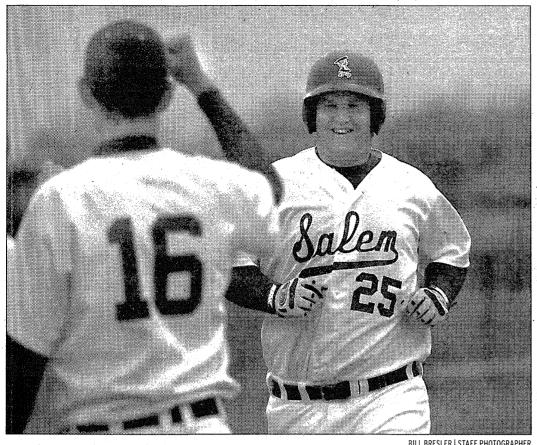
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Salem junior designated hitter is welcomed home by Dana Lorber (16) and the rest of his team after belting a home run in the Rocks' 6-1 victory over Walled Lake Central Monday afternoon.

doubled off first after Ott made a running catch and fired the ball on a rope to first baseman Chris Kordick.

The next batter — Eric Glanz- reached on a fielding miscue, but he was thrown out trying to steal second by Rock catcher David Loos.

"I was pleased with the way we played defensively," Rumberger said. "Although we made a couple of errors, we didn't compound them by making multiple errors.

"Last year, we'd make a mistake, then we'd make another and another. This year, we'll have an occasional bad throw or a guy will kick one, but the next guy will make a play."

Amazingly, Salem's 10 hits came from 10 different players. Posler was the only Rock to reach three times. He singled in the second, was hit by a pitch in the third and walked in the fifth.

T.J. Thewes took the loss for the Vikings, yielding four runs on six hits in five innings. Thewes walked three and struck out two.

Derek Mitchell pitched the sixth for Central.

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# **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

# Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through **Community Education:** 

- A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.
- A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through

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sixth grade in the fall of 2008. ■ A Canton and Salem girls

basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

# 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 bestball scramble with a shotgun

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

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.

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# Tidwell-led Chiefs register five straight victories

The WLAA Western Division standings may not indicate it, but the hottest team around is Canton, which has reeled off a five-game winning streak since falling to Northville on May 6.

Canton is now 15-8 overall and 3-6 in the division.

During the hot streak, the Chiefs have relied on key contributions from seniors Will Tidwell, Ben Vaughn, Matt Barylski, Ryan Neu, Miké Madias and Mike Flis; and underclassmen like freshmen Seth Tschetter; sophomores Kevin Delapaz, Alex Dixon and Cody Blakita; and juniors Dan Stoney, Dane Staples, Nick Tomilenko and Zane Birchler.

On Tuesday, one day after a Vaughn-led triumph over Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs edged Churchill, 9-7, thanks to a strong mound effort from Delapaz, who worked 4.1 innings to improve to 5-0.

On Saturday at Kalamazoo Central, Canton broomed a pair from the host Maroon Giants, 17-12 and 7-4.

Delapaz improved his mound record to a perfect 4-0 and he got plenty of offensive support from the hot hitting of Vaughn (2-for-4, four RBI) and Tidwell (2-for-3, four RBI, three runs).

Bill Cunningham-Rhodes ripped four hits for KC.

In the nightcap, the Chiefs received strong pitching from flame-throwing southpaw Dixon and hard-throwing reliever Staples; and timely hitting from Stoney and Neu on the way to the three-run

Dixon baffled the hosts all afternoon, yielding just one hit and one earned run in 4.1 innings while Staples picked up the win when he helped extinguish a one-out, basesloaded jam in the fifth.

Stoney and Neu both went 2-for-3. Neu's two-run single in the sixth with the game knotted at 3-all proved to be the difference-maker.

Dan Warwick had a double Giants.

SALEM 6, NORTHVILLE 4: On Tuesday at Salem, the Rocks knocked off the No. 2-ranked team in Division 1 behind the mound work of two seldom-used pitchers and clutch hitting from a couple of main-

Junior Heath Parling earned the victory — his first of the season – after shutting down the Mustangs' potent offense over the final 3.2 innings.

Parling relieved Justin Bashi, who pitched well other than in Northville's three-run third.

Parling and Bashi held the Mustangs to just four hits while the Rocks knocked out seven of their own.

Junior Dave Hales picked up a save when he retired the last batter in the seventh with two runners on board.

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"It's nice to play well against a team that has been beating up on everybody," said Salem. coach Dale Rumberger. "I told the boys before the game that if it was a close game late, I thought we could win because they're not accustomed to being in tight games."

Senior southpaw Demarii Saunderson took the loss for

the Mustangs. Trailing 4-3, the Rocks

plated three runs in the fifth thanks to RBI hits from Posler, Grabowski and Chris Kordick.

Posler went 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBI while Grabowski contributed two hits and an RBI.

## **PLYMOUTH 9. JOHN GLENN** 1: On Tuesday at Glenn, the

Wildcats exploded for seven runs over the first three innings and were never threatened thereafter thanks to solid pitching from Cliff Buttermore, Matt Skubik and Stephen Ostrowski, who scattered five hits. Buttermore earned the win after yielding no runs and two hits over the first 2.2 frames.

Pacing the Wildcats' 11-hit attack were Skubik (3-for-4, RBI), Nadratowski (1-for-1, two RBI) and David Harvey (2-for-3, run).

Both teams committed two errors a piece. **W.L. WESTERN 8, PLYMOUTH** 

7: On Monday at Western, the host Warriors overcame a 7-5 deficit with three runs in the fourth inning then hung on for the key Western Division victory. Plymouth outhit the Warriors, 10-6, but committed three errors.

Wildcat starting pitcher Brad Lineberry suffered the loss after yielding seven runs in three innings. Luke Merandi was solid in relief for the 'Cats, giving up just one run over the final three

Ronnie Goble was the hitting star for Plymouth, going 2-for-3 with a two-run home run. Michael Rose (2-for-3, RBI) and Garrett Rebain (2for-3, RBI) also had big games at the plate for Plymouth. One of Rebain's hits was a triple.

**CANTON AGAPE 15, FRANKLIN** ROAD 0: On Tuesday in Novi, the Wolverines mercied their hosts in four innings, scoring four runs in the first, three in both the second and third, and five in the fourth. The winners banged out 15 hits while their starting pitcher, Brandon Pierson, crafted a one-hitter, striking out five while issuing just one walk. The Walker brothers

- Ethan and Daniel - spearheaded the Wolverines' offensive attack, combining to go 5-for-7 with four RBI and three runs.

The victory improved Agape's record to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the MIAC Red. The Wolverines have now won seven consecutive games.

**CANTON AGAPE 6, CALVARY** CHRISTIAN 2: On Monday at Griffin Park in Canton, senior pitcher Ty Majeski hurled a complete-game gem, yielding just five hits while striking out six. Aaron Graham suffered the mound loss for CC.

The offensive stars for the winners were Jared Miller (2-for-3, two doubles), Kevin Reith (two runs, five steals) and Josiah Wyatt (1-for-3, RBI). Agape banged out seven

# Wildcats split

Plymouth split a doubleheader with state-ranked West Bloomfield Saturday, dropping the opener 5-3 before battling back to seize the nightcap,

The split left the Wildcats with a 14-8 record.

Plymouth erased a 3-0 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the second, but the Lakers tallied singled runs in the third and fourth innings to pull out the win.

Senior Drew Pyles earned the mound win for the visitors, limiting the 'Cats to five hits while striking out eight in a complete-game effort. Sophomore righty Matt Priebe took the loss for Plymouth after giving up five runs in five innings. Kyle Sanders shut down the Lakers over the final two frames

The Wildcats' hitting highlights came from players toward the bottom of their order. No. 8 hitter Travis Mewton was 1-for-3 with two RBI and a run, while No. 9 hitter Kyle Traver was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Senior Dan Nadratowski (six innings) and junior Matt Skubik (one inning) combined to pitch a four-hitter in Game 2 as the Wildcats scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to overcome a late 3-2 deficit. Skubik earned the win with a perfect seventh. Nadratowski gave up just three.

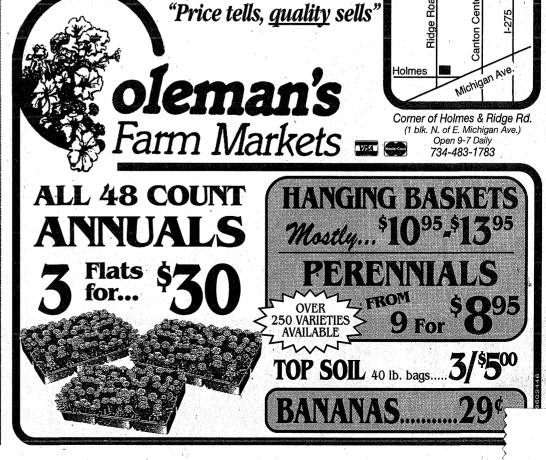
The Wildcats' six-hit attack was led by Priebe, who went 3for-4 with an RBI. Traver was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

"I thought our pitchers did an outstanding job against a good hitting Laker squad," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "In the opener, it was nice to see Matt Priebe get back into the rotation after a long absence from the hill. After a rocky first, Matt settled down and gave us some quality innings.

"Dan Nadratowski turned in a gutsy six innings of work in the nightcap when we needed a lift. He deserves strong praise for his performance.

"Overall, it was a great Saturday for high school baseball and a hard-fought split with a quality non-conference opponent."

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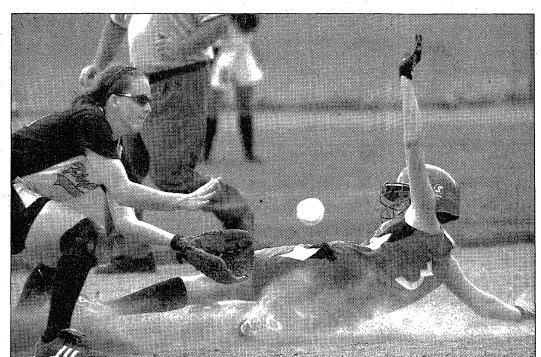




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Canton's Miranda Rysdorp (3), pictured sliding into third base during a game earlier this season, had a big day at the plate in the Chiefs' 6-0 victory over Livonia Churchill on Tuesday.

# Canton ace proves to be 'Payne' in the standings for Churchill

Judging by Tuesday's performance against Livonia Churchill Tuesday afternoon, Canton senior pitcher Hilary

Payne is back to her old self. Payne, who missed close to a month earlier this spring with an injury, struck out 12 and gave up just two hits in the Chiefs' 6-0 victory over the Chargers.

Churchill's Paula Guzik recorded the only two hits off Payne.

The Chiefs, who improved to 14-11 overall, exploded for three first-inning runs to give Payne all the support she would need.

Canton's eight-hit attack was sparked by Amy Dunleavy, who contributed three hits and two runs. Miranda Rysdorp also shined, ripping two hits, including a triple, and scoring a pair of runs.

Churchill slipped to 11-15

**PLYMOUTH 12, JOHN GLENN 2:** On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats got back on the winning track with a convincing five-inning triumph over the

struggling Rockets. The win improved coach Val Canfield's squad to 14-10

all around," said Canfield. The winners scored eight runs in the second and single

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runs in each of the other four frames. Glenn's lone runs came in the fourth.

Plymouth outhit the visitors, 14-6, and did not commit an error. The Rockets had just one fielding miscue.

Senior Ally Ciotti notched the win on the mound for the Wildcats, striking out nine and walking just one in a complete-game effort.

Offensively, the 'Cats were paced by Jill Brennan (3-for-3, two runs), Erin Rodes (2-for-2, two runs, RBI) and Amy Bondy (2-for-3, double, RBI).

NORTHVILLE 6, SALEM 0: On Tuesday at Northville, the Rocks' bats were stymied by senior hurler Allison Holmes, who pitched a four-hitter, striking out four without issuing a walk.

Freshman Heidi Schmidt suffered the loss, giving up six hits — four in the first inning and seven walks.

Two players accounted for all of the Salem hits - Emily Pitcole and Briana Lee, who

both ripped a pair of safeties. "We have not been hitting the ball well all week," Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We're making good contact, but we're just

not finding the gaps.

"I thought Heidi did a great job out there today, facing the No. 1 team in the league.

If the Rocks post a victory over John Glenn this afternoon, they will face a rematch with the Mustangs for the conference championship on May 21.

So we have a week to get the bats on track, but I think we will," said Southerland. "Today, we got a feel of what we need to do to be competitive next week. Northville is a very good team and it has very good hitters — power hitters. If we can shut that down and lay off the rise ball, we'll be all

W.L. CENTRAL 2, SALEM 0: On Monday at Central, the Vikings Lauren Hardy pitched a five-hitter against the Rocks.

Salem freshman Briana Lee deserved better than an "L" as she vielded just six hits and two walks while striking out

Heidi Schmidt sparkled at the plate for the Rocks, lacing a triple and two singles.

Kelli Janiczek and Mary Cox

also contributed singles. "We were just flat coming off the weekend," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Central was charged up Emily Scarpace led the Vikings' hitting attack with a double and a triple.

# Late dramatics give Wildcat kickers clutch win over WLW

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If Monday night's Plymouth-Walled Lake Western girls soccer game had been an advancedplacement drama class, the Wildcats would have earned an A-plus.

The Wildcats won 2-1 when Kelly Dobbs scored off an assist from Mckenzie Hengesh with just 1:20 left in the contest.

Megan Quinlan gave Plymouth a 1-0 edge at the 30-minute mark of the first half when she found the back of the net. The 'Cats maintained their one-goal advantage until the 15-minute mark of the second half when the Warriors scored.

Freshman Marissa Williams earned the win between the pipes for Plymouth.

On Saturday, Plymouth defeated Saline, 2-0, thanks to a pair of goals from Dobbs and outstanding play in net from Williams.

**CANTON 8. WAYNE MEMORIAL 0:** On Monday, the Chiefs mercied the Zebras as seven different players scored. Kayla Carmody was the lone Chief to score twice.

Single-goal scorers were Lisa Pierce, Megan Staub, Melanie Pickert, Laura Daniels and Tracy Rymph. Rachel Kain and Alyssa Cottrell notched assists for the winners.

Senior net-minder Bre Bellovary recorded the shutout for Canton.

SALEM O, W.L. CENTRAL O: On Monday at Salem, the two WLAA Lakes Division rivals battled to a scoreless draw as

both teams' defenders rose to

the occasion. Rock senior net-minder Kristen Dondzila made three saves to record her fifth shut-



Plymouth's Katie Krajewski slices through a pair of Saline defenders to gain control of the ball during the Wildcats' 2-0 victory over the Hornets Saturday afternoon.

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out of the season.

"Overall, I thought we played very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were able to keep pressure on them the whole game. Our defenders played great and we were able to carry the majority of possession in the midfield.

"We created nine or 10 quality chances on goal with shots off the goal posts, cross bar, or missing just wide of the target. It's nice to see that we are creating chances, but most days we finish a few of them."

The Rocks welcomed back

with open arms mainstays Katie Shull and Lauren Booth, both of whom had missed a considerable amount of time with injuries.

"It was great to see Katie and Lauren out there again," said Nora. "Both girls have worked hard to get back and they played very well.

"We have dealt with injuries all season and our team has risen to the challenge every time, but it's refreshing to have everyone healthy and ready to go.'

The draw left Salem with a 6-6-4 overall record and 4-4-I mark in the division.

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happening to me, I wouldn't have believed you." Schmitt said. "But I've been working hard and going with the flow, and I'm lucky my hard work has brought

me to this point." Schmitt has lived a whirlwind lifestyle the past few months in preparation for the upcoming Olympic Trials. She recently returned from a threeweek stint at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she endured a four-practices-a-day

workout routine. Tuesday night, following two two-hour training sessions, she attended the Canton **High School Academic Honors** banquet before jumping on a California-bound plane at 6

a.m. Wednesday morning to

compete in a Grand Prix event. She will return to Canton June 8 for graduation ceremonies, then head to Omaha to train for the trials.

"It was pretty much eat, sleep and swim in Colorado Springs," she said, smiling. "But it's showing in my times. At our last Grand Prix meet at Ohio State. I got personal bests in three of four events, so I'm excited about

"With all the traveling I've been doing, I miss my family, but with so much going on, there's not a lot of time to think about it," she said.

Schmitt is currently ranked sixth in the U.S. in three freestyle events, but all the rankings will be meaningless once she steps onto the platform at the trials.

"The times are so close

between a lot of girls," she said. "It will all come down to who swims the best at the trials."

