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Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Heise hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring office hours Monday, April 11, at locations in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise is available to meet with residents April 11, and every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville;
- 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne; and
- 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll-free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Dem gala

The four-club Democratic Spring Gala '11 has signed Steve King and the Dittilies to play April 30 for their event at Meadowbrook Country Club, according to Lisa DiRado, co-chair of the event



Steve King and the Dittilies will play the Democratic Club Spring Gala.

for the Northville Democratic Club.

The group was unanimously chosen by the chairs of the four clubs - Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Northville.

The band, born out of Steve King's high school years at Bentley in Livonia, will provide after-dinner entertainment and dance music at the Gala at Meadowbrook Country Club, on Eight Mile west of Haggerty.

Further information on Spring Gala '11 may be had by contacting Lisa DiRado at (248) 380-1898 or ldirado@comcast.net.

Commission OKs downtown parking study

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth will spend \$7,650 to update a 2006 study of public parking needs, and availability, in the downtown area.

The study, expected to be completed within a few weeks, was approved by a 6-0 Plymouth City Commission vote Monday. It will be paid for through money set aside in the city's

parking fund.

The decision came a week after commissioners, business owners and members of the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority held a two-hour brainstorming session on parking issues and ways to resolve them.

"This is going to put some data to it so we're making decisions from data," Mayor Dan Dwyer said Wednesday. The city currently has

an estimated 989 public parking spaces downtown, including in the central parking deck on Harvey.

CHANGE IN NEED

The study update, to be done by consulting firm Rich & Associates, will look at available public parking and parking needs based on changes in the downtown business environment since 2006. "Some businesses have come to town

and some have left town," Dwyer said.

"Based on both current demand and future demand, I think it's essential we get a good grip on the parking situation," Commissioner John Barrett said.

"A lot of stuff's changed and a lot of stuff's going to change," Commissioner Ed Hingelberg said.

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An overflow crowd even sat in the center of the circle of board and administration at Tuesday's Board of Education budget workshop.

School, teachers among district cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The closing of Fiegel Elementary School and the elimination of some 80 teachers were among \$18 million in cuts recommended to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday by the district's budget committee.

Those were the two stand-out recommendations among many, including using some \$2.4 million in fund balance, made by the committee during a three-hour budget workshop.

Board members until the end of June to pass their 2011-12 budget. They'll meet again Tuesday to continue to discuss their options as they seek to close a \$18 million gap in funding.

"This is the one that will be gut-wrenching," said Jim Johnson, the principal at Fiegel, who served on the budget committee. "I don't think anyone ever thought we'd be here considering closing a school."

If they decide to follow the recommendations, closing Fiegel Elementary would save the district some \$1.4 million. Fiegel students would be

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*Budget Recommendations	
Reductions	\$15,049,039
Potential Revenue	\$1,633,550
Unemployment Costs (Cost to layoff 80 teachers)	\$1,079,520
Sub - Total	\$15,603,069
Fund Equity	\$2,396,931
Budget Adjustment	\$18,000,000

farmed out to four other elementarys. Those elementarys were not named Tuesday.

JOBS CUT

The elimination of the 80 teaching positions — and a resulting hike in class sizes — would save the district more than \$5.3 million, according to figures put together by the committee.

Other recommendations made by the committee (the full list is available on the district's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us) include:

- Eliminating noontime busing for kindergarten stu-

dents (\$488,000). Parents of morning kindergarten students would be asked to pick their child up from school; parents of afternoon students would be asked to drop their kids off.

• Eliminating 21 janitorial jobs (\$945,000) and shift to an alternate-day cleaning schedule in the district's buildings. Primary sites such as restrooms, clinics and kitchen areas would still be cleaned daily.

• Reduction of four clerical positions and five media cen-

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Third Diva Day launches spring shopping season

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's third annual Diva Day brought hundreds of visitors downtown to eat, drink, shop and mingle — despite Saturday's unseasonable chill and even a light rain.

Diva Day is a spring shopping-themed event for women, coordinated by downtown retailers and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. About 30 businesses participated this year, offering snacks and giveaways and a chance for visitors to get to know their stores.

"This is probably going to be the kickoff of the spring season here in Plymouth," said Wes Graff, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

Graff estimated there were about 800 people in town for Diva Day; the chamber gave away feather boas to the first 500 shoppers, and ran out of

boas by about 12:30 p.m., he said.

"We clearly saw an increase" in foot traffic downtown compared to a typical weekend, Graff said.

"It went really well. Better than I expected," said Nancy Ball, the owner of Hands On Leather on Forest.

Ball set out snacks for store visitors and had a drawing for a gift basket of \$275 worth of merchandise. About half the visitors — their hometowns were on their tickets for the drawing — appeared to be from outside Plymouth, she estimated.

There were also a lot of first-time visitors to her store, Ball said. "I think that's really important," she said. "It made it really worth it."

Diva Day is billed as a girls day out, but Ball said she saw "quite a few men, too," some with wives or girlfriends.

"It was a lot of fun," she said.

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Church project eyes plight of homeless

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting "Letters Home," an art project depicting the plight of the homeless, from now until April 22.

"Letters Home" is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness. Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne co-created it with the hopes of generating questions and responses.

"One of the interesting things for me is to watch people's reactions to the exhibit," Clinthorne said. "We've all seen 'those people' holding the signs and a few of us have given cash or food. But a lot of us can't bear to look. The installation gives the time

to look and time to generate feelings and questions. We can begin to relate to the individuals who have created the signs."

The project is an assemblage of many objects that are associated with those who may be homeless such as the signs that were once held by individuals on the streets. A cardboard home, a shopping cart and returnable cans and bottles are featured. The signs were all purchased and the project was explained to the individuals.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more on the "Letters Home" project, visit www.lettershomeproject.com.

"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

Rockette show

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 8; 6 p.m. April 9

Location: Salem auditorium, Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton. **Details:** Show will feature the Salem Rockettes, a National Dance Teams Championships finalist.

Miller Woods tours

Date/Time: Sunday, April 17; Saturday, April 23; Sunday, May 1

Details: The Friends of Miller Woods will be offering tours of Miller Woods this spring to view the native spring wildflowers. The tours are free; all tours leave every 30 minutes, and are available between 2-4 pm. No dogs are

allowed in the nature preserve. **Contact:** For more information on Miller Woods, visit millerwoods.com.

Prom dress sale

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton **Details:** A sale of donated new and used prom dresses at Plymouth High School. No dress will be priced over \$20 and all of the dresses are in great shape. Donations of dresses, formal sandals, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. are still being accepted in the general office at Plymouth High School. Proceeds from the sale will benefit some of the programs in the Life Management Department. **Contact:** Lisa.Benages@pccsmail.net

AROUND PLYMOUTH

Mom 2 Mom

Date/Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton **Details:** Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom2Mom sale. A "large item" area and the group's motto of "where neighbors become friends" with sales going to the Autism Collaborative Center creates an extra special sale atmosphere. Strollers are welcome. Admission is \$1.

Contact: For more information about the sale, call Jessica at (616) 780-5592 or e-mail themirolands@yahoo.com.

Faerie Garden

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth **Details:** Learn how to create your own Faerie Garden during an afternoon tea. Northville resident Suemarie Klimek will explain faerie garden design, and you'll have a chance to win the garden used in the demonstration. The presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. Tickets for the Faerie Garden Tea are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members if purchased by April 20 (add \$5 after that date). Get them at the museum during open hours or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.

Contact: For further information, call 734-455-8940.

Special needs camp

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9

Location: O.U.R. Camp, Inc., 41355 Six Mile in Northville **Details:** O.U.R. Camp, Inc., (www.ourcamping.org), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, hosts an open house where parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: For more information, contact Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 718-5734 or Kim Lowney, Executive Director, at (313) 537-5335.

Run for Hope

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14 **Location:** Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, in Northville

Details: The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 are free.

Contact: New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115

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CUTS

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ter secretaries at the middle and high schools (a combined \$398,500).

