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## Pipeline

### Band wannabes

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting a series of informational meetings for students (and their parents) who are interested in joining the 2009 marching band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the 2009 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the following 7 p.m. open house meetings at Plymouth High School (8400 Beck Road, Canton — enter near the big yellow truck): Tuesday, March 10; Wednesday, April 22; Thursday, May 7; Monday, June 15.

For more information, contact Barb Hawkins, new member representative, at (734) 420-5355, or visit [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net).



### Frog friends

Friends of the Rouge are looking for people to be "friends" to the frog, or at least help count them.

Friends of the Rouge has three more training workshops for the annual volunteer Rouge Frog & Toad Survey. Volunteers who are willing to survey nearby wetlands are asked to sign up for one of the workshops. To sign up, call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail [monitoring@therouge.org](mailto:monitoring@therouge.org) and leave your name, home address, phone number, number of attendees and date of workshop you wish to attend.

Training workshops include one set for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Canton Summit on the Park's Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton; and one set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The Rouge Frog & Toad Survey has been coordinated by Friends of the Rouge since 1998. For more info, visit Friends of the Rouge's Web site at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).



PHOTOS BY WES GRAFF

The return of wintry weather didn't stop shoppers and store owners alike from enjoying Plymouth's first Mardi Gras Saturday.

## Beating back the chill

Weather doesn't dampen Plymouth's debut Mardi Gras

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't Rio de Janeiro or New Orleans, but Plymouth on Saturday debuted its own pre-Lenten party — Michigan style.

The city's inaugural Mardi Gras festival, held downtown and in Old Village, is being called a success, despite cold temperatures and a blizzard that may have made some think twice about attending.

"We kind of knew the weather could be a factor, and we planned for it accordingly," said John Buzuvis, assistant operations director for the Downtown Development Authority, which sponsored the event.

Mardi Gras featured more than 60 participating businesses, street performers, headline musicians Steve King and the Dittilies, who played in Kellogg Park, and, with a nod to the Big Easy's Mardi Gras, bead-collecting.

Buzuvis said some attendees took advantage of the weather by making snowmen or pulling their children to the festival on sleds.

At E.G. Nick's on Forest Avenue, business was brisk and Cajun menu specials were popular.

"I thought it was a pretty good day," said chef Frank Agostini, who is also a partner in the restaurant.

Agostini said E.G. Nick's was busy from about 5 p.m. until 1 a.m. Steve King and his band played there after 9 p.m., there were New Orleans-inspired drink specials, and the restaurant was decorated for Mardi Gras, he said.

"We tried to grasp the holiday, you know?" Agostini said.

Buzuvis said the DDA received a lot of positive feedback from businesses, and that many business people said they'd participate again.

"Plymouth can have a great time, no matter what



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps braved the snow and cold temperatures to spice up Plymouth's first Mardi Gras Saturday.



Popular act Steve King and the Dittilies took the stage Saturday night despite the snow, helping close out Plymouth's first Mardi Gras.

the weather is," he said.

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## Township home values drop 8.5 percent

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Property assessments have been arriving in the mailboxes of Plymouth Township homeowners this week, and nearly two-thirds are seeing a bright spot — lower taxes — in the housing market slump.

A widespread decline in property values means an estimated 65 percent of township homeowners are seeing the taxable value of their home drop, Supervisor Richard Reaume said. That translates into lower

**Coming Sunday:** taxes, as the tax rate City assessments will be applied to lower taxable values on the tax bills that will go out this summer and next winter.

The decline in the state equalized value of homes across the township averaged nearly 8.5 percent, said Tracy Martin, an appraiser with Wayne County Appraisals, which does assessment work for Plymouth Township. The SEV represents about half of a home's market value.

In specific neighborhoods, the decreases ranged from between 6 percent and 11 percent, Reaume said. The value of commercial and industrial properties also declined, Martin said, both by an average of about 5.5 percent.

The slump presents a challenge for Reaume and other township officials, as they are anticipating a drop in tax revenue for next year of more than \$1 million.

"We know that values are going down," Reaume said Tuesday. "We're anticipating at least \$1.2 million less."

The township collects roughly \$8 million a year in property taxes; other revenue in its annual budget of about \$13.7 million comes from state revenue sharing, fees for services, court fines and other miscellaneous sources.

Reaume said the township began cutbacks this budget year in order to offset part of next year's expected shortfall.

The cuts include a layoff in the police department, keeping another police job and three fire department jobs vacant, reducing the work hours and cancelling the health benefits for seven employees (a move being challenged by the workers' union), eliminating benefits from the deputy clerk's compensation package, and optional pay cuts for elected officials (all but Clerk Joe Bridgman and Trustee Mike Kelly agreed to them).

Reaume said the savings should total about \$600,000 for the year, with another \$600,000 for next year.

"We are very thin here. We were already thin," he said. "This has always been a very frugal community."

Reaume said the expected revenue shortfall could grow because of economic factors such as business closures. "That is not a good picture," he said.

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## Guard takes plea in supervisor's death

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former guard at Scott Correctional Facility has taken a plea deal in the December 2007 shooting death of his supervisor.

Darren Johnson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and felony firearm charges in 3rd Circuit Court. Johnson admitted to killing Lt. Joseph Candie at the Shell gas station at Five Mile and Beck. Police say Johnson shot Candie at least a dozen times during a heated argument at the gas station.

Sentencing for Johnson, 45, of Redford Township is set for March 13.

The shooting took place in the early morning hours of Dec. 19, 2007, shortly after Candie and Johnson had left work. Candie's fiancée testified at Johnson's



Johnson



Candie

preliminary hearing she was on the phone with Candie just before the incident and heard him greet Johnson, who had followed Candie into the station.

Later that day, Johnson was found on Belle Isle, bleeding from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. A note claiming "any blood that may be spilled could have been avoided" was found in Johnson's truck.

Prosecutors said the note had been written while Johnson waited in the prison parking lot for Candie

the morning of the shooting.

"I have just loaded my .38 revolver ... and (Candie) is walking to his car," the note read, according to assistant prosecutor Christine Kowal, who read portions of the note into the record at Johnson's preliminary hearing. "The war is on."

Candie, 39, a 14-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, spent the three years prior to his death at Scott, where he was a shift commander on the midnight shift. He had previously worked at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility down the street, which was closed a few years ago.

Johnson was hired May 1, 1988, and had spent his entire career at Scott, according to Department of Corrections officials.

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insurance, which is still in the works, is expected to help the township budget, and Reaume would not rule out further budget-cutting measures.

"We continue to look at every way possible to save money," he said.

The average home value in Plymouth Township is now about \$260,000, Reaume said, down from a 2005 high of \$307,000.

Some township homeowners, about 35 percent, are seeing an increase in taxable values by the inflation rate of 4.4 percent, even though SEVs declined. That's due to Proposal A, the voter-approved measure that changed Michigan's property tax system and allows some taxable values to rise in a declining market. In such cases, the taxpayers typically have owned the home for longer than those whose homes' taxable values are declining, so the taxable value has been "capped" to protect the owners from big tax increases.

Only for homesteads with multi-acre lots did SEVs increase this year, Reaume said.

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check out the numbers in today's **SPORTS** section

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

**Blood drives**

NorthRidge Church hosts a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

It's one of several the church has scheduled in 2009. The others: April 25, July 25 and Oct. 24.

Donors can register to give online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter NorthRidge in Step One (sponsor code) or call (800) GIVELIFE (1.800.448.3543).

**Talented artists**

In keeping with its dedication to promoting the work of local artists, Lotus Arts Gallery announced the Second Annual Local Artist Exhibit.

This exhibition will showcase the extraordinary work of some of Michigan's talented artists. Fifteen exciting artists will be displaying their work. Their styles are as unique and diverse as their chosen media. This eclectic array of artwork includes paintings in oils and acrylics, pen and ink renderings, works on paper, ceramic pieces, photography and mixed media on paper and canvas. Designed to feature local artistic endeavors, this exhibition encourages public dialogue, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art.

The public can preview the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception on

**AROUND PLYMOUTH**



**Pom prominence**

More than 50 high school and collegiate pompon teams from throughout Michigan competed in the Junior Varsity, Varsity and Collegiate Divisions at the Mid American Pompon 30th annual State Championship at Eastern Michigan University on Sunday. Canton High School pompon placed first in the Junior Varsity Division. Plymouth earned second and Novi took third place. Each team performed a traditional Mid American style, original pompon routine. The routines featured athleticism, visual effects, rhythmic timing, showmanship and outstanding kicklines. Teams were judged on 10 categories by a select group of pompon experts. There was a guest performance from the Detroit Spark, the dance team of the professional indoor soccer team, the Detroit Ignition. For more information please visit [www.pompon.com](http://www.pompon.com).

Friday, March 6, 2009 from 6 to 9 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Please join us in celebrating this very special evening. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and conversations with the artists.

The exhibition will be on

display March 6-27. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

**Tea time togs**

Come out of the cold and

enjoy a spot of tea and a Victorian-era fashion show at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Sunday, March 8, during "Tea Time Togs."

The event features a traditional high tea along with a display of popular tea garb from 1830 to 1910. Pam Yockey, a textile historian, will have a team of models wearing nineteenth-century attire from her personal collection.

The tea begins at 2 p.m. and will be over by 5 p.m. and is being catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth. Tickets (\$20 per person) and reservations are required in advance and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on its website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.

The Museum opens at 1 p.m. that day, so those holding tickets are welcome to browse the Museum's major exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln" before the tea begins (the Museum will be closed when the tea is over). The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

**Crafters wanted**

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 14. Exhibitors who hand-craft

their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit [www.pcmbe.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmbe.net/artcraft) to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this event.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

**Plymouth Democrats**

The second meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Plymouth District Library. More than 50 people attended the first meeting last month.

The group hopes to fill four positions on the interim board, and offer committee sign-ups at this meeting. RSVP to [PlymouthDemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:PlymouthDemocrats@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

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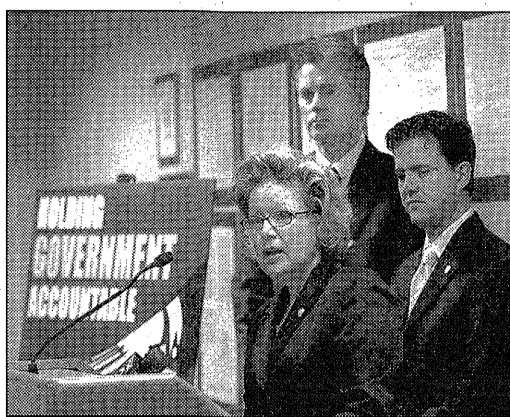
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# Dem lawmakers announce plan to make government accountable

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) and Rep. Mark Corriveau (D-Northville) were among several House members who announced this week a package of government reforms they say are designed to take aim at public disclosure and accountability.



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State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton), House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford) and Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) discuss their proposed legislation at a Monday press conference in Canton. They were joined by fellow Dems Kate Ebli, Douglass Geiss and Andrew Kandrevas.

lawmakers don't have to disclose any of their personal assets," said Corriveau. "If the bill passes, you'll see us posting some of the things that we have in our personal lives so that my constituents know that the decisions we're making were done for their best interest and not for any political gain."

House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) said with many people facing job losses and home foreclosures now is the time to pass the package of bills.

"These are important reform measures that will go a long way to restoring the public's confidence in their representatives and leaders in Lansing," said Dillon.

Dillon said despite the effort being thwarted by the Republican-controlled Senate last year, he believes getting a positive vote on the measures this year are "fairly good."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) said he remembers being a member of the state House and introducing bills for the sake of publicity.

"This is more a solution looking for a problem," Patterson said. "More than attending session we should be looking at who accomplishes what, who is valuable to the system. We have an obligation to do good work, not just busy work."

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with a proposal to make government more accountable by requiring elected officials to disclose their finances, prohibiting legislators from becoming lobbyists for two years after leaving office, docking lawmakers' pay for each day of the legislative session they miss and authorize a 10 percent pay cut? E-mail your opinions to Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

after leaving office, dock lawmakers' pay for each day of the legislative session they miss and authorize a 10 percent pay cut, a measure which passed the House two weeks ago.

Slavens said former lawmakers who left the state Legislature to become lobbyists "are not playing by the right set of rules."

"When a legislator becomes a lobbyist, sometimes within days after leaving office, it raises troubling questions," said Slavens. "Our residents deserve lawmakers who will stand up to the community and the state governments that work for them. We need to make sure they don't have their eyes on their next paycheck after they leave office."

Corriveau was involved in attempting to pass some of the same legislation last year, but it was stalled in the Senate.

"Michigan is one of three states where

## Oscar contest winner gets yearlong movie pass for two

Dorothy Deitch of Southfield is the winner of the *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Weeklies* online Oscar contest.

Eight contestants picked the winners in six different categories and four tie-breaker questions.

Deitch was selected in a random drawing. She won a yearlong movie pass for two to

Imagine Theaters of Canton and Novi. Seven other winners will receive a pass for two for a single showing at Imagine Theater. They are Bonnie Burkhardt of Canton Township, Jimmy Orsag of Rochester Hills, Brent Rau of Novi, Denise Burke of Livonia, Mayda Sagerian of West Bloomfield, Penelope Vert of Livonia and Margie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

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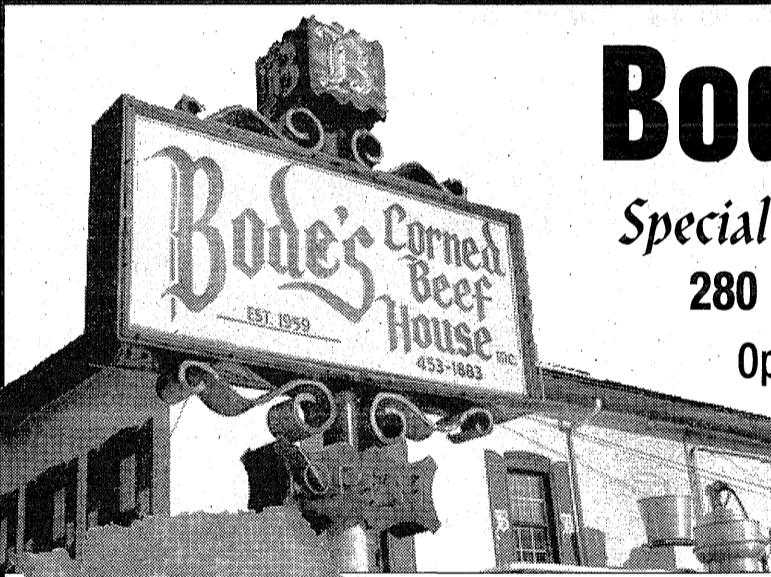
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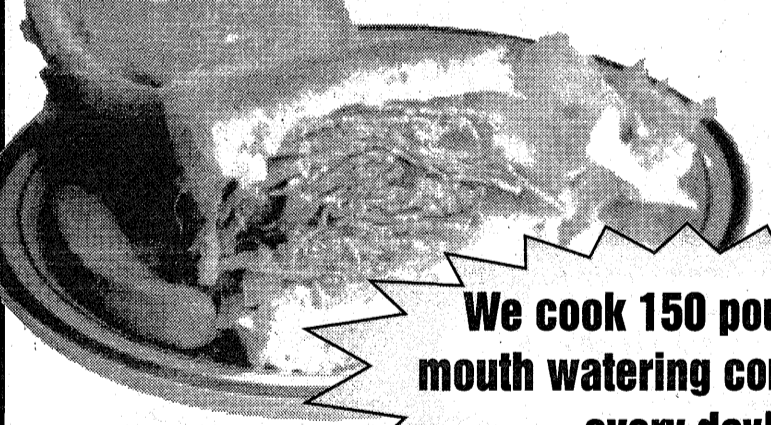
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Instant alerts from police increase awareness, public safety

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Knowledge is power, and police in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are using an e-mail alert system to empower residents with knowledge that can help keep them safe.

Silent Partner Alert lets police quickly inform large numbers of people of dangerous road conditions, school emergencies, continuing crimes and other ongoing events, plus offer safety tips. Launched in the Plymouth area last fall, Silent Partner has provided advice on avoiding purse-snatchings and a warning about a scam aimed



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Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil sends e-mail to residents to warn of dangers or inform, like this warning for black ice on local roads.

at getting account information from Community Federal Credit Union members, among other alerts. "This is our way of letting them know what is going on

in the township," said Officer Jamie Senkbeil, who manages Silent Partner for the township under the supervision of detective Sgt. Steve Rapson.

Subscribers sign up for Silent Partner by providing an e-mail address; the addresses are compiled and used to send out the alerts en masse.

Recent alerts from the township have included a warning about black ice on local roads (there had been several spinouts), a notice that added traffic enforcement would be focused on a particular subdivision, and information on the phone "phishing" scam targeting credit union customers.

"That was a very successful

alert," Senkbeil said.

Some subscribers reported receiving the scam phone call after reading the Silent Partner warning, Senkbeil said, and thus were ready for it. Some even stayed on the phone and gathered information to provide to police.

"It helped our detective bureau with the investigation," Senkbeil said. (The scam attempts appear to have stopped, she added.)

Silent Partner also alerted local subscribers when a man approached a group of schoolchildren, and, after a spate of purse-snatchings, gave tips on how women can guard against such thefts, Senkbeil said.

There were 551 subscribers

to the Plymouth and Plymouth Township Silent Partner system as of Wednesday morning, and Senkbeil would like to see that number increase.

"We would love to have that number larger. We would love to have more people subscribe to this system," she said.