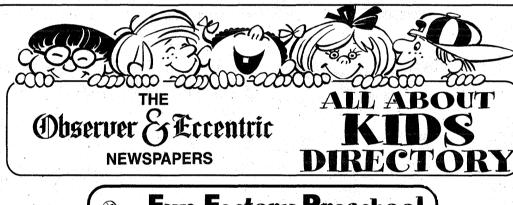
Other than accepting the "Female Athlete of the Year" award, Schmitt said the highlight Monday night was meeting Carr, who was presented with a

lifetime achievement award. "He congratulated me and told me to keep working hard," Schmitt said of her encounter with the legendary football coach. "It was an honor to be able to meet someone who has done so much for the University

of Michigan." Schmitt will be a freshman at the University of Georgia in the fall where she will continue her stellar swimming career. The Bulldogs have one of the mostrespected swimming-and-diving programs in the country.

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHV/RV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHV/RV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	AnnualCost Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$6.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM -34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan c/o Wayne County Department of Environment

415 Clifford, 7th Floor

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Attention: Sue Ann Hanson

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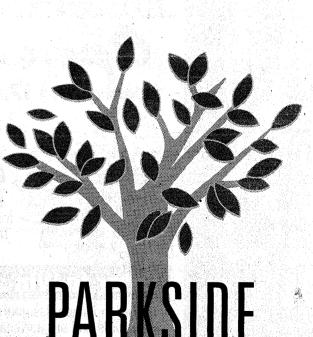




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# Short commute, carpools appeal as gas prices rise

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

As gas prices climb, people are grateful for short commutes.

"I'm within 10 minutes of work," said Phyllis Redfern of Canton, a clerk in the Canton Township clerk's office. "It's wonderful not to have to drive some of the distances I have before. I'm very fortunate with my commute."

Redfern sympathizes with those who have longer commutes.

"You know it's got to be eating into their budget," she said.

Ron Loiselle of Plymouth's also grateful for his short commute. "Oh. yeah, I should walk. It's 1.1 miles," said Loiselle, an accountant/stockbroker who's also mayor pro tem for the city of Plymouth.

"I made the choice to try to live close to work," said Loiselle, who's less sympathetic when it comes to long-distance commuters. He's lived close to work some 30 years and finds it hard to believe "people would waste that much time in a car."

In fact, he has a 15-yearold car with 104,000 miles on it. "I get stressed when I have to drive to Canton anymore," he said with a laugh. "I'm spoiled by living in Plymouth."

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is seeing the impact of commuting and rising gas prices, too. It has a RideShare program, information on which is available at semcog.org/RideShare.aspx.

"That's where they can fill out an application," said Iris Steinberg, senior communications specialist for SEMCOG. "They will be matched up with other individuals who live near them and work near them."

RideShare is a free carpool and vanpool matching service that links commuters traveling into or within Southeast Michigan for work. RideShare has assisted more than 100,000 Detroit carpoolers and vanpoolers with their requests. There are currently more than 3,000 in the database, Steinberg said.

"We have had a small increase, nothing too significant yet. We have seen increased numbers," as gas prices climb, Steinberg said.

Recent census data shows that more than 200,000



people in metro Detroit currently share the ride to and from work on a regular basis. According to SEMCOG, carpoolers and vanpoolers:

- Save money on fuel and other vehicle operating
- Experience less stress associated with traffic
- Have a more predictable and productive com-
- Help reduce traffic congestion
- Improve air quality Enjoy the social and safety aspects of commuting with others.

"It is nice to have that additional option,' Steinberg said of Ride Share, offered since 1980. She noted not all have access to SMART or Detroit Department of Transportation buses.

Steinberg, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, takes the bus to work daily at SEMCOG offices in downtown Detroit.

"That was part of what we were looking for when we were choosing a home," Steinberg said. "It makes it very nice."

She and colleagues have noted increased ridership of SMART and DDOT buses recently. "I had to wait for the next one," Steinberg said of a recent trip. "I know people are changing their behavior because of the high gas prices. People definitely are concerned and looking for options."

She takes a book for her commutes, and also catches up on work and phone calls. Steinberg's taken the bus for seven years "and never had a problem, feel very comfortable." It takes about 20 minutes to get downtown; there's a small vehicle fleet at work if she needs to attend a meeting,

and the People Mover helps

Steinberg get around down-

town Detroit. Steinberg points with pride to SEMCOG's Guaranteed Ride Home, which reimburses taxi fare for RideShare participants who get sick while at work and need to leave or must put in longer hours. You can use that up to six times a year after completing the

the SEMCOG Web site. "We just need the receipt from the taxi," Steinberg said. "It's a very nice program."

RideShare arrangements on

Colleague Delores Muller, a developer in the information technology department at SEMCOG, said the average commute in Southeast Michigan was 26 minutes in 2000. It had gone up three minutes from 1990. which could be caused by increased traffic.

"I take the bus," Livonia resident Muller said. "I've been taking the SMART bus for six years now." She drives to a park and ride site in Redford. Buses arrive every 25-30 minutes, less frequently than when Livonia was a part of SMART.

"People can save a lot of money by taking the bus," Muller said, noting she saves at least \$4,000 a year on parking, wear and tear on the car and gas. She puts gas in her car's tank once a month.

"I wish I knew about it earlier." Muller said of the bus service. "The closer you live to work, the less you're going to be spending on your commute. It's more common sense than anything."

She looked at Livonia as a place to settle and start a family. "I can't really think of a better place. I can commute to Ann Arbor or Detroit in 25 minutes."

She uses her time on the bus for work for continuing education classes. "I also network with other IT professionals," Muller said.

A RideShare carpool requires two riders who work similar time schedules. A vanpool requires six or more riders. SEMCOG's free online matching software matches you with commuters who also live near you, and who have similar routes and work schedules.

SEMCOG hasn't really studied if rising gas prices are making more distant real estate in outlying areas less attractive. "We really don't have any local information on that, nothing we have been able to verify," Steinberg said. noting SEMCOG includes

Oakland, St. Clair, Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. National reports indicate such a trend in commuting and real estate.

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Home prices across distant suburbs continue to fall deeper than city housing values, which sometimes even climb in cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, New York, Miami, Boston, and Washington, D.C., especially near public transit. Drawn by cheap outer land and strong home prices, developers miscalculated and "overreached," but have finally seen faraway projects as "just bad ideas to begin with" and shifted gears, an assessment confirmed by Smart Growth **America Communications** Director David Goldberg (www.smartgrowth.org)

In the 1990s, his hometown, Atlanta, "was recognized as the fastest-spreading human settlement, probably in the history of the world," he recalled, but over the past two years construction in the countryside dropped by 70 percent, without any slowdown in the city, according to the Smart Growth America Web site.

The same goes for other big cities, including Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The city of Plymouth has made walkability a priority in recent years, said Loiselle, the mayor pro tem. That includes checking on the status of sidewalks in the city, and making sure they're wheelchair accessible and have curb cuts that can also be used by bicyclists.

**SEMCOG** staffers are excited about expanded options in mass transit, including an Ann Arbor to Detroit rail line using existing train tracks. "I think that's very promising,"

Steinberg said. Carmine Palombo, director of transportation planning for SEMCOG, said the train tracks from Ann Arbor to Detroit are owned by three freight railroads. 'We've been working with them to identify the additional infrastructure that would be needed," the Livonia resident said. The goal is to have no negative impact on freight use while allowing additional passenger use.

The aim is for the railroads' analysis to be done

Please see COMMUTE, C4

# Ask lawyer about delinquency statements

Q. A member of our association is suing the homeowners association for defamation after it distributed its meeting minutes. At the homeowner association board meeting, the board members discussed the homeowner's failure to pay dues for a period of time. The association attorney had unsuccessfully tried several times to reach the homeowner. The board secretary recorded those facts in the meeting minutes and recorded the board's decision to foreclose on the homeowner's unit because the homeowner was not willing to work out a negotiated settlement for the outstanding dues. The minutes were mailed to all association members. The homeowner's name and unit were not published. Does the association have any liability?



**Robert Meisner** 

similar to those facts, a court held that in order for it to consider the meeting minutes defamatory, the statements must be false and intended to harm the homeowner's reputation and lower him in the community's estimation. In the case

A. In a recent case

involved, because the court decided that the statements were "substantially true." there was no defamation. "Substantially true" means that although the statements were not literally true on every detail, they were true for the most part. I would not, however, rely on this type of decision, given the delicate nature of the law of defamation and you are best to consult with your attorney before publishing any statement concerning delinquencies.

## Q. There has often been a debate about the value of a condo vs. a co-op for marketability. Do you have any comments on that?

A. Generally speaking, condos are

deemed to be more valuable than coops. There was an interesting study done in New York City for the period of 1984 to 2002. The result, according to the authors, was that "the typical" condo unit is worth about 8.8 percent more than the "typical" cooperative unit, although they admit that one market segment exhibited the opposite effect on value. In cooperatives that prohibited buyers from financing the purchase of units, the condominium premium disappears and turns into a 25.4 percent cooperative premium. One explanation is the greater potential of a cooperative to allow unit owners to engage in forms of social exclusion. Two other explanations, particularly relevant for the buildings occupied by less affluent residents, are (1) relatively high transaction costs associated with converting from a cooperative form to a condominium form can consume a substantial part of the condominium premium; and (2) costs of collective decision making (collective action problems) can be insurmountable, particularly in urban communities with a heterogeneous population. Thus the authors concluded that it may be a long time before condominiums, despite their apparent economic advantages, replace cooperatives as the dominant common interest homeownership form in New York City. This, of course, may not be relevant in other areas.

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

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 21-25, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cit-

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44805 Cherry Ridge Rd	\$720.
50324 Cressnut Ct	\$340.
46382 Greenridge Dr	\$280.
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\$160,000	15566 Beech Daly Rd	\$50,000
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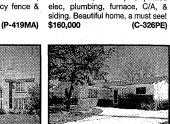
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THIS HOME HAS IT ALL Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huae Deck. \$250,000 (C-700CA)



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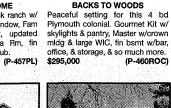
SUPER CLEAN & NEAT! LIPDATED WESTLAND BANCH Oversized Kit w/all appl's, LR w/ 3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak Kit, LR nat frol & cove ceil, formal DR. w/refin hwd, patio door to nice hwd firs t/o, updated baths, Master w/crown mldg, fin bsmt w/ sized yard w/2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed wetbar. & tons of storage. Gazebo, finished bsmt w/bar, & (C-442SP) \$125,000 (C-629FL)



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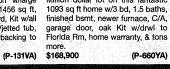
laun, large closets, upgraded

carpet, vaulted ceilings, & huge

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IMMACULATE HOME Million dollar lot on this fantastic 1093 sq ft home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths. finished bsmt, newer furnace, C/A garage door, oak Kit w/drwl to







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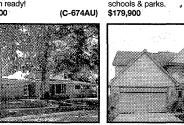
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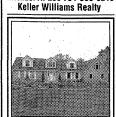
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and ranked against other

applications "and let the

city know where they

stand."

point where there are more and more people who think mass transit is an important component," he said. "We're past talking stages." Mass transit's important from an economic development point, too, Palombo added, noting light rail and commuter rail "seem to act as a stimulant for development to occur.

Palombo drives to work in downtown Detroit. "I go to Lansing quite often, he explained. "I have a lot of midday meet-

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

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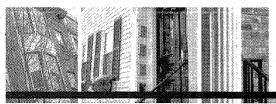
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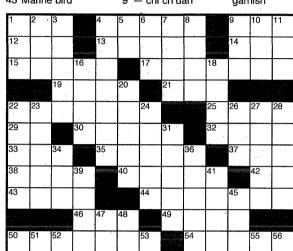
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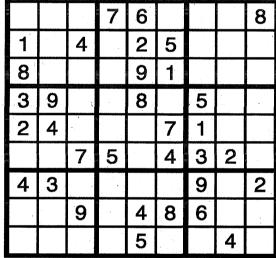


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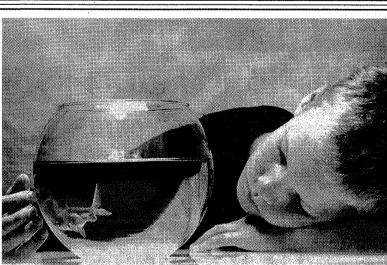
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SALE!

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 5980

3140 Middlebury, S. of Maple, btwn Cranbrook & Lahser, kid's stuff, decorator's items **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 4-Family Garage Sale! 4233 Stoneleigh, Bloomfield Hills. Thurs-Fri., May 15-16th, 8am-

and Lone Pine Rd BLOOMFIELD HILLS

acturer's rep samples, house wares, sporting goods, furni-ture, baby items & more. BLOOMFIELD TWP

homes. N. of Wattles (17 Mile), W/Adams. CANTON

SUB WIDE SALE! Pickwick Village. N. of Ford, E. of Lilley.
May 15-17, 9am-5pm

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tle bit of everything!

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CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs.-Sun. May 15-18, 9am-5pm. S. of Joy, E. of Sheldon. Too much to list! **CANTON MOVING SALE** 

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5pm. South of Joy Road and West of Sheldon Road. SUBWIDE YARD SALES

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May 15, 16, and 17th, 9am

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**FARMINGTON HILLS -**Old Farm Colony Sub Sale. Sal May 17, 9-5pm. S off 10 Mile. E of Middlebelt. Many houses with lots of great items!

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ESTATE SALE Fri-Sat, 10-6, 21544 Randall E. of Orchard Lake, N. of 8 Mile. Antiques, vintage cloth-ing - adult & kids. Fabric, sewing items, all household items must go!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 

Farmington Hills Estate Sale May 15-18, 9am-5pm. 27701 W 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Yards of fabric, sewing, craft, household, and Christmas items. Lots of tools and mai stuff. Too much to list!

Park Subdivision Garage Sale - 20+ Homes. May 15-17 9am-5pm, S. of 9 Mile, W. of Inkster, E. of Middlebelt. **FARMINGTON HILLS** Garage & Yard Sale. Fri.-Sat. May 15-16, 9am-? 31455

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Franklin Fairway, N. off 13 Mile, just E. of Northwestern. FARMINGTON view. 5/16 & 5/17; 9-4pm.

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Annual Garage Sale
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9am-5pm, South of 13 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Rd. FRANKLIN - May 15-17, 9-5. 30133 Cheviot Hills Ct., S/off 13 Mi, Franklin/Telegraph Designer clothes, good household, linens, art, crib & misc.

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29212 James St. Infant thru size 8 girl clothes, crib, large GARDEN CITY Multi Family Sale. Some antiques, col lectibles, games & more. 32371 Pierce, S/ Ford, W. Merriman. May 15-22, 10-5.

**Garage Sales** 7110

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48150. Food & drinks. LIVONIA BLOWOUT SALE Thurs-Sun, 10-5, 1,000's of items: Estee Lauder, Fisher Price, Victoria Secrets & more

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37974 Grantland, 48150. LIVONIA Large Garage/Estate Sale -Collectibles; Lenox, Estee Lauder, Wade Whimsies & more. Thurs.-Sat., 9am-4pm. 16017 Riverside, off 6 Mile, E.

of Wayne, in Burton Hollow.

LIVONIA Multi-Family - May

15-17. 8-5pm. Antiques.collectibles, china, tools, clothing, e lectronics. 20045 Whitby, N. of 7, E.of Gill. LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale. May 15-17, Thurs & Fri., 9-4, Sat. 9-12 noon. 33070 Barkley, E. of

Farmington N. of Lyndon. Too LIVONIA- Burton Hollow Sub Garage Sale

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MILFORD - Sat. & Sun., 9-4. 1501 S. Garner, W. of Milford Rd., S. of GM Rd. IKEA loft and buck bed, twin bed w/ 2 drawers & much more

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NORTHVILLE - 2 Family Sale Kitchen appliances, sinks, household, books, & more! 42586 Waterford, S. of 6 Mile, btwn Bradner & Northville Rds. May 16-17, 8am-4pm. NORTHVILLE - Multi-Family Thurs.-Sat., May 15-17, 9 2pm. 986 Grace, 8 Mile 8

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Southern living, tools, clothes NORTHVILLE 3 Sub Garage Sale - May 16 & 17, 8am-3pm. Lakes of Northville, 6 Mile/Winchester, 1 1/4 miles W of Haggerty.

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NORTHVILLE TWP May 15-

17, 9-4pm, 15747 Maxwell, N. of 5, W. of Haggerty. Rea

Estate items, office supplies holiday, camping, sports, etc **NORTHVILLE TWP** Steeplechase Sub, W/Ridge & N/6 Mile, Crestbrook to Laurel Ridge Ct., May 15-17, 9-4pm. Precor 4-station weight set oak enclosed bookcase w/2 drawer file, storage cabinets

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large wall mount TV brackets

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Thurs, Fri., Sat., May 15-1617 btwn 10am-4pm. Off
Haggerty btwn 5 & 6 mile on west side of Haggerty.