"This is where it started getting difficult," said Phil Freeman, principal at Pioneer Middle School, said of the job cuts. "Although it's gut-wrenching, to get to \$18 million, you have to get it on the table."

Closing Fiegel would eliminate one principal position, seven teachers and three support positions.

CLASS SIZES RISE

The biggest change would be the elimination of some 80 teaching positions and the resulting increase in class size that would go with it. Under the committee's proposal, class sizes would:

- Go up by two students at each elementary school grade level. Student-to-teacher ratios would be 28:1 in K-2, 31:1 in third grade, and 32:1 in fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms. The committee anticipates cutting 24.5 teachers.

- Raise by nearly five at middle schools, up to 35:1. Some 21 teachers would be cut.

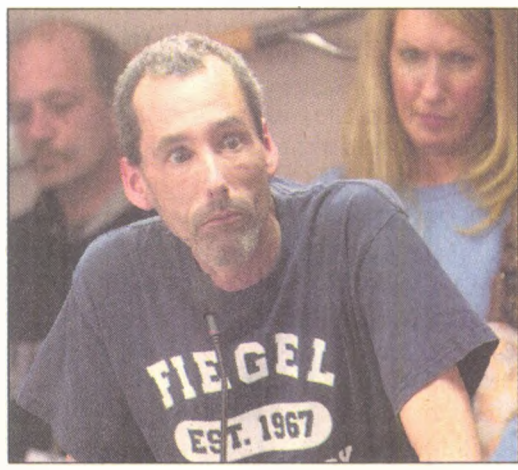
- Raise by nearly four, up to 35:1, at the high school. The high schools would lose 26 teachers.

Layoff notices, which have to go out by the end of the month, will likely be issued to as many as 150-200 teachers, officials said, in order to give the district flexibility to bring back teachers in needed specialties. Some of those jobs would be brought back if the district decides to open itself as a school-of-choice district.

"We would hope to bring back some of those jobs," chief operating officer Ken Jacobs said. "We're hoping to mitigate some of the losses."

CONTINUED CUTS

Administrators think the district could bring in as much as \$1 million by going to a school-of-choice option. Board members were given three to consider: Opening the district to children of employees who live outside the district; opening



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Fiegel parent John Nichols speaks in support of the neighborhood school.

to students within Wayne RESA, and opening to students in Intermediate School Districts contiguous to Wayne RESA.

Other revenue enhancements administrators believe they can realize include some \$400,000 in shared-time revenue (sharing teachers/students with private/parochial schools); eliminating subsidies to the preschool program, increasing meal prices 10 cents and raising parking fees by \$5 at the high school park.

Administrators and board members used the occasion to make another call on Lansing for help.

"While this was a very difficult budget to prepare, I feel confident telling you it wasn't done in a vacuum," Jacobs said. "This is the last year we'll be able to sustain this level of cuts. It's vital that our governor know (further cuts) could do damage for a very long time."

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-tenured member, called the level of cuts "unprecedented."

"We need help ... we are not going to be able to cut our way out of this," Mardigian said. "There's a lot to hate on this list. It's gut-wrenching."

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City OKs fire truck purchase for new joint fire department

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

fighting and ambulance service with the city of Northville, officials in Northville are moving quickly to provide equipment for it.

The City Commission on Monday voted to spend \$440,321 on a fire pumper truck. The demonstration model — a brand-new truck would take months to obtain, officials noted — has about 5,000 miles on it and was discounted by \$50,000.

The truck, called a Pierce Velocity, comes with training on its systems and its foam fire suppressant capability, plus a two-year bumper-to-bumper warranty. Officials were able to inspect the truck in Northville, while it was on its way back to the factory after a trip to Wisconsin, and Northville Fire Chief James Allen recommended it.

It was the second major purchase for what will be an expanded fire department of trained, but part-time, firefighters and medical first-responders who will be paid by the call. Last month, the commission agreed to buy "turnout

NEWS BRIEFS

gear," the protective clothing and boots firefighters wear, for the Plymouth fire station, behind city hall.

The city will formally join the Northville department next January, when its agreement with Plymouth Township, its partner in the joint Plymouth Community Fire Department, will end. Officials expect the move to save at least \$400,000 a year.

Intent to bond

The commission also approved the publication of a "notice of intent" to sell bonds to pay for startup costs related to joining the Northville Fire Department.

The notice doesn't commit the city to a bond sale, said City Manager Paul Sincock, but is required at this point even though officials are keeping their options open.

Startup costs — remodeling of the fire station, the purchase of trucks and equipment, plus training and planning costs — have been estimated at up to \$1.2 million. The "notice of intent" puts a ceiling of \$1.6 million

on any bonds issued for the project.

Officials said the city may just pay for fire department startup costs in cash, with anticipated savings from the joint operation expected to provide some of that money. Plymouth currently pays nearly \$1 million a year toward the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which it is leaving after this year.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said that even if bonds are issued, they will be repaid over time with existing revenue, and that taxes will not be raised to support them.

More gear

The commission also voted for the purchase of new two-way radios for the Plymouth Police Department.

The six Kenwood radios and accessories cost just over \$13,000 and come with a five-year warranty. They will replace radios that were purchased in 1999 and for which parts are becoming scarce, officials said.

The money will come from \$10,000 that had previously been budgeted, plus just over \$3,000 from a police forfeiture fund.

Old Village reschedules yard sale

The Old Village Association has rescheduled its 2011 yard sale for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The neighborhood-wide yard sale typically includes 25 or more participating households that sell toys, spare clothing, books, tools, gently used electronics and other items, plus a "trunk sale" in the south parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant on Starkweather.

The trunk-sale feature was added last year; proceeds benefit the OVA.

The group is looking for sellers for the trunk sale, who can rent two parking spaces for \$15, bring their wares and set up shop. Maps of the neighborhood will be available that highlight the Old Village households participating in the yard sale.

For information on renting space for the trunk sale, call

the OVA's yard-sale chairman, Mark Oppat, at (734) 207-2346.

The yard sale was rescheduled because Plymouth's spring cleanup program, which lets residents dispose of extra trash and large items at no additional cost, was condensed into one day this year, Saturday, May 14. The OVA usually schedules the yard sale for just ahead of spring cleanup.

PARKING

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Last week's study session was designed mainly to help the commission forge an approach to the "payment-lieu-of-parking" ordinance, which allows developers who are planning new construction, or the expansion of an existing business, to offer the city cash in exchange for a waiver of parking requirements.

The price is \$10,000 per parking spot, but the city is not required to accept any

such proposal. The 2007 ordinance has never been used; the payments are intended to go into a fund earmarked for future parking needs.

LIEU OF CASH

The commission will soon face two proposals in which developers have said they will offer cash in lieu of having on-site parking: the 789 Building, a three-story commercial and restaurant building planned for Ann Arbor Trail and Main; and Panache 447, a restaurant planned for the space on Forest formerly occupied by the 1999 Tavern,

which closed last fall.

Based on usable square footage, some 26 parking spaces are required for the 789 Building, and three parking spaces are required for Panache, where developers want to expand the dining area to the second floor, plus install a second-floor bar.

Both projects are expected to be on the City Commission's agenda for its Monday, April 18, meeting.

Commissioner Gerald Sabatini was absent on Monday.

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None injured in parts plant fire

BY MATT JACHMAN
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A fire forced the evacuation of a Plymouth Township auto parts plant on Friday but caused no injuries and only minimal damage.

Firefighters got the call from the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road near M-14 just before 4:30 p.m. and were on the scene within minutes, said Chief Mark Wendel of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"It was a significantly larger fire than what they said" initially, and the department called for and received mutual aid from both Canton and Northville townships, the chief said.

Plastic pellets, stored in bins in an unoccupied area of the plant, had ignited, and the blaze caused a good deal of smoke, Wendel said. The cause of the fire was still under investigation on Tuesday.

ACH officials evacuated the factory due to the smoke, said Della DiPietro, a company spokeswoman. The plant was running its second shift at the time, and the workers were eventually sent home for the day, she said.

About 160 employees were evacuated. The plant was up and running on Wednesday.

