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Police look for suspect in computer thefts

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township police have identified a suspect in a series of laptop computer thefts taking place around the township.

Police have identified 34-year-old Jason Smith in the thefts. Police say Smith, described as an African-American male, 6-foot-3, weighing some 200 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair, obtains entry into businesses and pretends to be part of a cleaning crew. They also say the suspect leaves the premises if confronted by employees.



Police say anyone who sees Smith should not try to apprehend him; rather, they say, anyone seeing Smith should dial 9-1-1.

While police do want to talk to Smith about the random laptop thefts, he is not a suspect in the May 24 beating of a local woman during a robbery attempt at a business in the township's industrial park at Sheldon and Helm.

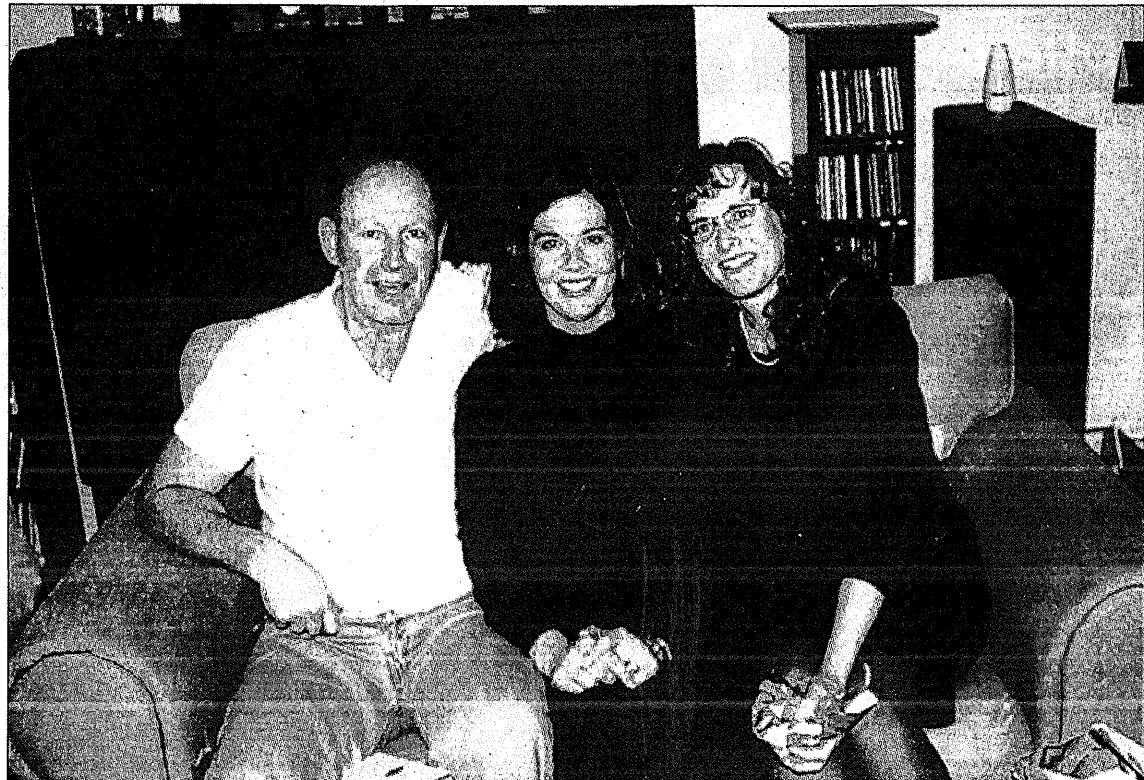
That attack took place, police say, when the suspect broke into the business looking to steal laptop computers.

The suspect in that case is described as a light-skinned black male, late 20s to early 30s in age, with little or no hair, light-colored eyes (possibly hazel), approximately 5-foot-10, and weighing some 180 pounds.

Witnesses told police they saw a purple or pink Ford Escort LX 4D, perhaps 1998 to 2000 model year, with two men inside. The driver, police believe, was the suspect in the beating. The other man is described as a taller, dark-skinned black male with little or no hair.

Anyone with information about either case can call Plymouth Township police at (734) 354-3250.

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Brian Murphy with daughters Bridget Wallman (center) and Kelly Seelbinder.

One last 'fling'

Family: It's time to bid farewell to missing man

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Every year around his birthday, Brian Murphy would throw himself a birthday bash.

Murphy, who disappeared in December while vacationing in Hawaii and hasn't been seen since, isn't here to celebrate his 68th birthday. But his daughters, who flew to Hawaii to search for their father over the winter, aren't letting the tradition die.

They're hosting a party Saturday at the Murphy home in Plymouth, dubbed "Murphy's Last Fling," and they're hoping Brian Murphy's friends will join them to remember their father, whom they describe as quite the social person.

"My dad was very social and liked to throw a lot of parties," said Kelly Seelbinder of Kalamazoo. "When my sister and I were in Hawaii looking for my dad right after Christmas, she commented that so many of his friends have been calling. She said, 'I had no idea how many friends dad had.' She said it'd be really good if we did something so people could say their good-byes."

Murphy disappeared Dec. 5 when he was hiking on Mauna



Murphy

Kea. His rental car was found that evening, as a powerful snowstorm was approaching, and he had not returned from his hike. A six-day, full-scale search (using 50 or more searchers) was conducted. Later that month, family — including Seelbinder, her sister Bridget Wallman and sister-in-law Sarah O'Hare — travelled to search for him with the help of authorities and volunteers (some 30 searchers).

At the end of May, according to the Seelbinders, another family member travelled to Hawaii, where additional searchers joined in the effort and again found nothing. About a month ago, after almost all of the snow had melted, another large search party (approximately 35 searchers) again came up with nothing.

The family, according to Seelbinder, has decided it's time to say good-bye. The party — "A memorial celebration of life," Seelbinder said — takes place Saturday at Murphy's home, 10995 N. Territorial, in Plymouth. The picnic luncheon starts at noon, followed by

"memory sharing," and then an afternoon of socializing and fun, including music, food, drinks, volleyball, swimming, dancing, yard games and a bonfire with s'mores.

Murphy, his daughter said, had many friends, developed over years of coaching, whether it was at Our Lady of Good Counsel or track and cross country at Central Middle School.

Murphy leaves behind his two daughters, Kelly (David) Seelbinder and Bridget (Brian) Wallman; five grandchildren; his mother, Anne O'Brien; brothers Bruce and Brett; and sisters Patricia and Sharon.

The family is hoping many of Murphy's friends will attend the party. Those who can't, Seelbinder said, can send their memories via e-mail (to Seelbinder at calltheexperts@yahoo.com or Wallman at bmw1002@comcast.net) for inclusion in the memory sharing.

"We thought it would be a great idea," Seelbinder said. "We said if he wasn't found once six months had passed we'd do something, and we thought we'd do it around his birthday, because he usually had a big party for his birthday."

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Chamber forced to shift location for election forum

Township board does last-minute back-pedal

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An 11th-hour decision by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees left organizers of a forum for candidates in the Plymouth Township election scrambling to find a new location at the last minute.

The unanimous decision by the township board — made at the end of a lengthy meeting that included a closed session — forced Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth

Community Chamber of Commerce, to find a new location for the forum, which had been scheduled for

Wednesday night at Plymouth Township Hall. In the end, Graff was able to find a new location — the Comfort Inn of Plymouth. The forum featured candidates for supervisor, clerk and trustee.

The forum had been scheduled for nearly a month. Graff said he requested use of the township's meeting room in mid-June, and sent letters to candidates June 26. He found out about the board's decision in a voice mail left for him on the chamber's voice mail.

"I'm frustrated it was 10:30 the night before the event," said Graff. "But at the same time I have to respect their decision based on the legal advice they received."

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Township Attorney Tim Cronin advised the board late Tuesday night he believed the forum violates the state's campaign finance law.

Reaume said he wasn't sure who asked Cronin for the opinion.

"Some members of the board were concerned," Reaume said, without identifying anyone individually. "(Cronin) said he'd done some research and said there could be concerns in relation to state campaign finance law."

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act says, in part, "A public body ... shall not use or authorize the use of ... office space ... or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition of contribution."

However, among a list of exemptions from this section is this: "The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an equal opportunity to use the public facility."

According to Graff, all candidates in contested races were invited to the forum. The only candidates not invited were Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is unopposed; and independent candidates Don Schnettler (supervisor) and Richard Sharland (treasurer), who aren't on the August primary ballot.

Reaume said some concerns were raised following a recent forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, at which some candidates produced campaign literature. That was the second such forum allowed by township officials.

"It was brought up, I don't know how or why," Reaume said. "Do other communities do it? Yes. Have we done it in the past? Yes. Does that make it right? Maybe not, I don't know."

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Relay's cancer fighters pleased with success

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The New Liberty Bank team, which included (from left) Pam Hendrickson, former employee Sue Volz, who walked in the Survivor Lap, Nancy Foutch and Lee Panagiotides, got a Silver Team sign for raising more than \$2,500 for the Relay for Life.



The Rev. Dean Klump and wife Linda of Plymouth are both cancer survivors, so participating in this past weekend's Plymouth Relay for Life was a natural.

"Most everyone has been touched by cancer," said Dean Klump, retired pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He was team captain for the Plymouth Kiwanis club's team, one of 19 teams made up of some 130 walkers.

Linda, a school psychologist with the Monroe intermediate district, is a six-year breast cancer survivor; her husband is a four-year survivor of prostate cancer. Their team had 24 walkers, said Dean Klump, a Colonial (Noon) Kiwanis member.

"This is just an opportunity for us to raise money," he said of the American Cancer Society fundraiser, held for the second year in Plymouth. "If it rains, it rains." The pastor must have some pull with the

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USA WEEKEND
Coming Sunday:
Shawn Johnson is the gymnast to watch in Beijing, says 1996 gold medalist Shannon Miller.

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Lord, as rain was minimal. "We won't melt," Linda added with a smile. "We're glad for community support," her husband agreed. "We know without community support this really wouldn't happen." Linda Klump has found cancer survivors benefit from being together, realizing there's hope. Many of those survivors, in their distinctive purple shirts, led the way around the Central Middle School track as the event got under way just after 10 a.m. Saturday. The Relay ran through 10 a.m. Sunday, and included entertainment and a

Saturday night luminary ceremony to honor and remember those impacted by cancer. "We have 19 teams who have committed to walk for 24 hours," said Angela Harris, associate director for the ACS Metro Detroit Service Center, based in Southfield. "Our goal is \$40,000," compared to \$22,000 raised last year. As of Monday morning, the Plymouth event had raised more than \$48,000. Money supports research, education and advocacy services, said Detroit resident Harris, who noted the ACS is the country's second largest cancer researcher, after the federal government. There are 54 Relays, with Plymouth the last for the season for her office. "We try to put them in every city," said Harris,

who lost an aunt, a nonsmoker, to lung cancer June 19. Brian Waskiewicz of Canton, Plymouth event chair, was a busy man Saturday morning. "We are going to have a wonderful event," said Waskiewicz, who's in sales with PromoPix/Experiential Marketing of Farmington Hills. He and his company were providing memento photos with the walkers on the Central Middle School track. Waskiewicz lost his grandfather to cancer, and last year lost a good friend to the disease, giving her eulogy in his Relay shirt. He was pleased Friday night that \$39,000 had been raised before the Relay even started, almost to the goal. Waskiewicz walked with the Kiwanis and the Plymouth Chiropractic & Wellness Center teams.

Program rewards kids 'caught' being safe

BY NATALIE BURG
CORRESPONDENT

Moms nagging won't be the only reason kids in Plymouth have to keep safety in mind this summer. Thanks to the trauma prevention program ThinkFirst Michigan, McDonald's and the Plymouth Police Department, kids who get "caught" wearing a helmet while bicycling this summer will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone or apple dipper treat as a part of the Caught Being Safe! program. "This is a great chance for us get out there and interact with the kids in our community," said Plymouth Police

Chief Wayne Carroll. "If there's anything that can help them remember to put their helmets on, it's got to be ice cream. And to us, whatever it takes to keep them safe is a good thing." According to ThinkFirst, more than 800 Americans are killed and 55,000 are injured each year in bicycle accidents, and wearing a helmet can greatly reduce a rider's chance of being harmed when accidents occur. This is ThinkFirst's fourth annual Caught Being Safe! campaign. ThinkFirst states the program has shown a significant increase in helmet use and public awareness of its importance.