NOVI - May 15-17, 9am-5pm. Forest Sub., Novi Rd., N. of 9 Drapery supplies, household etc. (Sub garage sale also) NOVI Garage Sale, Orchard

Hills Sub. May 16-17, 9-4. Meadowbrook & 10 Mile. **NOVI UPSCALE SALE** Thurs-Sat., May 15-17, 8-6pm 44489 Midway Dr, W/Novi Rd. N/off 9 Mile on Plaisance, fol low signs. Furniture, antiques, China, collectibles, men's stuff, plant holders, household, art. No junk. Don't miss!

**NOVI-RIVERBRIDGE** SUB SALE 8 Mile btwn Novi Rd and Meadowbrook. May 16-17, 9am-5pm.

NOVI. DEERBROOK Sub. S. of May 15, 16, 17, 8-5pm. NOVI .- 2 FAMILY Moving Sale May 15, 16, 9- 4pm. 41199 & 41150 Coventry. Carriage Hill

Sub, off Meadowbrook Rd., 3 blks. N. of 8 mile.

OAKLAND Subdivision garage sale Oakland Township, SILVER CREEK, off Silverbell Road, West of Adams Road, East of Squirrel Road. Thur 5/15 - Sat 5/18, 9am - 3pm. Something for everyone!

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PLEASANT RIDGE- Household, clothing, furniture, baby items. 5/17 & 5/18, 9-5pm. 61 Sylvan, 696/Woodward, SE of 10 Mile.

PLYMOUTH - Huge Sale. May 16 & 17, 9am-4pm. RIDGE-WOOD HILLS SUB, 9488 Red Pine Drive, Antiques, lectibles, much household. PLYMOUTH - May 16-18, 8am-6pm. 41924 Brentwood. Multi-family. Household items, cloth-

ing, home decor, priced to go! PLYMOUTH - May 17th Only, 9-3pm. 3 Family Garage Sale. Teen/adult clothing, toys, crafts, shoes, household, lawn. 10029 Canton Center, N. of Ann Arbor Road.

Fri., Sat., May 15-17, 9am. Dr. Plymouth, Andover Lakes Sub, off Territorial, Just Wet of North Ridge Church, Not

Fri-Sat., 5/16-17, 9am-3pm 10+ homes participating Located on Ridge between N. Territorial and Powell Rd.

Sun, May 16-18, 9-5pm Haggerty, Schoolcraft and Wilcox Rd. Something for everyone!

**PLYMOUTH TWP** Super

17, 9am to 4pm. N. side of Ann Arbor Road, 1/2 mile W. of Beck, before Ridge. **PLYMOUTH** ~ Fri. 5/16 9-5pm, Sat. 5/17 9-5pm, Sun. 5/18 10-2pm. 15525 Maxwell Ave., N. off 5 mile,

W of Haggerty, Furniture,

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Equipment & much, much

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Cumberland Woods Sub Annual Garage Sale. May 15-

16-17, 9-4pm. E. off Livernois btwn, Hamlin and Auburn Rds.

ROYAL OAK- Moving, May 15-

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17th, 8am-4pm. located National Storage Center, 39205 Ford Road, Westland, S. of Ford overpass next to Emagine Theaters.

TROY - TOWN ACRES SUBDIVISION SALE Fri., May 16 & Sat., May 17 from 9am-3pm. East o Adams, South of Wattles.

TROY 1684 Chatham Dr. F of Coolidge, S of 17 Mile. Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm. Lots of baby & children clothing & toys. Strollers, Pack & Play, crib, bedding & lots more! Bathroom accessories & some Jananese/Chinese artifacts.

TROY Garage Sale - 2390 Kingsbury Drive, 48098. Friday. May 16th and Saturday, May 17th, 10am-4pm. Furniture, framed art work, home decor, men's outdoor jackets and more! 1/2 mile east of Adams, off of Beach between Long Lake and Wattles.

**HUGE SUB GARAGE SALE** Fri.-Sat., May 16-17, 9am-5pm. S.E. corner of 17 Mile & Coolidge. Just N. of Somerset

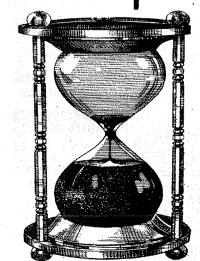
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TROY SUB WIDE GARAGE SALE

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FARMINGTON HILLS Sat, May 17, 10-6pm. 36290 Congress, S. of 11, btwn



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PLYMOUTH - Wedgewood Village Condos, Ann Arbor Rd, 2 blks W of Sheldon. Thurs., PLYMOUTH Salesman Sample Sale - Mostly New Items! Additional New Items Daily! 2 Weekends Worth of Material! 5/15-5/18 & 5/22-5/25, 9am-5pm Daily! 12619 Wendover

Your Typical Garage Sale! PLYMOUTH Sub-Wide Garage Sale. Plymouth Commons Sub.

PLYMOUTH TWP Huge Neighborhood garage sale, Lake Pointe Sub. Fri

Gigungo All Sub Garage Sale - Ridgewood Hills (385 Homes) - Saturday, May

clothes, small appliances & more! No earlybirds!!

more!! 734-451-3200 **REDFORD** - Garage Sale Rain or Shine! May 16-18, 9am-5pm. 13987 Seminole, NE corner 96 & Inkster. Furniture, outdoor equip, chest freezer.

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16 & 17, 9am-5pm. Furniture., clothes, books, freezer & household 1017 Hickory Ave., btwn, Crooks & Main.

SITE WIDE STORAGE

May 15-17, 9am-4pm. Overbrook Sub. Off Hix Road, W. of Newburgh, N. of Warren WESTLAND Fri-Sun., 16th-18th, 10am-5pm. 32154 Melton, Palmer & Merriman. Household, clothes, collectibles, electronics, etc. WESTLAND-MULTI FAMILY

May 16-17, 9-4pm. Toys tools, treasures and furniture Gray Street, S of Joy btwn Newburgh and Wayne. WHITTAKER MULTI-FAMILY SALE- May 16-18, 9am-3pm. Collectibles, tools, household

items, craft supplies, books,

more! 8260 Judd Road, 48191 **Moving Sales** 

bed, home decor.

children's clothes.

ANN ARBOR MOVING SALE-May 15,16,17, 10a.m-6 p.m. 1722 Bent Pine Court, Ann Arbor, 48108. Furniture, exercise equip., new Tunnerware samples Longaberger baskets, kitchen, yard tools, lamps, shelving,

BLOOMFIELD HILLS- Sofas,

tables, chairs, tools, and lots more! Fri. 10-4, Sat 10-2pm,

5/16 & 5/17. 5042 Forest Way,

off Lone Pine, W. of Telegraph

FARMINGTON HILLS . Appliances, furniture, lawn equip & much more! 25330 Brookview, btwn 10 & 11 Mile, btwn Orchard Lk & Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm.

Drake & Halstead. Furniture, antiques, household goods. **NOVI MOVING SALE** Fri-Sat, May 15th-16th, 10-3pm. Furniture, yard equip and misc. 41152 Hollydale (S of 10. E of Meadowbrook

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# CHRYSLER'S GAS-PRICE INCENTIVE MAY END UP A WINNER

Advertising Feature

**CAReport** 



By Dale Buss



Chrysler executives feared that their new gasprice rebate program would nick the company's already-shaky green credentials. But they also hoped that the Let's Refuel America price-protection plan would create a buzz among consumers – and maybe even an uptick in Chrysler's dismal sales.

Just over a week since the incentive's unveiling,

it's become clear that their fears were well-founded: Environmentalists are inflamed by Chrysler's decision to offer to indemnify buyers of most of its vehicles against gas prices above \$2.99 for the next three years. They're flaying Chrysler as a technologically backward cadre of ecologically callous opportunists.

But just as quickly, signs have emerged that

Chrysler's hopes might have been well-founded too. For one thing, the program already has an imitator in Suzuki. And more important, early readings of consumers indicate that the offer of relief from soaring gasoline prices single-handedly has raised their esteem for the company and the likelihood that they would consider purchasing a Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle.

Among 913 "new-vehicle intenders" in a national survey conducted within 36 hours of Chrysler's announcement by CNW Marketing Research, 11 percent were aware of the offer. "That's not bad for a single day," notes Art Spinella, president of the Bandon, Ore.-based company that specializes in auto-market consumer research.

What's more, of the intenders who knew about the program already and didn't have a Chrysler product on their shopping lists, 16 percent said they now would consider a Chrysler product. And of the CNW respondents who did have a Chrysler vehicle on their list of possible purchases, about one-quarter said they would likely buy or lease the vehicle somewhat sooner than they had intended.

# A New Imperative

Though preliminary, these are soundings from an American public that is expressing unprecedented

The Chrysler "Let's Refuel America" gas card.



PT Cruiser is one of the vehicles covered by Chrysler's new gasprice guarantee incentive.

levels of concern - for some, near desperation about gasoline prices that are rising so high and so fast that they have outstripped the ability of any

existing paradigm to forecast the ultimate effects.

A much more telling indicator is how fuel-price worries have prompted the most sudden and significant segment shift in U.S. automotive history, as consumers since the beginning of the year have flocked to small cars and crossovers and away from traditional SUVs and pickup trucks.

Gasoline prices nationally are averaging about 71 cents a gallon higher than they did two years ago, according to Edmunds.com analysis. And there is constant news-media attention to the new crude-oil price records being set almost daily in commodities

Chrysler's own recent online poll, of members of its new Customer Advisory Board, confirmed the public's extreme focus on gasoline prices: 76 percent of respondents were "very concerned" or "extremely concerned" about fuel prices. And 83 percent said that fuel prices would affect their summer vacation plans.

## Going Green

And consumers are more and more concerned about Chrysler becoming more environmentally oriented. Recently, the company polled members of its Customer Advisory Board asking them whether they believe it's more important for a vehicle to be perceived as green or for the auto company behind the product to be considered environmentally

So it's hardly surprising that Chrysler got singed immediately after announcing its new incentive offer. The Union of Concerned Scientists charged that Chrysler is "using this cynical deal to distract consumers from the fact that its cars get poor gas mileage."

But with gas prices and public worries having ratcheted much higher than they were two and three years ago, more Americans may simply be

opportunistic about blunting fuel costs than before.
"Buying a Jeep, of all vehicles, may seem like an irrational response to this concern, but risk-averse consumers are attracted to guarantees that protect them from the consequences of outcomes they fear the most," says Richard Devine, chair of the marketing department at Central Michigan University.

Indeed, Spinella said that Chrysler's announcement "seems to have resonated, which is probably all they cared about anyway. It moved the needle. And salespeople in Chrysler showrooms will be able to use it in talking with anyone who comes in, and so for a month or two it will probably help them with some deals."

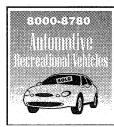
Given Chrysler's dire straits, what are a few barbed arrows from environmentalists who already heap criticism on the company anyway? "I don't think they looked at what the green movement was going to say," says David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, in Ann Arbor, Mich. "They recognized they had to move some cars and trucks. And everyone else is kind of waiting and seeing what happens."







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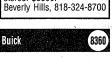
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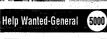


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# Beware of budget-priced **GPS** navigation systems

Question: I'm in the market for a GPS. Any recommendations?

Answer: Don't skimp. By that I mean stick with a well-known brand like Garmin or TomTom. I recently tested a new budget-priced model from littleknown V7 (v7-world.com), and the results were not good.



**Tech Savvy** 

Rick Broida

widescreen, massive points-of-interest database, text-to-speech capability (meaning it announces actual street and highway names), and MP3/video/photo players. That's an impressive

Looking at the features alone, there's

much to like about

the V7 NAV740: the

thin design, 4.3-inch

roster for a \$299.99 GPS, though I wish V7 could have managed a Bluetooth speakerphone and/or real-time traffic updates as well.

Still, I liked the easy-to-navigate onscreen menus and transparent control buttons overlaid onto the maps.

But ultimately, any GPS must be judged by its navigation prowess, and that's where the NAV740 stumbled. It repeatedly messed up when I neared my destination, telling me half a mile too soon that I'd arrived or instructing me to keep going when I'd already passed

Furthermore, real-time navigation was always a little off: The NAV740 would tell me to make a turn a few seconds after I'd already passed the street.

Suspecting a bad unit, V7 replaced my NAV740, but unfortunately the replacement exhibited the same prob-

For another \$30 or so, you can pick up a Garmin Nuvi 660 from various online stores. It's been on the market nearly two years, but who cares? It offers hands-free calling, traffic alerts, and an FM transmitter. Plus, it navigates like a champ — I was sad to see my demo unit go.

Question: How can I listen to my music collection when I'm at work? The boss frowns on iPods.

Answer: As long as your workplace doesn't block or prohibit streamingmedia Web sites, you've got several options.

The first is MP3tunes (mp3tunes. com), which stores a copy of your music library online so you can listen to it on any PC.

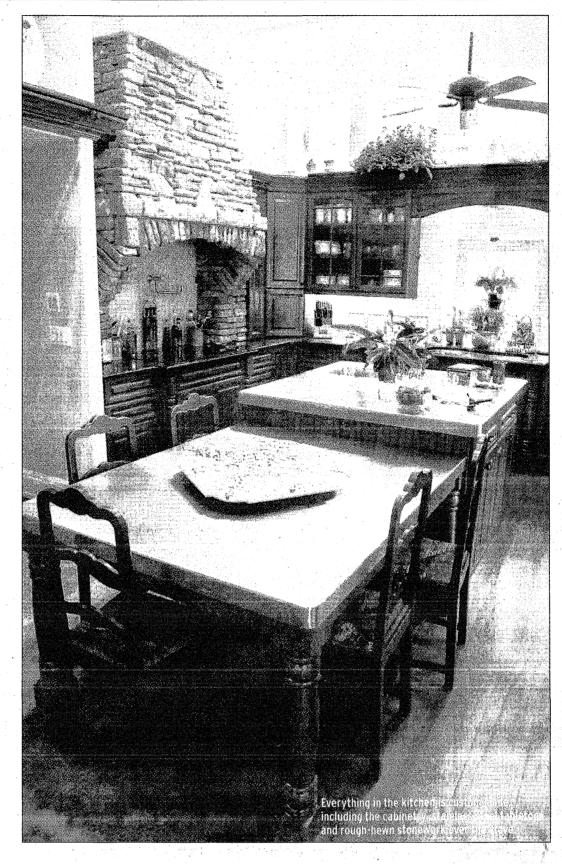
You get a whopping 25 gigabytes (GB) of storage free of charge; if you need more, a 50GB premium account will run you \$39.95 annually.

MP3tunes' simple LockerSync utility (available for Windows, Mac, and even Linux systems) syncs your song collection with your online "locker," where you can play it via your work PC's Web browser (and even some smartphones).

The only catch is that it can take days, or even weeks, of uploading to copy your library to MP3tunes' servers, depending on the size of the collection.

Once it's done, however, subsequent syncs will go much faster. And as an added bonus, MP3tunes doubles as an online backup of your music-you can easily download it back to your PC if necessary.

Please see TECH, D3



# Manorwood brings nature home during annual tour

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

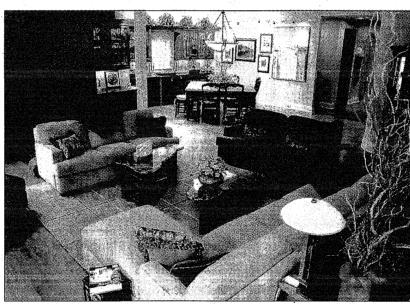
When Ronnie Wilner built "Manorwood," he was determined to bring the outdoors in.

The home, one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary House Tour, backs up to Manor Park in Birmingham and revels in its wild surroundings.

Wilner and his wife, Nancy Fishman, used repetitive natural elements — like Brazilian cherry wood and honed limestone - along with skylights, screened porches and handcrafted detail to invite nature into their midst.

Visitors to the new house on Shepherdbush are greeted by a stone porch adorned with loveseats made from twigs. The custom alder wood front door, which includes a speakeasy window, opens to a limestone garden walk-

Along one side of the path, an indoor pond filled with plantings features a stone wall rising up to the cathedral ceiling. On the right, a door opens to Wilner's award-



This Birmingham home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.

winning two-story library. The path leads guests to the spacious living room, dining room and kitchen, which blend together in an open floor plan with a view of the woods.

"Because this property is on a 12-acre nature preserve we wanted most of the living space in the back of the house," Fishman said.

Please see TOUR, D2

# **Consider** the ceiling another wall of color

Paul of Livonia asks: "My wife and I would like to paint a good portion of our home. I've been noticing that other people are



Solutions

Terri Guastella

ceilings do NOT have to be painted white. Many paint purists will argue that by

by saying that

not using white on the ceiling you will make your room look smaller. This just isn't true.