Wendel said the factory's sprinkler system did a good job of containing the fire and even extinguishing most of it.

Because of the high voltage used in the plant, power to the area had to be shut off before firefighters could safely enter, he said. But firefighters did enter and ran hoses to put the fire out, he said.

Fire damage was limited to the plastic pellets in about six bins in the storage area, the chief said. The factory's ventilation system cleared out much of the resulting smoke, he said.

Wendel said he knew of

no witnesses to how the fire began, and that the fire department was called 10 to 15 minutes after the fire was spotted.

Mutual aid, he said, was called in as a precaution, mainly to have the extra equipment on hand.

"It's better to have them on scene in a big commercial establishment like that," he said. "There was a large potential there for a very significant fire."

ACH is a Ford Motor Co.-managed temporary firm that manufactures a variety of parts for Ford vehicles. Workers at the plant on Sheldon Road make climate control parts.

Wendel said the sprinkler system worked well, with only one or two sprinkler heads being triggered by the heat and containing the fire. "I can't overemphasize how effective they can be," he said of sprinklers.

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Coin flip

Gary Kelly of Canton, president of the NW Detroit Coin Club, along with Diana Jellinik of Troy and Vic West of Brighton, sold a lot of coins at the 49th semiannual NW Detroit Coin Show in Livonia. Kelly said the show brought together coin sellers, collectors and those interested in an investment for the future — in coins, paper money, and tokens. The NW Detroit holds its meetings at the Livonia Senior Center on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

CRIME WATCH

Laptop taken in car burglary

A laptop computer was among the things reported stolen Sunday from an unlocked car in the driveway of a house on Chestnut Drive in Plymouth Township.

The computer and a planner were in a laptop bag that was taken from the Ford Edge between about 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:20 a.m. Sunday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

Storage unit burglary

A mountain bike, a pair of bicycle shoes, a golf club and trading cards were reported stolen Friday from a storage unit at an apartment building on Shadywood near Wilcox Road.

The theft from the locked basement storage unit occurred between March 25 and Friday afternoon, the victim told police. It was not reported whether there was forced entry into the unit.

It was the second reported theft from a storage unit at the complex within about a week.

— By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period March 30-April 5:

- Tuesday, April 5 — Rescue runs on N. Territorial, on Dover, on northbound I-275 and Joy, on Haggerty and on Howland Park.
- Monday, April 4 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Woodgate, on Lilley and on Tavistock.
- Sunday, April 3 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Forest, on Concord, on York, at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, on Newporte, on Greystone, on Haggerty and on Fox Ridge.
- Saturday, April 2 — Rescue runs on Eckles, on Herald, on Northville Road, on Brewster, on Colony Farm, on Oakview, on Covington, on Five Mile, on Fairground, on Arthur, on Thornridge, at Joy and General and on Heritage.
- Friday, April 1 — Rescue runs on Lorenz Way, on Pinetree, on Herald, on Ann Arbor Road, on Sheldon and on Barrington.
- Thursday, March 31 — Rescue runs on Hilltop, on Northville, on Sheridan and on Plymouth Oaks.
- Wednesday, March 30 — Rescue runs on Sheldon, on Northville, on Haggerty, on Parkview, on Mayflower, on westbound M-14, at Ann Arbor Road and Massey, at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, on N. Territorial, at Plymouth and Haggerty, on I-275 north of Five Mile, on Saddlebrook, on Ann Arbor Road, on Haggerty and on Elmwood.

Police: Walmart manager, ex-manager staged robbery

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia police arrested a night manager and a former manager in connection with the robbery of the Walmart store, 29574 Seven Mile, of \$90,000 early Tuesday morning.

Jeffrey Lindberg Moore, 31, of Ypsilanti and Hassan Kamal Fayad, 25, of Dearborn were arraigned Wednesday afternoon on felony charges of armed robbery and larceny from a building.

Sixteenth District Judge Kathleen McCann entered pleas of not guilty for both suspects and set cash bonds of \$500,000 for Moore and \$750,000 for Fayad. A preliminary examination of April 12 was set.

Police believe the robbery was an inside job, timed while nighttime employees were on a

break at 2 a.m. The store was closed at the time.

The cash office was entered by a suspect police identified as the former manager, who was wearing a mask.

The suspect keyed his way into the store and keyed his way into the cash office after he obtained a copy of the key from the night manager, according to Lt. Tom Goralski. He escaped with more than \$90,000 cash from a safe and the cash office, but also was seen by an employee who happened upon the crime.

"He chased (the masked man) out, and he had him for a moment, but then the night manager saw him and yelled, 'He's got a gun,' so he let him go," Goralski said.

Sgt. Mike Killingbeck interviewed the night manager that evening, but believed that the details of his story didn't match up with what the detec-

tive had viewed on the store's surveillance tape. "There were inconsistencies there," Killingbeck said.

Killingbeck said police uncovered a possible motive in that Fayad was upset with his termination from his supervisory position in February.

"He had made statements that he would 'get back at Walmart,'" Killingbeck said.

Killingbeck said Moore owed \$3,000 to Fayad, "that would be settled" through this crime.

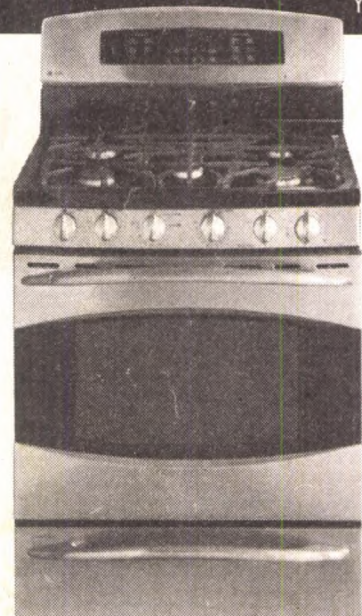
The night manager was in custody within an hour of the robbery, while the former manager was arrested at a Red Roof Inn in Dearborn late Tuesday afternoon.

"Most of the stolen cash was recovered," Goralski said.

Police are continuing an investigation and believe one of the suspects may face more charges.

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Sean O'Callaghan's is a traditional Victorian Irish Pub with mahogany woodwork and stained glass throughout the pub, all custom-made (the stained glass was hand-made in Ireland).

Pub offers traditional Irish experience

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

Sean O'Callaghan's: We are a traditional Victorian Irish Pub with mahogany woodwork and stained glass throughout the Pub. Our woodwork was all custom made for our Pub, and our stained glass was hand made for us in Ireland. Our menu is focused on traditional Irish food, such as Fish & Chips, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew, Bangers & Mash, and Shepherd's Pie. We make all of our dishes from scratch. We have a large menu with American dishes, seafood, salads, and a large selection of appetizers.

We are also known for our 22 specialty & imported drafts beer selection. We have a large selection of Irish Whiskeys & Single Malt Scotches.

We have many features and specials throughout the week. We have our \$2 Angus Burgers Every Tuesday (All Day), and our Half-Off Fish & Chips Every Friday (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). Also, our Happy Hour from 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday includes \$3 All Draft Beers, \$4 All Wines by the Glass, and a Half-Off Appetizer Menu.

Observer: How did you decide to open?

Sean O'Callaghan's: My brother and I are both attorneys. The law firm

SEAN O'CALLAGHAN'S

Business name: Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub
Business address: 821 Penniman, Plymouth
Your name and title: Sam and Kevin Khshan
Business opened: May 12, 2001
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Your business specialty: Traditional Irish food, specialty and imported drafts
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we worked for represented restaurant and bars. Additionally, our father owned a couple restaurants when we were growing up. In 2000, Irish Pubs were an up and coming concept so we decided to open one.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We worked in Plymouth and grew up in Northville so we knew the town. The City was welcoming knew restaurants and we loved the downtown. We thought it was a good fit.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We try to be as traditional as possible.