Subscribe to Plymouth Township and Plymouth's Silent Partner network through the police department link on either community's Web site, or directly through the provider's Web site, [www.silentpartneralert.com](http://www.silentpartneralert.com). Although telephone and text-message alerts can be chosen, the Plymouth-area network only offers e-mail alerts.

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### CRIME WATCH

#### Suspected shoplifters arrested

1 Plymouth Township police recovered more than \$1,400 worth of apparently stolen merchandise after making four arrests Friday afternoon in a shoplifting incident at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

Many of the packaged items appeared to have been taken from stores in Plymouth and Canton townships, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said, including an Aco hardware store, a Hallmark and CVS and Rite Aid drug stores. Merchandise that could be identified as coming from specific companies was returned to them, police said. The report did not detail the merchandise.

The items were found in six shopping bags that were sitting in a 1998 Ford Escort that officers stopped in the Kmart parking lot shortly before 5 p.m. because its occupants were suspected of shoplifting, the report said.

A Kmart security employee reported

seeing one suspect, later identified as a 41-year-old Inkster woman, in the store's health department concealing contact lens cases and packages of lip balm in her purse and a bottle of vitamins in her coat pocket, police said, while a boy acted as a lookout. The boy was later identified as the suspect's 12-year-old son, police said. The items stolen from Kmart were recovered; police said they totaled \$71.23.

Two other women, 20 and 18, both of Romulus, were arrested in the same incident, police said.

The 41-year-old was taken to an area hospital due to illness, police said.

#### Marijuana arrest

2 Legal troubles for a 33-year-old Canton woman, already under arrest on outstanding warrants and a charge of driving without a license, mounted further Sunday night when police found suspected marijuana in her car.

The incident began about 10:30 p.m. Sunday when a patrolling township officer spotted the woman on Sheldon

Road behind the wheel of a car without a license plate, a police report said.

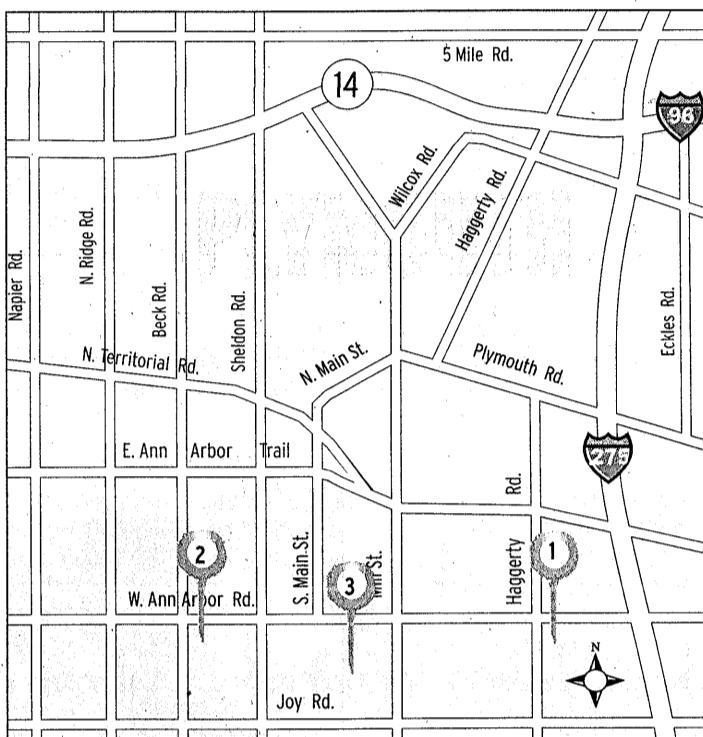
Stopped south of Ann Arbor Road, she initially gave a false name, police said. Once she was identified, police discovered several outstanding warrants for her, all for driving without a license, police said. The woman said she had used a phony name because of the warrants and because her license was suspended, police said.

A search of the car turned up a suspected marijuana "blunt" in the ashtray, and a plastic bag with suspected marijuana in it inside a purse, police said. A preliminary test showed the material to be marijuana, police said.

#### Trailer stolen

3 A 12-foot cargo trailer was reported stolen Feb. 18 from a lot at the southeast corner of Postiff and Lilley in the township. The victim told police the trailer had been stored there for 10 years.

- By Matt Jachman



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# Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Grocer blogs

★ Jimmy's blog on cigarettes brought this all back... youthful adventures I had almost forgotten," wrote George Feldman, in his new blog on the Hiller's Markets Web site, "Ruminations of a Flayed Fox."

After CEO Jim Hiller wrote a blog about why he won't sell cigarettes in his seven southeast Michigan stores (including the one in Plymouth), Feldman was compelled to respond in words.

"Maybe, just maybe, if you can't buy your cigarettes where you buy your groceries, you might stop, too. You could live as long as I have," said the self-described history nerd who divides his time between Fishers, Indiana and Naples, Florida.

The connection between Hiller and Feldman has nothing to do with groceries. The pair, separated in age by two decades, are connected by Feldman's daughter Eva, who cared for Hiller's mother during her battle with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Hiller gave prominent space on his company Web site to Feldman's new blog because, he says, the site is a place for conversation and ideas - and Feldman's got a lot to offer. Flayed Fox gets more play on [www.hillers.com](http://www.hillers.com) than even Hiller's blog, A Message from the Helm. "I invited George to join me in conversation on the Hiller's Web site because I believe

my shoppers are savvy and sophisticated and interested in a whole range of opinion beyond just grocery-focused content," says Hiller, whose recent blogs about why he buys American cars and why he discontinued selling cigarettes have reached nationwide acclaim.

### State of the community

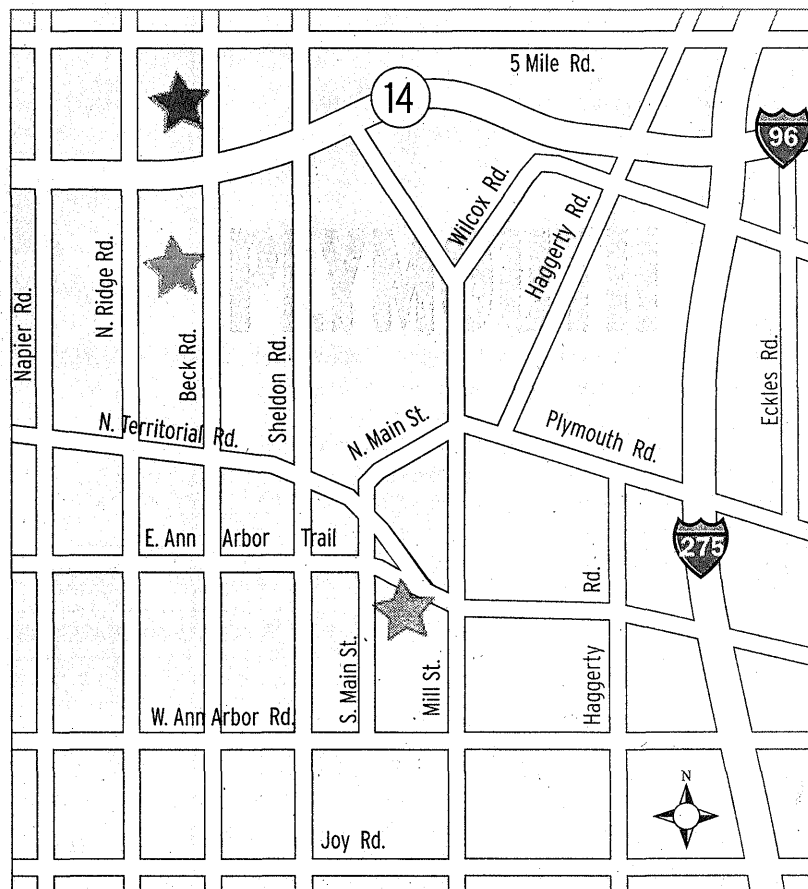
★ Registration has begun for the 2009 State of the Community luncheon, the annual opportunity to join fellow business people and community leaders as we hear about what to expect in the coming year. Last year's event drew 133 people. With tax revenues shrinking and the difficult state of our economy, this is a crucial time for local units of government and schools to determine how they will continue to provide needed levels of service. The results of those decisions will significantly impact local residents and the business community. Speakers will include Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and Plymouth-Canton Superintendent of Schools Dr. Craig Fiegel. A City of Plymouth speaker has not yet been determined. The event will be on March 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the cost to attend is \$20. The luncheon is at Plymouth Manor, located at 345 N. Main St. To attend this event, please reply to [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or

contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Community Financial and National City Bank are sponsoring the event.

### Energy-efficient roadster

★ Plymouth-based SKF has been selected to supply energy-efficient wheel hub bearings to Tesla Motors for its new Roadster sports car. The SKF wheel hub bearings will help with the overall handling and performance of the vehicle. The superior rolling characteristics of the bearings also provide less friction, making them more energy-efficient in operation. This is part of the green technical partnership formed between SKF and Tesla to encourage the development of products that are environmentally-friendly.

The Roadster is a stylish two-seater that accelerates from zero to 60 miles per hour in less than four seconds without burning oil, as it is not equipped with a tailpipe. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) certified laboratory reports that the Roadster has a range of 244 miles in combined city and highway driving. SKF and Tesla support sustainable technologies and environmentally-friendly initiatives that provide an alternative to the internal combustion engine and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

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# Bike store rolls into eco-friendly arena

### ECO WHEELZ

- **Business name:** eCo Wheelz, Inc.
- **Business address, including city:** 198 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170
- **Your name and title:** Jeremy Panizzoli, president/founder
- **Your hometown:** Plymouth
- **Business opened when?** October 2008
- **Number of employees:** 3
- **Your business specialty:** Prior to starting eCo Wheelz, I founded an on-line marketing company specializing in online advertising and internet marketing. My partner, and father, was an engineer at Metaldyne for over 30 years and has extensive technical and sales experience.
- **Hours of operation:** Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
- **Business phone and/or web site:** (734)453-3359; <http://www.eco-wheelz.com>



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Father-and-son business partners Jeremy Panizzoli and Craig Panizzoli display The IZip Trailz Enlightened electric assisted bike and the EZIP E-1000 electric scooter.

carry is 100-percent electric-powered, no gasoline and no harmful carbon emissions.

**Observer: What makes your business unique? Do you serve a special niche?**

eCo Wheelz: No one else in the Detroit area (or Michigan) carries electric bikes - and very few carry electric scooters. They're economical and eco-friendly and appeal to a broad range of consumers. In particular, baby-boomers and retirees have been especially

attracted to our products because they make riding bicycles fun and enjoyable again. Electric scooters are appealing to kids and families. And when gas prices are high, they appeal to almost everyone.

**Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?**

eCo Wheelz: My partner and I were drawn into this business last summer when gas prices were at record levels. But even with lower

energy costs, we still feel there's a huge market for these products. Because of their eco-friendly nature, we feel like we're making a positive impact with our new business. And by offering electric-powered forms of alternative transportation, we're also helping reduce our country's dependency on

foreign oil.

**Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Plymouth community?**

eCo Wheelz: I currently live in Downtown Plymouth which was a big factor. But it's also the perfect small town environment where felt our products would do especially well.

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**Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?**

eCo Wheelz: eCo Wheelz specializes in eco-friendly electric bikes, scooters and mopeds. Everything we

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Community Luncheon

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- Pam Hicks-Century 21 Town & Country  
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### Community/Business News

- Mardi Gras Slideshow - Snow could not ruin the Mardi Gras spirit on Saturday in Plymouth. The party went on with specials at stores and restaurants all day and a great concert in Kellogg Park at night. The following link will let you see a short slide

show of Mardi Gras in the snow: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plymouthmichigan/sets/72157614236190237/show/>

- Penrickton Center Bowling Fund-raiser March 7 - Keller Williams Realty Plymouth and Livonia offices are hosting a bowling fund-raiser for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children on Saturday, March 7. Check-in for the event will start at 2 p.m. at the Super Bowl in Canton (45100 Ford Road). The cost is \$15 per adult and \$8 for children under 12. Admission includes 2 games, 2 slices of pizza and a pop. To RSVP call (734) 459-4700 or e-mail to [glibby@libbysland.com](mailto:glibby@libbysland.com).

- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in the Plymouth Community Kick-Off Party is Tuesday, March 3 - The Plymouth Community Relay for Life will be June 4-14 at Central Middle School. The Kick-Off Party for those interested in participating is at the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer St.) on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. and there will be dinner and a program. To RSVP, please call (248) 663-3436 or e-mail [Kathryn.Brennan@cancer.org](mailto:Kathryn.Brennan@cancer.org).

**Wes Graff** is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at (734) 453-1540.

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## OUR VIEWS

### District right to look at programs

When the Florida Marlins won the World Series in 1997, team ownership — forced by economic conditions not of its own making — decided it was better for the franchise as a whole to tear down its foundation, get rid of its expensive players and start fresh.

When new administrators moved into the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hierarchy, bringing a fresh set of eyes to the budget picture in the district, they decided — forced by economic conditions not of their own making — some programs needed review and, perhaps, change.

Faced with legislation that was going to force them to send out existing contracts for bid anyway, the new administration decided at least one of those programs — the food service program — could be done more efficiently in-house rather than with a contractor.

The decision raised eyebrows, and a few hackles, because Sodexo, the management company that had ably run the program for more than 20 years, has been a good partner. The program has been a solid revenue stream, having returned some \$78,000 to the district as recently as last year.

Still, the program was going to face some challenges. First, the legislation that required a re-bid was surely going to bring in some other food-service hopefuls; in today's economy, it's possible Sodexo would have lost the contract anyway.

Secondly, the program — which produces some 1.6 million meals a year, according to district officials — was beginning to see a decline in meals served, which would have triggered rising prices. The district wanted to avoid that and, in fact, believes it can actually save some 5 to 6 cents per meal.

So James Larson-Shidler, the district's new assistant superintendent for business services, had a consultant come in to crunch some numbers and offer an opinion on whether the district could run the program more efficiently in-house. The consultant looked at the books and offered an opinion: Yes, you can.

Here's the rub that raised the aforementioned hackles: The consultant was reportedly a friend of Larson-Shidler's from Toledo. That friend, the story goes, is now in line to replace longtime food services director Teresa Allen, one of three Sodexo employees whom the district can't rehire because the Sodexo contract makes it cost-prohibitive.

We agree that would look fishy, but Larson-Shidler has been adamant no such move is being contemplated. The hiring of a new food services director, the district has adamantly proclaimed, will be an open process. There's no reason to doubt that.

Meanwhile, some 85 of 88 food-service workers are keeping their jobs. The district plans no cuts in staffing, and would probably rehire the three Sodexo employees, including Allen, if the company would provide contractual relief to do so.

In a frighteningly stagnant economy, a school district already facing a potential \$3 million deficit is duty-bound to look everywhere for possible savings. Looking at programs such as food service, transportation and the like keeps cuts out of the classroom, at least for now.

Finding efficiencies in non-educational areas — even popular, well-run ones like the food service program — vs. forcing educational side effects such as increased class sizes?

Which do the critics find more palatable?

### Join the discussion

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you doing to be part of the so-called green revolution? We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



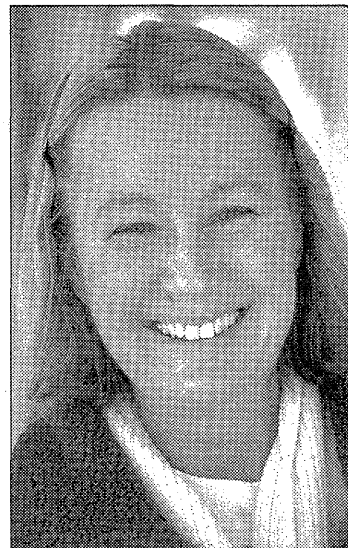
**"Which is? The green bandwagon? I dial down the thermostat. Drive a small car."**

Duane Defer  
Northville



**"I don't really know. I guess we recycle. We keep the thermostat set pretty low."**

Allison Theurer  
Plymouth



**"I recycle. I drive a small car. ... I only drive one or two days a week. I try to buy green products as best I can."**

Debra Beyer  
Plymouth



**"I'm trying to use the reusable (grocery) bags. We use the more energy-efficient light bulbs at home and we recycle."**

Melinda Monty  
Canton Township

## LETTERS

### School funding

We, as residents of Michigan, are experiencing one of the most severe recessions in our state's history. The private sector has experienced a dramatic reduction in business activity and, as a result, jobs have been lost, benefits reduced and wages cut back.

Private-sector employees (taxpayers) have been forced to make great economic sacrifices. The purpose of this letter is to illustrate how public employees (in this case, teachers) could participate in an effort to share the sacrifice.

This economic crisis has resulted in diminished tax revenues both for our schools and state and local governments. Michigan hit double-digit inflation last month at 10.6 percent, the highest monthly rate surge since 1984. The state bled 173,000 jobs in 2008. Housing prices have collapsed and a lockup in lending has created the worst financial crisis since the 1930s. University of Michigan economists are forecasting that by the end of 2010, the auto industry will employ less than one-third of the workers it did 10 years ago.

This contraction in the state's revenue base will continue into the foreseeable future. Revenues are a function of the number of working taxpayers, the number of profitable businesses, the level of salaries, wages and benefits paid and the level of tax rates.

We are facing a critical time in our history, with the possible collapse of our auto industry. Not only have jobs been lost, but in the case of the automobile industry, higher-paid workers are being replaced by lower-paid ones. The federal government has demanded a further reduction in UAW wages and benefits as a condition for federal loan assistance. Salaried automobile employees and retirees also have experienced significant benefit eliminations and reductions.