If you think of your ceiling as another wall in the room, your ideas about this will drastically change. I agree that lighter colors reflect light and darker colors absorb light; however, I do not think that we always want our rooms to look cavernous. There are many shades close to white, but will not look as stark next to your wall color.

Keep in mind, that by painting your ceilings white, you are adding another color to the room. If you do not have white elsewhere in the room, that white ceiling will stand out and become an undesirable focal

In many newer homes, it is not uncommon to have ceilings soaring 15-20 feet. The challenge is to make these rooms feel homey. The ceilings in these rooms can actually be painted darker than the wall color to add warmth.

Another point for consideration is the crown molding. Many people prefer to have their crown moldings painted white. If you paint your ceilings and your crown molding white, you are making all that architectural detail disappear. A better approach is to paint the ceiling a couple shades lighter than the wall color and then you can keep the moldings white. When you do this, you will be amazed at how your crown moldings will be highlighted.

Do not be afraid to go bolder with ceiling color in certain rooms. For example, when a room has a detail like a tray ceiling, this is the ideal place to experiment with an exciting color. Pick an accent color from the room décor and paint the inside of the tray ceiling with it. Maybe the color is brick red or navy blue, but the interesting architecture is now highlighted with drama and color.

Have some fun with paint color. It is one of the least expensive things we can do to change and update our homes.

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

# Sipping and sampling helps scholarships

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK O & E STAFF WRITER

Nearly 300 lovers of wines and fine foods enjoyed some of the tastes of more than 60 Great Lakes wineries and local restaurants on Thursday at the annual Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting, a fund-raiser for student scholarships, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington

The annual event raises between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually for scholarships for students in the school's Culinary Studies Institute and to finance travel for the institute's competition teams.

Darlene Levinson, instructor and one of the event's organizers, called the event, now in its 13th year, "one of the best" in terms of attendance. "We had more wines and more people," Levinson said.

The event helps students

attain scholarships for their studies. "A lot of them could not even go to school if they did not get financial aid," Levinson said. "We have more than an associate's degree (in culinary arts), it's an extended program that requires them to attend school longer."

Wines and foods from some of Detroit's finest restaurants, country clubs and other eateries graced small plates, ranging from Stuffed Tortellini in Porcini Mushroom butter sauce

from chef Joseph Beato at Via Nove to Tribute restaurant's Scalloped Seviche from chef Richard Travis.

The wines were sampled and scored earlier that day by a group of 21 judges. Tony Lawrence of Philadelphia has judged wines for 20 years and enjoys the local flavors of the Great Lakes region. "These events help bring us back to the regional wines," Lawrence said.

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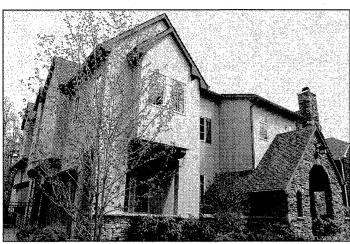


traveled from Philadelphia to judge the selections at the Great Lakes **Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting** at Oakland Community

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Wine judge **Tony Lawrence** 

College on Thursday. He's speaking with Tim and Melanie Griffith of Ferndale.



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"Manorwood," completed in 2006, backs up to Manor Park, a 12-acre nature preserve in Birmingham.

Everywhere you look, customized features evoke the feeling of the great outdoors.

In the dining room, tree limbs snake across beautiful leaded glass cabinets crafted by Wilner, a glass artist with a workshop in the basement. At its center is a table crafted from wood reclaimed from a ship that sunk in Lake Superior more than 100 years ago.

The bright and airy living room is adorned with overstuffed couches and tables made from a slab of granite split in half. There's nothing stodgy about this space. In fact, Fishman designed one of the tables at tea height to encourage snacking, and the other at coffee height - perfect for putting up your feet.

In the kitchen, natural stonework encases the stove, and an island is topped with stainless steel made by U-M artisans. A door to the back porch is surrounded by

# **TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD 15TH ANNIVERSARY HOUSE TOUR**

What: Six unique homes in Royal Oak, Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Franklin are opened to the public When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

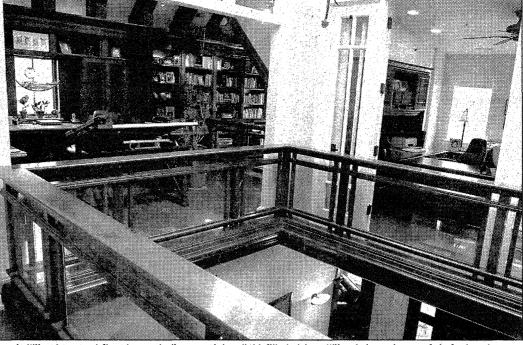
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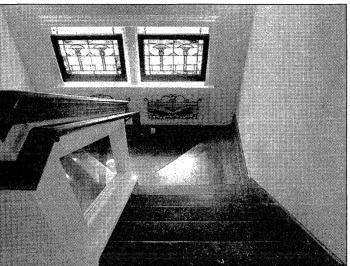
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lighted cabinets filled with pottery, cookbooks and other collections from the couple's prior home in Birmingham, as well as their winter residence in St. Maarten.

Upstairs, Milner's architectural studio opens to a light-filled atrium showcasing a branching chandelier. The sound of the bubbling pond floats upstairs, creating a tranquil work environ-



Ronnie Wilner's second-floor home studio opens into a light-filled atrium. Wilner's home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.



Stained glass windows are used as shades in the stairwell.

ment.

The master suite includes a walk-in closet, and another screened porch where the couple enjoys wine at sunset. Gas fireplaces lend warmth at the foot of the bed, as well as in front of the deluxe tub in the master bath.

"Ronnie thought of absolutely everything, everything," Fishman said.

As owner of Ronald Roy Wilner Architectural Design and Moonlight Homes, Wilner has made his career out of building wondrous living spaces for others. Since he and his wife finished Manorwood in 2006, they have experienced firsthand his company's slogan "Life's

a holiday in a Moonlight Home."

'Your house should feel like you never want to leave," Wilner said.

Wilner and Fishman plan to fill their home with flowers to welcome guests on the tour, and volunteers will be on hand to explain the couple's artwork and design details.

The docents will be trained on the subtleties of all six homes on the tour, which range from a modest three bedroom bungalow in Royal Oak owned by a furniture artist to the eclectic Franklin abode of late designer Brian Killian.

According to Beverly



Homeowner and architect Ronald Wilner

Wolgin, co-chair of the Temple Israel Home Tour, each house has a unique story to tell.

"I just love seeing how other people live. I always get lots of ideas seeing what people do with their art and decor," Wolgin said. "The houses are not chosen by size. They represent a variety of lifestyles and interesting design expressions."

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# **FEATURED HOMES**

Here's a look at the six homes featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary Home Tour:

# 25270 Devon, Franklin

Classic modern with a French 1940s twist. Interior of soft blues, greens and browns accented with local artwork. Interiors: The late Brian Killian & Richard Ross, Richard Ross Designs & Owner

## 2346 Walnut Lake Road, West **Bloomfield**

Beautiful 6,500-square-foot ranch with stunning view of Walnut Lake, filled with art from Israel.

Interiors: Linda Shears Designs, LTD & Owners

**Builder**: Gerald Brody Homes

## 5376 Pembrooke Crossing Ct., **West Bloomfield**

"Spring Glory" theme showcases symmetrical furnishings, eclectic decor and interesting collections (including one on Winston Churchill).

Interiors: Amy Miller Weinstein, Jeffrey King Interiors & Owners

## 633 Shepherdbush, Birmingham

English stucco and stone home uses ponds, skylights and hints of Arts & Crafts era to create Zen-like atmosphere. (See related story). Interiors: Owners

**Building:** Ronald Roy Wilner

3217 Shenandoah, Royal Oak An art- and antique-filled jewel box full of custom furniture and interesting vignettes. Interiors: Arturo Sanchez, Art-

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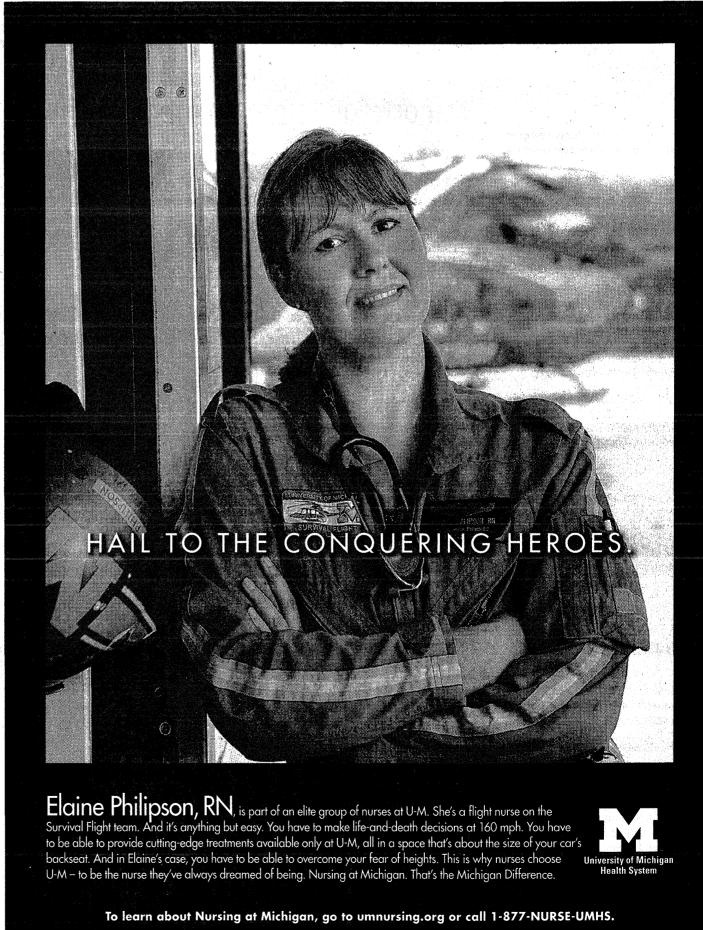
and clever use of space.







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# Airlines sock it to travelers with fees TECH PAGE DI

feel fortunate and thankful to have the privilege of flying. I don't like to freak out when

At my job, I'm not happy when



someone yells at me over rules I didn't create. When traveling, I extend the same courtesy to airport work-

So, I will vent.

We know airlines are

suffering and costs will rise, but the hidden fees make me feel like a chump. If Northwest Airlines wants to charge me \$410 for a ticket

from Detroit to Los Angeles, then just do it. Don't charge \$350 for a ticket and then throw in extra optional fees later for choices that only make flights bearable. Here's what happened:

Lately, the only nonstop, direct flights from Detroit to Los Angeles is on Spirit and Northwest. Spirit's return flight is a red-eye - too tiring.

A month ago I bought a DTW to LAX ticket for under \$367 on

Two weeks before my departure I went to Northwest's Web site to assign my seats. Nothing was available to me. Seven days later, still no available seats to choose from even though I had already paid for a ticket.

Twenty-four hours before departure and suddenly two seats were available - row 42, the very last row on the plane! Seats B and E - the middle seats!

I took seat B. Ugh! I decided to try for a better seat a few hours before my flight. Suddenly there were more

our website at www.rougeriver.com.

For an additional \$30, I could

have an aisle seat in row 25.

Thirty dollars more to sit in the Mexico recently, I watched second half of the plane? I bought it. Sucker.

I'm nice when I travel, but my weak spot is when it's time to de-board. I don't say anything, but cringe inside when people mess around unnecessarily in the aisles. I hate waiting, I hate when seemingly intelligent folks don't

understand the system.

If I'm in row 26 and you're in row 27, you don't get to take cuts in front of me to get off the plane. I don't take cuts in front of you inline at the movie theater, flying isn't any different. Just like when we're driving in road construction, there's a system and things flow when we're all courteous. So, being in last row of a plane frus-

trates this passenger. Now to my return flight. I tried to assign my seat a few days before my flight. Nothing.

Less than 24 hours, a similar situation: only the last row was available - seat B. How ironic.

But ... for \$30 more, I could have row 24. This time I refused.

Should I have flown Spirit? They have a few flight attendants who tell sarcastic jokes and make flying fun. Even if I'm traveling on business, I'll take fun, please.

Then again, the McNamara terminal in Detroit is so pleasant. Get a massage or even a pedicure or just stroll the airy atmosphere. Have sushi, fresh dark green salads or healthy hummous. Life is good in the Northwest McNamara terminal.

Over in the soon-to-be-defunct old Smith Terminal (the new one opens this fall; celebrate!) where

# Speaking of meltdowns ...

On my way from back from (once again) seemingly sane people have meltdowns when they were told that their large bottles of vanilla/tequila/ shampoo purchased at airport duty-free shops could not be carried on the plane.

The passengers begged for an explanation on why stores sold them these items without informing them of the restrictions. Where is the communication between airport stores and security?

All these people already went through security. They were returning from other countries and on a layover. They were now dealing with international security for those of us changing planes. They had to ditch their newly

items - which meant going to a new line and risk missing their connecting flights.

purchased goods or check their

That's changed a little for

gates are dimly lit and gloomy.

The last time I ate there, two

on my pizza.

man joked.

The food choices are depressing.

pilots gathered around me to try

to identify the item of brown goo

"A tomato?" One pilot asked.

Some happy men on their way

"A beetle?" Said another

to Vegas joined in on the UPI

(unidentified pizza item) discus-

sion. "I'm a gambling man, I bet

five dollars it's an old olive," one

No one knew. Not even a man-

those who are looking to take liquids out of the country - but not into the United States.

The Transportation Security Administration recently unveiled tamper-evident bags for the transportation of duty-free liquids, purchased post-TSA security, on flights departing the United States for international destinations.

Tamper-evident bags are for passengers departing the United States who have purchased duty-free liquids in the secure area of U.S. airports. Tamper-evident bags will not be accepted in the United States at security checkpoints. So, you can buy a bottle of perfume at duty-free store in U.S. airports, and put it in the tamper free bag for Aunt Rosie in Italy. But you can't buy that perfume in a duty-free shop and bring carry it on the plane for your aunt in Canton. You still have to check it.

- By Lana Mini

Memorial Day weekend. I chose ... Northwest. I figure I would give it one more chance before going back to the red-eyes.

I'll let you know what happens with the seats.

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The wines from this region are improving, he said.

"You're seeing a change in style and the quality of wines," Lawrence said. "They aren't made by the seat of the pants. These wineries are doing more research to improve the wines. They go to University of California Davis (known for its enology program) and they're bringing back more expertise and knowledge. The technology is better now and they know what grapes to plant. They've learned through the years that certain varietals work well with different soils.

Anne Buechel of Rochester Hills attended OCC's event for the second consecutive

year. "It gives you a real flavor of the small samplings of regional wines," Buechel said. "It's all local, too, like Steve's & Rocky's restaurant, which has great food and where I bring a lot of clients. OCC's culinary school's food was great, too."

Buechel enjoyed Chef Steve Allen's Chicken Cordon Bleu, while OCC chef instructors Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs and students served up duck confit and grilled duck breast, Louisiana Voodoo Shrimp and Carolina Pulled Pork Sandwich.

Buechel enjoyed the wines, too. "What I see here I can go to the store and buy, supporting our local vineyards. It's good for the local economy."