"And plus, its fun!" Carroll said. "Nothing is better for us than keeping kids safe and happy, and nothing's better for them than getting prizes." Plymouth police officers will be watching for helmet wearers and distributing the McDonald's coupons throughout the summer. For more information on the program, contact the Plymouth Police Department at 734-453-8600.

CORRECTION

A story in the July 20 *Plymouth Observer* should not have said former trustee K.C. Mueller is running for trustee in the Aug. 5 election. Mueller is running for supervisor. Michael Kelly is on the ballot for trustee.

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Citizen police academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts its seventh Citizens Police Academy beginning Sept. 10. The 11-week program offers residents and businesses a first-hand look into the law enforcement operations of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Participants meet 7-10 p.m. each Wednesday at Plymouth Township hall. There is no charge for the program; however, application and acceptance to the program are required. Students must be 18 years old to participate.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is limited.

Applications can be obtained at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 Haggerty, or by calling (734) 354-3232. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Plymouth Township Web site at www.plymouthtwp.org under the heading "Forms." For more information on the program, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

Electronic waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit partner to bring the "Dell RECONNECT" electronic waste collection program to Plymouth Township July 26.

RECONNECT is a comprehensive electronics recovery, reuse and environmentally responsible recycling opportunity offering free drop-off recycling and reuse options for unwanted electronics.

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The event takes place 8 a.m. to noon at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, in Plymouth Township. For additional event information, please call (734) 326-3936.

Band car wash

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosting its annual "PCMB Car Washathon" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Plymouth High School parking lot on Beck Road south of Joy in Canton.

The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one-half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

"The Car Washathon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Scott Ragland, president of the 2008 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend



Wishes granted

Sue Ianni of the Make-A-Wish Foundation presents "thank you" plaques to (from left) Russ Sarns and Barry Hensel, Eastern Michigan Camaro Club, and Scott LaRiche, owner of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, after the EMCC, sponsored by LaRiche, presented a check for \$1,500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation Monday. The money was raised at the EMCC's 17th annual Camaro Superfest all-Camaro car show in Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. Featuring 210 Camaros, EMCC raised the donations through various activities at the event. "We held 50-50 drawings, we did a silent auction, had a raffle for a couple of special die cast model cars and \$1 of every spectator admission was donated directly to our charity efforts," said Barry Hensel, event chairman and EMCC Vice President. For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan visit www.wishmich.org and for more information on Camaro Superfest, visit www.camarosuperfest.com.

band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton, Mich. This is the first year the car wash will be hosted at Plymouth High School.

Internet workshop

Learn strategies and techniques to raise your Google rankings and increase traffic to your Web site during an interactive workshop 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 19, (networking begins at 5:30 p.m.) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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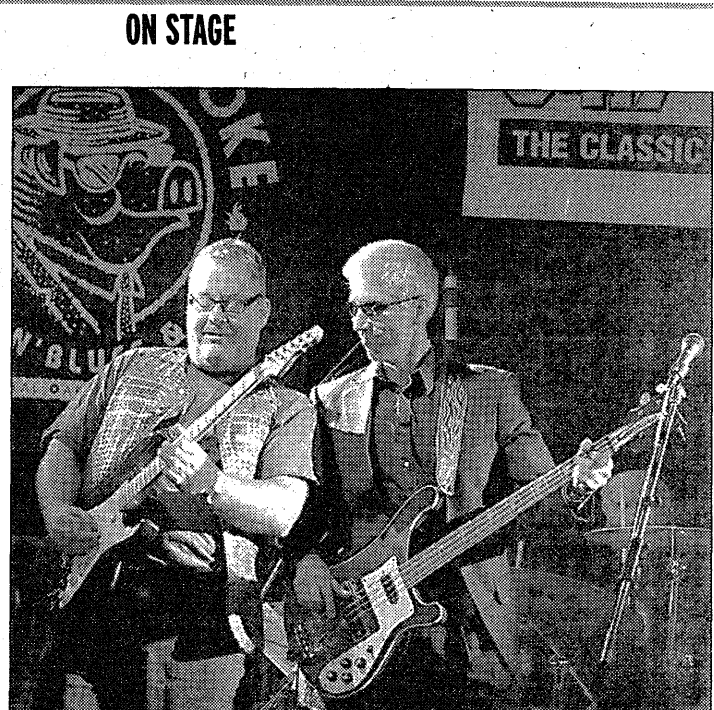
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You have to be proactive to seek out available scholarships

It's hard to believe that summer is more than halfway over and before you know it kids will be heading back to school. Since home equity loans are no longer a viable alternative for many, the question of where to get money for college this fall becomes an issue many families will face.

One way to go — if you're short of money — is through one of the college loan programs. There are many types of loan programs available. In addition to talking to a college financial aid officer, there are excellent Web sites to use to learn about loans and how to obtain them. Findaid.org is just one of these sites.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are another alternative to paying for col-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Unfortunately, scholarships don't come to you, you have to go get them. In other words, you must be proactive.

Many people believe that scholarships are given either based upon academic excellence or hardship. Although, there are many scholarships for excellence in education and hardship, these are not the only scholarships available.

Scholarships are given for other types of achievements or situations. As an example, many scholarships reward students for community service.

The key to obtaining many of these scholarships is to search out the organizations providing them and do what is necessary to apply.

It is doubtful you will get one scholarship that pays your way through college, so you do have to apply to many groups. In fact, I saw a story where a student received approximately 20 scholarships to pay his way through college.

How to find the organizations who give scholarships has probably never been easier. Using the Internet makes the task a lot easier. However in using the internet we sometimes let our guard down.

Don't do it in your search for scholarships. There are many sites on the Internet that offer free scholarship searches and even offer free scholarships.

However, some of these are not what they appear to be. Some of these sites ask for a variety of sensitive financial information that can be used against you in identity theft situations. Therefore in doing your search, be careful about what information you release.

A couple of sites to check-out are www.findaid.org and www.cityofcollegedreams.org. Both Web sites have a wealth of information about scholarship searches and other ways to finance college.

Is it too late to apply for scholarships for the fall? Although, many scholarships have been awarded, many

have not. It is amazing how many scholarships go unused. Although your scholarship search may be more difficult, it is not impossible and if nothing more, you can get a jump on next year.

Searching for scholarships is not something parents should do alone. Involve your students because they are the ultimate beneficiary.

LOANS

For those who need money now and are considering loans, make sure that you do your homework to shop the loan. Many people think that all student loans are the same but they are not.

Remember, in obtaining a loan always make sure you understand the terms including the interest rate,

how the interest rate is calculated, when payments begin and what fees and costs are involved. The time spent in making sure you obtain the right loan will definitely save money down the road.

It is never too late or too early to begin looking for scholarships. For parents who have children that will be attending college in the fall of 2009, now is the time to get proactive and to begin your scholarship search.

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Madonna creates a smooth transition for retiring faculty

Across the nation, 78 million 'baby boomers' from every profession are moving toward retirement.

At Madonna University the average age of its 166 full-time faculty is 57. The 4,100-student, private liberal arts school has created a strategic plan that will aid retirees, while ensuring a smooth transition from one generation of faculty to the next. University faculty retirements equate to more teaching jobs in Michigan, as 96 percent of higher education institutions are recruiting new professors, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"The heart of this issue is how a university retains its character and core values when one generation passes the teaching-learning enterprise off to another," said Ernie Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "As in most human endeavors, something of value may be lost while something new and exciting may be gained."

To better prepare, Nolan and some 50 members of Madonna's faculty took part in a development workshop, led by the Department of Gerontology. The group mapped out the University programs slated for faculty

retirements and developed a strategic plan to retain the University's successful traditions and values, and build upon the fresh perspective brought by new professors.

"The 'baby boomer' generation is characterized by a tremendous dedication to teaching and student learning, however incoming students or the 'digital generation,' often perceive the world and learn new information differently. This results in a conflict of cultures centered on ways of knowing and understanding reality," said Nolan.

Madonna University currently offers retiring faculty

members the opportunity to stay on part time to mentor new hires and impart the knowledge they've gained over the years.

"What makes many of the classes unique at Madonna is that professors are willing to share their years of personal and professional experiences with their students," said Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk, graduating senior.

Sign language studies professor, Ken Rust, decided to retire after teaching at Madonna for 33 years.

"Choosing to retire was difficult because I have watched the sign language program

flourish over the years thanks to the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff, as well as the skill and enthusiasm of the students," said Rust. "I wanted to make sure that the person coming on board was aware of the program's history and contacts throughout the community, and understood the program's potential for the years to come."

After retiring Rust agreed to work part time so he could continue working with the students, while training a newly-hired faculty member, who happens to be his former student.

At the development workshop it was suggested that a retirement link be placed on Madonna's Web site. This link, planned for fall 2008, would provide useful information about dealing with lifestyle changes and other post-retirement issues. It also would serve as a communication tool for retirees to stay in touch with others in the Madonna community.

"A portion of the Web site dedicated to retired faculty would be useful. Even though I am finishing my part-time work, I do plan to stay in contact with the Madonna family," said Rust.

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Zoo millage proposal would create authorities

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will decide Aug. 5 whether to help finance the Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak. If approved, the 0.1-mill tax would help the zoo weather Michigan's "economic storm." About 25 people attended an informational recently, organized by Oakland County Commissioner Mike Rogers, of Farmington Hills, at the

Maxfield Training Center in Farmington.

Under the proposal, each county would have a locally appointed board or authority. "We are going to use a contract and purchase services from the zoo," said Gerald Poisson, deputy Oakland County executive. "We will not be involved in the day-to-day governance of the zoo."

Residents in these counties would receive specific benefits which would be spelled out in a negotiated contract,

Poisson said. They would include cost breaks for senior citizens and children, for example. Professional zoological personnel would continue to decide which animals to purchase and which exhibits should be expanded.

If the 0.1-mill regional 10-year tax is approved, the average owner of a \$200,000 house would pay \$10 a year. The tax could not be increased without another vote of the people.

The annual operating bud-

get of the zoo is \$26 million. Millages from the three counties would generate about \$12 million, Poisson said. The rest of the money would come from admission fees and private donations.

If the contract between the Zoological Society and the City of Detroit ends, this contract would also end, Poisson said. The City of Detroit cannot sell the property while there is a contract with the Zoological Society, according to Ron Kagan, zoo director.

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Music man

This family plays together, stays together

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The year was 1948, and Bill Upton, then a University of Michigan engineering student, headed to the Rose Bowl with U-M's Marching Band under famed director William D. Revelli.

Upton was later a founding member of the Plymouth Community Band. He's particularly noteworthy in that three generations of his family have played with the Plymouth band.

"I think it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me," Upton recalled of that train trip west to California. "It was a wonderful trip ... through the mountains and the snow. It was a beautiful trip out."

Upton, a naval veteran of World War II, had gotten to know Revelli. Upton was with the U.S. Navy's band, and noted the university band in the war years was mostly naval men. "That was a big officers training area there," he recalled. He was told basically "Look, you're going to have to march with somebody" and figured the Navy band was best.

After the war, Upton was at U-M as a civilian and looked up Revelli "to find out whether or not he wanted me to continue in the university bands." Upton has great memories of playing trumpet in the "Big House," although it wasn't as big in the 1940s.

"Obviously, it kept me in the music end of things," said Upton, who had a nearly 40-year career with Ford Motor Co.

'A GREAT GUY'

"Bill's a great guy," Carl Battishill of Plymouth,

'If I did nothing else in this world was bring four very talented musical people into the world with the help of Jean.'

BILL UPTON, musician

who directs the Plymouth Community Band, said just before taking the stage at the July 17 concert in Kellogg Park. "He's a great musician, very dedicated."

Upton, now 83, and a handful of others formed the group in the winter of 1959. Summer concerts started in 1960 and have been going strong ever since.

Upton considers the PCB the best of its kind in the tri-state region or beyond. "It built from a meager beginning, believe me," Upton said. They talked Jim Griffith, then Plymouth High School's band director, into being the first PCB director.

"He did a marvelous job getting us under way," Upton said. "We enjoyed having him help spark the spark."