In my opinion, a decision to raise taxes while not significantly reducing costs does not constitute an equitable solution for private-sector employees and retirees. Any business entity with a declining revenue base is required to make a commensurate reduction in costs or that entity will eventually collapse.

While I place tremendous value on the role teachers play in our community, I continue to observe limited, short-sighted attempts to reduce costs in our school system. One example of this is the elimination of teaching positions (thereby increasing class size) and valuable programs. These cost-saving measures don't make sense because they further erode the revenue base (thereby exacerbating the problem) and have a profoundly negative impact on our children's education.

When one looks into the educational budget of our local schools, it becomes abundantly clear there are more sensible, effective means of cost reduction. For example, the largest portion of the educational budget is in wages and benefits. In my local community (Plymouth-Canton) the 2008-09 budget for salaries and benefits for teachers is \$97 million (fringe benefits account for 30 percent of the total). Automatic "step" salary increases are given to teachers annually. These automatic, annual increases range from 4.7 to 8.7 percent for the first 10 years of a teacher's career (with a bachelor's degree). These are not merit-based, but are automatic, based strictly on seniority.

In Plymouth-Canton's case, elimination of these step salary increases alone would save approximately \$2.3 million in annual cost increases. Also, given that benefits provided to teachers add 42 percent to salary compensation, a benefit freeze could be implemented. A benefit or wage freeze for other administrative and support positions could also provide additional savings (wages and benefits for all personnel represent 88



### What do you think?

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percent of the total school budget).

Longer-term action should then be a comprehensive, impartial evaluation of salaries and health care benefits as compared to competitive plans provided in the private sector and to teacher salary and benefit levels in other states. Also, a structural review of administrative costs supporting the classroom should be undertaken. These actions would demonstrate that public-supported employees recognize the exceptional financial burdens placed on the backs of Michigan taxpayers and are willing to make a meaningful "shared sacrifice."

It would be refreshing to have a public forum to discuss this matter and I would call upon our leaders to do so. While I discussed the educational system extensively, I believe this is a fairness issue that is applicable to all state government. It is critical that dialogue should begin now and not be tabled for future discussion.

Donald Zaksek  
Plymouth

### Gonzalez a no-show

I am writing to express my disappointment and dissatisfaction regarding one of our most recently elected Plymouth-Canton school board members, Dianne Gonzales, whom, I may add, was also endorsed by the *Observer*.

Let me share a few facts that I have recently discovered. When Mrs. Gonzales ran for school board in May 2006, she listed her occupation on her campaign finance disclosure as unemployed. During interviews with the *Observer Newspapers* and the League of Women Voters debate, she said her occupation was a small business owner.

Mrs. Gonzales, which are you, unemployed or a small business owner?

The real reason I am writing this letter is to let the community know that she has been a no show at the PCCS board meetings. Following is Mrs. Gonzales' attendance record:

- Regular board meetings: absent on 10/14/08, 2/10/09.
- Special board meetings: absent on 12/02/08

- Executive board meetings: absent on 2/12/09
- Curriculum committee meetings: absent on 10/10/08, 11/07/08, 12/05/08, 1/09/09 and 2/06/09.
- Policy committee meetings: absent on 10/23/08, 01/29/09 and 2/19/09.

From September 2008 to present, Mrs. Gonzales has missed four of 13 board meetings, equivalent to a 23-percent absentee rate. Mrs. Gonzales sits on Policy and Curriculum Committees as well, a part of her duty as an elected school board official. Mrs. Gonzales has missed eight of 12 of those meetings, a 66-percent absentee rate for those committee meetings.

Is this what we expect from our elected officials? I do not think so, although there is one benefit from this: Our school district has saved \$360 by not having to pay her the \$30 stipend for her meetings she gets compensated for attending.

Probably the most important meeting she missed was an executive meeting on Feb. 12 to begin contract negotiations. All this absenteeism has occurred in a six-month period of time. Mrs. Gonzales, I think it is time you show up for work that the residents have elected you to do, or resign. In the real world you would be, as Donald Trump puts it so well, "Fired!"

Roger Sims  
Plymouth

### Awful overpass

The overpass on Plymouth Road over I-275 is terrible. How bad does the road have to get with potholes before it is fixed?

Yesterday, I saw someone going west (toward Plymouth) driving in the eastbound lanes trying to avoid the numerous potholes. Rather than just patching the problem areas with cold patch, why don't they just tear up the section of road over the freeway and rebuild it with new pavement?

I don't know if this a Plymouth Township problem, or a Wayne County problem or if the state is supposed to take care of it, but someone should look at the repair job right around the corner on Haggerty Road, just south of Plymouth Road over the Rouge River. It is smooth and appears very well done.

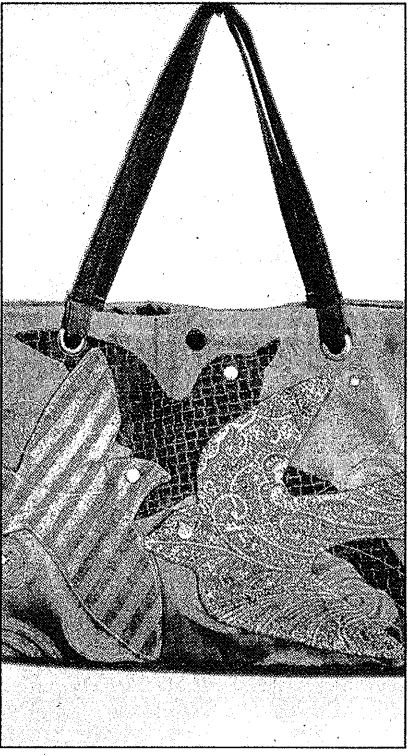
Why not spend some of the stimulus money on this?

Dave Travis  
Livonia

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

**Magic Bag  
purse show**

Canton handbag designer Michele Kramp will preview her Spring 2009 Magic Bag Lady line, made from recycled fabrics and findings, during a trunk show at Heavenly Metal in Ann Arbor 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 6. Shop for handbags and browse the store's clothing, jewelry and artwork while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres at the shop, located at 207 E. Ann St. Call (734) 663-4247, visit [www.heavenlymetal.com](http://www.heavenlymetal.com), or RSVP at [themagicbaglady@yahoo.com](mailto:themagicbaglady@yahoo.com).



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**PAMPER THE BRIDE AND BEYOND**

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**PARISIAN HOSTS COMMUNITY DAY**

**LIVONIA** — Shop for a cause as Parisian hosts Community Day Feb. 28. Purchase a \$5 booklet stocked full of discounts good for that day only, and proceeds from the sale of the coupon books will benefit various local charities. The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. recently announced over \$10 million was raised for local non-profit organizations and agencies through its 2008 semi-annual Community Day events. Parisian is located at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and The Village of Rochester Hills.

**BEAUTY FROM THE INSIDE OUT**

**ROYAL OAK** — The Relationship Institute will stage "Beauty From the Inside Out," a women's workshop on using food, meditation and mind/body integration to enhance natural beauty, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 28. It's three hours with three dynamic women — Kelly Hale, founder/director of Inspired Wellness in Birmingham and Brain Gym instructor; Andrea McNinch, culinary arts educator specializing in raw/vegan foods and founder of Regeneration Raw; and Shirley Bavonese, social worker and founder of the Relationship Institute. Cost is \$45 per person or \$75 for two people attending together. The Relationship Institute is located at 27172 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-0407 or visit [www.relationship-institute.com](http://www.relationship-institute.com).

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Spring fashion is unleashed at benefit for BBYO

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Times may be tough, but it's still easy to be fashionable.

Just take some cues from Fashion Unleashed, 8:30-10:30 p.m. March 7 at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. The annual runway event benefits Michigan Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and BBYO teens model the clothes each year.

This year, they'll be wearing the latest looks from The Shirt Box, Guys 'N Gals and Moosejaw.

Lois Levenson, owner of Guys 'N Gals at the Orchard Mall, will act as emcee.

Levenson has been in business for 33 years, and has lent clothing from her trendy shop to Fashion Unleashed since it began.

Her daughter, Julie Feldman, served as president and treasurer for BBYO as a teen. Now, as co-owner of Guys 'N Gals, she helps to organize the fashion show.

"It's a great organization," said Feldman, who graduated from West Bloomfield High School. "It keeps kids busy and involved in their community, it promotes community service and lets them meet different kids from all over."

Feldman said the outfits she's sending down the catwalk will reflect the bright colors, ruffles and dresses that are in vogue.

"It's all spring and light and fun and airy," she said. "Dresses are huge, so I'll definitely be doing a segment with dresses."

The bohemian look is also hot, Feldman said, and there are many ways to wear it.

"It's 'hippie chic,'" she said. "Maxi dresses, loose fitting tops, maybe with embroidery, little hippie headbands with feathers at the end, long beaded earrings. How cute will all that look on the runway?"

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**FASHION UNLEASHED**

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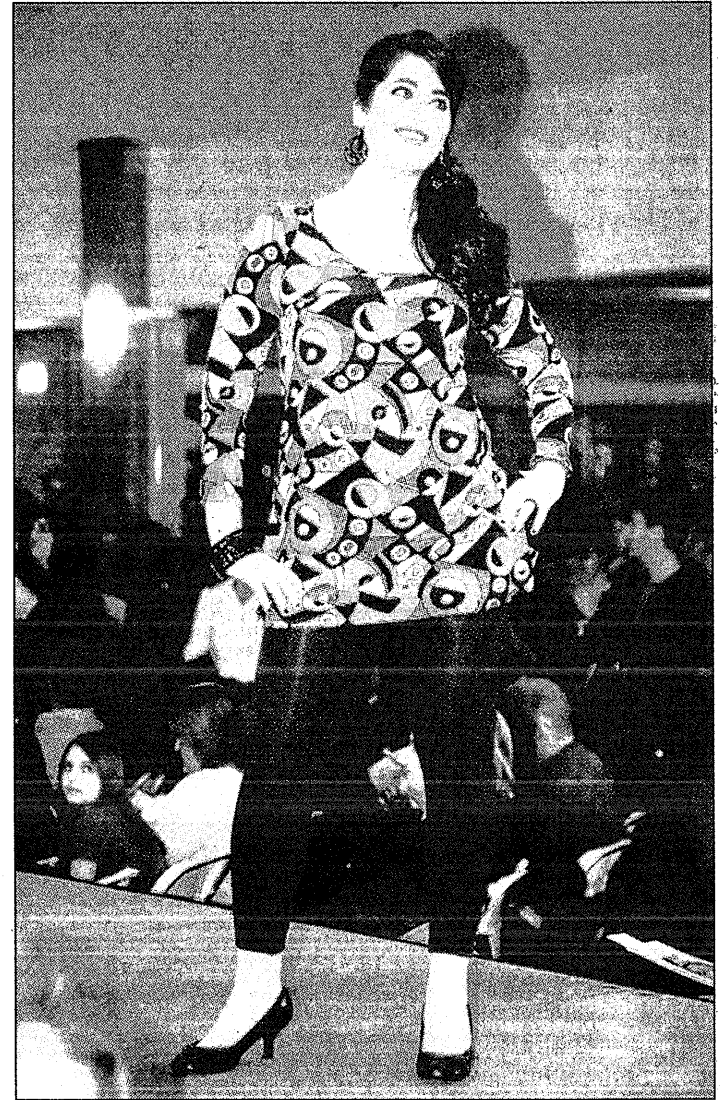
**Tickets:** \$15; \$10 students; \$250 pre-glow; proceeds benefit Michigan Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

item for spring it should be a scarf, Feldman said. Look for lightweight, colorful scarves, with or without fringe.

"That's a great way to update your wardrobe. Throw it on with a dress, or with tank tops and jean shorts or jeans," Feldman said.

Tickets to Fashion Unleashed are \$10 for students; \$15 for general admission; and \$250 for a pre-glow at Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry with wine and hors d'oeuvres, along with prime seats at the show.

All proceeds benefit Michigan Region BBYO, a non-profit organization that provides leadership training, educational, social, athletic and community service programs for Jewish teenagers from all backgrounds.



Stephanie Horwitz of West Bloomfield, regional president for B'nai B'rith Girls, models clothing from Guys 'N Gals at last year's Fashion Unleashed.

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SALEM 50, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 39



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Salem senior forward Tracy Whalen squares up for a jumper during Tuesday night's 50-39 victory over Livonia Franklin in the KLA Association championship game. Whalen finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds.



Salem's basketball team poses with the KLA Association championship trophy following Tuesday's 50-39 victory over Livonia Franklin.

## Resilient Rocks

Salem overcomes 1-6 start to win title

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Early this season, when his 1-6 team was performing as poorly as the economy, Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann offered the following stimulus plan to his out-of-sync squad: Let's start playing together.

The Rocks not only bought into the plan, they've executed it to near-perfection.

The ensuing dividends have included 11 wins in 12 games — the latest Tuesday night's 50-39 victory over Livonia Franklin in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Kensington Conference title game.

Salem will take its 12-7

record into Friday night's KLA Association championship contest against White Lake Lakeland. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. at Salem.

"When we were 1-6, this group of players said, 'Hey, let's change this thing around,'" said Thomann. "They said, 'Let's come together. Let's make sure that we don't go out of here leaving something behind."

"And, at this point of time, they haven't left anything behind."

Salem rocked at both ends of the court, shooting 51.5 percent (17-for-33) from the field while forcing the Patriots into a 15-for-48 (31.2 percent)

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## Chiefs' honorees shine in 'Senior Night' victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If everything goes as planned, you get fireworks on the Fourth of July, candy on Valentine's Day and at least a few unforgettable senior moments on "Senior Night."

The memorable moments — and a few dazzling fireworks-worthy plays — came at a fast and furious pace Monday night for the Canton basketball team's seniors, whose final home game netted a 62-53 victory over Northville.

Led by Marlan Glenn's 21 points, seniors accounted for all but 13 of the Chiefs' offense.

Dietrich Lever, who unfortunately for KLA Association foes won't be a senior for two more years, added 11 points for the winners.

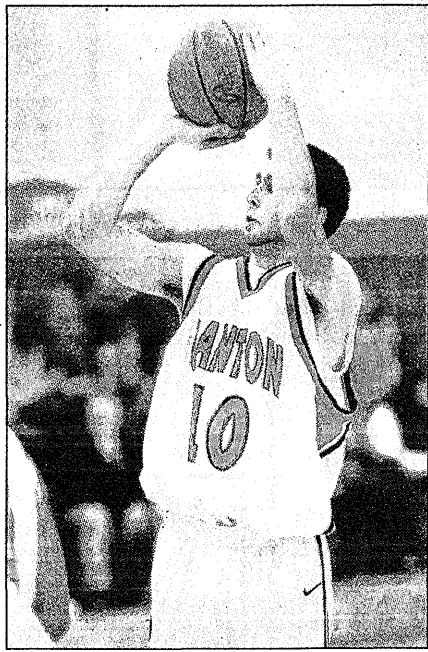
"Senior Night" is big for the guys — they were really fired up," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, whose team improved to 9-8 with the KLA Association triumph. "The seniors commented before the game that they only have one more game on this floor and you could tell they had a special focus tonight. And we also had a good opponent, which is just as important."

For three quarters, it appeared the young but talented opponents may spoil the Chiefs' special night as the Mustangs raced to a 25-22 halftime lead before clinging to a 37-36 advantage after three stanzas.

However, Dietrich Lever's steal-and-layup sequence 15 seconds into the final quarter gave the hosts a lead they would never relinquish.

"I thought we played well in spurts tonight, but we had a few big defensive breakdowns that cost us," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose squad slipped to 5-12. "Give Canton credit. They made the big shots when they had to and they knocked down open triples when they needed to."

Joining Glenn in the senior spotlight were Sheriff Hassanien, who scored nine points by nailing three of four triple tries;



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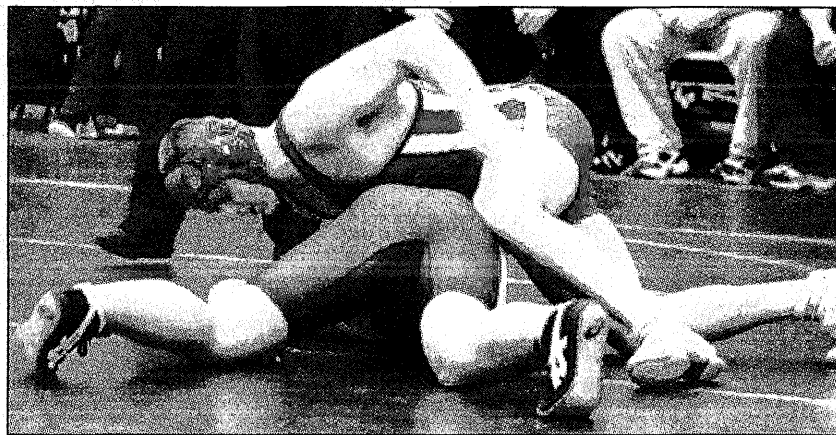
Canton senior Sheriff Hassanien, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored nine points in the Chiefs' 62-53 "Senior Night" victory over Northville.

Kiere Daniels, who netted seven points, five rebounds and four steals; Kyle Biega, who scored six points, including four clutch free throws down the stretch; Daniel Stoney, who pulled down five boards; and Joey Krizanek, who contributed four points in his first start of the season.

Daniels was the most scintillating senior. The 5-foot-9 spring-loaded forward started the night by winning the opening tip against a player at least four inches taller and he capped it with a highlight-reel baseline drive that resulted in an and-one with 2:47 left.