We modeled our decor and style around the Victorian Pubs in Ireland. A Pub is a social center in Ireland, where guests come with friends or alone for the fun atmosphere. They are there because of the friendly staff and welcoming environment. That is what we try to provide.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We have not changed much. We change our menu yearly to keep it fresh and exciting, but the main dishes stay the same. We actually have a few of the same staff members since opening.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Sean O'Callaghan's: The economy probably affected most restaurants, especially in Michigan. We tried to implement some specials and features to combat the down turn. We lowered some menu prices. We added our \$2 Burgers, and we changed our Happy Hour. We took these steps to make it more reasonable for our guests to come out.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Sean O'Callaghan's: Lastly, we have our 10 year Anniversary coming on Thursday, May 12th. We are having Live Irish Music. All of our Irish Entrees will be only \$10 (May 9-12). We will have Happy Hour All Night.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New agent

Rick Berberet, of the Plymouth/Canton area, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area from 137 Cady Centre in Northville.

Berberet recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Berberet also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Berberet had an extensive career in real estate for over 10 years. He joins a state-wide force of over 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.

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Business news

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For more information, call (734) 455-1453.

Dance reservations

Registration for the Metro Dance Company Summer 2011 dance season is now open. Classes available for all ages 2½ - adult and begin the week of July 11. Register in person, by phone at (734) 207-8970 or online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com.

Metro Dance Company is located in Plymouth on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail, just outside downtown Plymouth.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for exhibit space at the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Inn at St. John's.

This year the event will be held in the Main Ball Room and adjoining Garden Room to provide more space for exhibitors and attendees. With space going quickly, you need to reserve your space as soon as possible to ensure you can be an exhibitor.

Last year the event was bigger than ever with 830 attendees and 90 exhibitors.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here.

Exhibit space is only \$110 and \$135 and includes a 6' x 3' skirted table. This is a great opportunity to market your business to residents and local businesses. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received by May 17.

The major sponsors for this event are Hines Park Lincoln and Community Financial.

Lawrence Tech camps

This summer Lawrence Technological University will hold a dozen enrichment summer camps to introduce high school students to topics that could lead to a college major or a career. The camps are designed for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in technology, science and design. For information and the registration form, contact Lisa Kujawa at kujawa@ltu.edu or go to ltu.edu/community_k12/summer_camps.asp. The registration deadline is June 1.

Scholarship Fund Update

• Received \$3,725 to provide \$745 per student in scholarship.

• Deadline to contribute to the scholarship fund: May 2.

The Chamber of Commerce on behalf of contributors will reward up to five Plymouth/Canton students with Student Citizenship Scholarships. These scholarships will be based on community service only, not grade point. There will be a selection committee who will pick one student each from Canton H.S., Plymouth H.S., Salem H.S., Starkweather



Cutting the ribbon

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce joined Teresa Pilarz and the staff at Espresso Elevado to cut the ribbon on her new business at 606 S. Main St. It is an artisan coffee roaster and brew bar with an eco-friendly, organic focus whose mission is to craft & share coffee in a way that elevates the quality of the beverage as well as people's ability to appreciate it.

Alternative H.S. and a non P-CCS high school student who lives in the district.

Companies and individuals are asked to give contributions that generally range from \$25 to \$100 and the contributions are tax deductible. Although we are off to a great start, our hope is to nearly double last years scholarships and give each student \$1,000.

Contributors will be recognized on the Chamber's web page and at the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on May 23. To make a contribution you can download a donation form from our web site at www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/Student-Citizenship-Scholarships.

April events

• 10- Member Connection, April 14 — Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterwards, everyone can stay to finish off the coffee while getting to know each other better.

Attendees are limited to the first 10 members who respond and who are from different business categories. The event will be held on April 14 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Tr.). To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org.

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Exhibit features local glass works

For over the past 30 years, Michigan has celebrated the rich tradition of glass as an art medium by recognizing April as Glass Month.

In honor of this designation, The Village Theater at Cherry hosts an exhibition of glass works created by artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn. This exhibition of color and light captured in glass works of art runs through April 29 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Glass art enthusiasts and collectors, as well as the general public, are encouraged to explore the exhibition, which showcases the art of glass as expressed in all forms from glass objects and vessels to mixed media. Although every unique piece is made from the magical medium of glass, each retains its own personality and style. Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

The Furnace Design Studio is the collaboration of internationally-acclaimed glass artists Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearborn-based glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces and hospitality interiors. These artists are also known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces which range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail.

Works of these glass artists will be on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillageattheater.org. For more information about The Glass Academy, visit www.glassacademy.com.

Girl Scouts camps offer arts programs

With cutbacks in art and music education looming for the state's public schools, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is offering arts programming at Camp Linden in Linden for summer 2011.

The 400-acre camp will offer sessions in painting, drawing, sketching and sculpting, along with jewelry craft and art from nature. Campers will also enjoy swimming, hiking, boating and archery. No prior membership in Girl Scouting is required.

"We know that arts education enhances all learning," said Julie Yeager, GSHOM outdoor program promotions specialist. "This summer, Camp Linden offers girls the unbeatable combination of arts exploration in a non-competitive natural setting."

According to the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs, public funding for school art projects in the state has been reduced to \$2 million, down from \$26 million in 2006, despite research that continues to pour in on the



Girl Scout campers enjoyed arts sessions during 2010 summer camp.

Test, and 44 points higher on the math section of the exam, compared to students who had less than four years of arts education.

Additionally, according to a 2008 Dana Consortium Report on Arts and Cognition, neuroscientists at seven major universities have found strong links between arts education and cognitive development in children. Students involved in the arts develop attention and memory skills that also apply to other subject areas.

"Girl Scout camp is an affordable, easily accessible way to give your daughter what she may be missing in school — experience in the arts, which fosters creativity and imagination," said Yeager.

Families can see what camp is like at the camp open houses, 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 15 at Camp Crawford and Sunday, May 22, at Camp Linden. For more information and locations, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.girlscoutcamp.org for a complete 2011 GSHOM Camp Guide.

positive impact of arts education.

Highlights from a 2004 UNESCO report include the following:

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did their counterparts who had computer instruction.

- Research conducted on fourth graders in 24 elementary schools showed that children exposed to arts education experienced test score increases of: 7 percent in reading in humanities; 10 percent in social studies; 25 percent in math; and 7 percent in science.

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Culinary team gets cookin' at competition

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year, the vaunted Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team didn't compete in the usual state competitions when their coach, Diana Woodward, took some time away from coaching to have a baby.

This year, P-CEP cooks and restaurant management specialists returned with a vengeance.

At the Michigan Restaurant Association competition, Plymouth-Canton's marketing/management team took the first-place trophy, earning themselves an all-expenses paid trip to the national competition, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, April 29 in Overland Park, Kan.

"There's a lot of pressure, and we hadn't practiced a lot," said management team member Bria Dobson, a Salem High School junior. "I had a feeling we'd do good, I just didn't think we'd finish that high."

The management competition, according to Woodward, is fierce. Organizers rewrote the competition guidelines



Plymouth-Canton's management team — Kristina Kapidani, LeSaesha Pollard and Bria Dobson — earned first-place honors and will travel to Overland Park, Kan., for the national competition later this month.

to make it less a "quiz bowl" style competition and more an actual restaurant competition. Teams have to write a proposal (P-C's was some 70 pages long), and the plan has to cover absolutely everything — decor, concept, menu, recipes, marketing, etc. In addition to the written proposal, there's a 10-minute verbal presentation (including Power Point) and a

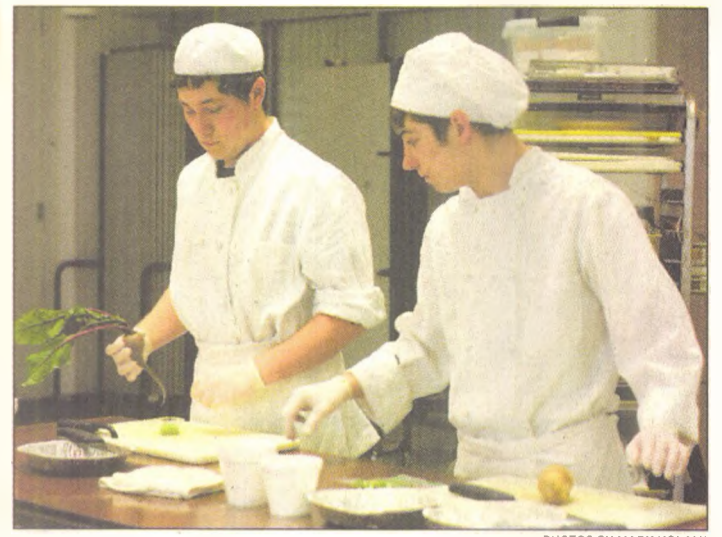
question-answer session where judges ask questions ranging from "How would you handle environmental issues" to "How do you plan on answering your phone?"