Battishill, who's directed the PCB since 1979, agreed the three-generation link is unusual, although there are many family ties in the band. "It's a tough instrument," Battishill said of the trumpet, which Upton played into his 80s.

Battishill, during the July 17 concert, noted Upton isn't well, in his fight with cancer of the esophagus, and urged concertgoers to keep the musician in their thoughts and prayers.

"When I hit 80, I think that was enough," Upton said of his playing days.

Upton, a Plymouth resident, recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with wife Jean, a U-M alumna in psychology. The couple met

in college, and married upon graduation in 1948. "If I did nothing else in this world was bring four very talented musical people into the world with the help of Jean," he said of the couple's children.

Their oldest daughter is Karen Chapin of Plymouth, a soprano soloist who traveled to South America, Europe and Russia with Youth for Understanding in the 1960s and early 1970s to perform as part of the U-M Chamber Choir. She's also a guitarist and has conducted choirs at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and taught music at Our Lady of Good Counsel School.

"I am still teaching guitar," said Chapin, who also helps lead the choir at Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter, Mich. Chapin knows music has enriched her father's life.

"I think he enjoys the ensemble experience. He's not interested in being a big-time soloist. I think it's the community spirit thing," Chapin said. "There is just something about blowing through a horn or making vocal sounds. It's a very spiritual thing, really."

"It doesn't matter if it's perfect or not, it's the act of doing it and sharing it with an audience," Chapin said. "My life was just full of it. I think it's that way for John Gonthier (her nephew) and Bill, too. Music's definitely a community thing for all of us."

The Uptons' next oldest child is Laura Upton, followed by Carla Gonthier, and then a son, John Upton, a trombonist now in the Flint area who played in the Plymouth Community Band. Laura also went to South America and Europe with the Youth for Understanding group while at



Bill Upton of Plymouth, a founder of the Plymouth Community Band, has enjoyed his involvement with music – and the fact that his four children have musical interests.

U-M.

"We didn't play band instruments. When you got to college they were all male bands," Chapin said of the daughters who became vocalists. Carla, an accompanist at EMU, was a piano major at U-M, where she earned her master's in piano accompaniment.

NEXT GENERATION

Grandson John Gonthier, a senior in music education at Eastern Michigan University, is proud of Bill Upton's accomplishments. Trombonist Gonthier, 21, a Plymouth Salem High School graduate, will be featured tonight (Thursday, July 24), at the band's 8 p.m. concert as a soloist, along with sax player Joe Girard.

"This will be my eighth summer doing it," Gonthier said of playing with the PCB. He's in his 10th year of playing the trombone.

Gonthier, son of Greg and Carla Gonthier of Plymouth and a former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park



Bill and Jean Upton's grandson, John Gonthier, will be a featured soloist at tonight's Plymouth Community Band concert at 8 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Gonthier is a senior in music education at Eastern Michigan University.

Marching Band member, plans to teach for a couple years after graduation, and then get a master's in trombone performance from EMU or U-M.

"He had no idea it would blossom into this," he said of his grandfather. "This is the escape from everyday life."

Following tonight's performance, the PCB's final summer concert this year will be 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

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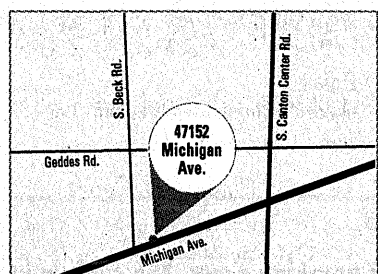
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OUR VIEWS

FOIA not intended as political shield

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act went into effect in April 1977 as a means of making sure ordinary citizens had access to public records, to keep local governments from hiding information from the constituents they're sworn to serve.

Though the FOIA doesn't force governments to give up all of their secrets — it contains, for instance, a list of records exempt from its rules — it sets a fairly strict standard for what is expected to be revealed, and how long the answering of such requests should take.

The FOIA doesn't care whether an employee is busy, or whether members of a government want to turn the records over. And the FOIA certainly doesn't care whether it's an election year.

Unfortunately, those governed by its regulations frequently do care about such things. That appears to be the case in Plymouth Township's handling of a FOIA request made by Dianne Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who is herself a candidate for Plymouth Township supervisor and therefore whose motives are certainly subject to question, filed a request under FOIA seeking, among other things, legal fees paid to the township's municipal attorney and labor attorney for the last two years.

Gonzalez is primarily seeking records showing how much money was spent on fees pertaining to the binding arbitration of the contract with the Plymouth Community Fire Department, as well as records of a settlement over a lawsuit by a former police officer.

Such FOIA requests are generally handled in the township clerk's office; this one got bucked to Township Attorney Tim Cronin, who responded to Gonzalez within the allotted time frame, but only to tell her he'd need more time.

The FOIA allows the township to charge fees for the collection of these records, including the cost of copies and the salary of the lowest-paid employee qualified to provide the response. In this case, apparently, the township has determined that lawyers and elected officials will have to get involved. To offset potentially high costs, the township has asked Gonzalez for a \$200 deposit.

Our question is: Why?

Why can't Gonzalez be provided copies of the bills? They're right there in township hall, so why can't Gonzalez — or anyone interested in knowing these facts — simply see them? Why all the secrecy? Why hide behind a lawyer? The figure — if it's as high as some believe — could be a source of considerable discomfort, but it's not exempt from the FOIA.

Is her request politically motivated? Almost certainly. Is her request being deflected because she's running against the incumbent administration? Maybe not. Perception, however, tends to become reality fairly quickly, and the delay certainly looks political.

The FOIA isn't about a board's ability to delay the production of information to its citizens. It's about the clear and transparent governance taxpayers pay for.

It's about the public's right to know. Board members would do well to remember for whom they work.

Vote 'yes' on zoo millage

These are tough times to ask taxpayers to approve yet another tax.

On Aug. 5, voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a 10-year, 0.1-mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. If approved, the tax would generate about \$12 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. The annual operating budget of the zoo is \$24 million. The rest of the zoo's budget would be covered by admission fees and private donations.

Zoo officials have argued that the new tax is needed to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over operations to the Detroit Zoological Society.

The ballot proposal would create taxing authorities in each of the three counties with the legal authority to levy a tax.

Questions have been raised about putting the millage on the August ballot rather than on the November ballot, when many more voters are expected because of the presidential election. Ballot supporters argue that they want the issue on the August ballot so that if it fails they can return to voters in November, a common practice for tax questions.

Though failure doesn't seem to be a concern, the Zoological Society has been reluctant to discuss contingency plans if the millage fails, citing polls that show 78 percent of voters support a millage. It is also unclear what would happen if one or more of the counties votes against the millage.

Despite these questions, we believe the zoo is a major asset to the Detroit area as a regional tourist attraction and a valuable educational institution with numerous school programs. We agree with proposal supporters that the tax is reasonable for the benefit.

We strongly support a yes vote on the zoo millage.



Backing Barone

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you why I am supporting Joe Barone for 35th District Court judge.

As the former executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce I spent the last 18 years getting to know the 1,500 business owners and professionals in the city and township of Plymouth.

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Joe is the only candidate who took the time and expense to attend and graduate from Leadership Plymouth. Joe also volunteered his time and services for many chamber-sponsored events. Over the years I have come to know Joe both personally and professionally, and I can tell you that Joe is an exceptionally good attorney.

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In my opinion, Joe is an honest and loyal man who has made significant personal and professional contributions that have enriched our community. His kind and caring personality and wealth of experience makes him more than qualified to be our next judge at the 35th District Court. I hope you will join with me in supporting and voting for Joe Barone Aug. 5.

Fran Toney
Plymouth

(Editor's note: Fran Toney is the retired long-time executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce)

Picking Prchlik

We are writing this letter to endorse Mary Ann Prchlik for Plymouth Township clerk.

We have known Mary Ann for several years. We have volunteered with Mary Ann through the Scrips (gift card) fund-raising program at OLG school. Annually, this program generates thousands of dollars which benefits the school. Mary Ann has co-chaired this program for 10 years. Our frequent interaction with her on this program has allowed for us to observe that Mary Ann has a great work ethic, and is organized and detailed.

We are also aware that Mary Ann is actively involved with the P.B. and J. Ministry at OLG church, which feeds hundreds of disadvantaged men, women, and children in the Cass

LETTERS

Corridor. She is one of the regular weekly volunteers who donate a few hours to prepare sandwiches and meals for distribution.

Whether in her service as a board member for the Plymouth Historical Society, or trustee for the Plymouth District Library, or any of the other organizations she has served, Mary Ann's passions are grounded in people and relationships. In addition to being very qualified to manage the accounting duties assigned to the Clerk, Mary Ann is dedicated to serving others.

We encourage you to vote for Mary Ann Prchlik for Township Clerk on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Lori Childs
Nancy Merkel
Nancy Pashnik
Plymouth

Judge vote is important

I'm often asked two questions regarding the election of judges: 1) How do you choose which judge to vote for and avoid falling victim to the name game? and 2) Why are judges on the non-partisan ballot?

Voting for judge is an important and personal decision. Unlike other elected officials, trial judges have the unique authority and sometimes the responsibility to take away one's liberty which is a power that should not be taken lightly and should be carefully entrusted to the right people.

The following are some factors (strictly my opinion) that you may want to consider. I don't pretend to possess all of these qualities but they are qualities that I aspire to and believe that the best judges possess. Feel free to disregard them but hopefully they will help you in your decision.

Qualities to look for in a trial judge: Honest; caring, compassionate, fair; a good decision maker; ability to see things from multiple perspectives; ability to make fine distinctions; even-tempered; hard-working; knowledgeable; independent; humble; attentive; patient; respectful; courageous.

How does one gauge these qualities in a candidate? Some ways include personal knowledge of that person; what is the candidate's reputation (personally and professionally) and is it deserved; what type of character has the person demonstrated in their personal and professional life? (Look at their history of activities/behavior/involvement); is the person a good lawyer? Are they knowledgeable, thorough, honest and fair; what do clients and especially opposing counsel say about the way they practice law? How do they treat people?

Why are judges on the non-partisan ballot?

Justice is not a partisan concept or issue. Judges are sworn to be impartial. Judges will have many cases come before them where a governmental entity is a party or has a vested interest in the outcome. Judges are entrusted to apply the laws enacted by the other

branches of government. These branches of government are run by partisan elected officials.

Our three branches of government are designed as system of checks and balances. Judges need to avoid any appearance of bias and that is best achieved by running as non-partisan candidates.

Mike Gerou
35th District Court Judge

Supporting Prchlik

We believe Mary Ann Prchlik has the right resume for the position of township clerk.

Her education and background in accounting and her managerial experience gained in running a business will make a good fit. Mary Ann has conscientiously served the community in a volunteer capacity for many years. She has also served on boards for the Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth Education Excellence Foundation, and Plymouth District Library.

In our 15 years as neighbors we have come to know Mary Ann as an honest and caring individual with a sense of responsibility and a moral compass that is always pointed in the right direction. These are character strengths that all of us should be looking for in our elected officials. We fully support Mary Ann in her candidacy.

Teresa and Brian Rokash
Plymouth

Mom for clerk

My mom is running for Plymouth Township Clerk; so is Mr. Joe Bridgman.

I find it self-serving that most of the letters to the editor supporting Mr. Bridgman have come from employees in the Clerk's office. I guarantee that Sen. McCain's and Sen. Obama's employees are supporting them.

I mean, who wouldn't want to follow their boss to the White House?