"I think Kiere might be the best rebounder under 5-10 in the league, without question," said Colligan. "He

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BRIAN ABBY

Salem senior wrestler Sam Lepper has emerged as the team's most consistent winner following some early-career adversity.

## Lepper pulls inspiring reversal on adversity

Like a lot of Americans, I'm constantly searching for a dose of inspiration to help offset the gloomy headlines and dismal economic forecasts that greet us like menacing clouds most mornings.

That's why I paid extra close attention to the words of Salem wrestler Sam Lepper during a recent interview I conducted with him in a second-floor Salem classroom, just a stone's throw from the wrestling room where the senior's inspirational story has been written.

While Lepper is not a hero — at least in the police officer/firefighter/Spider-man sense of the word — his uplifting story of perseverance, resilience and ultimate triumphs can teach us all a thing or two about executing a stunning reversal when adversity seems to have both of our shoulder blades pinned to the mat.

**In the beginning ...**

Following the urging of a football teammate his freshman year at Salem, Lepper joined the school's



Ed Wright

wrestling team.

He had never stepped on a wrestling mat prior to the Rocks' first practice — and it showed.

At least 35 times that winter — he's not sure of the exact number — Lepper competed in varsity matches in the 160-pound weight class.

And every time each of those 35-plus matches ended, the referee lifted the right arm of Lepper's triumphant opponent.

Lepper went 0-for-the-2005-06 season.

**No relief**

The grueling practices that fell in between the series of losses weren't trips to Disney World either, Lepper remembered.

"I was usually paired up at practice with Jeremy Epley my freshman

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## GAME WRAPS

### Agape cagers triumph

The Canton Agape girls basketball team used a 13-4 third-quarter run to register a 52-36 victory over Mt. Carmel Tuesday night.

"We played a sloppy first half and only led by two at halftime," lamented Agape coach Dan DeWitt. "But the girls came out and played very well during the third quarter."

Madison Miller had a stellar game at both ends of the court for the Wolverines as she notched 10 points and six steals. Brooke Purcell also played well, notching 14 points and 12 boards.

### Whalers triumph

After winning Friday in Sarnia and losing Saturday to Erie, the Plymouth Whalers — challenging the Guelph Storm for home-ice advantage in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs — defeated Saginaw, 4-1, before 2,421 Sunday afternoon at Compuware Arena. The victory improved Plymouth to 23-23-5-0.

Veteran Matt Caria assisted on all four Plymouth goals and goaltender Matt Hackett rebounded from being lifted in the first period in a 7-4 loss to Erie with 30 saves as the game's first star. Tyler Seguin (16), Ryan Hayes (23), Chris Terry (team-leading 34th) and Kaine Geldart (10th) scored for Plymouth. Jack Combs (28th) scored the lone Saginaw goal.

The Whalers scored the only goal of the first period and it came in transition when Caria hit Chris Terry with a pass on the left wing in the Saginaw zone and he found Seguin skating hard to the front of the goal. Terry threaded the puck from the left circle out in front to Seguin, who made no mistake in directing the shot past Saginaw goaltender Edward Pasquale at 3:20.

Plymouth took a 2-0 lead at 6:57 of the second period with the teams skating four-on-four. Whalers defenseman Beau Schmitz lifted a shot from the right point that was directed by Ryan Hayes from the right circle past Pasquale.

### MU lady cagers win

Erin Bentley finished with a team-high 14 points, including a key triple with 25 seconds remaining Saturday to give host Madonna University (14-16, 9-5) a 57-55 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over the University of Michigan-Dearborn (16-12, 3-11).

Seniors Christie Carrico and Alysa Guerin (Salem), both playing in their final home games, finished with 10 and eight points, respectively.

Kim Olech (Plymouth) added nine points and 15 rebounds.

Chanel Bridges paced the Wolves with 12 points and 16 rebounds. Yvonne Hamood added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Katie Roberts scored 11 points.

The Crusaders, seeded fourth, open the WHAC playoffs beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at home against Siena Heights (11-19).

# CHIEFS

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played at a high level tonight and we definitely fed off his energy."

Northville was led by sophomore Andrew Baldwin's 18 points and junior Tim Hasse's 13. Baldwin connected on seven of his first nine shots despite playing with a broken nose that he suffered in a triple-overtime victory over Salem earlier this month.

"Andrew does a lot of things for this team that don't show up on the score sheet," said Sander. "We count on him to make a lot of big decisions. Tonight, he kept us in it with his shooting."

Scott Wagner — one of just two seniors on the Northville roster — added eight points while sophomore Bryce Groshek chipped in with seven.

Canton hit half of its 42 field-goal attempts and 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent).

Northville shot 44.1 percent from the field (19 for 43) and 88.8 percent from the line.

**NOVI 52, PLYMOUTH 45:** On Monday at Plymouth, the green-clad Wildcats ruined the host Wildcats "Senior Night" by draining 10 shots from beyond the arc.

"We played well defensively and we did a nice job of executing our offense by powering the ball into the post," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "But even though we got a lot of shots from close range, we only went to the line nine times."

Sophomore Brennen Beyer led the Wildcats with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Fellow 10th-

grader Justin Moss contributed 13 points and 10 boards to the 'Cats' cause.

Chris Bellamy lit up the scoreboard for Novi, registering a game-high 21 points — 12 the result of four triples.

Brandon Rydzewski also sparkled for the winners, hitting four threes for 12 points.

Plymouth's fifth straight setback dropped its record to 8-9. Novi improved to 14-3.

"We started four of our five seniors tonight (the Wildcats' fifth senior, Brad Lineberry, was sidelined with an injury), and they played pretty evenly with Novi for the first four minutes," said Van Wagoner. "With the game tied late in the first half, we had the ball, but they got a steal and ended up scoring five points out of nowhere to take a 30-25 lead at the half."

Novi led 41-38 entering the final quarter.

Senior Cliff Buttermore added seven points for Plymouth.

The hosts canned 5 of 9 free throws while Novi was 6 for 13 from the charity stripe.

**SALEM 58, FRANKLIN 53:** Senior guard Joe Posler scored 20 of his game-high 24 points in the first half Monday as the visiting Rocks (7-10) held off a late Livonia Franklin (6-11) rally for a KLAA crossover victory.

Salem led 35-23 at intermission before the Patriots made a game of it in the second half.

Junior guard Charles Williams added 11 points for Salem.

Connor Leidal, a senior forward, tallied 15 for the Patriots, while Jeff Poole, Jack Chinivare and Andy McCaffery added nine apiece.

# LEPPER

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year because he wrestled 152 and I was 160," Lepper reflected. "Well, Epley (who placed third in the state his senior year) beat the crap out of me in practice pretty much every day. But every day I wrestled him, I got a little bit better, a little bit stronger."

Personally, if I had a 35-match losing streak in anything — backgammon, shuffleboard, rock-paper-scissors — I'm moving on to something else, especially if I was being humbled in the activity on a daily basis at practice.

But that's why this story is about Lepper, not me.

## Learning from adversity

"The two most important things I learned that first year," Lepper offered, "were that wrestling was hard and that you have to keep going at it."

"I learned that even if you don't win any matches, you can still help your team win. There were a couple times we won because I didn't get pinned, so the other team only got three points instead of six."

Instead of letting defeat get the best of him, Lepper used it as a motivating force to get better.

## Tasting victory — at last

Buoyed by a supportive coaching staff and always-encouraging teammates, Lepper slowly started to turn the corner the following winter.

"At the beginning of my sophomore season, I was still losing — the same things were happening," he said. "But Wo (Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk) always told us not to worry about winning and that it was a byproduct of hard work."

Thanks to a workout regimen that would make an iron worker cringe — hourlong, pre-school practices that started at 5:30 a.m., to name one thing — Lepper finished his sophomore season with a winning record.

Last year, as a junior, he finished 26-13.

And this season, Sam Lepper — who three short years ago had a better shot at winning the lottery than he did a wrestling match — is 36-6 heading into Saturday's Division 1 Individual Regional tournament.

## Through 'sick' and thin

Lepper's incredible mental toughness was exposed earlier this month during a match against Northville that he won, 13-3, despite battling a wicked flu bug.

Seconds after the final buzzer, he briskly walked off the mat, then bent over a waiting waste basket that caught the results of the nausea Lepper had somehow fought off throughout the six-minute match.

"A lot of the kids Sam wrestles may have better technical skills, but few of them have Sam's heart or Sam's dedication," said Woochuk.

"He's not one of those kids who beats his chest before he steps on the mat. But once he steps on the colors, he's focused in and it's go time. He doesn't let down until someone is getting their arm raised."

While it's obvious Woochuk is proud of Lepper's on-the-mat accomplishments, the pride in his senior who has come so far spreads much further than the wrestling room.

"Sam's success on the mat has also taken to other parts of his life," Woochuk said. "Like a lot of kids who come through our program, he's learned that he can take the same kind of effort he uses in wrestling and apply it to the classroom, his social life, his family life."

## Inspiring indeed

On Saturday at Woodhaven High School, the odds are favorable that Sam Lepper — the kid who once went 0-for-an-entire-season — will earn a trip to the Division 1 state meet.

Now, I don't know about you, but for me, that's enough inspiration to offset an entire month's worth of gloomy economic forecasts.

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# ROCKS

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shooting night.

Senior post players Chelsea Davis (17 points and nine rebounds) and Tracy Whalen (12 points and 12 boards) led the winners' onslaught. Junior guards Sara Stone and Brett de Bear added 11 and five points, respectively.

"When we were 1-6, I'm not sure we expected things to turn out like this," admitted a smiling Whalen, a few seconds after admiring her team's newest trophy. "But we did know that we'd come together eventually."

A transfer from Farmington Hills Mercy, it took Whalen a while to adjust to her new teammates — and vice versa.

"They've all been playing together for three or four years, so, yeah, it was tough at the beginning joining an established team," she said. "But I've gotten more comfortable as the year has gone on."

She looked as comfortable as Thomann has ever seen her Tuesday night.

"That's the best game Tracy has played this season," said Thomann. "She rebounded, defended and scored. She was awesome tonight."

"I thought Chelsea did a fabulous job, too, and our three perimeter players (Stone, de Bear and Victoria Brotz) did a nice job of helping on the twins."

The twins Thomann made reference to were Franklin senior dynamos Brianna and Brittany Taylor, who scored 13 and 10 points, respectively. Sophomore guard Chelsea Williams also played well, scoring eight.

The Patriots' biggest downfall was their performance at the free-throw line, where they connected on just 8 of 19 attempts (42 percent).

"It was a hard-fought basketball game," said Franklin coach Dave McCall. "We've been a good free-throw shooting team this season, but that's what let us down tonight. We missed our free throws and they made theirs."

"Plus, Salem made fewer mental errors than we did. That's what it boiled down to."

The game was knotted at 18-all at the half before Salem reeled off an 11-4 run to start the third and seize a short-lived 29-22 advantage.

Sparked by an inspired defensive effort, the Patriots closed their deficit to 33-32 with 5:31 to play on a steal-and-layup sequence by Brianna Taylor. However, Brotz drained a pair of free throws with 4:47 left, Whalen hit a jumper 37 seconds later and Davis drilled two freebies on the Rocks' next possession and, just like that, Salem's lead had expanded to 39-32.

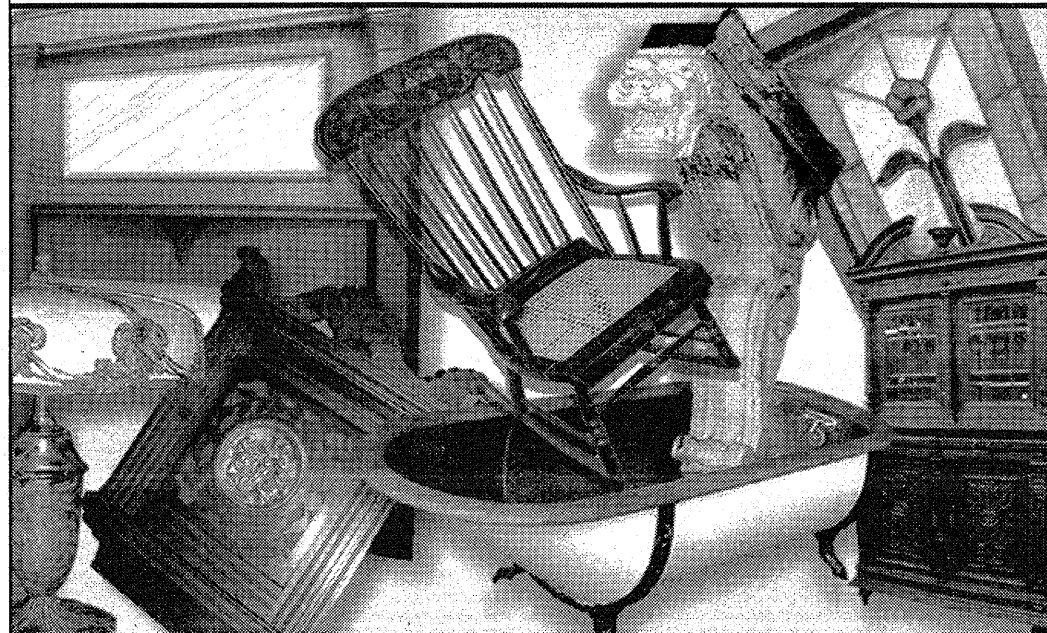
The Rocks knocked down seven free throws during the final 94 seconds to seal the win.

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Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 6, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 13, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2009 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 16, 2009.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 16, 2009 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

Publish: February 12, 19 and 26, 2009

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR ONE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15090 BECK ROAD STARDOCK SYSTEMS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a request from Stardock Systems, Inc., 15090 Beck Road, was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth requesting that an Industrial Development District be established, under Public Act 198, 1974, as amended. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments, submitted prior to the March 10, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Municipal Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Units 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7, Becktech Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 42029, pages 82 through 153, Wayne County records, and any amendments thereto and designated as Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 823, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Joe Bridgman, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 26, 2009

# Chiefs' stiff defense cages Lions, 40-35

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team took care of business Tuesday night — despite carrying around the disappointment of being left out of Tuesday's KLAAs Kensington Conference title game.

The Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state in Class A, registered an impressive 40-35 road win over South Lyon to improve their record to 17-2.

Canton tied Livonia Franklin for first in the KLAAs South Division, but drew the short straw in the league's complicated tie-breaking formula, thus, the Patriots played Salem for the conference title.

Kayla Bridges paced the Chiefs with 10 points, including four in the crucial fourth-quarter when Canton held off a furious Lion rally.

Kari and Sara Schmitt both added nine points while CarolAnn Sexauer chipped in with six.

South Lyon was led by Kristin Short's 13.

"Kayla made a couple key baskets down the stretch after (Robyn) Mack was able to break down their defense," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Melanie Pickert added a big steal and free throws to seal it."

"South Lyon has a solid team. They have two good sophomore guards. The key was we held their best player (Danielle Gotham) to four points."

Canton led 23-16 at the half and 30-25 with eight minutes to play. The Lions chiseled their deficit to two points late, but the resilient Chiefs hung on.

Canton made 16 of 23 free throws (69.5 percent) while the hosts drained 11 of 15 shots (73.3) from the charity stripe.

Canton will host either Howell or Walled Lake

## CLASS A DISTRICT BRACKETS

All three P-CEP girls basketball teams will be participating in next week's Class A District tournament, which will be hosted by Livonia Ladywood High School. Following is the District tournament schedule:

**Monday, March 2:** (Game 1) Plymouth vs. Northville, 6 p.m.; (Game 2) Salem vs. Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.;

**Wednesday, March 4:** Novi vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m.; Canton vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.;

**Friday, March 6:** Championship game, 7 p.m.

## GIRLS PREP HOOP

Western in its regular-season finale on Friday night. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**NOVI 43, PLYMOUTH 30:** On Tuesday at Novi, the hosts built a 24-15 halftime lead and never trailed in the second half.

Stacey Klonowski led Plymouth with 12 points while Shaakira Haywood added seven.

Caroline Johnston paced the winners with 10. Alyssa Almek added nine.

"We were done in by unforced turnovers and our inability to get into our offensive sets," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant, whose team slipped to 7-12. "It was a good, competitive game for the most part. They just wore us down at the end."

Novi extended its lead to 34-20 after three quarters.

Plymouth was hampered by 8-of-17 free-throw shooting. Novi drained 6 of 10 from the stripe.

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## Current Chief, future Laker

Canton senior two-sport standout Sarah Thomas (seated) recently signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Grand Valley State University. Also pictured are (standing from left) Canton cross country coach Eric Pahl, assistant coach Tracy Haratsaris and Thomas' parents, Donna and Tim.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Rock kickers UDM-bound

Salem soccer players Jace Bearden and Jeremy Stoychoff have signed letters of intent to play collegiate soccer for the University of Detroit-Mercy.

In addition to excelling for the Rocks' state-ranked soccer team, Bearden has also elevated for the Salem boys track team, qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in the high jump last spring as a junior.

He drew interest from several colleges for both sports, but opted to play soccer. Stoychoff was a three-year contributor for the Rocks' soccer team this past fall when it was ranked No. 1 in Division 1 for most of the season.

He served as a captain and mid-fielder.

### Whalers' blood drive

Individuals who support the Red Cross blood drive March 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will receive two free tickets to the Plymouth Whalers' game that night against Windsor.

Interested donors can register online at <http://www.plymouth-whalers.com/blooddrive.html>.

Former Whalers standout Jared Boll is scheduled to appear.