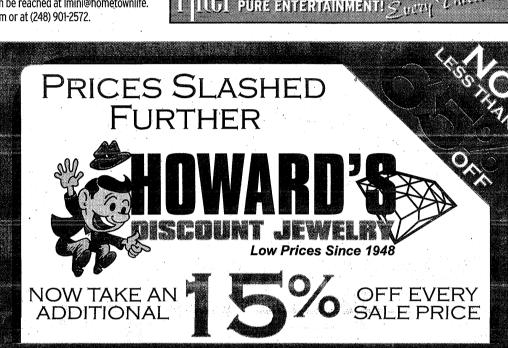
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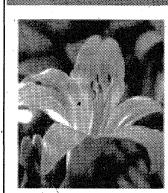
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## ALBERT CONNER

Age 83, of Boca Raton, Florida passed away on April 2, 2008. Mr. Conner was formerly from Bloomfield Hills. Michigan. Mr. Conner served overseas n the Army as a Captain during World War II, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. In the early 1950s, he moved from Newark, New Jersey to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he New Jersey to worked in the steel business. He was a fantastic gourmet chef and enjoyed having friends and family over so he could cook for them. His other passions were to play golf, and go to the Casinos. But, most of all he was a very loving father and grandfather. Albert Conner was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Fish and wife, Eileen Amros. He is survived by his daughters, Cathy Diamond of Silver Spring, and Iris Parreco of Annapolis, Maryland; and his grandchildren. Ryan Diamond, Diamond, Matt Parreco and Marc Parreco. Family and friends may join a nemorial mass at the White Chapel, 621 West Long Lake Road, Troy, Michigan at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2008, immediately following the service will be a luncheon at Forest Lake Country Club at noon. RSVP at 231-526-5816. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

## BENJAMIN L. LEECE

Passed away May 11, 2008, age 72. Loving husband of the late Georgia. Beloved father of Robert (Lynne) Leece, Bonnie (Don Papiez) Leece and the late Brenda Palmer and Ben Leece. Also leaves eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren Brother of Nancy Speight and Emily (Robert) Hillbish. Memorial service was held Thursday morning at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## **BETTY MAE DUNN**

Passed away May 10, 2008, age 85, Livonia, MI. Arrangements by: Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

# CARL F. WESSMAN

Age 66, 30 year resident of Livonia, May 12, 2008, after a long illness. Survived by his beloved wife of 32 years, Sherry Lynn. Also survived by his mother-in-law, four sisters-in-law, three nephews and two nieces. Memorial service to be held at a later Memorials to Childrens Hospital, Detroit, would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements



LORRAINE D. WROBEL (nee. Goss) May 12, 2008, age 82 formerly of

Beverly Hills. Beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Dear mother of Joseph F. III (Julie) and James S. (Kris). Loving grandmother of Jacob, Joshua, Alex and Rachel. Also survived by her caregiver, Roxanne Thompson. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn a13-14 Mile) Friday 10am until funeral service 11am. Memorial tributes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1280. Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, benefiting the scholarship fund. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

# PHYLLIS L. HEWER

May 10, 2008, age 87. Beloved mother of Richard (Denise), Terry (Lori) and Michael (Joann) Hewer. Also leaves ten grandchildren and 27 greatgrandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson, two great-grandchiland one sister. Services were held Tuesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



REV. MARCUS B. BURDEN, JR.

Sunrise May 20, 1930 Sunset May 10, 2008 Former Pastor of Unity Center Church in Ohio. A husband, patriarch, leader & confidant, whose bright smile, wise words, strength, encouragement & love will be GREATLY missed!

Memorial Services THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008 Public Viewing 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. SWANSON FUNERAL HOME 14751 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48235

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 Family Hour begins at 10:30 a.m. & Funeral begins at 11:00 a.m. CLINTON ST GREATER BETHLEHEM TEMPLE 2900 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48206

# NEWELL HOYT McCUEN

Mr. McCuen, age 88, of

Devonshire at National, Palm Gardens, Florida, Beach passed away at a local hospital on Thursday afternoon, May 8, 2008. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, son of the late Charles Leroy McCuen and Adele Chamberlain McCuen. Mr. McCuen attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, served our country in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was employed by General Motors Corporation for 40 years. He served as the Chief Engineer of General Motors Overseas Division and later as the Advanced Product Manager of Systems at Engineering Staff, and was a lifetime member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. During his lifetime, Mr. McCuen served with distinction as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bloomfield County Day School of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as President of the Walloon Lake Association, as President of the Lost Tree Property Owners Association and on the Board of Trustees of the Lost Tree Club. He was an accomplished sailor and the writer of poetry for the benefit and amusement of his many friends and family. An avid golfer, he was a former member of the Lost Tree Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club and Walloon Lake Country Club. Mr. McCuen was a former member of the Lost Tree Chapel and the Birmingham Unitarian Church of Birmingham, Michigan. He was predeceased by his spouse of 45 years, Amy Louise Jose McCuen, in 1986, as well as by his second wife, Kathleen Hulbert McCuen, in 1991. Mr. McCuen is sur-vived by three children, Nancy Elliott McCuen of Birmingham, Michigan, Marcia L. (husband Lee) McDonell of Goodyear, AZ and Charles M. (wife Sharon) McCuen of Selinsgrove, PA; three grandchildren: Lauren Kristen Roberts, Heather Marise McCuen and Graham Scott McCuen; two great-granchildren: Luca Andino and Kiera Roberts; one sister, Eleanor Turunen of Missoula, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and poetry of Newell Hoyt McCuen will take place at Devonshire at PGA National, 100 Devonshire

# STANLEY v. BOURNE

Way, Palm Beach Gardens on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 2 pm. In

lieu of flowers, contributions in his

memory may be made to the Walloon

Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770, or to

the Parkinson's Disease Foundation,

1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New

York, New York 10018.

Of Webberville, formerly of Redford Township, MI. Stan died peacefully at home at age 80 on May 12, 2008. He was born in Detroit, MI to Cecil and Zana (Haskin) Bourne. In 1949 he married Betty Jean Selleck. Faith, family and friends were important to Stan. Besides his ministry, he also enjoyed many outdoor activities. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, his children: Bonnie Santoro of Redford Township, MI, Brad (Dianne) Bourne of Webberville, MI, and Lorrie (Michael) Roberts of Rogers City, MI: his brother Ted Bourne of Tecumseh, MI; ten grandchildren, ten greatgrandchildren, as well as his spiritual family. The family will receive friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Friday, May 16 from 2-8 p.m. A memorial will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Gregory Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with a private burial at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

## **VERNA BETH** (GRAHAM) HUBER

Age 79, of Naples, Florida, died April 29, 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Ginger (Verna Beth) was born October 9, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio, daughter of John and Verna (Curtis) Graham, and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. She graduated from Denison University in 1950, having been Homecoming Queen and President of Alpha Phi Sorority. Ginger married Robert F. Huber on June 18, 1950. Bob preceded her in death in 2005. Ginger and her family lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area until they moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1969. There she was an active member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham and Chapter CG of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her involvement in both organizations led to enduring friendships. The focus of Ginger's life was her family, who adored her. In recent years, she particularly loved spending time with her grandchildren at their home in Florida. Ginger is survived by her three children: Cathy (Bill) Žielinski of Chicago; Don Huber (Mark Fontaine) of New York City and their daughter Elizabeth; Greg (Lisa) Huber of Hinsdale, Illinois and their two children, Mackenzie and Jack; and by her sister Marilynn (Ed) Baker of Ft. Meyers Florida and Delton, Michigan. In addition she is survived by brother-inlaw Ben Gregg, Jr. of Rio Verde Arizona, and by seven nieces and nephews. Ginger will be remembered by her family, friends and all who knew her as a humble, compassionate and gentle woman. A service celebrating Ginger's life will be held on June 28 at 10:00 am, at The Congregational Church of Birmingham (248-646-4511). Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at The Congregational Church Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; or to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S.

Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307.

Arrangements by the Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, FL; 239-592-1611

# SCOTT JOSEF PALME

Passed away on April 28, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Born Nov. 30, 1958 (Royal Oak, MI). 1976 graduate o Seaholm HS (Birmingham, MI), 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University (Mt. Pleasant, MI) Survived by wife, Beth Palme (Texarkana, TX), mother, June Palme Kalamazoo,MI), siblings Craig Dolores) Palme (Chesterfield Twp MI) and Gayle (Roger) Finder (Portage, MI). In lieu of memorial services, visit Scott's online guestbook at www.newcomefamily.com to share memories with friends and familv. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



**VILIS TRAVIS** 

Age 93, of Canton, MI, was born in Birmingham, Michigan to Colburn and Flossie Dennis. Vilis was a life long resident of Canton. She married Jack Travis in 1933. She is survived by three sons, Dennis (Barbara) Travis, Davis Travis, Jack (Barbara) Travis and daughter Judith McCreary Vilis was retired from Ford Motor Company. She was a life long member of the Cherry Hill United Methodist hurch. She was an avid nature lover and also spent many hours making guilts and dolls. She was preceded in eath by parent's, sisters Irene Winkel, Charlotte McFarland, brother Colburn Dennis and husband Jack Beside her children Vilis leaves behind nine grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special friends. Funeral services will be held on May 15, 2008 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment at Cherry Hill Cemetery. Memorials to Cherry Hill United Mehtodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd, Canton 48188. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



WILLIAM J. KRAUSE May 9, 2008. Age 85. Proud

WW II Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of Maureen (formerly Kane) and the late Marie. Loving father o Kathy Johnson (Dave), Bill, III (Cindy), Tom (Sandy), Tim (Lee), Bob (Christine), Mike, John (Sherri), Colleen Mohan (Joe Semonick), Sue Flayer (Jared), Kathy Bruce (John) Kelly Boyle (Joe) and Patrick Kane (Rachel). Dear grandfather of 34 and great-grandfather of 21. Brother of Alice Stockton (the late Dick), and Sr. Dorothy Krause, IHM. Brother-inlaw of Marge Nelson (Don), John Connarn (Pat), Florence Booms (the late Dick) and Ruth Mazzaro (Lou) Family will receive friends at A. . Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2-8 PM with Livonia Post #3941 VFW Memorial Service at 6 PM and Scripture Service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Friday 9:30 AM at St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Visitation at church begins at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes to American Cancer Society or Sisters of IHM, Monroe, Michigan View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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# **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

# MAY

Prayer vigil

In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit www.christoursavior.org for information.

## 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.

## **Bethany Suburban West** 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.

## Saturday night laughter

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit charity benefit takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 50

N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Features comedian Mrs. Hughes (www. mrshughes.com), musician Rennie Kaufmann (www.renniekaufmann. com), a silent auction and dancing. Tickets \$30 advance, \$40 at door. COCC is also accepting donations of money and items for the silent auction. All proceeds go to International Orthodox Christian Charities, the international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (www.iocc.org). To order tickets, donate money or auction items, or obtain further information, call (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

# Flute concert

3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, A Flutist's Travelogue with Holly Clemans, assisted by Darlene Kuperus, keyboards. Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Telemann, C. McMichael and PDQ Bach, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Freewill donation benefits the 2008 Holy Trinity Work Camp trip.

## Seekers of spiritual intelligence Beacon Hill Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol. Living rosary

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in the ceremony held by candlelight. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455,

# Polish festival

5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon), food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Kostka, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte, Call (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday. Mixed media concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, featuring organist Andrew Galuska performing Mussorskij's Pictures at an Exhibition plus Improvisations on Modern Art, as part of the Metropolitan Concert Series at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 875-7407. Pictures projected on a large screen during the concert. Reception follows.

# 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.

# Concert

Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided.

Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife. and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrating marriage and the family.

## **Cosmic City**

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, Ext. 26.

# **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**

## Patriotic pops concert

7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra. Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

## Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of

## 1-96. Livonia. **Bethany Suburban West**

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# **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 scheaule

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. singleplace.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 email her at marthapaul@sbcglobal. net.

# Sunday services

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

# Tai chi and strength classes

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

## Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

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

## Church services

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

## Thursday fellowship dinner

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

## Thrift store

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

# Tai Chi class

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

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

# Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile. Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

# Couple prayer series

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

# **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. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

# **ENDOW**

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

# Day of service

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

# New schedule

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

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# **Worship Service**

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

# Worship

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

# Sunday worship

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

at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

## Worship service

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

## F.I.R.E. ministries

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

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# holycrosslivonia.org.

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

# **Worship services**

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time. at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are célebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is wel-

## come. Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

## **MOPS** meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248)

470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki. tiernan@gmail.com.

## **Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

## **MOPS** groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

# **LOGOS Youth Club**

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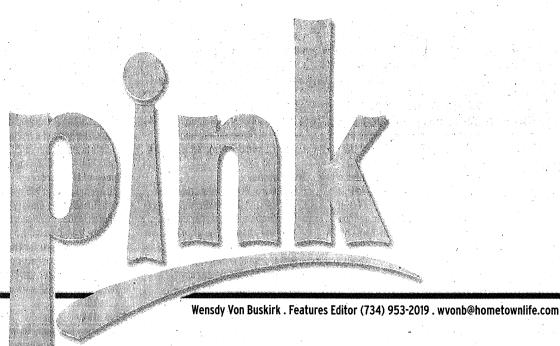
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# Stiletto Strategies



Miss Meghan and her mother, Ann Cleary of Farmington, at the Melting Pot

# America's Shoe Expert helps ease fear of heights

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK 0 & E STAFF WRITER

**TROY** — With the premiere of Sex and the City: The Movie hitting theatres May 30, the style spotlight is sure to shine on stilettos. And according to fashion forecasts, heels will rise to ever-towering heights this Fall.

But as much as some gals want to be 'in,' the thought of donning these spiky and sometimes painful shoes is enough. to freak them out.

"America's Shoe Expert" Meghan Cleary recently came to the rescue of Metro Detroit stiletto-phobes.

The Farmington native prescribed some of her famous 'shoe therapy' to members of Fashion Group International-Detroit during a recent talk at The Melting Pot in Troy.

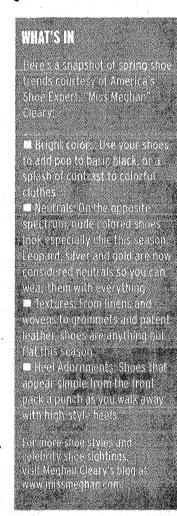
Here are some of Miss Meghan's "Stiletto Strategies":

# **SHOP SMART**

When purchasing high heels, look beyond color to construction. Take your finger and place it vertically up the heel, noting where it meets the base of the shoe. The closer it hits to the center of your heel, the better.

"You want the heel to support you, not just raise you," she said.

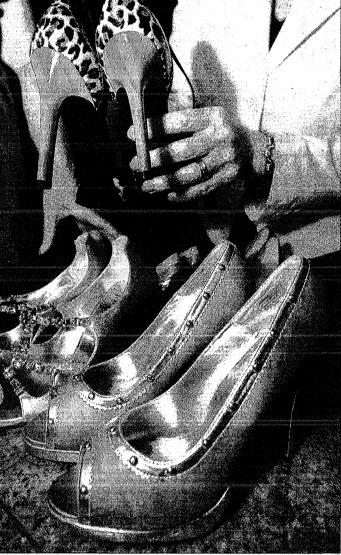
Also note the 'breast' of the shoe — the sweep that connects the heel to the sole. "I hate saying this, but you want more breast," Cleary quipped.



**FIND YOUR SWEET SPOT** 

Today's heels are higher than ever before. Back in grandma's day, heels averaged just two inches tall. Today, three inches and above is the norm.

"Christian Louboutin really pioneered that 5-inch heel that the celebrities wear, and we all want to look like them," Cleary



Spring shoe samples, courtesy of Miss Meghan's HSN show "Shoe Therapy," demonstrate why some women need her 'Stiletto Strategies.'

said. "But they're just getting in and out of a limo. We have to walk around like normal people."

Look for shoes that fit, at a height that's comfortable for you, she said.

"I have a pair of Sergio Rossi's that are 45-minute shoes. Beyond that, my toes turn white. That's it," she said.

# **BREAK THEM IN**

After you buy a pair of stilettos, spend time getting them ready to wear. "Do not get up the next morning and put those shoes on for work. Do not do this," Cleary said. "At five o'clock you'll be in so much pain you'll want to kill someone."

Instead, test the shoes for an hour and monitor your comfort level. Anywhere you feel the slightest pain, apply moleskin foam, Foot Petals or Dr. Scholl's For Her.

"Think of it like tailoring a suit," she said. "I want you fully padded before you go out into the world in these things."

If the shoes are genuine leather, spritz them with water and wear them until they dry so they can mold to your feet.

# TAKE A ROAD TEST

Walking in stilettos is a lot like doing Pilates, Cleary said, because it requires balance that comes straight from your core. Take your time, close vour eves and focus on vour center of gravity - not your legs and feet — as you move through the room.

"Stiletto girls have flat stomachs," Cleary said. "Think about a different way of being in the shoe. That's part of the beauty of stilettos. It's a whole different mindset."

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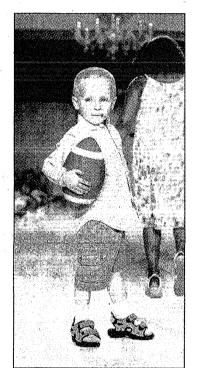
Doris Biscoe, Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo acted as emcees, and one of GCH's graduates, Joy Geiger-Agee, shared her testimony with the sold-out crowd of more than 630 people.

Women and children who have been helped by Grace Centers of Hope modeled clothing from Somerset Collection and Lord and Taylor alongside professionals on the runway.

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Women and children helped by Grace Centers of Hope model clothing during the shelter's annual fashion show luncheon.

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of the art of tea and hospitality, will recount the pageant from its first competition to Haglund's crowning. The event also will feature Tea Specialist Linda Pudlik, and a special menu complete with a "Miss America" tea. Tickets are \$20 for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills, \$25 for non-residents. RSVP at (248) 473-1848.

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# Hometown soap opera star nominated for Emmy

Livonia native Nicole Forester has been nominated for a Daytime Emmy. Forester, who stars as Cassie Layne Winslow on "Guiding Light," is up for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama

Forester, formerly known as Nicole Schmidt, began acting when she was 15 years old, at the Creative and Performing Arts High School at Churchill High School in Livonia. After graduating from Stevenson High School in 1990, she moved to Hollywood to pursue acting as a career.