Nancy Herriman
Plymouth

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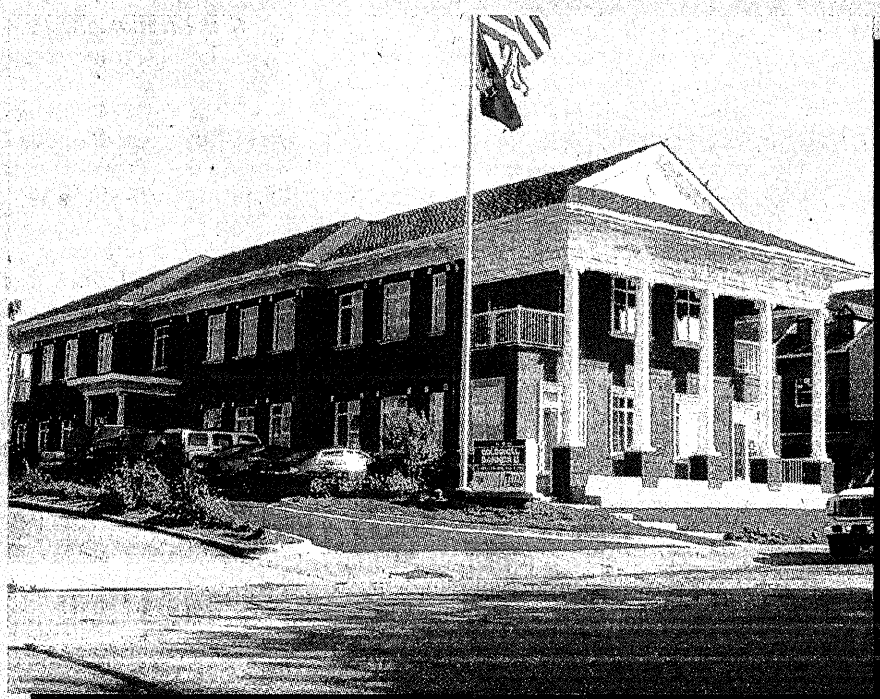
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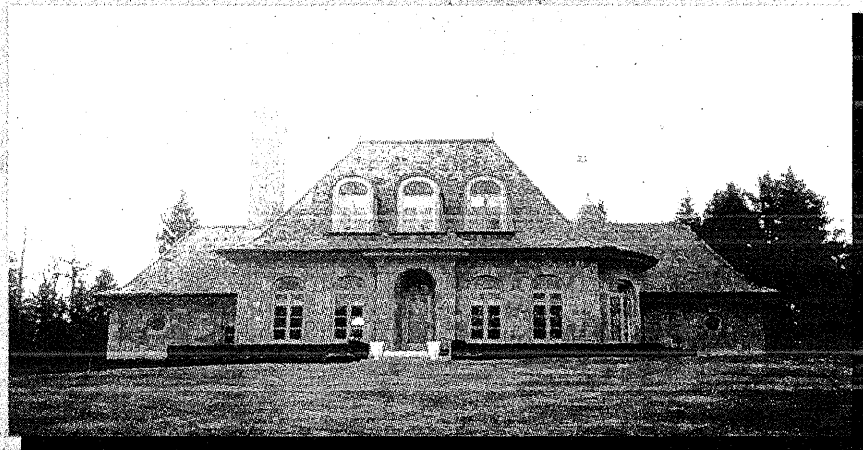


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MILLER

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young, raw talent and help turn them into competitive high school players as well as outstanding young men.

"It's great when you (get) a group of kids and you have to build and mold them," Miller said. "Hopefully, you have some athletes. But I've been blessed to have some of the finest athletes in the city play for me."

BIG INFLUENCE

The person nominating Miller was Chuck Padden of Livonia, an assistant football coach at Birmingham Brother Rice.

"The Livonia Junior Athletic League has become one of the premier youth leagues, in the country, with approximately 1,200 boys and girls participating in several sports, 12 months a year," wrote Padden in his letter of nomination to Hollenbeck. "The Livonia Falcon Unit has set the bar

high on how these programs should operate for the benefit of the kids, and Fred Miller's influence on the kids, coaches, and the parents is a big reason for the success of the whole league."

Among others in support of the Miller nomination were Novi-Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, LJAL football commissioner Michael Rotter, Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel and Mike Gatt, head coach at Livonia St.

Edith School. Most of the players who go through the Falcons program, which includes units for freshman, junior varsity and varsity, join the Stevenson or Catholic Central programs.

"I want to thank everyone who made the award possible," said Miller, noting that a caravan traveled to and from Spartan Stadium and then finished off the big day with a celebration at Coach's Corner in Livonia.

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ALL-STAR

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ond three-pointer.

Hanchett was an alternate for the game until finding out a few weeks ago that he was added to the roster when another player had to drop out.

"This week really opened my eyes to what the college game is going to be like," said

Hanchett. "Today was a lot faster game than what I was used to in high school."

Hanchett was shifted from his customary wide receiver role to tight end — a move he took in stride.

"I was able to work on my blocking a lot," said the 6-foot-4, 190-pound speedster. "I was blocking a lot against some pretty big guys."

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WOLFE

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finished second.)"

Wolfe is a member of a hockey-loving family. His older brothers — Brad and Mitch — both played for Canton and his dad, Chris, was instrumental in bringing high school hockey to the Plymouth-Educational Park 10 years ago.

Wolfe, who won't be paid by the Steel, said he's always been attracted to hockey because of the sport's uniqueness.

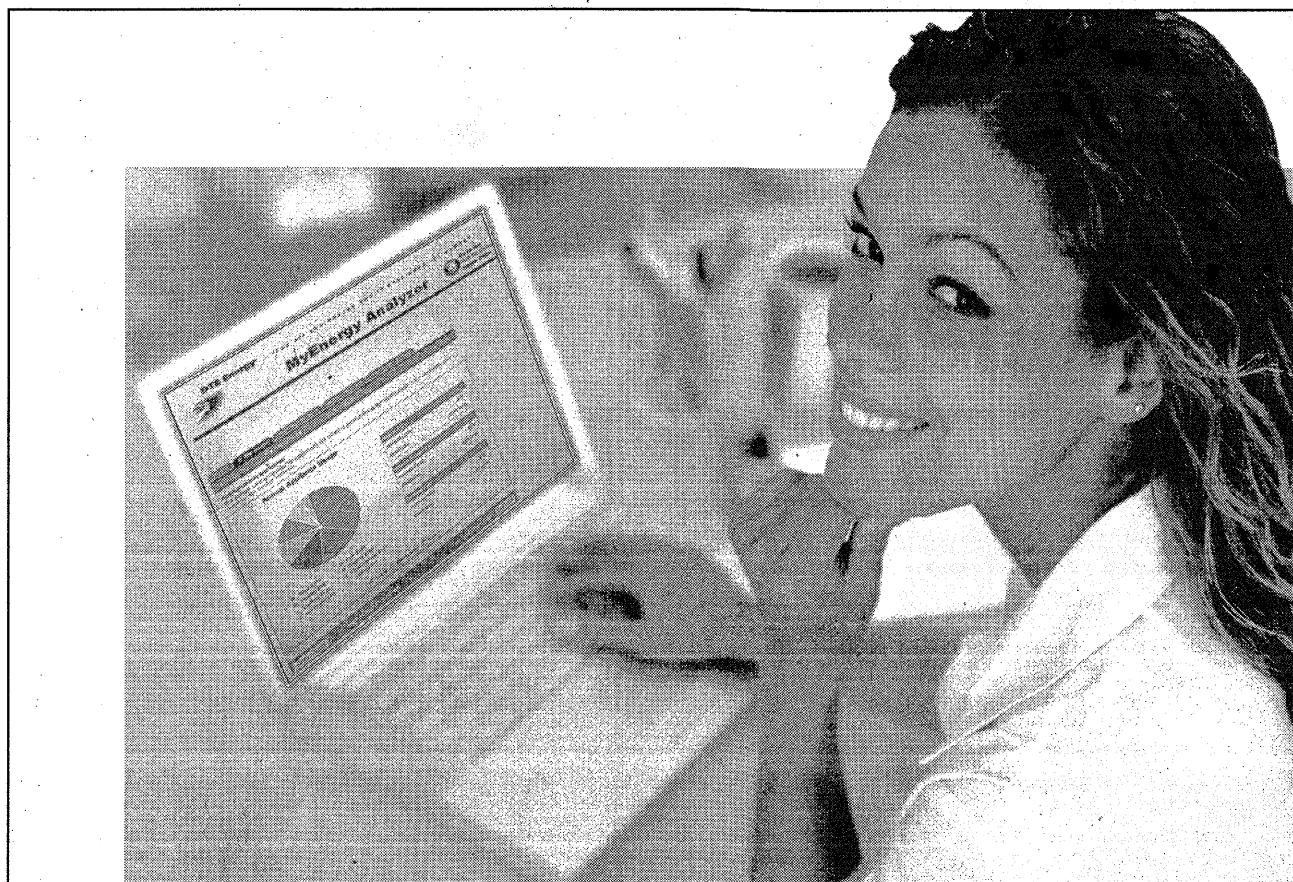
"It's different from every other sport I played growing

up," said Wolfe, who played high school baseball during his freshman and sophomore years at Canton. "Probably the thing I've enjoyed the most are traveling to the weekend tournaments, the long bus rides with your teammates."

Fittingly, Wolfe has worked with youngsters at a shooting camp this summer.

Judging by his previous success, it won't be long before he'll be teaching opposing USHL defensemen a thing or two about how to put the puck in the back of the net.

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Eagles eye WS crown

The Detroit Eagles travel baseball team has won three straight World Series championships, beginning with the AABC Sandy Koufax 14-and-under division in 2005.

The Eagles have won back-to-back titles in Major League Baseball's RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) Program the past two seasons, winning the championship games at Angels of Anaheim Stadium in 2006 and Dodgers Stadium in 2007.

The RBI format sends seven regional champions and the defending champion to MLB's Youth Academy in Compton, Calif. to compete in the week-long event.

The RBI program created by former player and scout John Young now includes teams from 205 cities worldwide and over 250,000 players ages 13-18. Major League all-stars Coco Crisp, Dontrell Willis, Jimmy Rollins and Carl Crawford are recent graduates of the RBI program.

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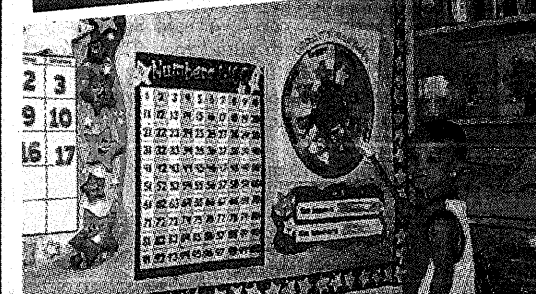
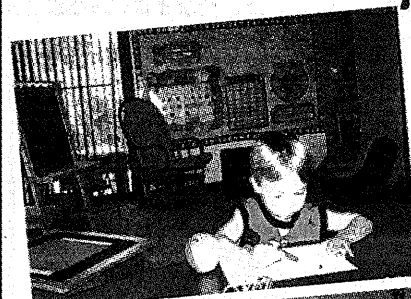
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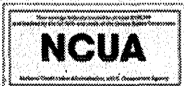
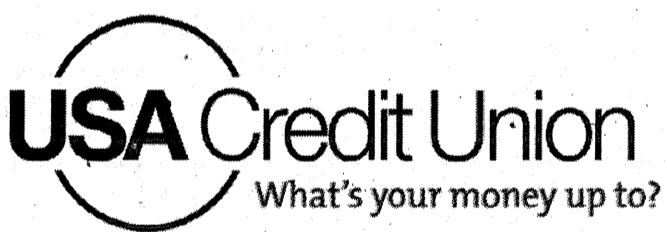


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Project done

Barry M. Klein Realty Enterprises of West Bloomfield, celebrating its 25th year, has announced the completion of a Walgreens store in Essexville, Mich., near Bay City. The store is opening Aug. 1.

W-Hampton Associates, LLC, which is controlled by the officers of Barry M. Klein Realty Enterprises, was the project developer. Architect was Rogvo Architects in Bingham Farms. General contractor was C.E. Gleason Constructors of Royal Oak. Financing was by KeyBank.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers present "Cash In On CAPS" on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. CAPS refers to the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist designation offered by the National Association of Home Builders and earned by attending specific classes held locally at BIA headquarters.

Bob Johnson, Johnson Building Co., will present topics that relate to CAPS: using CAPS to expand your customer base; evaluating your qualifications to serve aging customers; marketing for jobs; knowing the similarities and differences between ADA and CAPS; using universal and elegant design; and describing the CAPS certification program.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate (CG) course, "Building Codes & Standards," on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services will identify the organizations that develop, revise and regulate building codes and standards. Emphasis will be on state and local building departments, plan review, building permits, inspections, code enforcement and the appeal process.