### Canton Lions registration

The Canton Lions junior football organization is accepting veteran football and cheerleading registrations through Feb. 28.

Beginning March 1, new player registration will begin. Anyone interested in signing up or looking for additional information, should visit <http://www.eteamz.com/cantonlions/index.cfm>.

# Mustang icers topple Salem to net first KLAAs conference title

BY ED WRIGHT  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's officially hunting season for Michigan high school hockey teams — a three-week period when the state's elite squads take aim at some much-coveted trophies.

And, not surprisingly, the team whose uniforms include hunter's orange trim is off to a blazing start.

On Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena, Northville overwhelmed Salem, 5-0, to capture the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Kensington Conference title.

The victory improved the Mustangs, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, to 17-3-3 and propelled them into Friday's KLAAs Association championship showdown against state-ranked Brighton.

The title game is at 7 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Mustangs set the groundwork for the win by securing a 2-0 first-period lead while outshooting the Rocks, 17-5.

"The No. 1 thing we've been focusing on is playing three complete periods, which is something we've done our last two games," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "A lot of times this season, we've played well in two of the three periods, but Saturday the guys stayed focused from beginning to end."

"This was a nice win because Salem has been one of the five hottest teams in the state the past month. They're a very fast team that has proven they belonged in this game."

The contest remained scoreless for the first 11:40 thanks to a pair of stellar saves by Salem netminder Adam

Powers, who denied Alex Brewin of a breakaway goal at the 6:15 mark before stuffing Jake Atkinson's effort from the doorstep 46 seconds later.

The Mustangs eventually solved Powers with a pair of late first-period lamp-lighters, the first coming when Wesley Gates lased a slap shot over Powers' right shoulder from the top of the left faceoff circle.

Joey Close doubled his team's lead with 1:41 left in the period when he scored off assists from Matt Kreager and Gates.

Northville senior goalie Ted Keranen's 18-save shutout was highlighted by a glove save of a Sam Ott rocket 2:10 into the second period.

Salem's Nick Hayes barely missed cutting his team's deficit in half, but his wrist from in front of the net slid wide by less than a foot.

The Mustangs extended their lead to 3-0 with 8:21 left in the second when Steve Prince scored after securing a slick pass in front by Brewin.

Northville's defense rose to the occasion less than a minute late when it killed a Salem two-man advantage situation that lasted 72 seconds.

Northville all but sealed the win with 2:39 left in the period when Matt Kreager banged home a rebound shot past Powers. Kreager's goal was assisted by Gates.

The Mustangs' final goal came with 7:15 left to play when Alex Belanger scored off assists from Matt Dembicki and Greg Taylor.

The Mustangs outshot Salem, 37-18.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 12-8-3.

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**THERESA M. ANTCZAK**  
Age 85. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away February 8, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



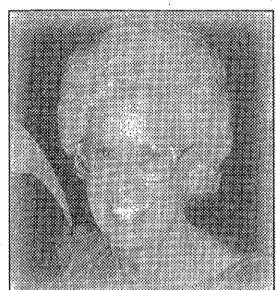
**PENELOPE S. AVESIAN**  
February 24, 2009. Age 61. Beloved wife of Paul. Dear mother of Berge, Rachel Rabadoux (Jason) and Katie. Sister of Sam Halkias (Carol). Memorial service Friday 11 a.m. at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd. (south of Twelve Mile), Southfield. Memorial tributes to the LUNGEVITY Foundation, Penelope Avesian Memorial Fund, 435 N. LaSalle St., Ste 310, Chicago, IL 60654 or Detroit Country Day Friends of the Arts Association, 22305 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**CHERYL A. BELL**  
February 22, 2009. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Robert (Jennifer), Chris (Elaine), Heather Tuggle, Sean (Brandy). Daughter of the late Michael and Pauline Jarvis. Loving grandmother of Bobby, Katie, Allie, Evan, Emily, Trysten, Lydia, Skylar, Megan, Shelby, Alexis, Erik, Ryan and Alicia. Sister of Paul, Sue, Jeanne, Pam, Michael, Patrick and the late Larry. Visitation was at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Novi Tuesday 2-9 p.m. Funeral was Wednesday 2:00 p.m. On-line sympathy message www.obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com

**WILLIAM P. BENTON**  
Age 85. of Bloomfield Hills. Died Feb 19, 2009 of cancer. He was born Nov 4, 1923 in Laurinburg, NC. He is survived by his wife Blanche, daughters Barbara Benton, Roxanne Darling & her partner Shane Robinson, Judy Dennis & her husband Mike Dennis, Nancy Livois & her husband Jim Livois, and grandchildren Carl, Annie, and Christina Dennis, and Jordan and Tyler Livois. The funeral service will be at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI on Sat., Mar. 21, 2009 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Schepens Eye Clinic, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Mr. Benton was a well-known and loved automotive executive. For more information please visit www.williampbenton.com.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

**RAYMOND MORRIS COLE**  
Age 78, of Twin Lake. Passed away Saturday, February 21, 2009 at a Muskegon hospital. He was born October 20, 1930 in Gary, Indiana to Hubert and Luella (Carey) Cole and he spent the majority of his childhood in Hatboro, PA. Mr. Cole earned a Bachelors degree from Purdue University and a Masters degree from Penn State. He was formerly employed as a mechanical research engineer for General Motors. Ray enjoyed scenic road trips, logging thousands of miles across the United States. He was an avid collector of antique pattern glass, stamps, and anything "Disney". He was a published photographer, model airplane enthusiast, with his happiest times being when he was surrounded by mountains and deserts. Survivors include three daughters: Karen (Bill) Tombs of Grand Haven, Debbie (Jamie) Jones, Lisa (Jason) Hubbard, both of Rochester, MI, and their mother, Betty Jane Cole; six grandchildren: Kimberly (Jason) Rykse, Jesse Tombs, Cole Jones, Carly Jones, Mallory Hubbard, and McKenna Hubbard; and two great-grandchildren, Hailey and Maddox Rykse. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert Cole and his step-father, Morris Todd. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, MI 48307. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to the Arthritis Foundation. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



**BERTHA ELAINE "SWEETIE" DANAJ (nee McDONOUGH)**

Age 80, of Petoskey, a woman of extraordinary faith, died February 7, 2009, surrounded by her children. She was born January 11, 1929, on Beaver Island, the daughter of William Patrick and Sophia Regina (Haugen) McDonough. She married the late Thaddeus Edward Danaj on June 28, 1952, and celebrated almost 54 years of marriage before his passing in 2006. They made their home in Detroit and later in Westland. She came to the Detroit area as a high school graduate. She did secretarial work and was a nanny for the children of a dentist. On a return visit to Beaver Island, she met her future husband, Ted, who was also visiting relatives on Beaver Island. They continued their courtship in Detroit with him properly calling on her at the Evangeline, a boarding house for single, young ladies. They started their family immediately after they were married and Bertha remained home raising her young children. In 1967, she began working for Deluxe Check Printers and retired from there in 1987, making many lifelong friends during that time. Bertha and Ted traveled for many years to Las Vegas to escape the Michigan winters. In recent years, they returned to northern Michigan and made their home in Petoskey. Bertha was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. She faced the physical challenges of the final 8 1/2 years of her life with grace, humor and wit, as her husband lovingly tended to all her needs. She is survived by her children, Pamela (Gary) Malo of Livonia, Lawrence (Becky) of Livonia, Timothy (Lorraine) of Alpharetta, Georgia, Susan (William) Wright of Lake Leelanau, Beth (Thomas) Burke of Petoskey, twenty grandchildren, sisters Mary Ellen Monachino of New York, Charlotte (Richard) Sanderson of Florida and brother Anthony (Mardee) McDonough of Australia. She was preceded in death by her husband, infant son Kenneth, infant granddaughter Brandee Danaj, brothers Glen and Kenneth. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

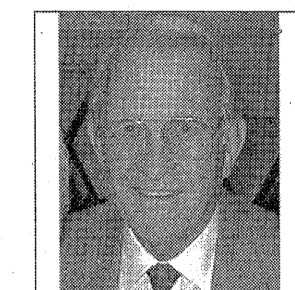
Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

**CAROLINE M. DeBRINCAT**  
Age 91. Of Farmington, MI. February 21, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

**ELIZABETH DELANEY**  
Age 86, of Ann Arbor. Passed away February 21, 2009. She is survived by her children, Cornelia (Phil) Johnson, Stuart (Beth), and Barbara Delaney; her grandchildren, J.C. and William Johnson, and Sean and Cara Delaney; her sisters, Janet Phye and Barbara Hart; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial service at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth, Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m. Memorial visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Friday 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Plymouth Community Band or the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

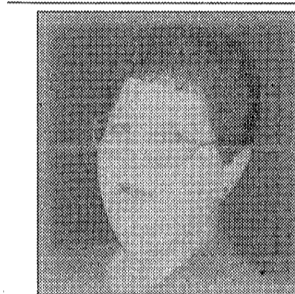
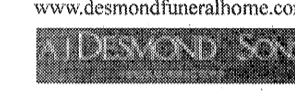
**MAJOR LAWRENCE EDWARD HOPP**

Age 86. Passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Indian Creek Healthcare Center in Corydon, IN. He was born in Rochester, MI on January 2, 1923. The son of Albert and Viola Demming Hopp. He was a retired Air Force Veteran and he served during the WWII, Korea and Vietnam eras. He is survived by two sons, Thomas Hopp of Greenville, IN and Lawrence Edward Hopp, Jr. of Trenton, MI; one daughter, Marilyn Muth of Hanover, Ontario, CA; a brother, Richard Albert Hopp of Venice, FL; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A Memorial will be held at the Gehlbach & Rouse Funeral Home in Corydon, IN on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



**RICHARD W. JOHNSON**

February 23, 2009. Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills. Proud veteran US Army WWII. Retired design engineer, Ford Motor Co. Beloved husband of the late Ruthann. Dear father of Alan Johnson, (Patricia), Susan Johnson, James (Deborah), Carol Burke (Terry) Judy Johnson (Bruce Weigman) and Melinda Smith (Robert). He was devoted to his 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until funeral service 11:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, 1814 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



**DEBRA LYNN KINE**

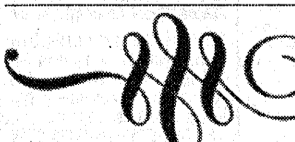
Age 52, of Traverse City. Died Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Bortz Health Care following a valiant battle with multiple melanoma. Born on Sunday, April 22, 1956 in Plymouth, Debra was the daughter of Robert and Shirley Gayle (Thompson) Kine. The family resided in Dearborn and later moved to Traverse City where Deb graduated from Traverse City Central in 1973. Known to her family and many friends as Deb, she had been employed for 13 years at Munson Medical Center as a CSR for the laboratory send out department. She loved to read, sail and loved the color purple. She loved her dog, Jazzmine, but the joy of her life was her son and grandchildren. Deb is survived by her son, Nathan (Sarah Hansen) Kine of Buckley, her grandchildren, Logan and Nolan Hansen and Allannah and Ashlynn Kine; her father, Robert Kine of Traverse City, her sister, Sheryl (Mark) Irving of Maple City, her brothers, Dale W. (Carol) Kine of Traverse City and Jon (Wendy Matthews) Kine of Interlochen. Many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends also survive. Deb was preceded in death by her mom, Gayle and sister Paula. Visitation will take place at the Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, on Thursday, February 26 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A celebration of Deb's life will take place on Friday, February 27 at 1 p.m. also at the funeral home, with Pastor Ted Smith officiating. For those desiring to remember Deb through a memorial contribution, the family suggests Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society. You may share your condolences and memories of Deb with her family at her on line guest book at www.reynolds-jonkoff.com.

**EVELYN JEAN KINNEY (RYSKA)**

Age 77. Of Sedona, Arizona. Died suddenly February 19, 2009 after a brief illness. Born in Brownsville, PA February 13, 1932 to John and Julia (Thomas) Ryska. Evelyn resided in Michigan prior to retiring to Sedona in 2003. She was actively engaged as a court reporter for over 50 years. Evelyn enjoyed skiing, traveling, and was a talented designer and decorator. She leaves her devoted and loving husband of 25 years, Bruce M. Kinney of Sedona, a sister Patricia Boczenowski (Ryska) and her husband John Boczenowski of Framingham, Massachusetts, and nephews Derek, David, and Brian Boczenowski. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Greer's Mortuary of Sedona. Funeral Service was conducted at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sedona. Burial was at Green Acres in Scottsdale, AZ. Donations in Evelyn's memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

**MARJORIE A. MILLER (nee BROWN)**

Age 82, February 21, 2009. Of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved wife of 58 years of George L. Miller. Loving mother of Laura L. Miller and son, Lindsay B. (Elaine) Miller of Dallas, TX. Marjorie was born June 21, 1926, to Harold M. Brown Sr. and Gladys (Baldwin) in Royal Oak, MI. Proud grandmother of Brian Miller. Sister of Harold M. (Betty) Brown of Rochester Hills, MI. Also survived by many loving family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held in March at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd. (east of Lahser), Bloomfield Twp., MI. Please sign Marjorie's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

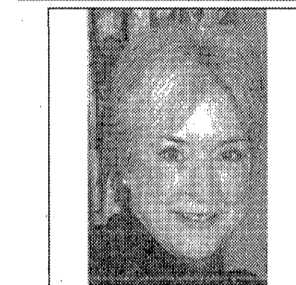


**DONALD A. SCHARCHBURG**

Age 101, February 21, 2009. Beloved husband of Eleanor for 69 years. Loving father of Martha (Bruce Beyer) Scharchburg. Dear grandfather of Cameron. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

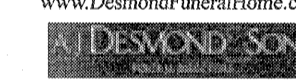
**EVA SPANN (STOOPS)**

Age 78, passed away Feb. 17, 2009. Loving mother of four daughters and three sons. She leaves four sisters, a brother and 22 grandchildren.



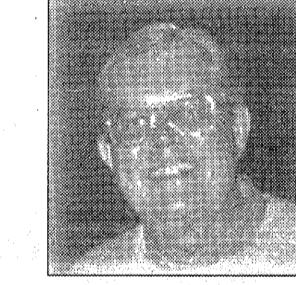
**MARY CATHERINE "KITTY" STOREN (nee: COONEY)**

February 20, 2009, of Bloomfield Hills. Director of Development, Loyola High School, Detroit. Beloved wife of Bob. Dear mother of Tricia Van Faussein (Mark), Katie Shafer (Tim), Meghan Carter (the late Rich), Elizabeth Kent (Jason), Stephanie Jett (Randy), and Julie Lupo (Scott). Grandmother of Hannah, Bobby, Zachary, Henry, Joe, Charlie, Mackenzie, Richie, Maggie, Mary Kate, Jack, and Alex. Sister of Bill Cooney, Pat Hathaway, Margaret Casey, Ann Nordloh, Henry Cooney, Eileen Finley, Julia Cooney, and Michael Cooney. Services and Burial have taken place. A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. Memorials to Kitty Storen Memorial Fund at Loyola High School, 15325 Pinehurst, Detroit, MI 48238. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



**SHARON LEE WALK**

February 24, 2009, after surviving cancer for 23 years. Age 66, of Livonia. Loving wife of James. Beloved mother of Keith (Kimberly) and Kevin (Jennifer). Proud grandma of Makenna, Brendan, Cristian and Kyle. Dear sister of Dottie Smith and daughter of Eve Hutchings. Visitation Thursday 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). In state Friday 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Funeral service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Entombment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309 Dallas, TX 75265. To leave a message of condolence please log on to vermeulenfuneralhome.com



**GARY E. WOODS**

Born August 24, 1940, passed away at Piedmont Hospital Atlanta, GA, February 17, 2009. He is survived by his loving wife, Zoe Darling-Woods; brother Ron, of N. Palm Beach, FL; daughter Ami, of Good Hart, MI and his devoted dog, Bob. Woods worked as a graphic artist in the printing and advertising field in Atlanta and Detroit. Burial will be in Michigan at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Gary Woods to Piedmont Hospital Transplant Fund, 1968 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

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**FEBRUARY**

**All you can eat fish fry**  
Mark your calendars for the return of St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners beginning 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, and continuing March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, and free for age 3 and under. Carryout orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

**Bethany singles**  
Saturday, Feb. 28, Annual Chili Cook-Off and Uno tournament, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Admission is \$5 or a pot of Chili including the recipe, cash prize for winner of Cook-Off and tournament. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479 or Judy (734) 261-5630. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Free movie night**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia) will show the movie "FireProof" 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Register at www.christoursavior.org. "FireProof" touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of moviegoers. Over the span of just a few weeks, this movie showed in top box-office charts. At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never Leave Your Partner Behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever... rescuing his wife's heart.

**Blood drive**  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial at Ridge Road, Plymouth. Register at www.givelife.org and enter NorthRidge in Step One (sponsor code) or call (800) 448-3543 (GIVELIFE).

**Clothing bank**  
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

**Rush concert series**  
Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert from 5:30-6 p.m. for a rush hour concert featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. No charge. For information, visit www.metroumc.org.

**Midweek Lenten services**  
Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

**Lenten services**  
7 p.m. every Wednesday through April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730. Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12.

**Wednesday Lenten Service**  
Hosanna-Tabor offers a mid-week Lenten Service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 LeVerne, Redford. The Lenten Series will be "Places of the Passion" with the focus not on the physical locations of our Lord's passion but on the spiritual wonders of his work. A free will offering dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service each week through April 1. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

**Lenten services**  
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

**Fish fry**  
Continues 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 3, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square across the street from the Wayne Post office. For more information, call (734) 721-4802 or (734) 891-2523. Choose from fried or baked fish. Includes baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, roll and coffee, tea, or punch all for only \$8. Special kids meals like chicken nuggets, corn dogs and fries for \$4.