She landed parts in many television commercials and popular series, including a recurring role on

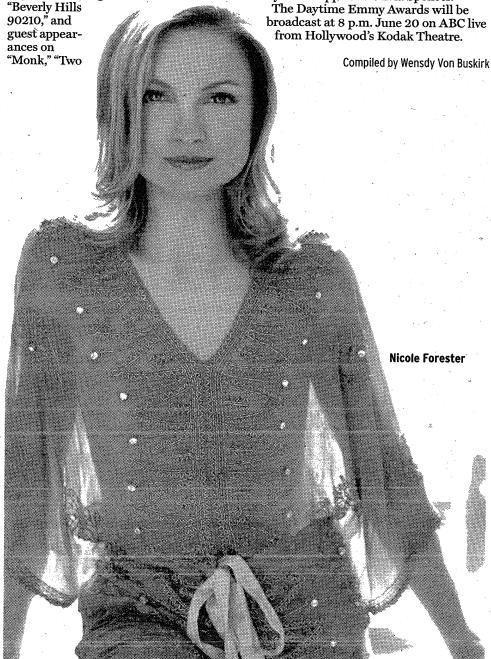
and a Half Men," "Star Trek: Enterprise," and "Will & Grace."

She also played the lead in the movie "Vampires Anonymous," and has worked in theatre.

In 2006, she took over the role of long-established character Cassie Lynne Winslow on "Guiding Light" and moved to New York City.

In the lead actress category, Forester faces Maura West as Carly Tenney on "As the World Turns," Michelle Stafford as Phyllis Summers Abbott on "The Young and the Restless," Jeanne Cooper as Katherine Chancellor on "The Young and the Restless" and "Guiding Light" co-star Crystal Chappell as Olivia Spencer.

The Daytime Emmy Awards will be from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.



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The cast announces "Suge Avery's Coming to Town" in this memorable scene from 'The Color Purple.'

# Southfield's Diamond White will paint the Fox Theatre purple this month

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

Two years since it opened on Broadway, The Color Purple brings the love to Detroit. Earning 11 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the show is based on Alice Walker's classic novel, and later a touching film by Steven Spielberg, both by the same name.

The story and struggle of Celie comes to life on the Fox Theater stage this month.

Along with the production's first national tour comes 9-year-old singing phenom Diamond White, of Southfield. With the full support of her mother Deborah White, who's been touring with her daughter from the start, Diamond portrays several roles in the cast.

She's young Nettie, playing a hand-clapping game with her sister Celie in the show's opening scene. She also portrays Mister's daughter and Sofia's daughter. She performs in a scene featuring the song Miss Celie's Pants and in the picnic scene at the close of the show.

Diamond brings a bundle of energy to the stage, so much so her mother has wondered

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Suge Avery stirs up a sensation in 'The Color Purple,' coming to the Fox Theatre.



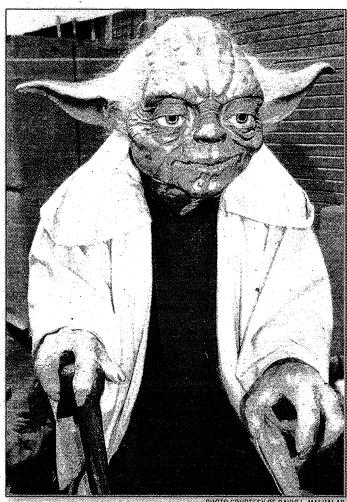
What: Hit Broadway musical based on the book by Alice Walker and the movie by Steven Spielberg

When: Showtimes May 20 through June 1.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets: \$39.50 to \$75, call

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# Flight of the Conchords gets familiar with Ann Arbor

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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New Zealand-bred digi-folk comedy duo the Flight of the Conchords found itself on a first-name basis with Ann Arbor Saturday night as Jemaine Clement and Bret McKenzie performed to a packed house at the Michigan Theater. The show, one of only 15 scheduled around the country, sold out at light speed — less than five minutes - thanks to the loyal following of their cleverly-crafted HBO series of the same name. The fictionalized portrayal places this real-life Kiwi duo in New York City with the support of an inexperienced manager named Murray (Rhys Darby), and a single, obsessed fan named Mel (Kristen Schaal).

Comedian Arj Barker, best known to FOTC series fans as Pawn Shop Owner Dave, warmed up the crowd with a bit of improv, as the anticipation bubbled up to a palpable level. Flight of the Conchords took to the minimalist stage — perching on a pair of high-backed stools. They plugged in their guitars and slid right into the "binary solo" and C-3PO imitations as only the self-described ro-bros can during the set-starter, *The Distant Future*. Trading up instruments for the occasional inclusion of a digital horn or a purposefully awkward keytar solo,



those simpleton antics have made the duo famous. They pummelled through two hours of music and droll banter, feeding off a ravenously vocal crowd.

Addressing fans with a bit of "professional talking" early on, Clement coyly asked "Can we call you Ann?" It seemed a reasonable flirtation as they strummed into *The Most Beautiful Girl in the* 

Room, a song that includes the observation "You could be a part-time model."

With his signature wide-eyed stare and his head cocked to one side, McKenzie hit most of the high notes and kicked out his beatbox skills on the band's singular hip hop venture — *Hiphopopotamus vs. Rhymenoceros*. The song appears on the band's epony-

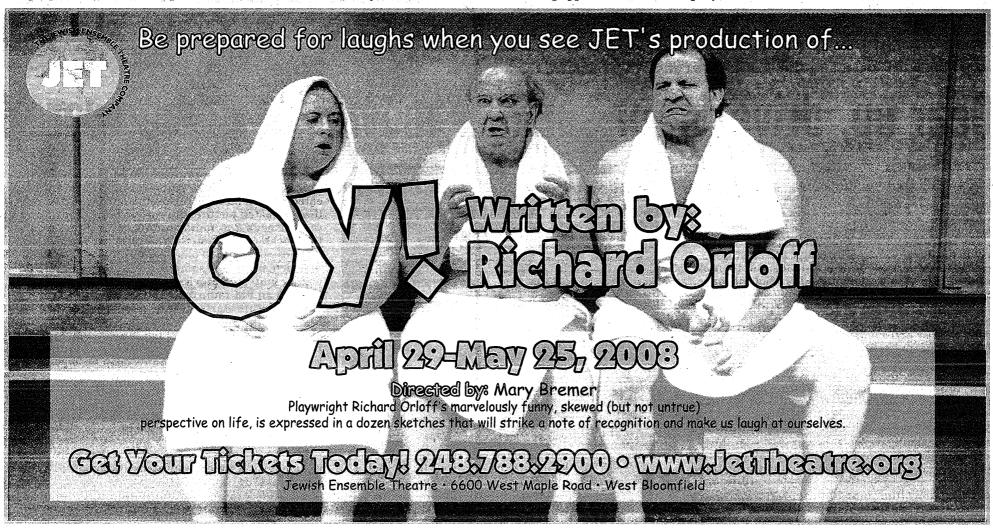
mous full-length on Subpop Records. At one point, he made a memorable leap into the orchestra pit, causing the crowd to wonder whether he actually fell.

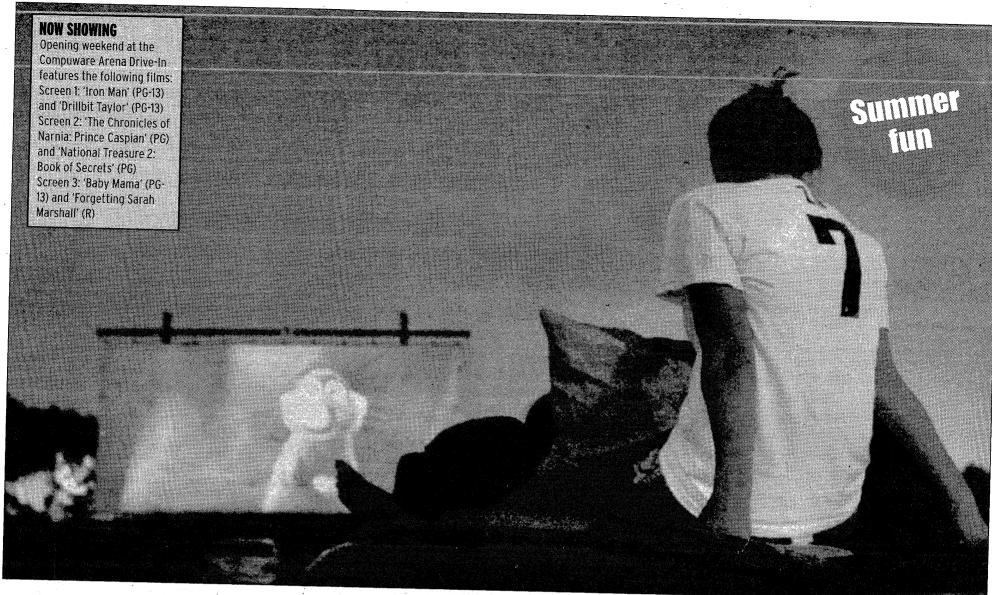
Clement's stone-faced seriousness and booming baritone proved the perfect companion. He uttered lines like "You can't break my heart. It's liquid. It melted when I met you," in *Not Crying*.

Judging by the roar of applause, the soulful and silly Business Time has to be the duo's bona fide hit. A love song detailing the rather predictable, mundane habits of a couple, appeared on the full-length as well as the EP, The Distant Future. Still the audience cooed repeatedly for Bowie, which features both performers mimicking the rock icon's voice "in space." It appeared in one of two encores. For Clement and McKenzie, who joined forces in 1998 as students in Wellington, New Zealand, these simple fish-out-of-water comedy stylings and a fascination with pop culture (revealed in references to Beyonce, Boys II Men, and of course the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy) blend into pure brilliance.

While awaiting the second season of the HBO show, fans and newcomers alike can catch reruns of the first season as *Flight of the Conchords* is currently airing at 11 p.m. on Fridays.

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Cousins Alison Szczypka and Catherine McLaurin watch "Ratatouille."

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# Gear up, drive-in for summer movies at Compuware

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

0&E STAFF WRITER

Teased hair and friends hiding in the trunk are out, but the drive-in movie is back in metro Detroit.

The Detroit area once housed some 35 drive-in movie theaters — many with single screens that opened in the late 1940s or mid-1950s. But there is hardly a sign of those demolished symbols of summertime past. Only the longtime last-one-standing Ford-Wyoming Theatre in Dearborn still shows movies regularly.

But the city and suburbs are working to revive the open air cinema tradition. Movie-goers can catch Movies in the Moonlight in downtown Rochester starting in July. Detroit's Campus Martius Park will kick off its annual Comcast Summer Film series at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 14.

And the first to offer starry night cinema will be Plymouth's Compuware Arena Drive-In, which offers sneak peek movie weekends Friday-Saturday, May 16-17 and again in time for Memorial Day weekend Friday-Sunday from May 23-25. Compuware's three outdoor screens, each offering double-features, will stay open daily from June 13 to Sept. 7.

Mike Henry, arena manager, said this will be

Michael Susterka of Canton and Rebecca Lutker wait for the show to begin. Rebecca, a student at Grand Rapids Community College, studies for a culinary arts class.

the sixth year since the drive-in concept came to Compuware. It was initiated by a third party but the arena staff has kept the drive-in alive. "It was such a unique tradition for families," said Henry.

He said the theater shows first-run, new-releases. Though this summer's lineup is not yet determined, opening and Memorial weekends will feature *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*. Family-oriented films tend to do the best, Henry said, adding that animated pictures are sure to be a success. Last year Disney's *Ratatouille* drew large crowds as did the blockbuster action flick, *Transformers*.

Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and movies begin at dusk — which during the summer tends to be around 9:15 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. Movie-goers can tune in the sound through an FM radio dial. The second film of the double-feature starts just five minutes after the first film ends.

"Friday and Saturday are our busiest nights," said Henry. To handle the crowds a staff of 10 work as ticket-takers, projectionists and assist with parking cars.

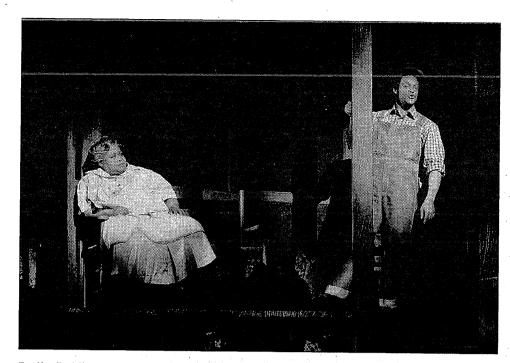
"Every year the word gets out there more and there's more excitement," said Henry.

Tickets cost \$9 for movie-goers 13 and older, and \$7 for children ages 4-12. Children 3 and under are admitted free. Students with a current ID are admitted for \$7 Sunday through Thursday. For more information, visit www.compuwarearena.com or dial the hotline at (734) 927-3284.

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For the first time on national tour, 'The Color Purple' heads to Detroit this month.

whether she's got "the Energizer Bunny inside of her."

Diamond showed a knack for singing at just 9 months old. Her mother heard her singing along to TV's Barney and Friends, a tiny voice just belting out She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain.

"Nobody in our family sings," said White. "She's a blessing."

By age 2 Diamond volunteered to sing

the Star Spangled Banner "in front of the whole school," as she said. And, according to her mother, mouths dropped open.

In 2006 the young aspiring performer signed with Southfield's One Source Talent Agency — a move that led to Diamond's New York City audition for the role in The Color Purple. White said she didn't even know they needed to bring sheet music, rather than the usual CD, for Diamond's audition.

But her daughter sang a cap ell a and later borrowed sheet music to Amazing Grace, and managed to wow the casting professionals. They got the call on the drive back to Michigan and, White said, "we just screamed and hollered and rolled the windows down.'

Since then, Diamond said, she's performed the show in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore and Tempe, Ariz. She's excited, to say the least, about her homecoming performances which runs May 20 through June 1 in Detroit.

'It's gonna be so amazing," she said, calling May 7 from the tour in Baltimore. "It's the first time my family will see me on stage.'

Diamond said she's looking forward to seeing her brothers Dewaun, 31, Bud, 25 and sister Angel, 28. She's been on tour for the past year and three months, and misses her bedroom.

"I know the whole story," she said of the show. "It's like the cast is my second family. They treat me with respect."

In The Color Purple, sisters Celie and Nettie are torn apart when Celie is married off to an abusive farmer named Mister. Mister's son Harpo turns his home into a juke joint, drawing Mister's longtime mistress and sultry singer Suge Avery into town. But Suge arrives in poor health and it's Celie who must care for her. The two form an unexpected bond that allows Celie to find the strength to go out on her own. She starts her own business and returns to the house where she grew up. It's a saga spanning decades and following the ebb and flow of love and life.

"I think the show is amazing," said Diamond. "I love the show 100 percent."

It's heady subject matter for a 9year-old, but Diamond said her favorite moment is set to the song I'm Here at the end of the show, because as she said, "everyone sings together."

While on tour, Diamond is keeping up with her studies thanks to a tutor who travels with her. The tour is set to continue through 2010. The younger actors, like Diamond, can stay with the production as long as they don't out-grow the role or their costumes. But she's already set on a career in entertainment. "I want to do film and have my own TV show," she said. For now she's excited to perform at the Fox Theatre. As a pre-schooler Diamond saw a Sesame Street production starring Elmo at the theater. "Now I can

go behind the stage," she said.
Oprah Winfrey and Scott Sanders produced the smash musical, which will be directed as it was on Broadway by Gary Griffin. It features a libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman and the memorable score ranging from blues and jazz to gospel and pop. Twenty-nine songs strong, the score was developed by composers and lyricists Brenda Russell, Stephen Bray and Detroit native Allee

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'The Color Purple,' based on Alice Walker's novel, tugs at the heartstrings.



# It feels like home at Hilton Road Cafe

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

At Hilton Road Cafe, customers are treated like family.

As owner Effie Lambrous and her staff cook up comfort food and greet customers by name, they make everyone feel at home in this intimate little diner.

The lifelong Ferndale resident took over Hilton Road Cafe in January, after a long career in the restaurant business. She and her husband, Sotirios, formerly owned The Heights Coney Island, located right down the street. At that time, Hilton Road Cafe was called Millie's.

After selling The Heights, Lambrous managed restaurants for other people until she decided to go back in business for herself. She went trolling the Internet for restaurants for sale.

"All of a sudden this cute little place popped up," she said. "Mind you when Millie was here, back in the '80s, we were competition. How ironic me buying Millie's place, right?"

Hilton Road Cafe isn't eye-catching from the outside but inside it's a cozy little gem, living up to its claim as "Ferndale's Best Kept Secret."