The course counts toward requirements for National Association of Home Builders designation programs including Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP). It also counts toward Preciscure and Continuing Education Competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodelers, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

BIA and Bank of America will also sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-to-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Staging

The Great Lakes Regional International Association of Home Staging Professionals Chapter

(GLRIC) showcased their Home Staging efforts at the Lighthouse Community Development Open House Ceremonies on Saturday, July 19, at Beacon Square Apartments, 101 Mechanic in Pontiac.

"The renovated and new construction low-income family rental housing development has been professionally Staged by IAHSP participating members with a zero budget," said Carolyn Stieger, co-lead of the Staging committee. "Just like you see on the home improvement shows, we found creative ways to make both properties look like you're coming home."

The Great Lakes Regional IAHSP Chapter of Home Staging Professionals have staged a two-bedroom apartment at 101 Mechanic and a three-bedroom townhome off Whittemore Street, using furniture provided by The Furniture Bank of Southeast Michigan. "By utilizing the loan of furniture, artwork and some accessories combined with our Staging inventories, we have been able to create a welcome and warm feeling for any potential renter," said Heather Roberts, co-lead of the Staging Committee. "This was a fun opportunity to think outside the box and make these properties look great."

The Lighthouse Community Development Open House Event was to showcase the renovation and construction of a 28-apartment facility and 12 three-bedroom townhomes available for low-income families.

The Great Lakes Regional IAHSP chapter members, located throughout southeast Michigan, usually work with Realtors and homeowners preparing their homes for sale. All of the IAHSP Chapter members are Accredited Staging Professionals (ASPs). For more information visit the Web site: http://greatlakeschapter.iahsp.com/home.php.

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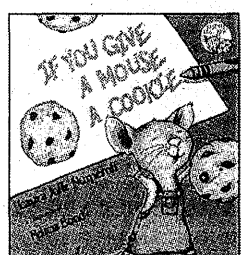
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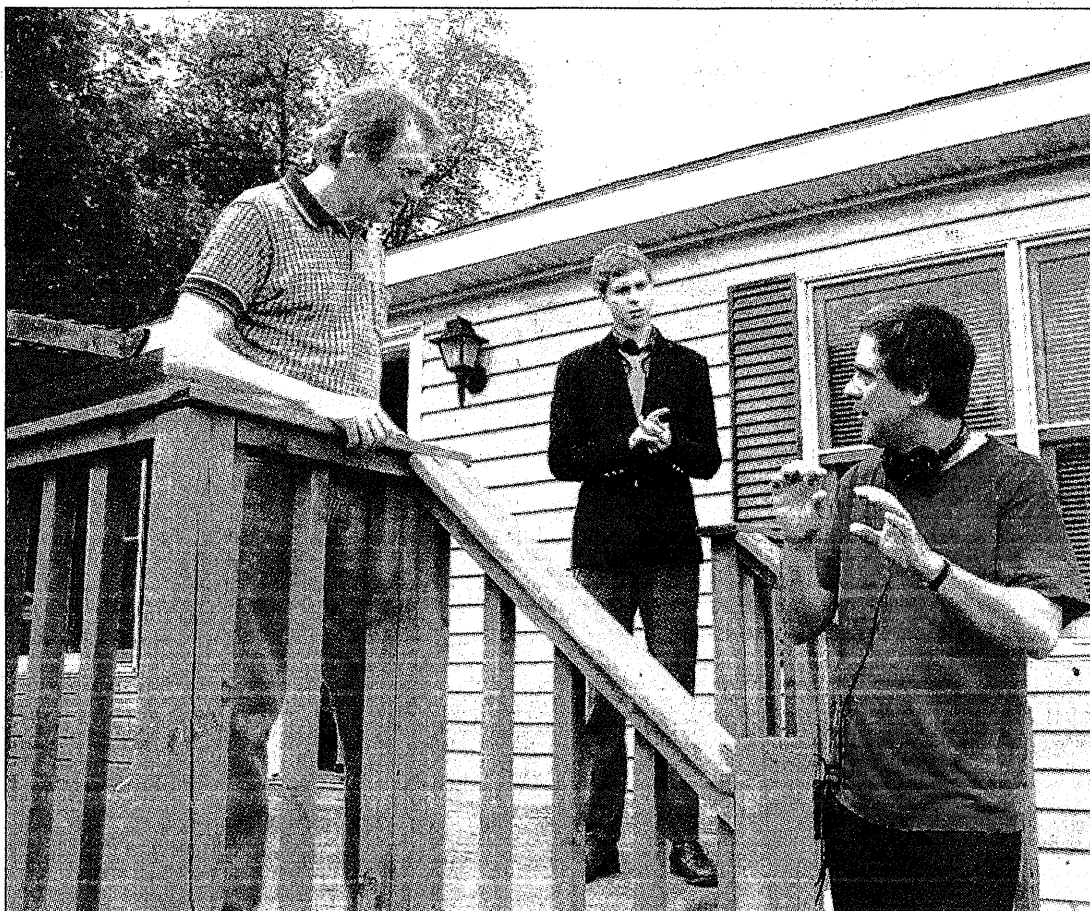
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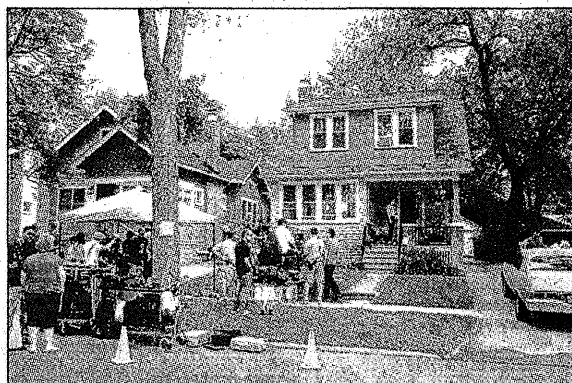


Ferndale sets the scene for



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Actors Steve Buscemi and Michael Cera discuss a scene in "Youth In Revolt" with Director Miguel Arteta, while on location in Wixom in June.



This lavender house in Ferndale currently serves as the setting of Estelle Twisp's house in the movie "Youth In Revolt" starring Michael Cera.



While filming the comedy "Youth In Revolt" around Michigan, Director Miguel Arteta and Director of Photography Chuy Chavez line up a driving shot in Wixom.



Comedian Dave Bell

LAUGH UP A STORM WITH COMEDIAN DAVE BELL

Ready for a reality check? Catch Comedian Dave Bell when he unleashes his irreverent brand of comedy this weekend at DTE Music Theatre. Bell, a Southfield resident, will perform as the opening act for Earth, Wind and Fire. He keeps his one-liners clean and, according to Roger Feeny of the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Bell's "keen sense of comedy results in cleverly written material that is presented with a charismatic stage presence. In other words — the guy's funny and I book him all the time."

He takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27. DTE Energy Music Theatre is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road, at I-75 in Independence Township. Visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets. —S. Casola

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Students at the Eisenhower Dance Center.

summer is Barbara Schoen, a former student at the center and professional ballerina from the Fort Wayne Ballet. She takes on the role of Nikiya, a temple dancer who is loved by the noble Solor. Solor will be danced by Chris Taddiken, another former EDE student, currently studying dance on scholarship at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

Tickets, \$8. Visit www.ede-dance.org. —L. Mini



Deborah Kay

Deborah Kay hosts CD release party

Singer, songwriter and pianist Deborah Kay will pursue her life-long musical dreams, when she performs at the national launch party for her much anticipated debut CD *Love Stories* this weekend. The CD, on Visionmoore Music Group Records, is a blend of R&B, jazz, pop, gospel and classical influences, and will yield Kay's first single, *Love Everlasting*. The Detroit, who teaches English in Detroit Public Schools, will perform two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant, at 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (in the Star Theatre Complex), just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$20 per show. To purchase tickets, call (248) 357-6009 or visit www.arturosjazz.com. —W. VonBuskirk

'Youth In Revolt'

Editor's Note: This is the second in an ongoing series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. As a result more than 80 applications (and 150 scripts) have been submitted to the Michigan Film Office to date, according to Director Janet Lockwood.

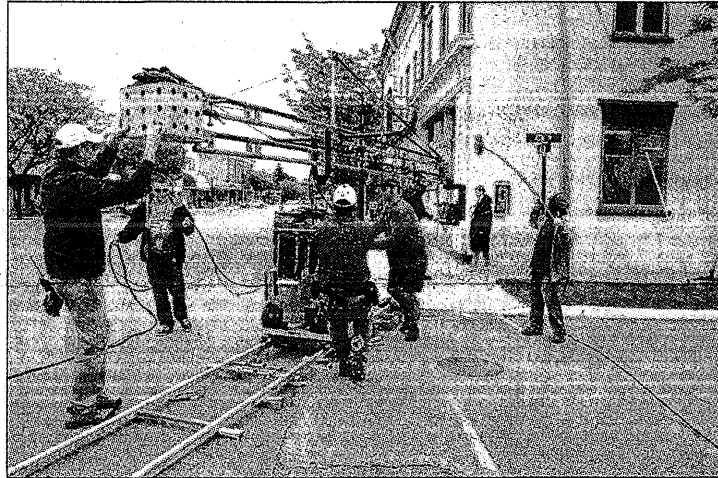
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dieye Lo moved from Royal Oak to Ferndale three months ago, never imagining his neighbors might include the likes of actors Ray Liotta, Michael Cera and Jean Smart. The actors are all currently shooting the Miguel Arteta-helmed comedy *Youth In Revolt*, which has taken over three homes on Lo's tree-lined street. "You can't beat that," he said, standing on his porch July 16.

Lo even had a chance to meet and take a photograph with its star, Cera, best known for his roles in 2007 hits *Juno* and *Superbad*.

On the same sunny afternoon, 16-year-olds Aaron Moskal and Devin Verhulst lounged on a patch of green grass just across the street from the set — which on that day centered on a lavender house with an old shiny trailer parked in the driveway.

They drove in from Metamora just to get a glimpse of the movie, and its star Cera, in



Michael Cera stars in "Youth In Revolt." Based on the C.D. Payne novel, the movie has been filming around Michigan, including Frankfort (above). Currently, scenes are being shot in Ferndale.

action. "We got a picture with him," said Devin, with a smile. The teens spent the day watching actors and crew at work. "You always watch movies but you never see how many people it takes and all the equipment it takes to make a movie," added Aaron. Last month he and Devin had a chance to work as extras in another film that recently wrapped in Royal Oak — a Lifetime movie title *Prayers for Bobby*, starring Sigourney Weaver.

Both movies share producers Steven A. Longi and David Permut of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc. Initially *Youth In Revolt* was to be shot in Oregon and *Prayers for Bobby* in Calgary. Instead the Michigan tax incentives lured the projects to the mitten state. "We planted our flag

here first for *Youth In Revolt*," said Permut, speaking from a backyard transformed by tents, monitors and sound equipment. "We were the first film to do that."

He said so far, the experience of filming in Michigan has been a good one. Permut raved about the creative talent and people he's met who have been "so accepting of us being here." Only the weather — rain and thunderstorms — has posed concerns. Co-producer Longi agreed "the great thing about filming here is the people in Michigan. They have been very accommodating and very nice." The film itself requires a cast and crew of some 125 people — some hired from right here in the metro Detroit area.

Please see **REVOLT, D6**

Fresh from Ferndale Fans can expect star-studded cast

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Youth In Revolt, a film based on C.D. Payne's novel of the same name, follows the exploits of mischievous 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) in his quest to win the heart of one Sheeni Saunders, a girl he met on vacation. According to Producer David Permut, of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc., Cera (*Superbad*) had been a fan of the book and was the only actor considered for the lead role.

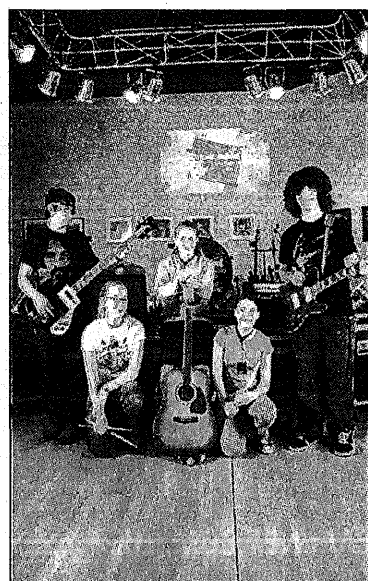
It took five years to get the project moving, but Permut noted, fans of the novel should be pleased. "The tone is a little different, but it maintains the integrity of the book." Adapted from Payne's 500-pages, he said: "Gustin Nash crafted a script and chose what to take and what not to take. It's fresh and original." Nash also wrote the indie flick *Charlie Bartlett*.