**Families in action workshops**  
The National Association for Mental Illness 10-week educational program began 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets either every Wednesday or Thursday evening and ends on April 29/30. The goal is to help families better understand mental illness, how it affects the family and what they can do to help. A nominal fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple will be charged at the time of registration. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. For information or to register, call Mary Ellen at (248) 348-7197. Space limited, so pre-registration required.

**UPCOMING**

**House of worship tour**  
Tickets are now on sale for the Detroit Historical Society's Historic Houses of Worship tour Monday, March 2, in Oakland County, features Temple Beth El, Christ Church Cranbrook, St. Hugo Stone Chapel, and National Shrine of the Little Flower. Tour leaves the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot (Kirby at Woodward) at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The price, which includes the guided tour, bus transportation, and lunch at one of the churches, is \$30 for Detroit Historical Society members, \$40 for guests. For reservations or more information on the 2009 tour series, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org. No tickets will be sold on date of tour.

**Hungry for God**  
7-9 p.m. Tuesdays March 3 to April 7, in the church building of St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh Rd. Livonia. The 6-week Hungry for God series helps adults and teens enjoy an even deeper, closer love-relationship with the God who is loving them first, best, and always. This series will be facilitated by Deacon Bob Ovies, former director of the Detroit Archdiocesan Office for Family Life. Each session focuses on one of the following themes: Hungry for God's love, Hungry for Salvation, Hungry to Know God's Plan for your Life, Hungry for Jesus, Hungry for the Power to Forgive, Hungry for Faith & God's Spirit. Register at religious@stcolette.net or call (734) 464-4435.

**Evenings of reflection**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers special Lenten Evenings of Reflection with the first 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, featuring Rev. Daniel Trapp, professor of theology and graduate spiritual director at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, speaking on "The Mystery of Christ Within Us" from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, and the second on Wednesday, March 18, with Rev. Daniel Jones, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The public is invited. Both events will be in St. Michael's Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

**School open house**  
If you have children ready to enter pre-school through eighth grade in the fall, Guardian Lutheran School is holding an Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at 24544 Cherry Hill Road in Dearborn. During the Open House, families will have an opportunity to receive personalized tours of the facility, spend time in the classrooms, enjoy light refreshments and talk with teachers, parents and board members. For details, call (313) 274-3665, email waiter.krone@guardianlutheran.org or visit www.guardianlutheran.org.

**Bethany Suburban West activities**  
Saturday, March 7, Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight at St Robert Bellarmine 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster Rd., Redford. Dance lesson; Swing, cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane for information, (734) 261-5716.

Sunday, March 15, annual 9 a.m. Lenten Mass at the Felician Sister House Chapel on the Madonna College Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Use the Newburgh entrance and breakfast will follow service. For details contact Kathy, (734) 513-9479.

Saturday, March 21, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy, (734) 513-9479.

# Church services a time to paws for reflection

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Beginning Sunday, March 1, customers coming into Dunk N Dogs Spa in Livonia can not only wash their dog but pray. The Rev. Claudia Barber says as long as pets are under control and not trying to eat their neighbors, they're welcome to attend All Creatures Universal Life Church. The service allows humans to worship with their pets.

"I think it's a really good idea," said Sharon Robinet, spa owner. "People like me who are single and have a lot of animals do almost everything with their animals. They go almost everywhere with me. Now I can incorporate them into my spiritual life."

Robinet likes the idea so much she's renting space to Barber at a reduced rate. As a business owner, the Redford woman spends long hours away for home so it was only natural that when Barber approached her with the idea of holding services at the shop, she was all ears.

For many church-goers, Sundays usually mean leaving their pets behind to attend to spiritual needs. Not anymore. Beginning March 1 and every Sunday thereafter, Barber will be holding regular services for pets of all kinds and their owners in the 1,000-square-foot indoor

## ALL CREATURES WORSHIP

**What:** Church services for pets of all kinds and their owners

**When:** Begins 1 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and continues every Sunday

**Where:** Dunk N Dogs Spa, 27911 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, Livonia. For information, call the spa at (734) 422-WASH or Rev. Claudia Barber at (313) 563-0162

dog park at the spa which usually functions as a self serve pet wash and doggie day-care, grooming and obedience training facility as well as a cat rescue.

"What's nice is we're all animal people. We've all been to church where you line up in the parking lot for a blessing but it's only once a year and never inside. Why not have a weekly service where people can come with their animals?" said Robinet. "We have no idea how many people will be there or what kind of animals they're bringing so we decided everybody has to be on a leash or in a crate or carrier. We don't want birds or cats to set off the dogs."

Barber says pets must be up-to-date on vaccinations and friendly to people and other pets. She plans to bring her four dogs and six birds to

the hour-long services which will be very informal and centered around pets.

"My pets have done so much to help me spiritually as well as emotionally to connect more to God that it's a shame I have to leave them home. I want them to share this part of my life with me. We say our prayers in the mornings and they're always peaceful during that time," said Barber, who was ordained in the nondenominational church based in Modesto, Calif. in 2003. In addition to leading the services she provides Christian counseling for owners whose pets are ill or have died.

"It's not a fancy church atmosphere. I didn't approach any churches but wanted to have a place where there wouldn't be a problem if a dog has an accident," said Barber, of Dearborn Heights. "I've already had several people respond to the flyers I've been putting out. I've sent e-mails to all the rescues trying to get the word out and put ads on Craig's List."

"I believe what the bible says that God created all the creatures, human and otherwise. Jesus said when the smallest sparrow falls God knows. I believe they will be in heaven, that all creatures go back to God."

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The Rev. Claudia Barber leads worship services for all creatures at Dunk N Dog Spa in Livonia every Sunday beginning March 1. Here she's pictured with Muffin, one of her four dogs.

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# FILTER

## Local 'Foes' join 199 other bands at Blowout



CelloBella! is Mike Wilhelm, of Dearborn Heights, on guitar and vocals, and Alison Donahue of Royal Oak on cello and vocals.

### Blowout Family Hootenanny set

This year, Metro Times Blowout will include an afternoon of shows for parents and children. The Blowout Family Hootenanny, featuring the Mydols, CelloBella! and Danny Kroha, will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at Cafe 1923, 2287 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Parents who buy \$20 wristbands for the Blowout can bring their children to the Hootenanny for free.

"I think this is the first time we've had a family-friendly show at the Blowout," said Maria Stella, promotions manager for Metro Times. "We really wanted to open up the event more and draw some people to Hamtramck during the day to benefit the businesses."

Call Cafe 1923 at (313) 319-8766 or visit [www.metrotimes.com/blowout](http://www.metrotimes.com/blowout).



The Friendly Foes will take the stage at 1 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at The Belmont during Metro Times Blowout 12. They are (from left) Liz Wittman (bass and vocals), Ryan Allen (guitar, lead vocals), and Brad Elliott (drums).

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BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

The Friendly Foes, fronted by Livonia native Ryan Allen, will be among 200 bands playing at this year's Metro Times Blowout 12.

Set for March 5-7, the annual music festival is designed to celebrate hometown bands and spans 15 venues throughout Hamtramck. It also includes a pre-party at the Majestic Theater Complex in Detroit on Wednesday, March 4.

Friendly Foes will headline Saturday night at The Belmont, 10215 Jos Campau. The music starts at 10 p.m. with Leaf Erikson followed by Lightening Love and Midnight Smoke.

Friendly Foes are expected to go on at 1 a.m.

The band consists of Allen on guitar and vocals; Liz Wittman, of Oak Park, on bass and vocals; and Brad Elliott, formerly of Plymouth, on drums. Both Allen and Elliott currently live in Ferndale.

It's the second Blowout for the Friendly Foes, who have been together a little more than a year, but Allen has played many more with other lineups.

"I think this will be my sixth or seventh Blowout total, and I've played it with many other bands that I've been in in the past, including Red Shirt Brigade, Tiny Steps, Scott Allen & the Breakdance, and the Sharp Hearts, none of which exist anymore," Allen said.

Concurrently, Allen played Blowouts with Thunderbirds are Now!, a successful post-

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## ART

**555:** A Good Bye to the 555 "The 5 Senses," 8 p.m.-midnight Feb. 21, 4884 Grand River, Detroit, \$15 will call at www.555arts.org, \$20 at the door, proceeds benefit new location for 555, masquerade attire.  
**Art is in Market:** Grand re-opening wine and cheese reception, 3-9 p.m. March 7, new location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, http://artismarket.blogspot.com.  
**CPOP Gallery:** "Conformity Exhibition: Live Conformists/Dead Troublemakers," through March, opening reception, 7-11 p.m. March 7, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com.  
**DEM Art Studio:** Painting classes for all ages, free fine art portfolio assessments for college-bound students, 28691 N. Lilley, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.demartstudio.com.  
**Lotus Arts Gallery:** Local Artist Exhibit, March 3-26, artists reception, 6-9 p.m. March 6; Palette and Brush Club Exhibit, March 31-April 5, artist reception, April 4; Kathleen Graf Exhibit, May 1-27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.  
**Northville Art House:** First Friday Art Reception, 6-9 p.m. first Friday of each month; DIA Lecture Series, Art of Norman Rockwell, March 4, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.  
**Plymouth's Annual Art Feast:** May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.  
**Plymouth Art in the Park:** July 10-12, Kellogg Park.  
**Plymouth Community Arts Council:** Winter Break Art Camp for Kids, Feb. 23-27, \$50 a day per child, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

## AUDITION

**Music Hall:** Diddy/MTV show, "Making His Band," 10 a.m. March 21, Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musicahall.org, www.makinghisband.mtv.com.

## BENEFITS

**Detroit Hard Rock Cafe:** Rockers Brandon Calhoun, Frankie D'Angelo and Robin Horlock, acoustic performance to benefit "Musicians on Call," March 5, doors 8 p.m., \$5, \$5.45 Monroe St., Detroit, (313) 964-7625.  
**The Roster:** Cirque de Monaco Masked Ball, 7 p.m.-midnight, Feb. 28, 608 chic attire with masks, \$75-\$150, benefiting FJC, Detroit Institute of Arts, (313) 833-4005, www.founder-sjuniorcouncil.org.  
**Emerald Theatre:** St. Jude's Concert for the Children with JoCaine, March 21, Mount Clemens, 6 p.m., 18 and older, \$10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

## BOOKS/LITERATURE

## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Free family matinee series hits Canton

Just because you're pinching pennies doesn't mean you have to miss out on family fun. Goodrich Quality Theaters will launch its Free Spring Matinee Series at Canton Cinema this weekend with "Are We Done Yet?," showing Feb. 28-March 1. In the 2007 film, rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube reprises his role as everyman-sports-fanatic Nick Persons from "Are We There Yet?" (2005). Watch the slapstick ensue as Persons evolves from bachelorhood to domestic life. Rated PG.

The free film series continues with "Space Chimps," March 7-8; "Madagascar 2," March 14-15; "Igor," March 21-22; "Kung Fu Panda," March 28-29; "Horton Hears a Who," April 4-5; "Tale of Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season," April 18-19; and "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26. Showtimes are 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canton Cinema is located at 43555 Ford Road. Call (734) 844-3456 or visit www.GQTI.com.

**Dossin Great Lakes Museum:** Author Paul Kavieff discusses "Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang," 6-8 p.m. March 3, \$10, free for members, 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle, Detroit, (313) 833-1801, www.detroithistorical.org.

## CHAMBER MUSIC

**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Fun and Games," 4 p.m. March 1, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

## CHORAL

**Rackham Choir:** "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackhamchoir.org.

## CLASSICAL

**Max N. Fisher Music Center:** Pops Goes Las Vegas, March 19-22; The Music of Billy Joel & More by Michael Cavanaugh, April 16-19; A John Williams Adventure, March 14-17, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.  
**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

**Schoolcraft College:** Avalon String Quartet, March 20; Callist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

## COMEDY

**Fox Theatre:** Ron White, March 14; Spring Comedy Jam with Mike Epps, Teddy Carpenter, Dominique Witten, March 21, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.  
**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Allyn Ball, through Feb. 28; Brad Williams, March 4-7; Tracy Smith, March 11-14, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.  
**The Second City:** "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

## CONCERTS

**City Theatre:** Raphael Saadiq, March 15, inside Hockleytown, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.olympiaentertainment.com.  
**The Fillmore:** Dropkick Murphys, March 3, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.  
**The Fox Theatre:** Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12; Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattan, April 25; Leonard Cohen, May 9, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**Joe Louis Arena:** Nickelback, Feb. 28, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.  
**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Fleetwood Mac, March 8; Eagles, March 21; Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.  
**St. Andrew's Hall:** Ben Kweiler with The Watson Twins, Feb 19; Sam Roberts, Feb. 28, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**DANCE**  
**Detroit Dance Collective:** The Power of Green, 8 p.m. March 13, \$18-\$22, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.  
**Detroit Institute of Arts:** The Kusun Ensemble, African music and dance, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 27, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.  
**Detroit Opera House:** "Aladdin," Grand Rapids Ballet Company, Feb. 28, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.

## FAMILY

**Canton Cinema:** Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Are We Done Yet?," Feb. 28-March 1; "Space Chimps," March 7-8, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GQTI.com.  
**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Target Family Sundays - Performance, Good Mischievous Gemini, March 1, 2 p.m., free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.  
**Fox Theatre:** Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage. A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**Marguis Theatre:** "Little Mermaid," March 14-April 17, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquis.com.  
**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Nate the Great," 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Feb. 28, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.  
**Palace of Auburn Hills:** Disney On Ice Worlds of Fantasy, through March 1 \$12-\$26, (248) 645-6666, www.disneyonice.com.  
**Penn Theatre:** Saturdays @ The Penn, old fashioned variety show, March 7 featuring Nan Washburn, Conductor, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, doors, 11:15 a.m.; music, noon; \$3 per child and adult; 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 377-0914, www.plymoutharts.com.  
**The Lyon Theatre:** "Queen Cinderella," March 6-15, \$8 adults, \$6, children 12 and under, 125 E. Lake Street, South Lyon, www.thephenixplayers.org.

## FILM

**Detroit Film Theatre:** "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29," through March 15; "Gomorra," Feb. 27-March 8, at Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.  
**Detroit Historical Museum:** "More Bob-Lo Memories," 1 and 8 p.m. March 7-8, 5401 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.  
**Penn Theatre:** February, Romance Month, "Love in the Afternoon," Feb. 26; March, Hitchcock Month, "Marnie," March 5; "Shadow of a Doubt," March 12; "Saboteur," March 19; "To Catch a Thief," March 26, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.  
**Redford Theatre:** "The Karate Kid," March 6-7, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

## MORE MUSIC

**Bullfrog Bar:** Open Mic Movement Mondays w/DJ Melly Mel & host Redbone; Live Karaoke Tuesdays with host Paris; Noh Worry Wednesdays; After Work Party Fridays; Mic Rocker Sessions w/ Foolish Sundays; Street Justice Show, Feb. 26; Sevrance, Steelborn, Parades, Inkface and the Digital Dream, Surrender the Operator, Feb. 28; David Young Sir Jay Records Event, March 5; Realm Showcase, March 6, 15414 Telegraph Rd, Redford, (313) 533-4477, www.bullfrogrocks.com.  
**Callahan's:** Jim McCarty and Johnny "Bee" Badanjek, The Detroit Rock 'n' Roll Revue, 9 p.m. Feb. 28, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills, (248) 828-9508, www.atcallahans.com.  
**Detroit Institute of Arts:** California Guitar Trio: 7 & 8:30 p.m. March 6, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org.  
**Eclipse Lounge:** DJ Graffiti, 10 p.m. Feb. 27, free, 21 and over, inside the Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit.  
**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Yellowjackets, 8 and 10:30 p.m. March 6-7, \$50, 350 Madison Ave., (313) 887-8500, ticketmaster.com.  
**Magic Bag:** Pat McGee Band, Feb. 26; Butch Walker & His Gang of Merry Musical Melodysmakers, March 6, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.  
**Metro Times Blowout:** One of the largest local music festivals in the U.S., 200 bands at 15 Hamtramck bars, March 4-7; pre-party March 4 at the Majestic Theater, Detroit; metrotimes.com/blowout.  
**Token Lounge:** Paradime with Marv Won, Danny Brown, Street Justice and Chief, with MTV filming "Made," March 13, 21 and older, 28949 Joy Road, Westland, (734) 513-5030.  
**St. Andrew's Hall:** Sam Roberts Band w/ Mother Mother, Feb. 28, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-8137.  
**Trinity House Theatre:** Mike Mangione w/ The Mean

Reds, Feb. 27; Dave Boutette and Chris Buhalis, Feb. 28; Susan Werner, March 1, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.  
**Village Theater at Cherry Hill:** Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, March 27, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460, www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater.