3150 Hilton Rd., Ferndale, (248) 548-0008

Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 7 days a week

Menu: Breakfast and Lunch. Omelets range from \$4.95-\$6.95. Skillets, \$5.45-\$6.35. Salads, \$4.25-\$6.25. Sandwiches, pitas, wraps and reubens, \$3.50-\$6.75.

Details: 25 seats, Visa and MasterCard accepted, no smoking.



The menu surprises with fresh ingredients and unique menu selections that go beyond typical diner fare.

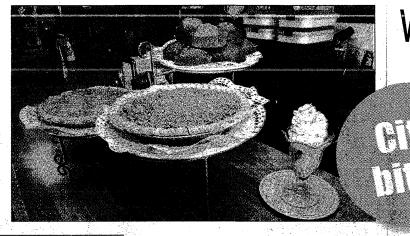
Breakfast choices include omelets, burritos, granola parfaits, oatmeals, blueberry pancakes and biscuits with sausage gravy.

Most notable are the Skillets — satisfying mounds of home fried potatoes heaped with choice ingredients and topped with two eggs cooked just how you like 'em.

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Effie Lambrous bakes desserts fresh daily, including Caramel Apple Pie, Cherry Crisp Pie, Banana and Pumpkin Breads and Homemade Rice Pudding.



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"People come from all over for the Skillets," Lambrous said.

For lunch, offerings include grilled sandwiches, deli sandwiches and wraps (the Triple Grilled Cheese is a favorite), along with salads ranging from Chicken Poppy Seed to classic Greek, something Lambrous recently added to reflect her heritage.

A Mediterranean influence can also be found in Hilton Road Cafe's daily specials, like Greek Burgers, Salmon Salads topped with feta cheese, and Shish Kebobbies

skewers stacked with bite-sized lamb.
 Lambrous' husband — who works as a chef at Maple Lanes Golf Course — stops

by each morning to make the soups, while Effie and her cook, Kris McLaughlin, share dessert duty, concocting to-die-for bumpy cake, carrot cake, Boston creme cake, baklava and rice pudding.

The homestyle food reflects the family atmosphere of Hilton Road Cafe.

Lambrous' daughter Fatoula often ties on an apron and helps out, while locals like Johnny Miller regularly stop by for Effie's home cooking.

"She's like a second mom to me," Miller said.

Lambrous and waitress Barb McDonough greet every person that walks in, and conversations often cross the dining room as everyone gets involved.

"I use a little trick to remember everyone's name," Lambrous said. "I love to cook, I love to serve people. We appreciate the customers so much."

# Wendy's helps Make-A-Wish

Eat at Wendy's while supporting local children in Michigan through the Make-A-Wish

Foundation of Michigan.
Wendy's Restaurants

in the metro Detroit Area will be donating 15 percent of their total sales 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. Wendy's customers visiting participating locations during the promotion have the

chance to register to win a mountain bike with helmet. Over 100 bikes will be given away. In addition, all those who visit will be given a courtesy card for a Free Small Frosty on a return visit.

For a list of locations, visit www.wishmich.org/upload/wendys\_store\_list.pdf.

#### SINATRA DINNER AT FORTE

Enjoy Sinatra's Fly Me to the Moon and sip Pinot Grigio while being served a light vegetarian dish. Forte Restaurant will hold an evening of music, wine and food pairings Wednesday, May 21, to the sounds of Frank Sinatra featuring singer Mark Randisi.

The three-hour, five-course dinner event begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets visit Forte at 201 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, click on www.forterestaurant.com, or call 248-594-7300.

#### **NIGHT OF OPERA**

Giulio's Cucina Italiana hosts a Night of Opera and Show Tunes with Michigan Opera Theater soprano Annie Radcliffe and pianist/tenor David Carle. Enjoy arias, duets and showtunes capturing 100 years of romance, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 21. Reservations are suggested. Giulio's is located at 31735 Plymouth in Livonia. Call (734) 427-9500.

#### **MRA SEEKS NOMINEES**

The Michigan Restaurant Association is seeking charity and civic minded restaurateurs to enter the 2008 Restaurant Neighbor Award. Each year, the National Restaurant Association and American Express award \$5,000 each to four restaurants — one small business, one mid-size/large business, one national chain and one Humanitarian of the Year — through the Restaurant Neighbor Award, an awards program that recognizes outstanding community service efforts among our nation's 945,000 restaurants.

The MRA will choose winners to compete for the national award. In addition to the grand prize of \$5,000, national winners receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC where they will receive the award. To apply for the award or to nominate a restaurateur who is actively involved in his or her community, contact the MRA at (800) 968-9668 or apply online at www.restaurant. org/community.

The deadline to apply is June 20.





Send items for consideration in Get Outl at least two weeks in advance to Wensdy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48167, or e-mail wyoob@hometownlife.com.

#### ARI

555 Gallery: Westland's Kelly Darke, through May 31, 4884 Grand River Ave., Detroit, (313) 894-4202. Arnold Kien Gallery: "A Cabinet of Curiosities" through May 31, 32782 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

Art Leaders Gallery: The sculpture of Frank Hart, "An American Legacy: Beauty, Truth and Goodness," through May 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: 2008 Michigan Masters Series, George Vihos "Spiritual Flesh," through May 30, Ruth Adler Schnee, opening June 25, Marie Woo, opening September 21. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

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.

www.casscafe.com.

College for Creative Studies: Student exhibition, 3,500 works, 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 16, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit, (313) 664-7400.

Community Arts Gallery: Waynemania, Undergraduate Exhibition, through May 23, Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.

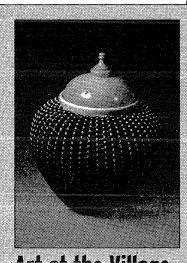
**CPOP:** Miguel Linares "The Rite Of Spring," through May 24, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.

Fine Art at the Village: Fine art and crafts of over 100 juried artists, entertainment, children's activities, May 17-18, The Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, 104 N. Adams, Rochester Hills (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

Elaine L. Jacob Gallery: "Still Pulling: Traditional Printmaking in the Digital Age," group show, through May 16, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

Habatat Galleries: 36th Annual International Glass Invitational Awards Exhibition, through May 26, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com

www.habatat.com.
Kresge Art Museum: Silk Road to Clipper Ship: Trade,
Changing Markets, and East Asian Ceramics,
through Aug. 1; Michigan State University, East
Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.
edu.



### Art at the Village

This hand-crafted piece by artist Helen Springer will be among those on display at Fine Art at the Village. The free annual fair runs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 17, noon-6 p.m. May 18, at The Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road. Visit www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.



Lawrence Street Gallery: "9 Women Painters," through May 31; "Invitational," June 4-28, reception 6-9 p.m. June 6, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.

Lemberg Gallery: Mark Fox "Paper Bulls," through June 21, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "James Parker: Photographs documenting a disappearing agrarian landscape," through June 21, Rochester Schools K-12 Art Shows, through May 17, PCCA Student & Faculty Show, May 30-June 21, reception 6-8 p.m. May 30, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org. Pewabic Pottery: "Six Ceramic Artists: Pioneers of

Pewabic Pottery: "Six Ceramic Artists: Pioneers of the German Studio Craft Movement," through July 6, reception, 6-8 p.m. May 16, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Spring Art Exhibit, through May 29, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.

**Warren Tri-County Fine Arts:** Artist of the Month 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-

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center: William Christen, author of "Pauline Cushman: Spy of the Cumberland," 10:30 a.m. May 15, at 2121

Midvale, Birmingham, (248) 203-5270.

Borders Birmingham: Peter Leonard, joined by his father, Elmore Leonard, signs his first book "Quiver," 7 p.m. May 29, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005.

From Glory Days: Successful Transitions of Professional Detroit Athletes; author Kurt A. David will sign copies 2 p.m. May 24, Barnes & Noble Northville; I p.m. June 8, Borders Express Great Lakes Crossing; July 18-20 with special guests, Farmington Founders Festival. Sales benefit Atheimer's Association and Farmington Hills' East Middle School Parent's Group. Visit www.fromglorydays.com.

Plymouth District Library: Local Talent in Print, 11 writers, refreshments included, 2 p.m. May 17 (734) 453-0750.

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.

#### CLASSICAL

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.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: 8 Days in June Festival, "The Power of Change" June 13-21. www.detroitsymphony.com/buick.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: Music of French School of Composters, 19 concerts with works ranging from Franck to Ravel, with appearane by John Harbison, Joan Tower, William Bolcom and John Corigliano, June 14-29, www.greatlakeschambermusic.com, (248) 559-2097.

**Phymouth Symphony League:** Entertainment book sale, with coupons for entertainment purposes, purchase a 2009 book and get a 2008 book free while supplies last, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

#### CLUBS

The Ark: Lizz Wright, June 4; Nels Cline Singers, June 5; Christine Lavin, June 7; Marcia Ball, June 8; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, June 11; The John Cowan Band, June 13; The Strawds, June 15; Junior Brown, June 22; Ari Hest, June 23; Eilen Jewell, June 25; Mayra Andrade, June 27; 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org. Detroit Institute of Arts: Marble Lounge: Wrestling and Boxing featuring Kronk gym, performance art, DJs, live music, cash bar and food, May 22, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Tickets, \$10, 18 and up, available at the door.

Edison's: 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. Dnn. Friday and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222. Magic Bay: Marty Willson-Pier (of The Church) May 15; Down the Line & Enter the Haggis, May 17; Lez Zeppelin, June 15; Echoes of Pink Floyd, June 28: Hayden. June 29, 22920 Woodward Ave.

The Magic Stick: Los Campesinos and Jeffrey Lewis, May 24, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.

Plymouth Coffee Bean: Open mic 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. 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 Arhor Comedy Showcase: 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. The Fillmore: Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666. Fox Theatre: Jerry Seinfeld, May 16, \$48-\$78; George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Mark Fradl, May 16-17; Steve Bills, May 23-24; Rico Bruce Wade, May 30-31; 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.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Mike Bonner, May 15-17; Freddie Stone, May 21-24; Chili Challis, May 28-31; Kenny Rogerson, June 4-7, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Kathleen Madigan, May 15-17; Elvira Kurt, May 21; Chrissy Burns, May 23-24; Hypnotist Kevin Lepine, May 28; Tommy Johnagin, May 29-31, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: 2500 W. Hill (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.

Michigan Theater: Bill Maher, Aug, 15, \$45-\$55, 603 E.

Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Craig Ferguson, June 13, 318
W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272
The Second City: Sex and Second City, ongoing,
42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 3484448, www.secondcity.com.

#### CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Thrive, May 15, Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Alkaline Trio, July 8; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-666. Comerica Part: 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 Souis, Story Of The Year, Cobra Starship, Angels And Airwaves, more, \$32-\$35, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, call (313) 471-6611.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: 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; Stevie Wonder, a Wonder Summer's Night, June 24; 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: Kid Rock with Rev. Run. July 19-20: 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, Mastadon, 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 Filmore-Detroit: The Mars Volta, May 15; Nick Swardson, May 17; Panic at the Disco, May 20; Jason Mraz, May 24, Stone Temple Pilots, June 3; The Raconteurs, June 7-8, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: Death Cab for Cutie, Rogue Wave and Sea Wolf for 89X B-Day Bash, June 4; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: Return to Forever, June 21; Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sabastian 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.

Majestic Theatre: X, May 15; Arch Enemy, May 17; 2008 Rock City Festival with Matt and Kim, Thunderbirds are Now, The Javelins and DJ Franki Chan, June 12, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

Masonic Temple Theatre: Duran Duran, May 15; Raven-Symone, June 6, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 433-1515. Meadow Brook Music 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

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The Palace of Auburn Hills: Kanye West, Rihanna,
NERD and Lupe Fiasco, May 22; Tom Petty and
the Heartbreakers, May 31; Alicia Keys, June 6;
Coldplay, July 5; BonJovi, July 7; The Police with
Elvis Costello, July 26; Neil Diamond, July 31;
Nine Inch Nails, Aug. 23; Celine Dion, Sept. 26,
1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 6456666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Filter, May 16; The Magic 80's

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Filter, May 16; The Magic 80' Prom featuring John Waite, May 23; Rilo Kiley, May 25; Kids in the Hall, May 30; Craig Ferguson, June 13; Peter Murphy, June 18; Mike Birbiglia, June 26; Xtreme Cagefighting: Rumble in Royal Oak II, June 28; Less Than Jake w/Goldfinger, July 1; Squeeze w/Aimee Mann, Aug. 29, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www. royaloakmusictheatre com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Menudo, May 15; Mike Ness, May 19; Tiger Army, May 21; Natasha Bedingfield, June 4; She Wants Revenge, June 5; Fresh Rhymes Tour with Dilated Peoples, June 21; All Time Low, July 16, 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: EDE Center for Dance, 103 S. Street, Rochester, www.ede-dance.org. Ferndale Hawaiian Dance Extravaganza: Pop singer Scott Katsura, "Elvis" review, Polynesian Fantasy Dancers, etc., 3 p.m. June 14, Ferndale High School Auditorium, 881 Pinecrest, \$10/\$5 seniors & students/children under 12 free, (248) 547-3109, www.polynesiandacners.us.

Fred Astaire Studio: Dancing with the Stars Finale open house, free dance lessons, 7:45-10 p.m. May 20, 2510 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 454-1715, www.fadsmichigan.com.

MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company: 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$15/Adults, \$12/Students & Seniors, (586) 899-2629.

University Musical Society: Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept. 19-20; Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m. Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, 2009; Rubberdance Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and "Redux Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 2009. www.ums.org.

#### FAMILY

Baby Loves Disco: 1-4 p.m. May 31, \$12 per walking human; non-walkers free, Eden Nightclub and Ultra Lounge, 22061 Woodward, Ferndale, www.babylovesdisco.com.

Build-A-Bear: "Stuffed with Hugs: Your Gift. Your Choice." First 150 guests 10 a.m. May 17 make free puppy to donate to charity, Somerset Collection, (248) 822-8988; and Twelve Oaks, (248) 374-8987. Canton Cinema: Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456. Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Free dinosaur tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (734) 763-4190, www.las.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum.

Jaws Jumbo Burgers: Family Adventure Movies Saturdays 11 a.m.- 8p.m. Spiderman, Night at the Museum, Wizard of Oz, etc. May 17, 24 and 31, 29216 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills (248) 855-2228, www.myspace.com/jawsjumboburgers.

Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park: New roller coaster Thunderhawk debuts with opening of park May 24, 4750 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, www.miadventure.com.

Michigan Opera Theatre: Auditions May 29-31 for Children's Chorus. Those accepted will perform in upcoming productions "I Pagliacci", "Carmen", and "The Nutcracker".

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: 33175 Ann Arbor Trail,

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: 33175 Ann Arbor Trai Westland, (734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

Playhouse Disney Life: Noon, Oct. 26, \$19-\$40, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

#### FESTIVALS

Fine Art at the Village: Fine art and craft fair, 10 a.m.-8

p.m. May 17, noon-6 p.m. May 18, The Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Rd., free, (248) 689 8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

Detroit Festival of the Arts: 4-11 p.m. June 6, noon-11 p.m. June 7, noon-9 p.m. June 8, free, www.detroitfes-

Rochester Area Heritage Festival: Civil War battle reenactments, live music, craft show, wagon and pony rides, antique cars, food, etc., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 24-25, free, (248) 375-0206, www.rochester heritagefest.org.

Compuware Arena: Drive-in theatre, sneak peek weekends, May 16-17, May 23-25, seven days a week June 13-Sept. 7, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk (usually 9 p.m.). \$9, 13 and older; \$7, children 4-12 and students: free, children 3 and under. 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www compuwarearena.com.

Detroit Film Theatre: reopens June 6-8 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313)

Jewish Community Center 2008 Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, May 15, Uptown Palladium 12, Birmingham, (248) 432-5461, www.djff.org. Magic Bag: Brew & View, "The Bank Job," May 22; "In Bruges," May 21; "Leatherheads," May 28: "Semi

Pro," May 29, doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

PAH Fest: Christopher Coppola's film festival awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit www.pahnation.com.

Penn Theatre: Thursday Classics in May, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, May 15; Brigadoon, May 22; My Fair Lady, May 29; 760 Penniman, Plymouth 734-

453-0870, www.penntheatre.com. Redford Theatre: "Grease," May 16-17; "The Magnificent Seven," May 30-31; Three Stooges with "The Outlaws is Coming" and Warner cartoon "Stage Fright," June 13-14; "The Incredible Shrinking Man" with Warner cartoon "Dog Tired," June 27-28, "Pride and Prejudice" with Warner cartoon "Dog Daze," July 11-12; "Swiss Family Robinson," July 25-26; "The Adventures of Robin Hood," with Warner cartoon "Adventures of Rabbit Hood," Aug. 8-9: "The Scarlet Claw" with Warner cartoon "Rabbit Transit," Aug. 22-23, all at 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.emeac.org.