While filming the comedy, two separate houses on Ferndale's Leroy Street currently repre-

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Memphis Smoke hosts concert for serious teen musicians

(Left to Right): Bubba Ayoub, Alie Miller, Nicole Amine, Lea Garsh and Joe Silver are members of Nuclear Autumn. The teens just met earlier this year at Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak.



THE DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK AND POP

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

At the Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak, young local musicians learn to get along, jam together, hone writing skills and perform in concert. They also learn the business side of rock life.

On Sunday, July 24 they will show off their energy playing rock, pop, blues and punk rock — old school style — at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

The bands are all new. The members all just recently met each other at the school. Detroit School of Rock and Pop owner Jason Gittinger matched teen musicians up with each other to help them

DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK AND POP CONCERT

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When: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 24
Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak
Details: 1-888-988-ROCK or www.detroit-school-of-rock-and-pop.com

learn the ropes of being in a band. To coach them, Gittinger brings in teachers who are musicians themselves who have worked with Kid Rock, Tupac, Obie Trice, 50 Cent,

Eminem and Aerosmith.

Gittinger is an accomplished musician who wants to share with young bands everything he learned about the industry.

For guitar player Joe Silver, 14, of Huntington Woods, joining the school has changed his world.

"In just one hour, we can learn a new song," Silver, of the band Nuclear Autumn, said.

Other members of Nuclear Autumn are Bubba Ayoub, of Warren; Lea Garsh and Nicole Amine of Troy; and Alie Miller of Bloomfield.

Silver is intense about his guitar. He practices four hours a day. He's open-minded enough to

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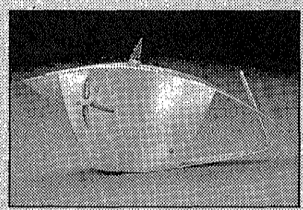
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6TH ANNUAL ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART SHOW

Where: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (corner of Commerce & Indian Trail Roads)
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 25, 26 & 27
Event Hotline: (248) 685-3748
Hours: Ticketed Artist Preview Party 6-9 p.m., Friday, July 25, \$25 (www.TicketWeb.com) includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, free admission. Parking is \$6 and benefits Orchard Lake Schools.

Music: Sheila Landis Trio performing jazz standards, Gratitude Steel Band performing Caribbean sounds and world jazz musicians Brazil & Beyond



Rebecca Hungerford's works will be on display.



Dawn Reeves, fiber artist, will show her wares at the show.



The High Strung

THE HIGH STRUNG RETURNS TO PLYMOUTH

For the past three years The High Strung has been electrifying patrons across the nation with their sunny three-part harmonies and witty, lyrical bravado. This year, the Detroit-based band has taken its sing-along lyrics to libraries all over the country, from Michigan to California, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and back. They will perform the last concert of their tour in Plymouth's Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 27.

Band members Josh Malerman, Derek Berk and Chad Stocker have come a long way since they shared a Detroit childhood. They've been hailed by *Rolling Stone* and the *New York Times*. *The Village Voice* recognized The High Strung as one of the best rock & roll bands in America; NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album *These Are Good Times* as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003. The band's videos have been seen on MTV.

Opening for The High Strung will be Amelia with band members Colin Lazorka, Garret Schmittling, Matt Carlson and Kevin Jaslolski.

-W. VonBuskirk

Art demos, landscaping, jazz highlight art show

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

There are so many festivals in Michigan — that's a good thing. But how do you choose which one to attend?

If you want an event where the focus is fine art from 150 of the best chosen artists from the U.S. and Canada, consider the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

And, if you want an event where the setting is pretty; where you can see artists in action and hear steel drums, Brazilian jazz and jazz standards, your best choice is still the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

It's consistently awarded one of the top 100 art shows in the country by various publications.

The festival is this weekend, Friday through Sunday, at Orchard

Lake St. Mary's Schools on Indian Trail in Orchard Lake. Here a garden display was landscaped just for the event. Splashy Designs of Novi and Tyme Landscaping of Livonia spent two weeks customizing a garden, the focal point of the fair. Guests can sit near the watery landscape and relax to the music. There's also a youth art competition which will display the works of local young up and coming creatives. Winners' works will be posted on www.HotWorks.org.

Throughout the weekend there will be glass blowing, painting and drawing demos from top notch artists.

The glass will be blown by Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild with a program called GlassAct — an international group dedicated to the education, promotion

and preservation of glass working techniques.

This show is a hot one for artists, as it gives away \$2,500 in art awards.

Other aspects of the festival include:

Milestones: The City of Orchard Lake celebrates its 80th birthday, and West Bloomfield Township celebrates its 175th! Stop by their booths for details about codes, construction and career opportunities; information regarding disaster preparedness, mold, green building, benefits of permits, pool, spa and hot tub safety, and flood cleanup.

Kids Activities: The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Family Area offers the budding artist a chance to make their own masterpiece. Plaster painting, T-shirt tie dyeing, sandy candy

making and candle making activities are hosted by Plasterworks of Waterford. Kids can take home their works of art.

Local restaurants: Mezza, Bombay Grille and Mountain Jack's will serve up food.

The Caesar's Windsor Artist Preview Party kicks off the event on Friday from 6-9 p.m., sponsored by *The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*. The preview gala offers patrons first choice to purchase artists' work. Complimentary beverages, including beer and wine, and savories will be served, with catering by Whole Foods Market. Maggie's Chocolate Fountain Bar provides a chocolate fantasy with free flowing milk chocolate in a delicious fountain. Additional food will be available for purchase.

Target is also a major sponsor.

'THE UNDERTAKING' NOMINATED FOR EMMY

The Undertaking, PBS Frontline's look into the lives and work of Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors of Oakland County, has been nominated in the 29th Annual Emmy Awards for News and Documentary. Final judging will take place Sept. 21.

The Undertaking is one of four nominees in the Outstanding Arts and Culture Programming category.

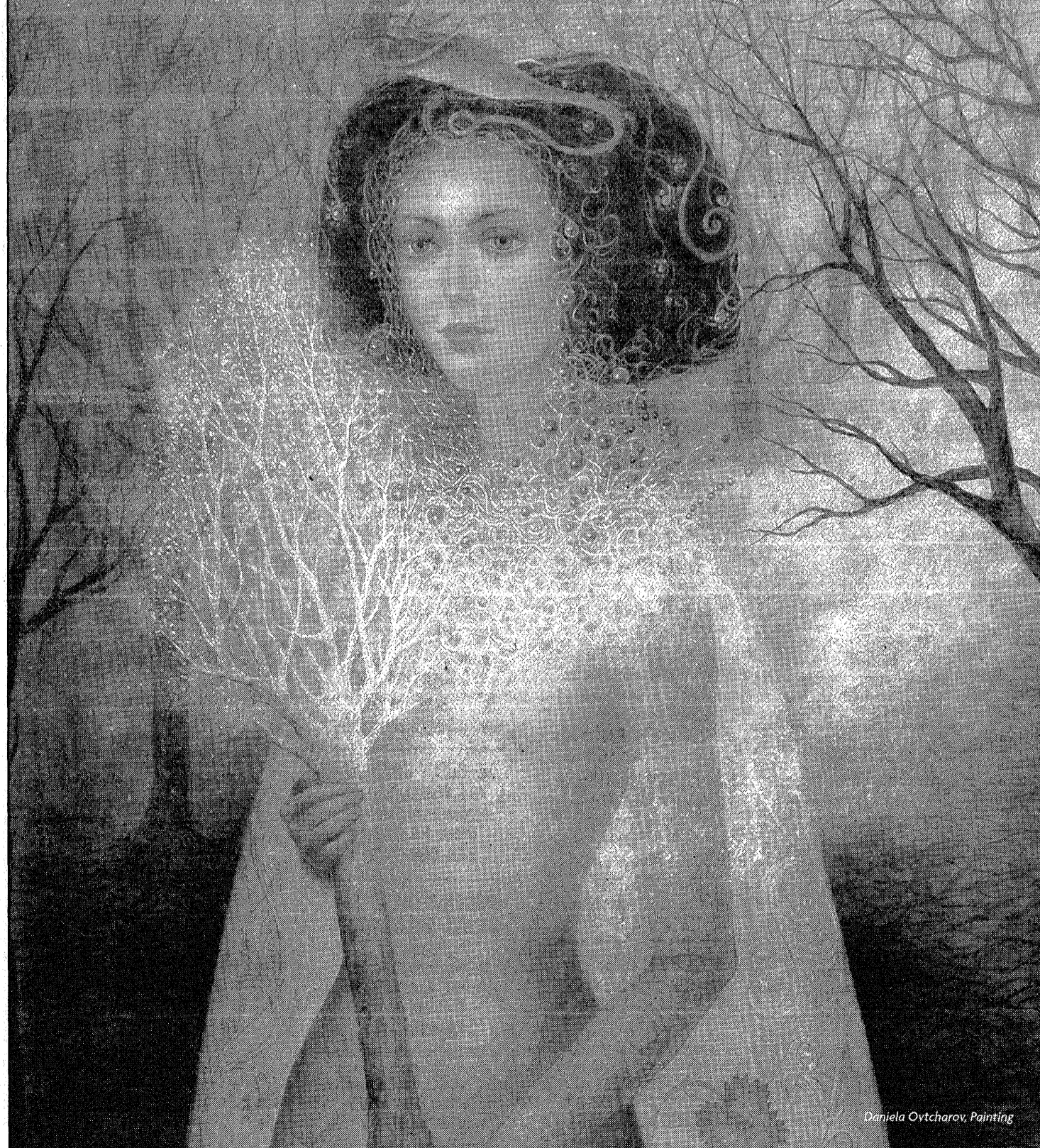
Produced and directed by Miri Navasky and Karen O'Connor and adapted from the book by the same name by Thomas Lynch, *The Undertaking* was filmed at Lynch & Sons Funeral Homes in Milford and Clawson, January-June, 2007. It aired on PBS stations nationwide in late October last year.

The film followed several families through the process of terminal illness, decisions about funerals, burials, cremations and into the early months of bereavement.

The Undertaking can be seen in its entirety online at PBS Frontline's site at www.pbs.org/frontline/undertaking.

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Founder Henri Forner fled Spain with his family during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). With his background in wine merchandising, he moved to France's Rhone Valley, then to the Loire Valley and finally to Bordeaux. There in 1960, he and his brother Elysee purchased two run down wineries, Chateau Camensac and Chateau Larose Trintaudon and restored each to now-heralded Bordeaux producers.

Forner returned to Spain in 1970 to start producing wine in his homeland, selecting top vineyards in the Rioja Alta region and making wines by French techniques from Spanish grape varieties - for reds that means tempranillo and for whites viura.

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The Rioja Alta benefits from a climate that between two mountain ranges with long sunny days and only 20 inches of rain per year. Vines must push their roots deep into the chalky-loy soil to reach water and minerals that make the wines so unique.