The management team enlisted the help of some of the school's CAD students to do a restaurant blueprint, and got some graphic art students to help design the menu.

"It was really cool because we got to bring all of those (students) together," Woodward said. "They helped make it shine."

The team acknowledged a couple of "issues," during the competition, and therefore were surprised when their names were called as the winner.

"There were some struggles



Culinary team members Justin Newton and Nick Podlaha got in some practice before heading off to the state culinary competition.

... we had confidence in our team, but we didn't expect to win," said Lesaesha Pollard, a Canton High School senior. "It took us about three minutes to realize they'd called our names."

The culinary team wasn't quite as lucky — but just barely — finishing about a quarter-point behind the winners. Serving a butter-poached paquette of trout stuffed with crab and gremolata, served with potato gnocchi, roasted pep-

per beuree blanc, warm vegetable ragout and crisp potato gaufrettes, the culinary team just missed the trip to nationals.

"I was disappointed, but at the same time we weren't even sure we placed," said Cayla Phillips, a Canton High School junior. "It's rewarding to know you worked so hard. Even though we got second, we accomplished something."

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Scrutinize statements for mistakes, unknown fees

It's the end of the first quarter, and it's been an incredible one. In the last three months, we have seen revolutions and insurrections throughout the Arab world, an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan and now the U.S. involved in the conflict in Libya.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The conflicts throughout the Middle East have caused energy prices and prices at the pump to soar while, simultaneously, the U.S. stock market posted nice gains. If you try to figure it out, it just doesn't make a lot of sense. I know people that will spend hours theorizing why the market did this or did that. If you talk to 10 experts they'll give you 20 different opinions. The reality is, it is nearly impossible to figure out why the market does one thing or another over a short period of time. We don't need to waste our time trying. It is more important to focus on some of the more mundane tasks that could add real value to the overall financial picture.

One of those tasks is to review your first quarter state-

ment to ensure it is accurate. For those who made IRA contributions over the last three months, make sure your contributions have been properly accounted. For those who contribute to a salary deferral program such as a 403(b) or a 401(k) make sure that you have received credit for the contributions.

When I get a financial statement, whether from a mutual fund company or from a bank, I assume it is accurate. Typically it is, however, mistakes are made. We are the last line of defense to make sure that our accounts are accurate. In this electronic age, we tend to think computers are infallible and never make a mistake. That's not the case. Mistakes are made and they happen more often than you think. Therefore, review your statement for accuracy.

You don't have to be an accountant to review a statement. One sure sign that your money may be in the wrong place is if the statement is difficult to read. If they are too difficult to understand, I think it's by design, so you are intentionally confused. I prefer to deal with companies that want to keep it simple and straightforward.

When reviewing your statement, the first thing to do is make sure the ending balance of your last statement is the

beginning balance of your most recent statement. In addition, make sure that you account for all new contributions. In addition, pay attention to any withdrawals. Pay particular attention to any fees you may have paid. Don't assume that just because they're charging you a fee it must be correct. If you're not sure about a fee, ask. If the fee is too high, consider moving your account elsewhere.

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Trying to figure out what causes the stock market to move one way or another is great conversation. However, in the long run it's just talk and speculation. On the other hand, taking the time to review your statement is something that potentially keeps more money in your pocket and, after all, isn't that the goal?

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

AROUND CANTON

Rockette show

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 8; 6 p.m. April 9

Location: Salem auditorium, Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton.
Details: Show will feature the Salem Rockettes, a National Dance Teams Championships finalist.

Prom dress sale

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton
Details: A sale of donated new and used prom dresses at Plymouth High School. No dress will be priced over \$20 and all of the dresses are in great shape. Donations of dresses, formal sandals, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. are still being accepted in the general office at Plymouth High School. Proceeds from the sale will benefit some of the programs in the Life Management Department.
Contact: Lisa.Benages@pccsmail.net

All Saints Camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5

Location: All Saints Catholic School, Canton
Details: All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment

summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.

Contact: For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at www.allssaints.org or e-mail msswiderek@yahoo.com.

Mom 2 Mom

Date/Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom2Mom sale. A "large item" area and the group's motto of "where neighbors become friends" with sales going to the Autism Collaborative Center creates an extra special sale atmosphere. Strollers are welcome. Admission is \$1.

Contact: For more information about the sale, call Jessica at (616) 780-5592 or e-mail themirrolands@yahoo.com.



Farmington Players John Boufford as King Sextimus and Kristi Schwartz of Canton as Queen Aggravain in "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17.

Village Theater hosts 'Once Upon a Mattress'

Once Upon a Mattress, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy that tells a familiar story and launched the career of the legendary comedienne Carol Burnett, is coming to the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17, courtesy of the Spotlight Players.

Farmington Players in *Once Upon a Mattress* include: Allison Soranno of Northville Township, who is directing; John Boufford of Northville Township, who most recently played the role of Ralphy in the Farmington Players' production of *A Christmas Story*, plays King Sextimus. Kristi Schwartz of Canton who starred on the Barn stage as Gertie in *Oklahoma* and also played a courtesan in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, will play Queen Aggravain in *Mattress*.

Loni Burkow of West Bloomfield is Princess Winnifred. In her last role at the Farmington Players Barn, she dazzled audiences as the stripper Tessie Tura, in *Gypsy*.

The cast also includes Tim Chanko of Canton, a Farmington Players member who portrayed Schroeder in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and appeared in *Sweet Charity* at the Barn. Finally, two actors from Farmington Hills will also be on stage in *Once Upon A Mattress*: Kyle Coykendall, as Sir Luce, and Jesse Brandel, as Harold.

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Loni Burkow as Princess Winnifred and Gannon Styles as Prince Dauntless in "Once Upon a Mattress."

Upon a Mattress turns the classic children's story *The Princess on the Pea* on its head, delightfully skewering all fairy tales in the process. Audiences will delight in the farce, the situations, the innuendo, and such notable numbers as *Shy* and *In a Little While*.

Director Soranno says this show is fun for audience members of all ages and she likes to point out two "morals" of the story:

"Things are not always as they appear," and "The smallest things can make a big difference."

Soranno also assures that the audience will enjoy the brilliant, colorful costumes and the exquisitely painted stone castle scenery.

SHOW INFO

Once Upon A Mattress will be performed at:

- Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.
- Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton, MI, 48187. The Village Theater is handicap accessible and has a concession stand with snacks, coffee, beer and wine.

Get tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors, \$16 for students under 19. Call for group rates.

"Around Canton" 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.

Women's Connection

Date/Time: Monday, April 11, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Canton Women's Connection meeting, featuring Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin. Bring a friend/neighbor. RSVP by Thursday, April 7.

Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net

Charter Academy meeting

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, April 4

Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a middle school information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available.