## MUSEUMS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8-May 31, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.  
**Detroit Science Center:** "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.  
**Plymouth Historical Museum:** "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Flodin Park:** Free outdoor ice skating, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads on Saltz Road in Canton, (734) 394-5310, www.leisure.canton-mi.org.  
**Detroit Marriott:** The 14th Annual Motor City Tattoo Expo, Feb. 27-March 1, Renaissance Center, (517) 540-6055, www.eternaltattoos.com.  
**Holy Cross Church:** 6th Annual Astronomy Expo & Swap Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, \$5, key string, guy@yahoo.com.  
**Rock Financial Showplace:** Cottage and Lakefront Living Show, Feb. 26-March 1, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

**Barefoot Productions:** "Same Time, Next Year," through March 1, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth, Walker/Buzenberg Furniture Building, \$10-\$15, (734) 560-1493, www.ticketleap.com, www.justgobarefoot.com.  
**Destination Theatre:** Canton Follies: One Hit Wonders, March 12-14, \$15, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.  
**Spotlight Players:** "Divine Stella Devine," through March 8, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.spotlightplayers.net.  
**Tipping Pointe Theatre:** "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

## THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

**Detroit Opera House:** "Fiddler on the Roof," March 3-8, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.  
**Fox Theatre:** "Jesus Christ Superstar," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 1, tickets \$30-\$69, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

## BLOWOUT

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art-punk band that has toured the world, and is signed to New York label Frenchkiss Records. In 2006, the band's album "Make History" was named among Rolling Stone's Top 50 albums of the year. These days, Allen said the Friendly Foes occupy much of his time.

"I'd say we're a pop band, taking cues from Elvis Costello and the Beatles, as well as '70s punk like the Buzzcocks and '90s indie rock like Superchunk," Allen said. The band's debut album, "Born Radical," was released late last year to critical praise. Allen graduated from Franklin High School in 1998 and is proud of his Livonia roots.

"I worked at Larry's Foodland when I was 15, have eaten at Daly Burger millions of times, and am probably the only indie rocker to ever come out of playing LJFL sports," he said. For the complete Metro Times Blowout 12 schedule and to purchase tickets, visit www.metrotimes.com/blowout. To hear the Friendly Foes, visit www.myspace.com/friendlyfoes.



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# FOOD & WINE

## More than Chardonnay

In an August 2008 Focus on Wine Column, we spotlighted chardonnays from California's Monterey wine region. Readers inquired, "what else should we discover from Monterey?"



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which grow grape varieties from albarino to zinfandel.

### CHALONE AVA

Although Monterey County may be the most diverse of all California growing regions, when it comes to temperature, the Chalone AVA has the most variability due to its lack of coastal influence.

During July and August, temperatures hit 90 degrees, but overall from April through October the range is 55 to 72 degrees. Due to elevations exceeding 2,300 feet, Chalone AVA has relatively warm nighttime temperatures.

Add this to a general aspect of Monterey County, that grapevines tend to produce buds about two weeks earlier than other regions and harvest, typically begins two weeks later than other regions. This means that grapes remain on the vine approximately a month longer, producing smaller berries with concentrated flavors.

### WINE PICKS FROM THE CHALONE AVA

■ 2004 Michaud Vineyard Pinot Noir, \$38, has begun to show its fine oak influence and generous spiciness that makes it versatile with many foods from grilled salmon to roast chicken.

■ 2006 Graff Family Vineyards Viognier, \$20, is uber fruity with tangerine and white peach aromas and flavors.

■ 2006 Graff Family Vineyards Consensus, \$25, at 94 percent syrah, showcases a gener-

### WINE PICKS

PINOT NOIR is the most versatile red wine. It pairs as well with salmon as it does grilled meats.

#### Best bets under \$20:

2007 Hayman & Hill Santa Lucia Highlands, \$15; and 2007 Mandolin Monterey, \$12.

**Mid-priced:** 2006 Clos du Bois Sonoma Coast Reserve, \$25.

**Splurge:** 2006 Lynmar Quail Hill, \$60.

ous black fruit core with a rich backbone. Very northern Rhonish in style at a very good price.

### CARMEL VALLEY AVA

Hillside vineyard locations in the Carmel Valley Ridges make this region special. Hillside vineyard locations and those at higher elevations generally have warmer nighttime temperatures also.

Carmel Valley experiences more hours of afternoon fog-like conditions than any other AVA in Monterey County. Grapes remain cool and retain acid that makes them ideal food companions.

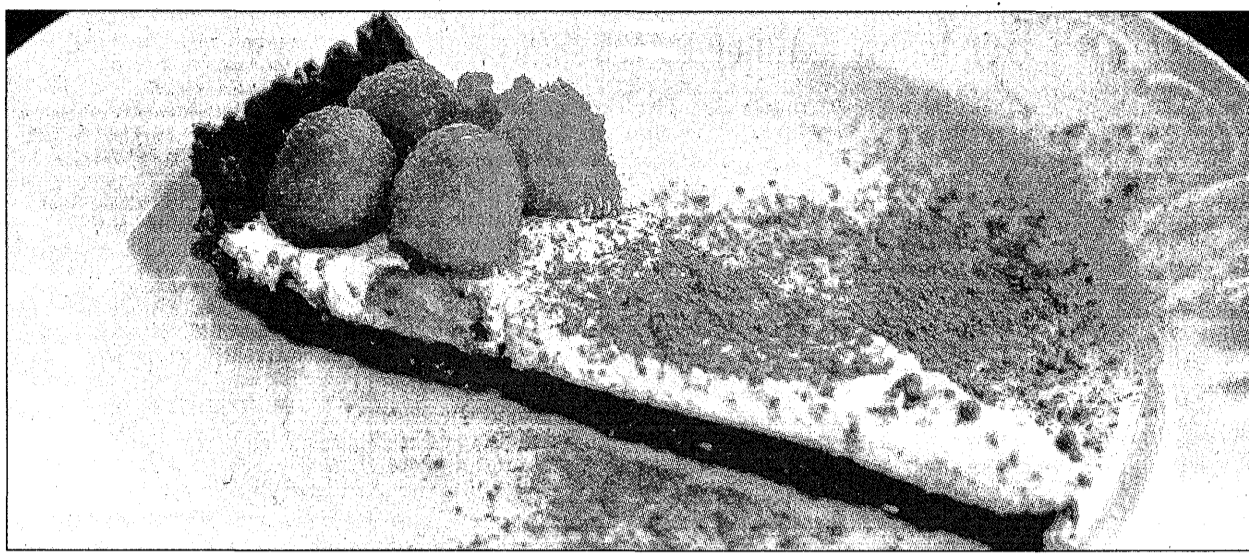
The seaside town of Carmel and the Carmel Valley AVA should not be confused. The AVA is rugged back country with high elevations above 1,000 feet and steep slopes with granite terraces.

### WINE PICKS FROM CARMEL VALLEY AVA

■ 2007 Galante Vineyards Sauvignon, \$25, may seem a strange "pick" given what we've just written about red wines, but if you like sauvignons with lots of grapefruit and lime aromas with spice and vanilla notes and a long, satisfying finish, seek out this wine.

■ 2006 Galante "Blackjack Pasture" Cabernet Sauvignon, \$50, holds a "winning hand" in a lush, dark cherry, well-balanced expression with exceptional character and overall richness.

Eleanor & Ray Heald write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



Girl Scout Sugar Free Chocolate Chip cookies form the crust of this cookie pizza concocted at last year's gala.

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## Chefs cook up Girl Scout Cookie Gala challenge

It's difficult to improve on deliciously iconic Girl Scout Cookies ... but some of Michigan's most creative chefs are preparing to do just that.

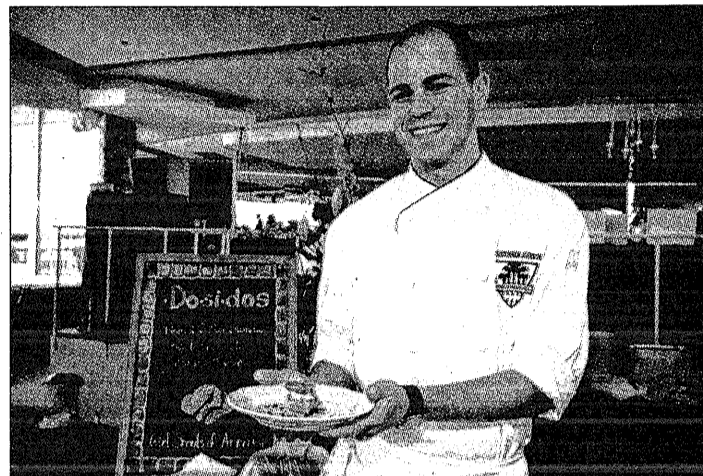
The Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala is set for Wednesday, March 11 at the Roostertail in Detroit. Eight talented chefs (one for each Girl Scout Cookie variety) will be serving up culinary creations using the cookies as key ingredients. The gala also includes hors d'oeuvres, an auction, and WXYZ TV's Glenda Lewis as mistress of ceremonies. Maggie Allesee and Yvette Bing are event co-chairs.

Each year for the past six years, area chefs have accepted the challenge to create a gourmet dessert using a randomly selected Girl Scout Cookie

variety. A panel of judges representing local media selects the Blue Ribbon Award recipient, Gala attendees vote for the People's Choice Award, and the organization's top officer chooses the CEO Favorite.

Participating in the 2009 Gala are Beverly Hills Grill (Beverly Hills), Fifty-One O One (Dearborn, 2008 Blue Ribbon recipient), Giulio & Sons — Hyatt Regency Dearborn (2008 CEO Favorite recipient), J.Baldwin's (Clinton Township), Historic White Horse Inn (Metamora), Mosaic (Detroit), the Roostertail (Detroit, 2008 Presenting Sponsor's Choice recipient), and the Traffic Jam & Snug (Detroit, 2008 People's Choice recipient).

The event raises funds to help bring the Girl Scout lead-



Chef Chris Johnson from Beverly Hills Grill, returning this year, made Peanut Butter Blondies from Girl Scout Do-Si-Dos at last year's Cookie Gala.

ership development program to nearly 50,000 girls in southeastern Michigan ages 5-17. To purchase tickets, \$70 per

person or \$120 per pair before Feb. 25, call 800-326-0309 or visit [www.gsosfmd.org/cookie-gala](http://www.gsosfmd.org/cookie-gala).

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- 19 Irritates
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- 35 Terra firma
- 37 Perched on
- 38 Wretched
- 39 Places of safety
- 41 At bay
- 44 Where hackles rise

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- 3 Region of India
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**On the Web:**  
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**March 1**

**Noon**  
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Plan your dream wedding in one afternoon! Meet face-to-face with the finest wedding professionals, great prizes and promotional prices, live fashion show (including plus-size models), get inspired in a fun atmosphere and check out the latest wedding trends.

**On the Web:** [www.bradyevents.com](http://www.bradyevents.com)

**March 8**

**Noon to 4 p.m.**  
**Viviano Flower Shop Bridal Extravaganza**  
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**1685 E. Big Beaver**  
**Troy, MI 48083**  
**586-285-2225**  
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Featuring the latest displays of bridal and bridesmaid bouquets and church and hall decorations.  
**On the Web:** [www.viviano.com](http://www.viviano.com)

**March 15**

**1-4 p.m.**  
**Whimsical Occasions**  
**Royal Oak Music Theatre**  
**318 W. Fourth St.**  
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**March 22**

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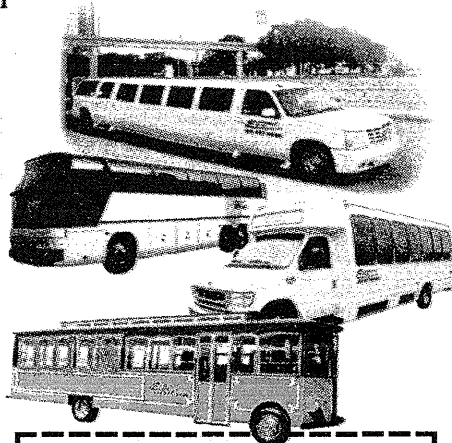
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# Look the part

## The experts dish on this year's bridal fashion

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

It's finally happened — You've met Prince Charming, fell in love and he's proposed.

Now that wedding plans are in full swing, you're searching near and far to look and feel like the beautiful bride you've always dreamed about.

But you don't have to go very far to get this year's latest bridal fashions.

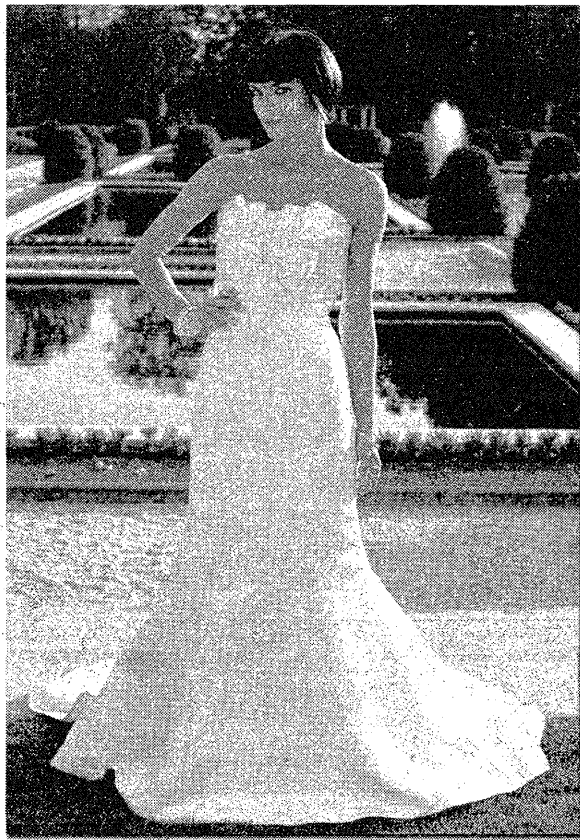
We've scouted out what Metro Detroit businesses have to offer and discovered some of the most glamorous couture wedding dresses, delicate lingerie and swimwear, trendy and classic accessories and more for the brides-to-be, their bridesmaids and moms, too!

Here's some advice from area bridal experts on getting the perfect look:

### Couture close to home

This month, Maria's Bridal Couture is set to open the first Michigan-based Vera Wang Bridal shop-in-shop at its West Bloomfield location. The acclaimed designer is recognized as the authority on bridal elegance with a modern, sophisticated approach.

"We made a section of our store look like a Vera Wang store in New York," said Nadica Ristivojevic, owner of Maria's Bridal Couture. "We're dedicating the section to showcase the complete Vera Wang Bridal collection, including Vera Wang Bridal, Vera Wang Collection and Vera Wang Luxe."



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Camille La Vie's trumpet gown (\$400 at [camillelavie.com](http://camillelavie.com)) with pleating and bow details at the neckline offers these hot trends at the reasonable price point for spring.

The décor of the Vera Wang suite will reflect the iconic designer's philosophy, with an emphasis on clean, modern design and warmer tones such as sophisticated cream.

Maria's Bridal Couture is located at 6325 Orchard Road in West Bloomfield and at 210 W. University Drive in downtown Rochester.

Web: [www.mariasbridal.com](http://www.mariasbridal.com).

### Taffeta and lace

After working with countless brides over the years, the staff at Eva's Bridal & Fashions in Garden City can easily identify what looks brides are going for this spring.

"Taffeta and lace are really in again," said Theresa Tiberia, shop manager.

Taffeta dresses are timeless, while many lace gowns are romantic and vintage-inspired.

"Corset backs and pickup skirts are popular this year, too," Tiberia said.

Whatever your tastes are, Eva's Bridal & Fashions has a long list of styles to choose from — and they've even custom-picked jewelry to match many of their dresses.

The mother of the bride is welcome to shop too, with more than 450 different dresses to try on in-store.

"We have everything from a young and sexy mom look to a very

mature grandma and everything in between," Tiberia said.

Eva's Bridal & Fashions is located at 6227 Middlebelt Road in Garden City.

Web: [www.evasbridal.net](http://www.evasbridal.net)

### The perfect fit

Brides can save time and money on a wedding dress purchase with correctly-fitted under-things.

Sunny J's Lingerie & Leisure Wear in downtown Plymouth has been fitting women in bras and swimwear for 24 years.

"If a bride is smart, she'll get measured correctly before she tries on dresses," said Rochelle Fanelli, shop owner. "One of the mistakes

brides make is they order a dress with a bad-fitting bra. When you go dress shopping, you'll have a much better idea of what is a good-fitting dress for you if your bra fits correctly."

The shop also sells body wraps that span from hip to bust or from knee to bust that smooth out a women's physique under her dress.

Brides can pick up the perfect swimsuit in-store too, with staff available to help find the most flattering look for your body shape.

"We carry more bathing suits than anybody in the state of Michigan," Fanelli said. "We can make you look great in a bathing suit."

Sunny J's Lingerie & Leisure Wear is located at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

Web: [www.sunnyjs.com](http://www.sunnyjs.com).



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Alyce Designs' lilac A-line gown is a fresh look for spring brides.



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This gown by Casablanca Bridals is part of the 2009 collection now shown at Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville. Priced around \$900, the "baby doll" gown is pictured here in champagne.

### Arrive in style

Invited to a wedding in the near future? Bella Mia in downtown Plymouth is stocked to the brim with evening and casual dresses, jewelry, wraps and hair pieces for a complete look.

Store owner Arlette Stobbe said a retro, linen-style look is popular this season.

"There's a '50s, '60s kind of flair that is trendy right now," Stobbe said.

Choosing the right accessories can be a difficult process for many women, Stobbe said, especially when it comes to necklaces.

"A lot of women tend to think they have to wear a necklace to complete the outfit. Some of the dresses have jewelry and ornate decorations on the bodice already, so we suggest really fancy earrings rather than a necklace in that case," Stobbe advised. "Drop earrings with really pretty rhinestones are fashionable right now."