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WINE PICKS

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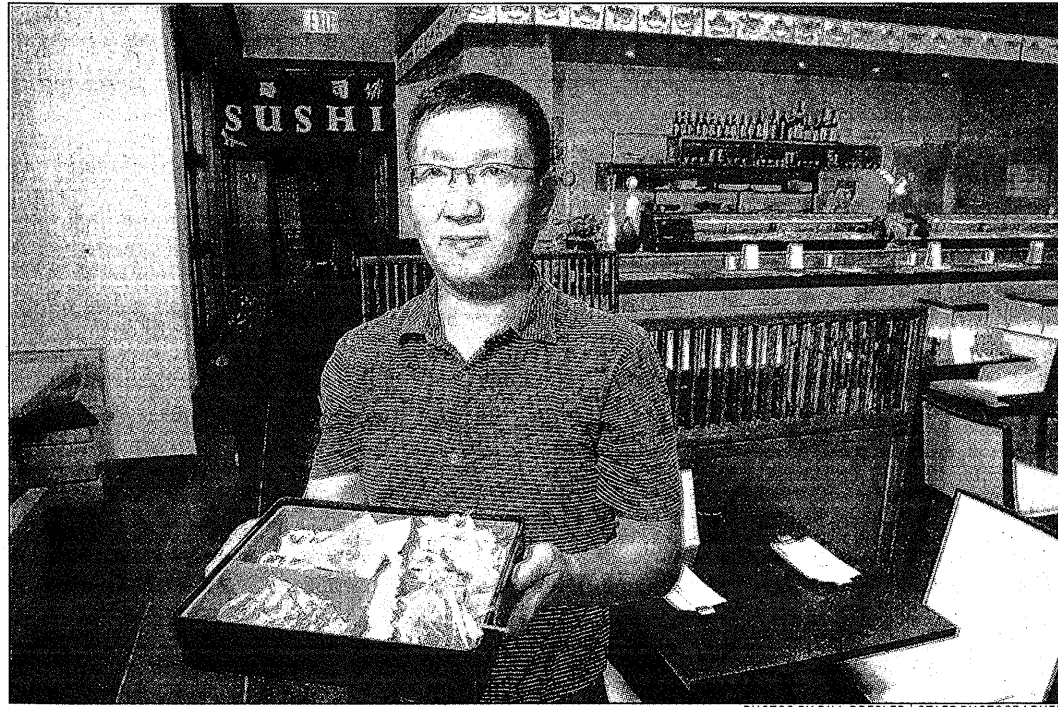
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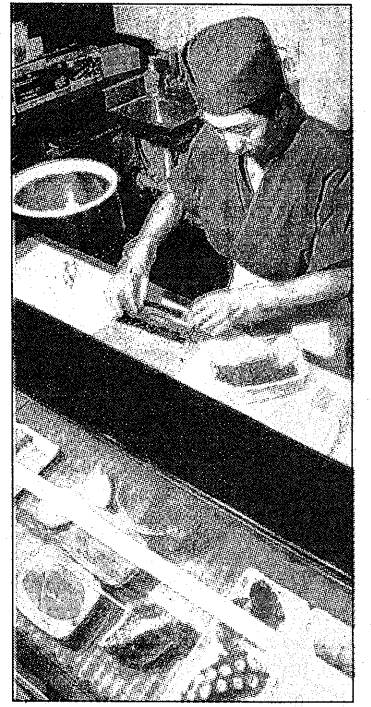
fruit, especially for the Reserva and Gran Reserva Rioja reds.

Today, noted Bordeaux enologist Michel Rolland consults with the vineyard and winery team and Forner has turned over management of the winery to his daughter Christine. This adds another very capable woman to the growing list of females heading quality wine producers worldwide.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



Tomo owner Kevin Lim presents the day's special lunch box. The lunch box includes tonkatsu (fried pork), shrimp and veggie tempura, sushi roll, ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.



Sushi chef David Kim prepares sushi at Tomo.

Tomo's in Plymouth offers Japanese, Korean fare

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Crash course in Japanese dining: Modern sushi is not raw fish, but most don't realize it. It's the rice that makes it sushi. When it's rolled in the dried, flattened seaweed, it's called a nori or Maki roll. Raw fish is called sashimi. The word tempura means "to season" so when you're eating eggplant/sweet potato/asparagus or other tempura, you're eating it fried and seasoned.

Tell your friends, it makes for interesting chatter.

If you want a restaurant with a huge selection of Japanese-fusion cooking, including sushi rolls stuffed with interesting ingredients, visit Tomo's Japanese Cuisine in Plymouth.

There are 50 different kinds of sushi roll at Tomo's, owner Kevin Lim said. And they include the traditional sushi such as the popular asparagus, tofu, pickled vegetable, cucumber and California rolls. Diners can sit at the sushi bar to watch the artistic preparation — or at the tables.



Tomo offers an assortment of Japanese beers and sake.

TOMO JAPANESE CUISINE

Where: 47249 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-9944
Owner: Kevin Lim, former owner of the popular Sushi.com in Ann Arbor
Specialties: Huge menu of nori rolls; Japanese fusion menu and more

choice of ethnic cuisines and are willing to try new menu offerings. Lim is the former owner of the well-received Sushi.com, the Ann Arbor restaurant he recently sold. Sushi.com is praised by U of M students as an affordable yet high-quality sushi bar.

Tomo's is the same with reasonable prices.

Lim, who is Korean, doesn't stop with Japanese cuisine at Tomo's. The restaurant also offers several Korean options. Still a huge hit is the Japanese lunch box which includes tonkatsu (a fried pork developed in the late 19th century), tempura (pieces of shrimp, sweet potatoes, pepper and onions dipped a wheat batter and fried), cabbage ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.

The name Tomo means "friends" and Lim works to create a friendly atmosphere, helping new customers order off the menu if they ask. He will also offer advice on the Japanese beer and sake — rice wine that can be served hot or cold during the meal.

"Our menu is very popular with Americans," Lim said. "Especially the sushi. People love the variety."

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Only six independent restaurants in the country were named America's Healthiest Restaurants by *Health Magazine*.

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Family-friendly show pits boy against cookie-munching mouse

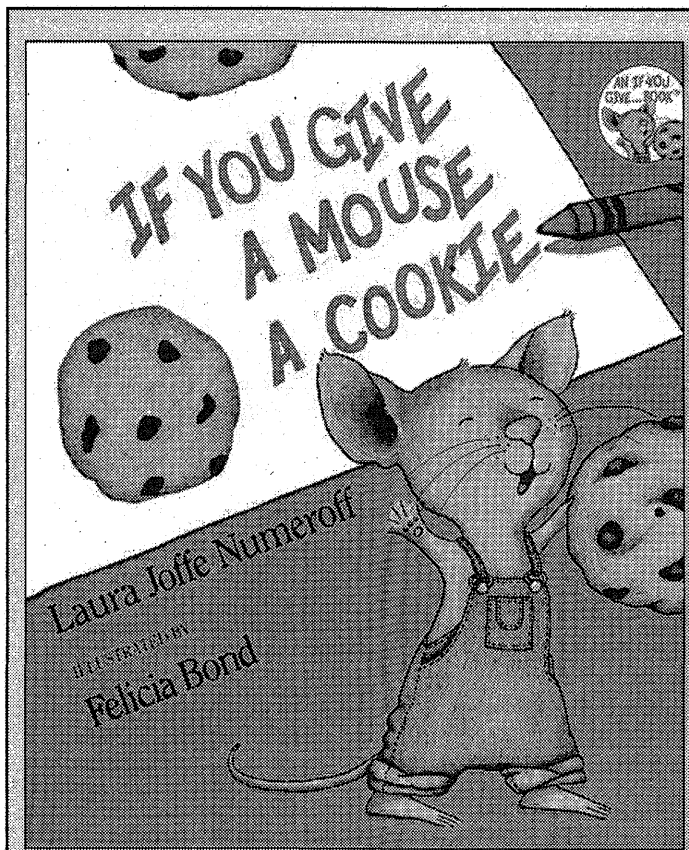
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

When officials from the Palace Sports & Entertainment sought to host locally-produced child-friendly summer shows, they asked John Manfredi for help. The former managing director of Rochester Hills-based Meadow Brook Theatre, kick-started his own company, Etico Productions, in March. He answered the call with two new shows — both based on beloved children's books.

The first — *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* — was produced in late June for John Manfredi's Working Theatre, The Camp Project. It allowed local 30 campers a chance at being part of a professional production from start to finish. "It went really well," said Manfredi, a Waterford resident. Actors and crew working this month on the second Etico Productions show, *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*, will share the same rehearsal space — courtesy of Troy Athens High School. This show features only professional actors — Sara Catheryn Wolf of St. Clair Shores and Jason Allen, a Garden City native and New York City resident.

Manfredi chose both scripts because they represented entirely new versions of familiar stories.

"*If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* is a book I remembered reading to both of my kids," he said. The Laura Joffe Numeroff story had not been produced as a play until last year, and it has not been performed in the metro Detroit area. The show follows the story of a boy who desperately tries to please the increasing demands of his unlikely houseguest — a mouse. Manfredi will produce and direct. Rehearsals began July 20, with costumes by Troy's Christal Renaud and



See the stage production of the popular children's book July 31 in Rochester Hills.

IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE

What: A stage adaptation of the children's tale by Laura Joffe Numeroff

When: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University at University Drive between Squirrel and Adams Roads, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: \$10-\$25, visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666.

elaborate sets completed ahead of time. The set, which is primarily an oversized kitchen where a small boy and mouse will meet, was constructed in a Rochester warehouse. It will feature special effects, including a 6-foot tall glass of milk. "The trick is getting it into the refrigerator," said Manfredi.

He aims to provide a high-quality show, one that will capture and keep the attention of children as well as their parents. And he knows just what that will take. "You can't talk down to kids," he said, "and you

can't really fool them. They are willing to suspend disbelief."

When it comes to a talking mouse, that will be required.

Fans of the book can count on a story that follows suit and costumes that mirror those familiar illustrations.

Manfredi advocates introducing children to the theater early on — for their own well-being and to foster a future audience as well. Of *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*, he said, "we're really excited to do it."

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embrace all forms of music from various eras, but he leans toward old blues and rock.

And he's a "huge Led Zeppelin fan."

When Gittinger meets young musicians who are serious about improving their skills, he puts them in working bands. The show at Memphis Smoke will give four young bands a chance to strut their stuff and gain stage experience. Gittinger is also teaching them how to promote themselves.

And how to get along.

"There would probably a lot more arguments with each other if we weren't supervised," Silver said. "So we all get along pretty well ... we've become friends."

The students will perform both cover songs and original material.

"One song called *The Greatest Composition Ever*

Recorded on Earth is still in the process ... we're working on the lyrics," Silver said. "I came up with a few riffs and the rest of the band liked it, so we started to write around it."

These kids could be the next Zeppelin — only time will tell.

The Detroit School of Rock and Pop is currently hosting a *Summer Rocks!* program and is accepting applications for new musicians.

Summer Rocks! is a three-week, day camp in Royal Oak where students play in a band, write songs, record in the studio, meet industry professionals and perform live.

"It is very important for the students to receive insight to what the music industry is all about and how the guest speakers have become successful themselves," said Gittinger. "Plus, they will have a fun time playing along with professionals from Detroit. It's great to have Detroiters helping young Detroiters."

Guest instructors include producer Luis Resto, also a

keyboardist, who is one of the founding members of '80s funk band Was Not Was. He has produced albums for Jay Z, 50 Cent, Obie Trice, Tupac Shakur, Patti Smith, Paul Simon and Eminem. In 2003, Resto won an Oscar for co-writing Eminem's song *Lose Yourself*.

Paul Nowinski, a bass player, has played with Aerosmith, Patti Smith, Les Paul, Keith Richards, The Boston Symphony/Pops, Hubert Sumlin, Rickie Lee Jones and Paquito de Rivera.

Percussionist Larry Fratangelo has performed on Gold, Platinum and Grammy award-winning albums. He's played with Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, George Clinton and Kid Rock, and has been on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and *Saturday Night Live*. Instructor Christopher Zajac-Denek is a drummer of the successful Detroit rock band, The Hard Lessons.

REVOLT

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And wherever the production goes, a curious crowd of respectable, quiet onlookers seems to pop up.

In addition to Ferndale, scenes for *Youth In Revolt* have been shot at a mobile home community in Wixom, a market in South Lyon, a donut shop in the tiny town of Frankfurt and around Traverse City.

Permut noted that this is just the beginning, when it comes to filmmaking in Michigan. "With Clint Eastwood and Drew Barrymore filming here, there will be many others to follow," he predicted. Eastwood's project is titled *Gran Torino* and currently filming around Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Highland Park, while Barrymore's directorial debut *Whip It!* starring Ellen Page is filming around Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. While an infrastructure to better support the onslaught of feature films must still be put in place, Permut said the industry is bound to draw and retain creative talent.

Residents and city officials alike might as well get used to road closures, alternate traffic routes, whispering in the streets while cameras roll, and the sight of local police officials controlling crowds and restricting access to filming locations.

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sent the Oakland, Calif. neighborhood where Nick lives with his divorced mother Estelle (Jean Smart) and deals with her difficult boyfriends, including a smarmy cop played by Ray Liotta. One of the homes has been reconfigured to support the weight of a battered Chevy Nova that fills the entire living room.