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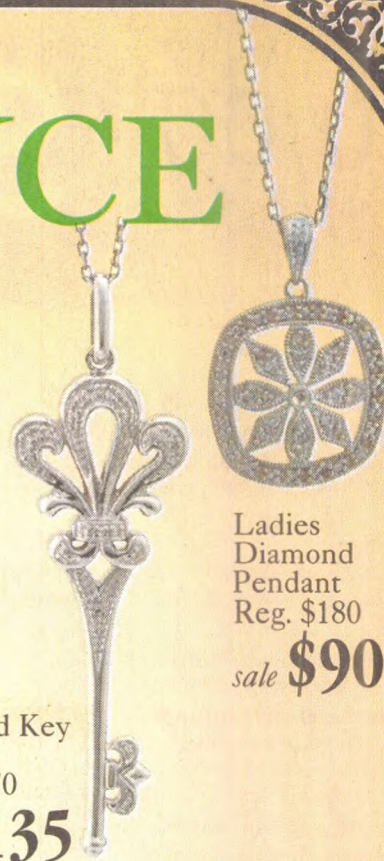
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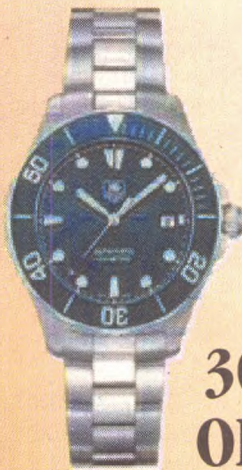
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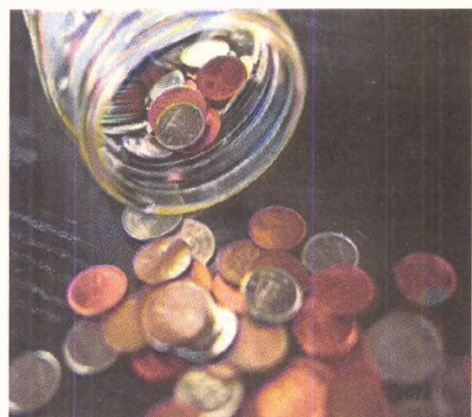
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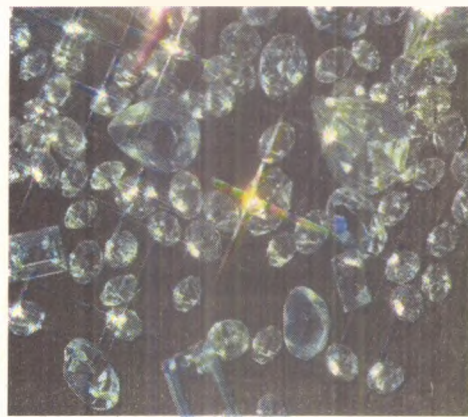
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TENNIS FROM PAGE B1

Senior Emily Borkowicz and junior Susmi Diraviam will handle the No. 2 doubles spot...

The Wildcats (0-1) had much more success in doubles play. The duo of Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey bested Mallory Rojo-Olivia Gonzalez in three sets...

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Young 'Cats want to make their mark

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Traitses

finished 2-3. "Many of our girls gained a lot of experience last year. "We hope that this will help us compete in meets and continue to grow into top teams in our division."

tain Carissa Buttermore. "Our team will be deeper than it was last year," said Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes, whose 2010 squad...

TRACK PREVIEW

run, 1600 relay, 3200 relay), Knox, Buttermore (400 dash, 1600 relay), junior co-captain Nicole Traitses (1600 relay, 3200 relay), sophomore high jumper Taylor Reickhoff, sophomore distance runner Kyra Neumann and senior Lindsey Russell (200 dash, sprint relays).

welcome promising newcomers Jada Woody and Bailey Marco (sprints), Brianna Lax (distance) and Tione Johnson (throws). According to Styes, with only three seniors on the squad "the team will rely on a good number of underclassmen" throughout the season.

Canton starts year strong with win over Plymouth

The Canton Chiefs' boys track and field team got the jump on campus rival Plymouth, winning Tuesday's season-opening dual meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by a 82-55 score.

"We're very happy," said Canton head coach Bob Richardson about the victory. "We had a hard time beating Plymouth the last few years since they got their new head coach, Jon Mikosz. "He's doing an awesome job with them and we were just fortunate to beat them today." Richardson pointed to team depth as one factor. "We were able to go 1-2, 1-2-3 a couple times," Richardson

said. "They did the same thing to us. But I guess we did it a few more times." The meet also gave more evidence that Canton's Kevin Buford and Plymouth's Joe Porcari are as outstanding as they were last season. Buford was a triple winner, taking the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. Meanwhile, Porcari captured the 800- and 1600-meter runs and was part of the victorious 3200- and 1600-meter relays. "I thought Nick Alaniva did a nice job," Richardson said. "He won two field events (long jump, pole vault) and he was on the winning 400-meter relay team."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

- CANTON 82 PLYMOUTH 55 April 5 at March 31 at Canton Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 9 inches; 2. Ben Poirier (C), 38-4; 3. Marty Brudzinski (P), 36-8.5. Discus: 1. Poirier (C), 105-1; 2. Nikel Durgafari (P), 80-9; 3. William Harrington (P), 79-4. High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. Zach Smilo (C), 5-8; 3. Josh Smith (P), 5-4. Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 20-9.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 19-3; 3. Smith (C), 18-1. Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 13-3; 2. Bihn (P), 11-1; 3. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-5. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton (P), 17-4; 2. Mitch Pepper (C), 17-6; 3. Drake Hogan (C), 20-5. 300 hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 44-3; 2. Pepper (C), 47-6; 3. Javon Hill (C), 48-5. 100 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 11-5; 2. Alex Rogers (P), 11-7; 3. Ryan Darish (C), 12-1. 200: 1. Buford (C), 23-0; 2. William Askev

- (P), 23-1; 3. Scott Piowar (C), 24-3. 400: 1. Buford (C), 53-4; 2. Sapan Patel (C), 56-1; 3. Lucas Bunting (P), 56-5. 800: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 2:09.1; 2. Shean Krolnicki (C), 2:10.4; 3. Max Rogowski (P), 2:12.3. 1,600: 1. Porcari (P), 4:51-0; 2. Nick Eiben (P), 4:53-0; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:53-1. 3,200: 1. Miles Felton (C), 10:30-1; 2. Bradon Conley (C), 10:42-3; Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:46-5. 400 relay: 1. Canton (Piowar, Alaniva, Morris, Daniels), 47-2; Plymouth (48-5); 800 relay: 1. Canton (Piowar, Patel, Morris, Daniels), 1:39-6; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askev, Porcari, Bunting, Deykes), 3:43-5; 2. Canton (9:00-8). Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall; Plymouth, 0-1 overall.

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WHALERS FROM PAGE B1 D'Amigo put the puck past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood (37 saves). Again drawing assists were Akesson and Murphy. But Livingston's go-ahead tally just 2:55 later again shifted momentum to the Whalers and this time they didn't relinquish it. After relishing their series triumph, the Whalers will quickly get back to work ahead of their second-round series

WHALERS' SEMIFINAL SKED Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, at Owen Sound. Game 2: 7 p.m. Saturday, at Plymouth. Game 3: 7 p.m. Monday, at Owen Sound. Game 4: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Plymouth. x-Game 5: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Owen Sound. x-Game 6: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Compuware. x-Game 7: 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Owen Sound. x-if necessary



WALT DMOCZ

with Owen Sound. Frustrating Game 6 Nothing went right for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night, and the result was a 2-0 loss to Kitchener to even their OHL first-round playoff series at three games each. After the Whalers were denied the game's first goal when officials ruled it was gloved into the Rangers' net, Kitchener scored on the power play on a shot that caromed in past goalie Scott Wedgewood.

On Saturday night, Kitchener netminder Mike Morrison had all the answers, shown here thwarting Plymouth's Jamie Devane (No. 23). But Morrison could not stop the Whalers from winning the series Monday night.

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CHURCHES MIX EGG HUNTS WITH CRAFTS, GAMES

How long does it take 600 kids to find 10,000 Easter eggs? "The actual hunt takes about five minutes," says Judy Brown, the children's pastor in charge of Church of the Nazarene's annual egg hunt. "What we do is we have a lot next to us that is our property. It's roped off by age and color-coordinated. Everyone waits for the big whistle."

The popular event, which draws youngsters from Farmington Hills and Livonia to the church at 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, is Saturday, April 23. This year youngsters must be pre-registered by April 20 and no walk-ins will be accepted. Registration will close sooner if the head count reaches 600.

"We've been growing each year and last year we maxed out. I hate to limit it. We are struggling with that, but we're limited. Last year we had a little over 600 children and 1,300 in total with the adults. And that is really the max that our sanctuary can hold."