Bella Mia is located at 535 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

**Web:** [www.shopbellamia.com](http://www.shopbellamia.com).

## HERE COMES THE SPRING BRIDE

### Trend Silhouettes & Necklines

- **Trumpet (Mermaid):** Narrow, body-hugging gowns that flare dramatically at or below the knee to kick out like a mermaid's tail.
- **Sweetheart necklines:** An open, more revealing take on strapless gowns; the neckline swoops down, dipping to a point in the middle of the bust and forming a heart shape.
- **Grecian:** These long and lean Greco-Roman style gowns are in for spring; fluid drapes, intricate folds and pleats, halter necks or empire-waist silhouettes with flowing layers.
- **A-Line:** A flattering shape, these gowns are flared from either the shoulders or under the bust, often with a fitted waist.

### Trend Fabrications

Lace, Chiffon, Organza and Satin

### Trend Colors

**Bride:** Pale pink, light lilac, white, ivory and cream

**Bridesmaids:** Fiery red, caribbean blue, cappucino, emerald, fuchsia, lilac, pumpkin, banana, navy, teal, celery and guava

**Mother-of-the-Bride:** Classic black, bronze, gold, mocha, raisin, platinum

### Trend Highlights

- **Rhinestone** details and beading around the bust or neck give any dress a formal look.
- **Colorful belts and sashes** define a waist and add a pop of color.
- **Bows** add depth and an architectural interest to gowns.
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# Set the scene

A wedding is, ideally, a once-in-a-lifetime kind of event, so that special day had better be perfect. And on the quest to make that day perfect, many people start by selecting a location for the reception, which often sets the tone for the entire event.

With myriad choices out there for today's brides- and grooms-to-be, the task of picking a place can be daunting, so here's the rundown on a few of the Detroit-area's hottest, hippest wedding locations to help get you started:

**The Royal Park Hotel** can accommodate up to 700 people for formal, seated dinners and 1,000 for less formal receptions. The four-star, four-diamond hotel is located in Rochester. In addition to its elegant Royal Grand Ballroom, with hand crafted Murano chandeliers and Italian marble, it also offers a two-story Belgian glass conservatory for ceremonies or intimate receptions. Friday and Sunday receptions start at \$65 per person. For more information, call 248-652-2600 or visit

[www.royalparkhotel.com](http://www.royalparkhotel.com).

**The Inn at St. Johns** can accommodate up to 450 people in its Grande Ballroom, the conference center's largest ballroom. Brides and grooms who choose the Inn at St. Johns, located in Plymouth, for their wedding will enjoy the fairy-tale setting, lavish gardens and idyllic photo settings. For more information, call 734-414-0600 or visit [www.stjohnsgolfconference.com](http://www.stjohnsgolfconference.com).

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# Honeymooners look for adventure

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The old-fashioned dream of honeymooning in Niagara Falls has been replaced by something a little more dangerous.

Adventure honeymoons are a growing trend. Couples are now taking bike trips through Bolivia and climbing mountains in Switzerland.

"People are looking for something out of the ordinary," said Jim Ehehalt, owner of Brookside Travel in Novi.

He's noticed that honeymooners are a little older than in the past – and some are diving into marriage for a second time. The couples may have traveled quite a bit – both separately and together – so they've already hit places like Florida and Las Vegas.

That means the honeymoon has to be an adventure of a lifetime.

"We spent a couple days sitting by the pool, then we decided that we needed to get out and do something," said Jason Falahee of Livonia. Jason and his new bride, Rachel, just returned from a honeymoon to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico.

Brookside Travel helped Jason and Rachel find an all-inclusive resort that included just the right amount of running around and hanging loose. The couple sweated it out playing sports like beach volleyball with new friends. It was perfect for the athletic duo.

Lately, Ehehalt has been pointing couples towards resort areas in Mexico, for a wild time at an affordable cost.

Plenty of excursions are available that are off the beaten path – like zip lining, taking a burro trip and even sky diving.

Just about any destination can be transformed into an adventure honeymoon, by including unusual activities that get the adrenaline pumping.

Shelly Diehr at Milford Travel steers

people away from potentially disastrous honeymoon ideas, like spending a week at an isolated dude ranch. If weather or allergies don't cooperate, or the facility is less than stellar, a honeymoon can go sour.

She recommends destinations that offer all sorts of action – and are time-tested winners.

Her top pick for honeymoons and anniversary trips is Hawaii. She recommends both Maui and Oahu.

Couples can wade in midnight tide pools, hike over volcanoes or paddle an outrigger canoe. But when lovebirds come back from a day of horseback riding or parasailing, there's still a comfy beach chair waiting.

"They still need time to relax and get pampered," Diehr said. "That's why I love Hawaii. There's so many incredible things to do but it's also a place of total relaxation."

The local travel consultant visits Hawaii often, sometimes with her parents, Nancy and Jim Diehr. The couple has taken several "second honeymoons" to Hawaii after choosing a ho-hum destination when they were married 42 years ago.

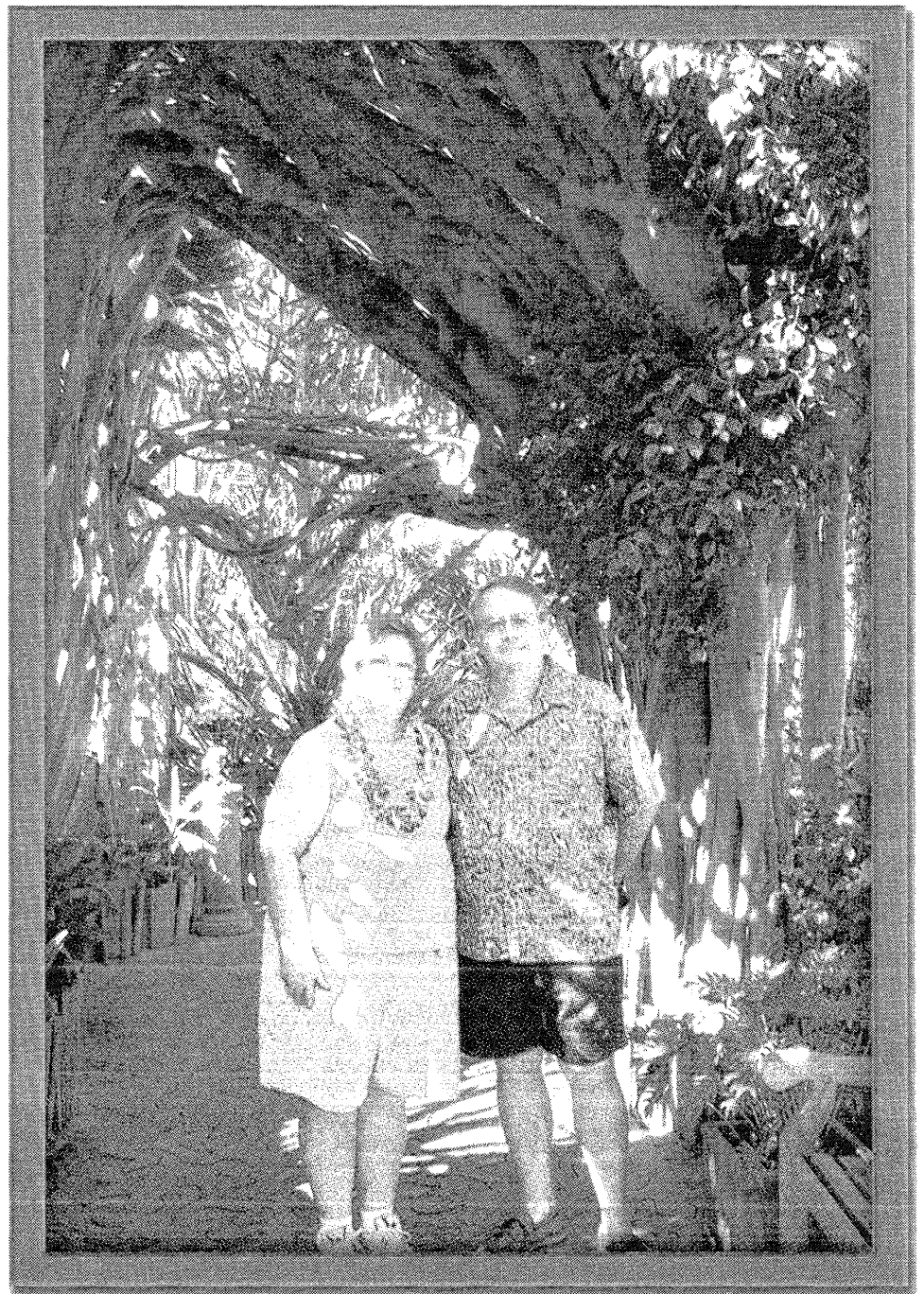
"They actually honeymooned in Toledo," explained Diehr. "But they've made up for it since."

Instead of settling for a mundane nuptial celebration, the professionals suggest looking for off-season bargains and packages that include airfare and lodging for one low price.

Diehr tells newlyweds to save money by skipping the oceanfront room or choosing a hotel that is not on the beach. Those looking to cut meal costs can stay at a well-recommended condo and eat breakfast and lunch in.

"The exotic destinations don't actually cost a lot more than places nearby," she said. "There are ways to make it affordable."

— *By Kate Phillips, special writer*



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Nancy and Jim Diehr smile during a recent adventurous "second honeymoon" to Hawaii after traveling to Toledo when they were married 42 years ago.

# Real Weddings

## Engaged couples make 'Dream Wedding' their own style

There are as many ways to get married as there are couples who are getting married, but most couples have the same "dream" for their wedding — a chance to celebrate their new life together with family and friends.

Whether your "dream wedding" involves a simple church ceremony and cake/dessert reception, a destination event or an elegant country club with dinner and dancing, your wedding is the beginning of a shared life, and the sharing begins long before the couple says, "I do."

For Arneshia Glover and Clifford Austin III, their upcoming wedding on May 30, 2009, is a celebration of their commitment to marriage.

"You first have to address the importance of the marriage, without losing yourself in all the wedding plans," said Glover, 30, of Detroit.

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't enjoy all the hoopla surrounding the actual event.

The Glover-Austin wedding is just 91 days away, as "The Knot" ticks away the days like a clock.

The Knot is the essential online wedding planner ([www.theknot.com](http://www.theknot.com)) — the first "go-to" wedding site for many engaged couples who want to learn all about the wedding planning process, including budgets, vendors in their local area, etc.

It's where Glover found her dream wedding dress, thanks to a link to Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in downtown Northville.

Glover had budgeted \$1,500 for her wedding gown, but thanks to an experienced and helpful staff at Elizabeth's, she slipped into a

great deal at just \$750, allowing her to use the saved money for other important aspects of her wedding.

While Glover and her fiancé are sticking close to a budget, they are choosing to spend more on certain elements of their wedding, while cutting back on other parts that aren't as important to them.

"We cut way back on lavish centerpieces," said Glover, who's counting on the elegance of their wedding and reception at The Rattlesnake Club in downtown Detroit to more than make up for

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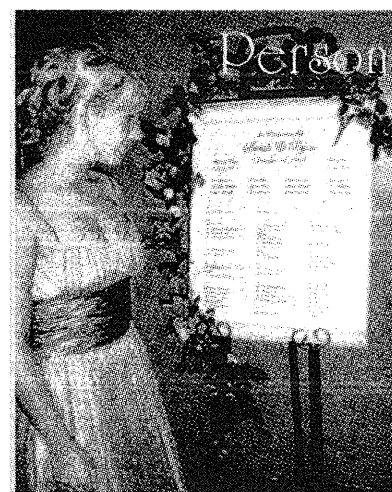
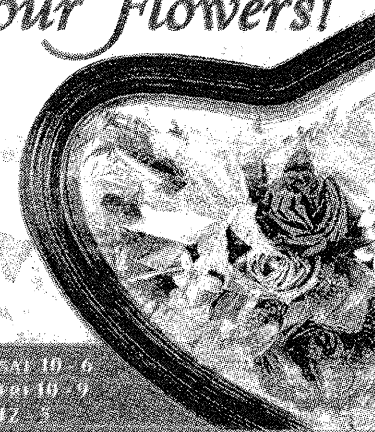
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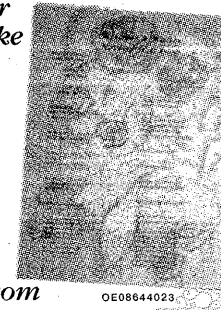
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Clifford Austin III plants a kiss on his fiancée, Arneschia Glover, as the couple prepares for their May 30th wedding.

this budget “cutback.”

The couple also cut back on expensive \$7-apiece invitations, opting instead to use the services of a friend who offered to assemble the invitations as her wedding gift to the couple.

Planning on approximately 150 guests, Glover and Austin met together with their families to discuss the guest list, using Austin’s skills as an engineer to spreadsheet the entire process.

“He actually sat down with the computer to figure it all out!” said Glover, whose skills as a secretary for the City of Detroit also come in handy with the planning process.

The couple is paying for approximately 70 percent of the wedding themselves, with help from both sets of parents to make up the remaining 30 percent. “I’m an only child,” said Glover, “So my mom is really getting into this wedding!”

The couple also chose to spend less on their honeymoon, opting for the less expensive Jamaica, rather than their dream trip to St. Lucia. “We can go there another time,” said Glover.

One area they chose NOT to scrimp on is the photography, utilizing the artistic photographic

talents of Arising Images of Shelby Twp. For both of them, having photo memories to pass on for generations is a huge priority.

For another engaged couple, Renee Blankertz, 23, and Rob McDowell, 25, both of Clarkston, their choice of wedding is a traditional church ceremony, followed by an evening celebration at the VFW Hall in Fenton.

Their close-knit families are choosing to provide many of the vendor services for this young couple’s May 9, 2009, wedding.

Renee, a pastry chef, and her father Dave, a baker by hobby, will team up to make the couple’s wedding cake, in a style yet to be decided. Many family members have already offered to help cater the wedding dinner, knowing the excellent culinary reputation of the Blankertz family.

A church photographer will provide her services for a nominal fee, instilling in each portrait a personal, meaningful touch as a friend of the family.

This simple, family-oriented style suits the dreams Blankertz has for her wedding day.

— *By Sally Rummel, special writer*

## HOW TO BUDGET FOR YOUR WEDDING

1) Establish a budget, by determining how much you can afford to spend, providing some “wiggle room” for expenses which end up higher than expected.

2) Monitor your spending. Some experts suggest setting up a separate wedding account, with all wedding expenses drawn solely from this account. Your monthly statement will then provide an itemized list of how much is being deposited and spent.

3) Be ready to spend more, because inevitably, there will be expenses you either hadn’t expected or hadn’t budgeted enough for. Examples: overtime fees at the reception, tipping the vendors, a larger guest list than anticipated. Make small changes to your personal lifestyle to offset the higher wedding costs.

4) Stick to your guns. Even though you need to be prepared to spend more, you need to be very cautious about spending more for vendors who try to “up-sell” their services. Couples are encouraged to prioritize what they want before meeting with vendors.

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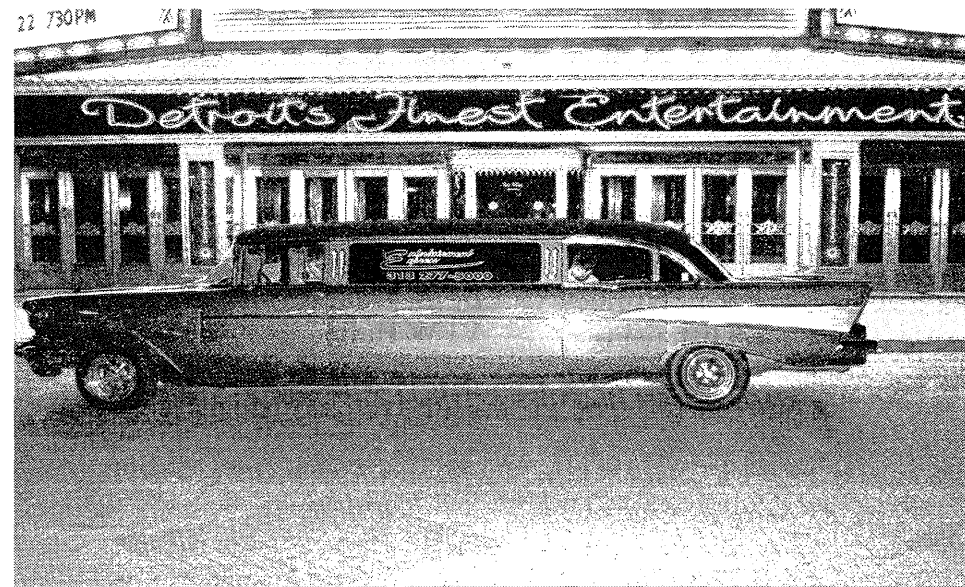
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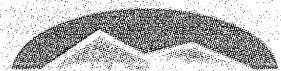
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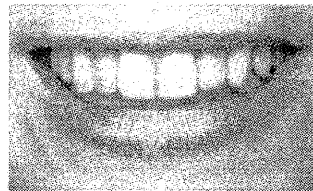
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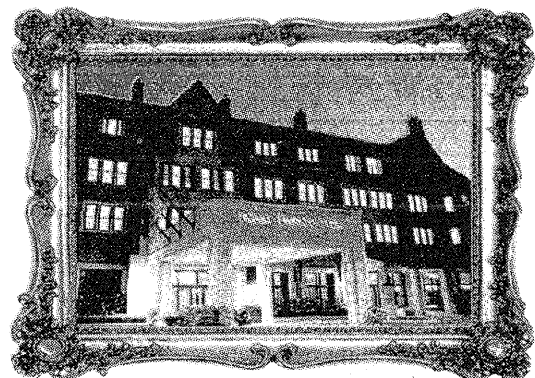
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