A key element to the plot — and proof of Estelle's questionable taste in men — the gray hunk of metal was driven into the home through a large opening cut into the backyard with the permission of the homeowner.

The Weinstein Co. production is due out in 2009 and features Steve Buscemi as Nick's philandering father George Twisp, Fred Willard as bizarre neighbor Mr. Ferguson, comedian Zack Galifianakis as another of Estelle's boyfriends Jerry, and Justin Long as Sheenie's all-knowing brother Paul. Miguel Arteta (*The Good Girl*) is directing.

Look for cameos by writer C.D. Payne, astronaut Michael Collins and possibly even Royal Oak's own Jack Kevorkian, who visited the Ferndale set in mid-July. And according to Permut, a *Youth In Revolt* sequel is possible.

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Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and lost soul, has a discussion with a young feisty woman played by Mary Kate Olsen, in the film *The Wackness* only at the Landmark Art Main in Royal Oak.



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THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE

A stand-alone story in the tradition of some of the show's most acclaimed episodes, this film takes the complicated relationship between Fox Mulder (Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Anderson) in unexpected directions. Mulder continues his unshakable quest for the truth, and Scully, the passionate, intelligent physician, remains inextricably tied to Mulder's pursuits. Starring

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David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. PG-13.

THE WACKNESS

Troubled high school student Luke Shapiro (Josh Peck) is a teenage pot dealer who forms a friendship with Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and kindred lost soul.

When the doctor proposes Luke trade him marijuana for therapy sessions, the two begin to explore both New York City and their own depression.

Also starring Method Man and Mary Kate Olsen. Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, Royal Oak.

STEP BROTHERS

Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly star in *Step Brothers*, directed by Adam McKay (*Talladega Nights*). Ferrell plays Brennan Huff, a sporadically employed 38-year-old who lives with his mother, Nancy (Mary Steenburgen). Reilly plays a terminally unemployed

40-year-old who lives with his father, Robert (Richard Jenkins). When Robert and Nancy marry and move in together, Brennan and Dale are forced to live with each other as step brothers. As their narcissism and laziness threaten to tear the family apart, these overgrown boys orchestrate an insane, elaborate plan to bring their parents back together. Screenplay by Ferrell & Adam McKay. Not yet rated.

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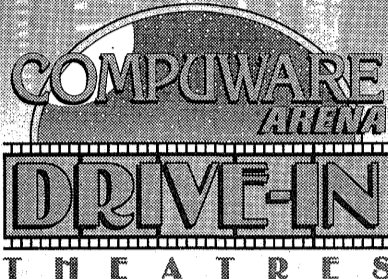
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Project Joe Local designer makes the cut

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
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When word spread that a local designer is among the contestants on *Project Runway Season 5*, the local fashion community was put on pins and needles.

Phones Tweeted with questions — just who is “Joe” of Troy, and how will he fare?

Turns out Joe Faris, 41, made the cut during the show's premiere July 16, when contestants were challenged to design garments from grocery store finds. Faris crafted a bustier out of a printed oven mitt, and an A-line skirt laced with pasta — perhaps a nod to Salvatore Scallopini, the chain of Italian restaurants his in-laws own throughout Metro Detroit.

Faris' colorful design was not singled out as best or worst, so he quietly moved on to the next round.

Jason Hochstein, co-owner of Chaud Jeans in Royal Oak, has carried Faris' clothing lines, and attended a *Project Runway* viewing party to watch the first episode. He said Faris didn't get much airtime.

“But I thought that was a good thing, because it seemed like they were highlighting people who weren't doing so good,” Hochstein said. “Joe is very talented, but low key. He's a laid-back kind of a person.”

Niki Johnson, publisher of Detroit Fashion Pages, is hosting weekly viewing parties at Centaur Bar, and said about 100 people showed up to the first one to support Faris.

“Joe is an amazing designer,” she said. “There is a lot of talent on the show and it's going to be a great season.”

At International Academy of Design Technology in Troy, fashion design chair Julie Patterson said students and staff are buzzing about Faris.

“I hope he wins it all,” she said. “We need to put Michigan on the global fashion map.”

Faris has worked in the design industry for 18 years, at Bugle Boy, Ralph Lauren and Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle. For the past seven years he has been independent, launching the labels Redfly and Inkslingers USA, and most recently working for Schott NYC.

He called *Project Runway* ‘a fluke.’

“A friend forwarded the application to me and I left it out on the counter. My daughter saw it and that was it. I had to do the show,” said Faris, who lives in Troy with his wife, Kara, and daughters Keely, 8, and Maia, 5. “My main focus is to show her that her dreams aren't bigger than she is. My parents really encouraged me to follow my dreams and I want that to continue.”

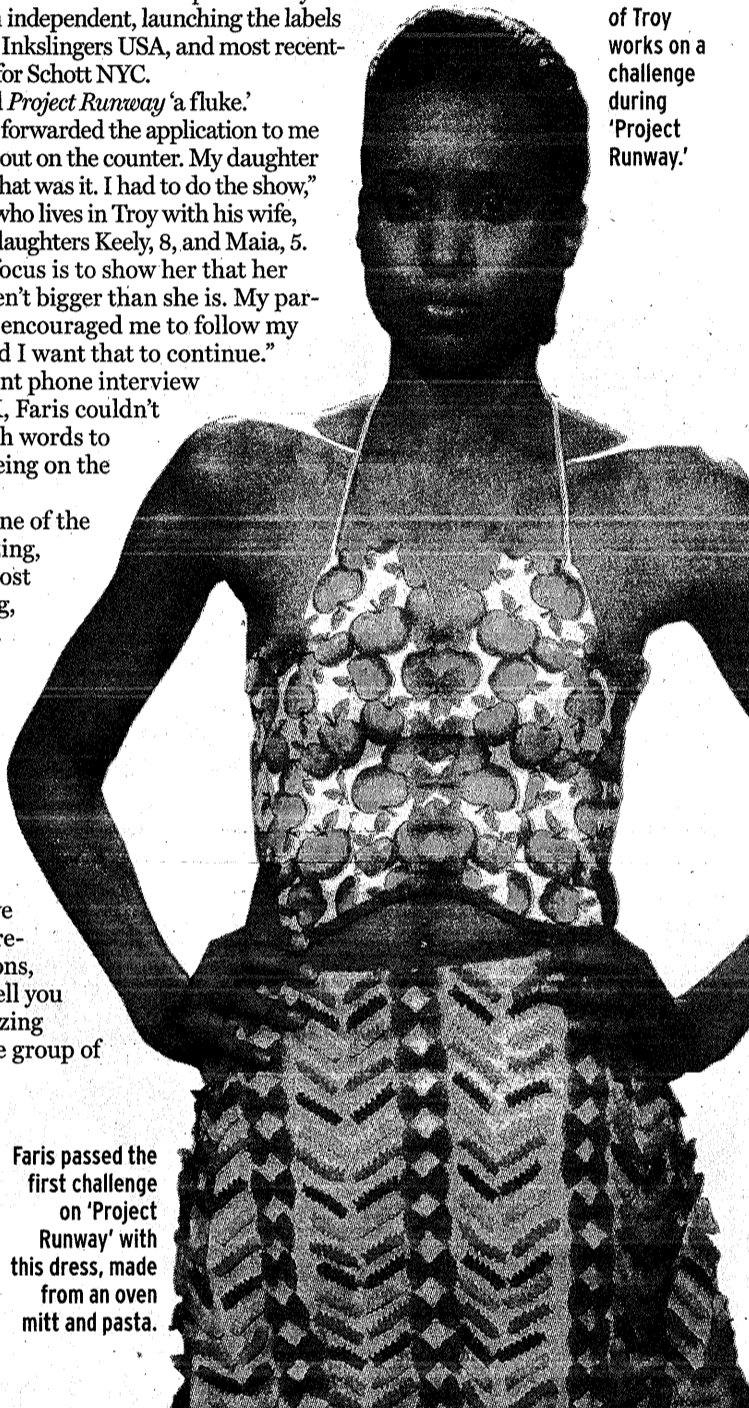
In a recent phone interview with PINK, Faris couldn't find enough words to describe being on the show.

“It was one of the most amazing, hardest, most challenging, rewarding, incredible experiences that I've ever done in my life,” he said. “This season really is great. I've watched previous seasons, but I can tell you it's an amazing and diverse group of designers.”

Faris passed the first challenge on ‘Project Runway’ with this dress, made from an oven mitt and pasta.

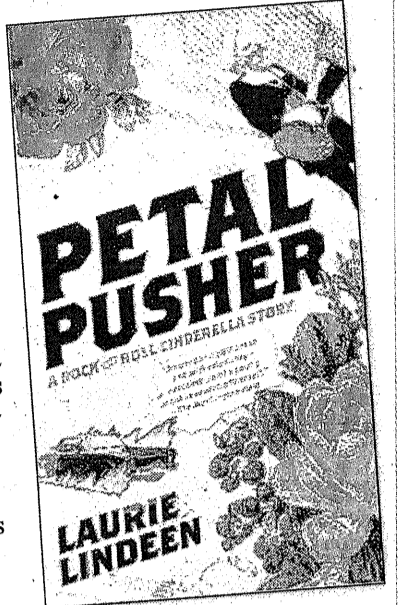


Joe Faris of Troy works on a challenge during ‘Project Runway.’



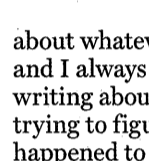
Author mom discusses life after rock ‘n’ roll

So what's it like to be in an all-girl band? Just ask Minneapolis-based rocker Laurie Lindeen, who spent the late 1980s and early '90s on the road with Zuzu's Petals. Lindeen is coming to Royal Oak this weekend to promote her new book, “Petal Pushers: A Rock and Roll Cinderella Story,” and play a few songs with The Mydols. Here, fellow musician and author Judy Davids of The Mydols chats with Lindeen about her experiences with Zuzu's Petals and beyond.



Judy: At what point did you decide to write a book about your all-girl band?

Laurie: I always had a passion for writing. For a long time songwriting was the container for it. After I quit the band, got married, had a baby, I needed to find a new container. A bigger one. So I went to grad school and took writing classes. We could write about whatever we wanted, and I always found myself writing about the band and trying to figure out what just happened to me.



Judy: So how did you resolve the transition from life ‘on the road’ to life in suburbia? Was it an easy adjustment?

Laurie: When Zuzu's Petals first disbanded, I felt disengaged. I was used to a certain lifestyle filled with certain characters and circumstances that I just wasn't finding in the grocery stores and car washes of the suburbs — so for a while I felt lost.

Judy: But you grew up in the ‘burbs, right? Would you describe your childhood as normal?

Laurie: Yes. I did have a normal childhood. It was the next phase of my life that was abnormal. I felt like while I was in a band I missed 10 years of ordinary human development — you know, of friends getting married, working in offices, having babies. So I had a difficult time relating to my neighbors in the beginning.

Judy: You're a mom. Did you learn anything from all those years on the road that you feel shaped you as a mother?

Laurie: Definitely. Particularly during the first six months. I was used to staying up all night and getting very little sleep! I also had taught myself how to deal with the fear of failure, and I knew how to get things done on the fly when I had to. And then there's grooming. A lot of women think they're going to have this baby and everything is going to be perfect. They're still going to have time to put on makeup and look beautiful. I was used to living in boxcars and not worrying about such things. I lived a hard scrambled life, so I found motherhood calming.

Judy: You are married to Paul Westerberg of The Replacements. Do you ever find yourself missing the spotlight and living vicariously through him?

Laurie: Paul doesn't tour like he used to, but when he did I got to see what a true rock star existence is like. As much as I wished for success for Zuzu's Petals, traveling with Paul made me wonder. I obviously have great respect for his work and his gift, but with it comes a lot of isolation and pressure. It takes a special type of person to make it in the music business. I don't think I am that type of person.

Judy: But you haven't given up music completely, right?

Laurie: No. I still manage to play a couple of times a year. I have friends in bands and they'll let me join them on stage every now and then. They play and I sing. Usually covers. Fun stuff.

Laurie Lindeen will sing and discuss her book at 3 p.m. Sunday July 27 at Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main St., Royal Oak. She'll be joined by Davids, author of “Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom,” and the rest of The Mydols. Visit www.mydols.com. Full disclosure: Pink editor Wensdy Von Buskirk is also in The Mydols!

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