**Stardust:** Gala fundraiser for Tipping Point Theatre, May 17, 800 Griswold, Northville, \$150 per person,

#### JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: One Year Anniversary Celebration featuring 6 performances by keyboardist Alex Bugnon, May 15-17; Wallace Roney, May 22-24, birthday party for Roney and Miles Davis tribute on Sunday, 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.

B'Jazz Vespers: Rich K. Brazil and Beyond, 6-8 p.m. May 18, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits (at Bates), Birmingham (248) 644-0550

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 (1-4 p.m.), Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720. Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Spencer Barefield Trio. May 16. 350 Madison, Detroit (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org/jazz\_cafe.htm.

#### MORE MUSIC

Benefit Concert: Franklin chapter of the Muslim Youth of North America with Muslim bands and comedians, hosted by Muslim youths from high schools in Farmington, Livonia, Rochester, Troy, West Bloomfield and others, to raise money for orphans, 5:30-10 p.m. May 16, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, tickets \$35 \$50, Jenna Debryn (248) 396-4602 or Tareg Yagub (248) 763-8549 for tickets. Callahan's: Detroit Blues Society benefit show with six acts May 25 Nick Moss & the Flip Tops, June 19; John Nemeth, June 28; Bernard Allison, July 12; Walter Trout and the Radicals, July 31: Jason Ricci & New Blood, Aug. 14; 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508, www.atcallahans.com.

City Theatre: The Definition of Soul Concert Series with Eric Roberson and Carol Riddick Friday and Frank McComb and Sy Smith on Saturday, shows 8:30 p.m. May 30-31, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit \$29 (248) 645-6666

Concert Eclectique: Benefit concert features contemporary jazz and classical pianist Christina Dragone classical and contemporary pianist Brandon Faber, dulcimer player Renzo Hutchinson, forteniano piano and harpsichord player Diana Munch, and vocalist Linda Munch, 8 p.m. May 17, 25301 Halsted Road in Farmington Hills (248) 478-7272

Palmer Woods Concerts: A. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry, 8 p.m. May 24; tickets will be available for purchase online at palmerwoods.org, call (313) 920-4864 for information 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.

Charles H. Wright Museum: "In the Words of Malcolm." 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. May 19; "Picture Perfect: Zella's Traveling Scrapbook, the legacy of Louise Lovette Wright" through June 1; You Grow Girl Girl Scout Day Camp, July 15-17; African World Festival, Aug. 15-17, 915 F. Warren Ave. Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," through Oct.
31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Crambrook 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: "Black, White + Gray: A Celebration of Sam Wagstaff" 5:30 p.m. May 21; German electro artists Cluster perform 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. May 16; Marble Lounge features masked wrestlers La Revolucha, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. May 22: "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: Co-author Joe Grimm presents "Windjammers: Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors," 6-8 p.m. May 20; "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 New IMAX "Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk"; New planetarium show "Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions": Ford Free Fundays complimen tary admission on June 15, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, 5020 John R. Street, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org. The Henry Ford: "Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T," now through September; Submit your best choco-late 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.hfmgv.org.

Michigan Historical Center: A Night at the Museum, p.m. May 21, tour new storage facility, \$40, (517) 373-2565 to reserve.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Considering Detroit" with works by Ellen Cantor, Maurice Greenia, Jim Gustafson, Allie McGhee, Heather McGill, Gordon Newton, and TIME STEREO's UFO Factory, 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: David Guard from Central Michigan University discusses



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### Children's opera

The Michigan Opera Theater's Children Chorus will debut its first full children's opera production, 'The Maker of Illusions,' at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 19. The cast includes Veronica Battersby (from left, as Genie), age 13 of Farmington Hills; Kayla Marie Lumpkin, age 10 of Farmington Hills; Maggie Malaney, age 13 of Farmington Hills; Natalie Gratsch, age 11 of Grosse Pointe; and Jessica Tifft, age 13 of Auburn Hills. Visit www. michiganopera.org for tickets and information.

President Nixon's strengthening of the executive branch and how it led to Watergate, 7 p.m. May 15; Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663. www.rochesterhills.org.

Detroit Opera House: "La Traviata," May 16-18; MOT Children's Chorus debuts with "The Maker of Illusions," 7:30 p.m. May 19; "Margaret Garner, Oct. 18-25; "Madame Butterfly," Nov. 15-23; "Elixir of Love," through April 4, 2009; "I Paglaiacci," April 18-25, 2009 and "Carmen," May 9-17, 2009, all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera

Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus: Auditions for Detroit Opera House 2008-09 season, May 27, adults, SATB voices, send resume and photo to elizabeth@motopera.org or call (313) 237-3405.

#### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Above the Bridge: Songwriters weekend with Jilly Jack, The Hummingbirds, John Latini and Billy Brandt, June 19-22, Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn, Curtis, Mich., (906) 586-6000, www.curtisartcen-

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,

7th Annual Classic Car Show: Proceeds to Angela Hospice, Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman (just north of Five Mile Rd.) Livonia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 12, for information, call evenings at (248) 380-8078. www.livoniachurch.net.

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches: "Saturday Night Laughter" charity benefit, featuring comedian Mrs. Hughes (http://www.mrshughes.com), musician Rennie Kaufmann (http://www.renniekaufmann.com), a silent auction and dancing, 7 p.m. May 17, SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net. **Detroit Derby Girls:** Detroit Derby Girls vs. Grand Raggidy Roller Girls, May 31, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, www.detroitderbygirls.com, (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) Meadow Brook Concours D'Elegance: July 31-Aug. 3, 2nd

Annual Hanger Party, 6:30-11 p.m. July 31; Tour, Auction Preview, Art Reception & Auction, Aug. 1; Open to the Public, Aug. 2-3; (248) 269-7672, www. mbconcours.org.

Poetry, Pages & Scribes: Open mic readings 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, featuring Keanndra "Key Squared" Blake June 5, Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.southfieldlibrary.org.www.poetrypag-

Preservation Wayne: Guided Walking Tours of Detroit, 10 a.m. Saturday May-September, visit www.preservationwayne.org.

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: In previews, official openings May 26, shows run through November, this season featuring "Hamlet," "The Music Man," "Taming of the Shrew" and more. For tickets and information visit www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com or call toll-free 800-567-1600.

#### THEATER - COMMUNITY

Arab Theatrical Arts Guild and Water Works Theatre Company Heather Raffos' "9 Parts of Desire" May 15-24, Marlene Boll Theater, Boll Family YMCA, Detroit, www.waterworkstheatre.com.

The Farmington Players: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," through May 17, ticket hotline (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org Henry Ford Community College: 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre: Neil Simon's "Chapter Two," Sept. 2-28; "Collected Stories" Oct. 28-Nov. 23; "Two by Two," Dec. 9, 2008-Jan. 4, 2009; "Halpen and Johnson "Feb. 17-March 15, 2009: "Deathfran. April 21-May 17, 2009, 6600 W. Maple Road, West omfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "The Best Little

Whorehouse in Texas " May 30-June 14: (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www. stdunstanstheatre.com.

**SRO Productions:** "Dinner With Friends," through May 18, Historic Burgh, 26060 Berg Road, Southfield, (248) 796-4645

Starlight Theatre: "Guys and Dolls," through May 25, presented by the Oakland Theatre Guild, Summit Place Mall, Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheatre.net.

Stagecrafters Contemporary Theatre: "Beauty and the Beast," May 23-June 15, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430, www. stagecrafters.org.

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "Manuscript," through May 24; "Don't Dress for Dinner," June 12-29, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

Trinity House Theatre: A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," through May 18, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734)

Water Works Theatre: "9 Parts of Desire," though May 24, Marlene Boll Theatre, 1401 Broadway, Detroit, www.waterworkstheatre.com.

#### 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; "Nunsense" starring Cindy Williams, through May 18; Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree starring Lee Meriweather. May 28-June 8; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www. ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Planet Ant Theatre: "Cobb," through May 24, Code Foxy: Man Down, through May 24: "In the Blood." Aug. 1-23, all at 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313)



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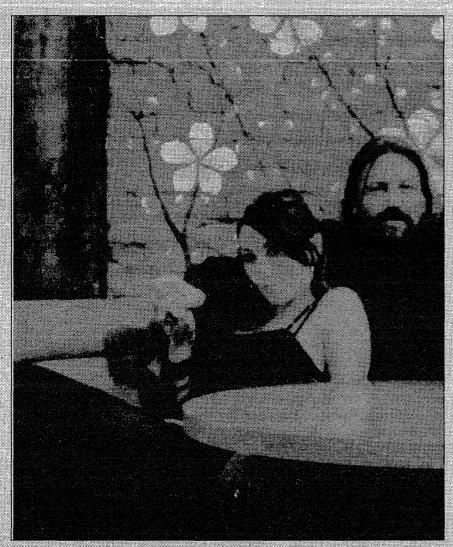
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### 'Church' member visits Magic Bag

Celebrated guitarist Marty Willson-Piper, formerly of The Church, comes to the Magic Bag in Ferndale with The Electric Mood Maidens at 8 p.m., tonight (Thursday, May 15). His career has led him through membership in influential bands such as The Church, All About Eve and The Saints and then to a solo career. He's written songs with or for Grace Slick, Susannah Hoffs, Linda Perry, Charlie Sexton and Aimee Mann and worked on albums with Roger McGuinn, Jules Shear, Brix Smith, David Gedge and Rob Dickinson. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.themagicbag.com.

# Seldom Blue-bag-it for a picnic lunch

If you work in downtown Detroit or are looking to spend a fun afternoon in "The D," here's an outdoor suggestion:

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## School of Rock performs Beatles songs

More than 50 students aged 7-18 from the Rochester branch of the Paul Green School of Rock Music are having their test this weekend: a rock concert.

This isn't a high school choir. This is rock 'n' roll.

At the Crofoot in Pontiac, students who sing and play drums, bass, guitar and keyboards will perform concerts at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18 dedicated to The Beatles.

"What these kids have accomplished in the past four months since we've opened the doors is simply astounding," said Music Director and long-time Detroit rocker Eugene Strobe. At the Rochester school, and 40 other franchises around the country, students learn classic rock with focus on performance.

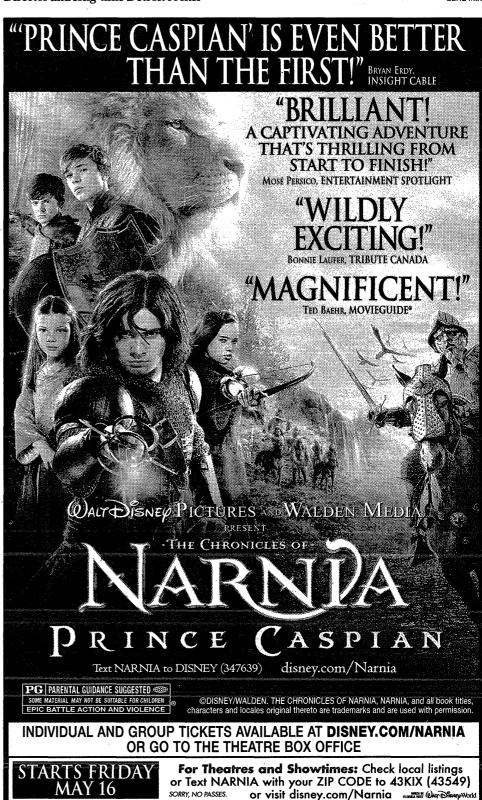
Later this summer the bands will perform shows honoring AC/DC, The Stones, Bob Seger and some southern rockers.

The Paul Green School of Rock Music was the inspiration for the Jack Black hit comedy, *School of Rock*.

The Crofoot is located at 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets are \$10.

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Emile Hirsche and Christina Ricci are Speed Racer and Trixie in the big-screen take on the classic anime TV show, 'Speed Racer.'

# 'Speed Racer' rolls into theaters

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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From the primary colors and yellow checkered opening credits to the Grand Prix finale of Speed Racer, creators Andy and Larry Wachowski welcome viewers into an imagination-fueled existence where race cars meld uncanny stunts with the magic of martial arts. The Wachowskis, known for the ground-breaking *Matrix* series, dubbed this stunning new sight Car-Fu and from the start it's easy to see why. Based on the anime TV series of the same name by Tatsuo Yoshida, the film blends live actors and action with ground-breaking effects.
From childhood, our hero Speed Racer

(Into the Wild's Emile Hirsche) does little more than daydream of his future as a top race car driver. Though he loses his idol and older brother Rex Racer to a treacherous course far too soon, Speed grows to value his family above all else — including Mom and Pops Racer (Susan Sarandon and John Goodman) and mischievous little brother Spritle whose constant sidekick is a chimpanzee named Chim Chim.

The Wachowskis managed to wow the crowd with a candy color scheme that spreads from the characters' own costumes to the swirling sight of rollercoaster-like race tracks.

Speed Racer is very much a film about the importance and support of ones' family. "Racing's in our blood," said Speed, "but for Pops it isn't just a sport, it's a religion.' Throughout its multi-layered plot, Speed battles to hold onto the memory of his long lost brother, and fights against tempting offers to race for a major corporation — the stealthy dangerous Royalton Industries. A tour of the larger-than-life company evokes images of Willy Wonka's own Chocolate Factory. Speed learns the business isn't as pure as it seems and if he's going to protect his family's independent company Racer Motors - he'll have to survive the most deadly cross country course and take the trophy fair and square in the ultimate

championship race, the Grand Prix. It takes teamwork — as Speed joins forces with the mysterious Racer X (Lost's Matthew Fox in a controlled, strong monotone). Rounding out the cast is Christina

Ricci as Speed's Girlfriend Friday, Trixie. Even she takes to the wheel to help out the cause, her severe jet-black bobbed hair and candy pink lips proving she's tough enough for the task.

The cars aren't the only speeding element in the film. The Wachowski Brothers take the theme of the re-envisioned cartoon to the extreme.

Scenes wipe instantly across the screen, from one to the next with a fixed close up on characters. Flashbacks flicker against the background as Speed recalls an influential moment in his past. It's all done with an eye on light speed.

Though the film zips along, its overlyindulgent 129 minutes will surely test the patience of viewers, especially the youngest variety. The PG-rating proves suitable though there are a few violent moments and dramatic disasters on disconnected race tracks. While Speed Racer would've benefitted by a more judicious editing job, it's a fantastic ride - part anime video game and part heartfelt family story.

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# DIA celebrates one of its own

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The Detroit Institute of Arts looks back at the legacy left by Curator Sam Wagstaff in a film and gallery talk titled *Black White & Gray: A Celebration of Sam Wagstaff*, next week at the museum.

A pivotal figure in the late-20th century contemporary art scene, Wagstaff was an avid photography collector and visionary curator. He served as curator of contemporary art at the DIA from 1969 to 1971 and inspired Detroit's Cass Corridor movement.

"During his brief tenure he had a huge impact on Detroit and throughout his career he influenced the contemporary art scene," said Rebecca R. Hart, associate curator of the James Pearson Duffy Department of Contemporary Art at the DIA. "While he was here he mounted an exhibition called *Other Ideas* (1969). About this show he commented, 'All art is an attempt to make the viewer take a fresh look at everything, including himself."

"Wagstaff had a keen eye and great intelligence, which was honed through training with Richard Offner at New York University Institute of Fine Arts. His curiosity drew people to him. He inspired confidence because he trusted himself.

"The DIA collection is especially strong in work from the minimalist and pop movements because of Sam's leadership. He was an early champion of minimalism. The DIA's monumental Tony Smith *Gracehoper*, commissioned under Wagstaff, is an example of the courage and foresight of this curator. Never shy about opportunities he was responsible for the core of the DIA's pop art collection including our iconic Andy Warhol *Self Portrait*, works by Claes Oldenburg, Roy Lichtenstein, and Robert Rauschenberg.

Wagstaff died of AIDS in 1987, but
Filmmaker James Crump captured intimate
recollections about him from friends and colleagues in his documentary film. The event
will also serve as the Michigan premier of the
film Black, White + Gray: A Portrait of Sam
Wagstaff and Robert Mapplethorpe. Hart
said: "When the DIA learned that Black,
White + Gray was on the drawing table we
immediately took an interest in the project
because Sam Wagstaff had been such an
important influence on contemporary art."

A '70s styled cocktail reception and strolling supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Kresge Court, followed by the film screening at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. there will be a panel discussion led by Mark Rosenthal, DIA adjunct curator of Contemporary Art. He'll be joined by those who knew and worked with Wagstaff, including artist Richard Tuttle, curator and writer Gordon Baldwin, and Ferndale Gallery Owner Susanne Hilberry, who worked as Wagstaff's assistant curator.

More than 300 people are expected to

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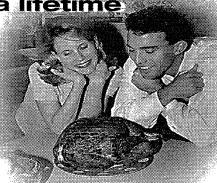


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