Although the egg hunt is held outdoors, other activities, including a lunch, games, Easter Bunny photos and a brief entertainment show, keep children, age 1-11 busy indoors.

"The show is only about 20 minutes, but it's an important piece," said Brown, explaining that it includes a religious component. The King's Yomen will talk about their faith while executing yo-yo tricks. Their act also incorporates drama and song.

"They're really engaging. They're a favorite."

Brown said 400 youngsters have signed up for the event, leaving room for 200 more.

Register at www.dfnazarene.org. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

"It's a nice deal and we try to make everyone feel welcome," Brown said.

Other church egg hunts include:

• Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. Youngsters through age 11 can hunt for Easter eggs, hear an Easter story, and make a craft from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Youngsters should bring a basket or bag to collect and take home eggs. (734) 522-3570

• St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Registration deadline for "Kids Easter Fun Day" is Sunday, April 10. The event runs 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16 and will include crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children, 3-13. Call the church office at (734) 422-1470 to register.

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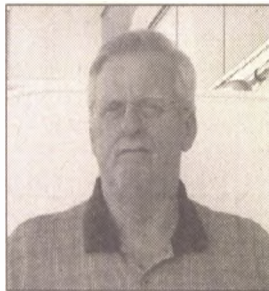
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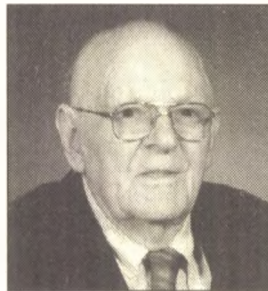
JOAN BOLES
Age 104 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Eugene (Carol) Koch and Judy (Terry) Wilson. Proud grandma of Diane, Matthew, April, Wendy, Julie and Jan and great grandma of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Thursday 5:30-9pm. Funeral will be Friday at the funeral home gathering 10am service 11:30am. In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

PHYLLIS ELAINE GRAHAM
Age 82 of Novi, went into the presence of the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 5, 2011) in their residence. She was born August 15th, 1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Everett and Marian Scherich, and was born again in Jesus in 1954. She married Clayton Graham on December 29, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. She leaves behind her loving husband, Clayton, and three loving children Michael C. (Cindie) Graham of Gilford, New Hampshire, Mrs. Peggy A. (Rick) Koloian of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia A. (Kyle) Riehle of South Lyon, Michigan. She now is reunited with her daughter, Kathryn Susan. She was dearly loved by Katie, Holly, C.J., Jessica, Catherine, Rebecca, Alyssa, and Joshua, her grandchildren; and Jaden and Graham, her great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Malpass of California and Barbara Aune of Illinois. Phyllis was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who made every activity of her grandchildren a priority. She was often seen on bleachers and church pews encouraging her family. Phyllis was an active member in God's kingdom work, including Fox Run Bible Study, backyard Bible clubs, Bible Study Fellowship, and a community Bible Study. She devoted much time to serving the elderly by providing transportation and other needs, and also served in the after-school Care program. She was also a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution and currently fellowshipped at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. After graduating Manistee High, she attended Central Michigan University. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 on Friday, April 8 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. Officiating will be Pastors David Brown of Fellowship Church and John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Fellowship Church or Calvary Baptist.

ELIZABETH ANN (FRISBIE) DISBROW
72, of Interlochen, MI and formerly of Birmingham, passed away suddenly Friday, March 25, 2011 at her home on Green Lake. Liz was born in Battle Creek, MI on December 28, 1938 to the late Walter and Regina (Martin) Frisbie. She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School, class of 1956. She attended Miami of Ohio University where she studied History and was a member of the Alpha Omega Pi Sorority. In 1959, Liz married Donald Rex Disbrow, Jr., also of Battle Creek, her husband of 52 years. Liz was the love of Don's life and together they raised their four children in Birmingham. There was nothing Liz enjoyed more than taking care of her family and friends, always ready with a smile and a hug, and her rearing work. Outside of the home, Liz worked for the David Stalker Auction Gallery of Birmingham for over ten years. She and Don resettled to their home on Green Lake in Interlochen upon their retirement in 1995. Though retired, Liz enjoyed helping her new neighbors and community. During the 16 years she lived in Interlochen, she was an active member of the Green Lake Township Planning Commission as well as a volunteer for the Father Fred Foundation, the annual Chery Festival, and the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce. Liz is survived by her husband Don; her four children, Jeff, Tim (Kim), Andy (Beth Ann), and Beth (Adam); twelve grandchildren, Matt (Tricia), Brian Rex, Jenny, Shannon, Madeline, Ben, Brian Reese, Sam, Hannah, Drew, Jessie, and Kaitlyn; her great granddaughter, Peyton; her brother, Walt (Carol), and sister, Alice (Bill); her sister-in-law, Deanna; and many other loving family members and friends. A memorial mass was held on April 1st at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grawn, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Liz's memory to the Father Fred Foundation in Traverse City. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.



JOSEPH FRANK KRACHT
Age 65, went to be with the Lord on April 5th at his home in Brighton surrounded by his Family and Friends. Born to Elden Gregory and Catherine Kracht on April 30th, 1945. Survived by his loving and caring wife of 45 years, Pam. Loving children Gregory (Denaize), David (Lisa) and Jen (Mark) Kroll. Deceased Papa to Jacob, Trevor and Ryan Kracht and Alex and Alyssa Kroll. Dearest brother to Mary (Gary) Mierzwa, Bill (Marge) Kracht, Janie (Jay) Pewtress, John Kracht, Juanita (Earl) Siterlet, Irene Turner, Genesta brother-in-law to Cindy Horton and Jeff (Wilma) Funtuky. Uncle Joe to many nieces and nephews. Dearest friend to Gary and Shari Korff. Memorial service to be held at Cornerstone Evangelical Church 9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton, on Friday April 8th at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 310 North Main Street #100 Chelsea, Michigan 48118.



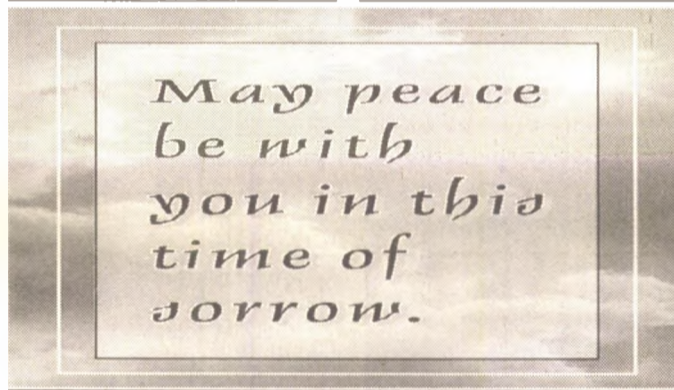
ERNEST MANZEL
Age 95, of Plymouth, passed away on April 1, 2011. Loving husband of the late Viola. Beloved father of David (Patricia), Dale (Gwynn) and Darrell Manzel. Proud grandfather of Kenneth (Lori) Manzel, Kevin (Courtney) Manzel, Matthew (Tammy) Manzel and Jason (Mary) Manzel. Great grandfather of Colin, Avery and Lauren Manzel. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman Ave, Plymouth with family receiving friends beginning at 10:30am. Visitation Wednesday from 1-9pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



DONALD CARL RAMIN
Of Farwell was called to his Savior's side and eternal home on Sunday, April 3, 2011 after a courageous battle with pneumonia and renal failure. He was born in Romeo on December 23, 1927. Don served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1948 and was on five different ships during WWII. Don was a Livonia Firefighter for 30 years, retiring in 1981 as Senior Captain. Don was a woodworker and golfer. Don married Linda Helena Carnahan on December 16, 1950 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2010 with a party given by their children. Don and Linda were blessed with six children. Don was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Duell, his step-father Alfred Duell, and his grandson Ryan Paul Amerman. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Linda, his sons Michael John (Kathryn) and Dennis Charles, his daughters Patricia Lynn Maddix (James), Cynthia Jo Gerstenlauer (Michael), Linda Susan Belanger (Louis), and Kathryn Irene Zilz (Rick). Left to cherish the memories of their grandfather are 16 grandchildren and 10 great grand children. Family was very important to Don and he loved spending time with them. Don was a member of the Clare Church of the Nazarene and will receive visitors at the church on Thursday April 7, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Pastor Jim Young, Senior Pastor officiating. Don will be laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Lakes Burn Camp PO Box 6189, Jackson MI 49204. Don's family would like to thank Great Lakes Renal Dialysis Center in Mt. Pleasant for the care and compassion given to him over the last several years. Those wishing to may leave an on-line condolence at: www.stephenson-wyman.com

JOHN PETRYL
Age 88 of Livonia, Mi., March 31, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wives Julia and Eileen. Loving father of Robert, David, Richard (Verla), Kenneth (Mary) and Joyce. Stepfather of Thomas and Cheryl. Brother of Edward and Helen. Grandfather of eight, Step-grandfather of one, Great-grandfather of three and Step-great-grandfather of two. Visitation Friday 2-4:30pm and 6-9pm. Funeral service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeuf & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Alzheimers Association. www.santeufuneralhome.com

DAVID ALAN MARKLAND, JR.
Born June 25, 1976 died March 13, 2011. Survived by uncle Kevin, aunt Patty, and Terri, and cousins Sean, Crystal, Tara, Ronnie, and Eric, and sister Danielle. Preceded in death by mother Debbie Markland, father David Markland Sr., sister Michelle Markland, aunt Sandi Kneeshaw, uncle Keith Casey, and grandparents John and Frankie Casey. Memorial service on April 12, 2011 at Calvary Missionary Church 29850 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 from 1pm-9pm; (service at 7:30pm)



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EDNA S. ZEHR
Age 87, of Farmington, MI. Passed away March 29, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, April 7, 2011

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Joys of SOY

FOOD, B8



Fundraiser starts countdown to jazz festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Johnny Trudell will take the stage this weekend at the Michigan Jazz Festival's spring fundraiser, giving listeners a taste of what's in store for them at the big mid-summer event.

"It's our festival. We created it 17 years ago," said Trudell, festival president. "We've used numerous people in the past for this fundraiser. The board decided it was time to give the old trumpet player a chance."

The Johnny Trudell Quintet with Chuck Shermataro, Ray Tini, Bill Cairo, and Gene Parker, along with Trudell on trumpet, will perform from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 10 in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or in advance by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

Proceeds help fund the annual Michigan Jazz Festival planned for July 17 at Schoolcraft. The festival, set both outdoors and inside the college, is free and features jazz bands from throughout Michigan performing on several stages.

"We're the only jazz festival I know of around here that does fundraisers," said Ellis, festival producer and a Livonia resident. "None of us gets paid and that makes us different."



Johnny Trudell, president of the Michigan Jazz Festival, will perform at a fundraiser Sunday, April 10, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The fundraiser will support the annual festival.

DONATING

Festival organizers raise approximately \$30,000 annually, through spring and fall fundraisers, a Father's Day brunch concert, sponsorships and donations.

Last year, when major sponsors pulled their support because of the poor economy, the festival's future looked bleak.

"It was the first year we asked for donations all the time. We just started putting canisters out saying put your change in here," Ellis said. The festival has given away an assortment of items — everything from cup holders to CD openers, pot scrapers and refrigerator magnets — to audience members who donate to the canisters.

Ellis also added a donation plea to correspondence and flyers. She's delighted with the response.

"It's just amazing that by changing the wording on the bottom of the flyers, it has brought in money," she said. "We (recently) got two \$500 checks. I about fainted."

The donations will help to keep the festival parking and admission free.

FAVORITES, NEWCOMERS

Jazz fans will see 26 bands this year, including several that are new to the festival. Two high school groups and several college bands also will perform on the Future of Jazz Stage, which was a new

addition last year. It's back on the schedule because "everyone loved it so much," Ellis said.

Festival performers run the gamut from Big Bands to Dixieland groups to trios and quartets with a common ability to improvise their sounds.

"I think people don't understand that when solos are done with a big band there is nothing on their sheet music. They play it off the top of their head and by their heart. That is what makes jazz what it is," Ellis said.

For more information visit the Michigan Jazz Festival online at www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com

Singer explores traditional music

Singer-songwriter-multi-instrumentalist Tim Eriksen will give listeners a taste of his new CD, *Soul of the January Hills*, Saturday, April 16 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Nick Schillace will open for Eriksen at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for members.

Eriksen is co-founder and front-man of the "folk noise" band Cordelia's Dad, which recorded eight albums, including 1998's *Spine* and earned a strong following in the US and overseas. He's also known as a leader in the American "shape note" or "Sacred Harp" tradition. Traditional "shape note" style was encoded in the 1844 Sacred Harp songbook. The unconventional style uses geometric symbols in place of musical notation, and was designed to help untrained choir singers perform hymns.

He coached actors and extras in two "shape note" songs used in the Oscar-nominated soundtrack of the 2003 film, *Cold Mountain*, in which he also overdubbed actor Brendan Gleeson's singing voice. Eriksen subsequently traveled the country with Ralph Stanley, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Jerry Douglas and other traditional musicians as part of the 2004 Great High Mountain Tour.

Eriksen is an accomplished instrumentalist on guitar, banjo, and fiddle, which he played on two previous solo albums, *Tim Eriksen* and

Every Sound Below. Both were recorded live in the studio with no sidemen, overdubs, or edits, but his new *Soul of the January Hills* CD takes this solo approach one brave step farther. Inspired by his location, the 2008 Jaroslaw Festival in southeastern Poland, Eriksen took a digital recorder into a tower on a wall surrounding Jaroslaw's Benedictine Abbey, sang 14 traditional American songs in one take with no accompaniment at all, and walked out about an hour later with the January Hills recordings.

With these 14 songs for voice alone, Eriksen says, "I'm throwing down the gauntlet. Not really. I'm not looking for a battle, but it would be nice if this record was taken as a friendly challenge to get people into hardcore singing, especially the old ballads and hymns and stuff."

Over the last decade, Tim has worked with his various bands, served as a visiting professor at Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota, conducted ethnomusicological research in the U.S. and abroad, recorded and toured as a solo artist, and immersed himself in the Sacred Harp communities. Eriksen is currently working toward a PhD in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University when he's not on the road.

For more information or for tickets call the theater at (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org

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Presents



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"God is our refuge and our strength"
Psalm 46:1



Music by
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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
NEWSPAPERS

Quartet performs traditional Irish music

Former Redford resident Sean Gavin and his fellow members of Bua, will perform traditional Irish music Friday, April 8, at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

Gavin, who plays flute and uilleann pipes in the band, is the son of fiddler and music teacher Mick Gavin of Redford.

Now living in Chicago, Ill., Gavin plays and teaches traditional Irish music. He is a member of the group NicGaviskey, and often performs with his family. He also tours internationally with the music and dance show, Celtic Legends.

He and musicians Brian O hAirt on vocals and concertina, Brian Miller on guitar and bouzouki and Devin Shepherd on fiddle, make up Bua, a group that draws from more than a century's worth of Irish traditional music and song cultivated in the Midwest and Ireland.

Bua has performed at many



Bua performs Friday, April 8 in Detroit. The group includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin.

of the top Irish festivals in North America including Boston's prestigious Irish Connections Festival, the Milwaukee Irish Festival, the Dublin Irish Festival, Celtic Fest Chicago, the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and Bethlehem's Celtic Classic. As individuals they have shared the stage with many top Irish musicians including Martin Hayes, David Munnely, Liz Carroll, Len

Graham, Paddy Keenan, among others.

Admission to Bua's concert is \$15 at the door. The Gaelic League is located at 2068 Michigan Ave.

Fish diners are available from 5-8 p.m. and cost \$7 at the Gaelic League every Friday during Lent. Bua's concert starts at 8 p.m.

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LOCATION

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ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School

Coming up: Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Costick Center. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14

Contact: (248) 473-1856

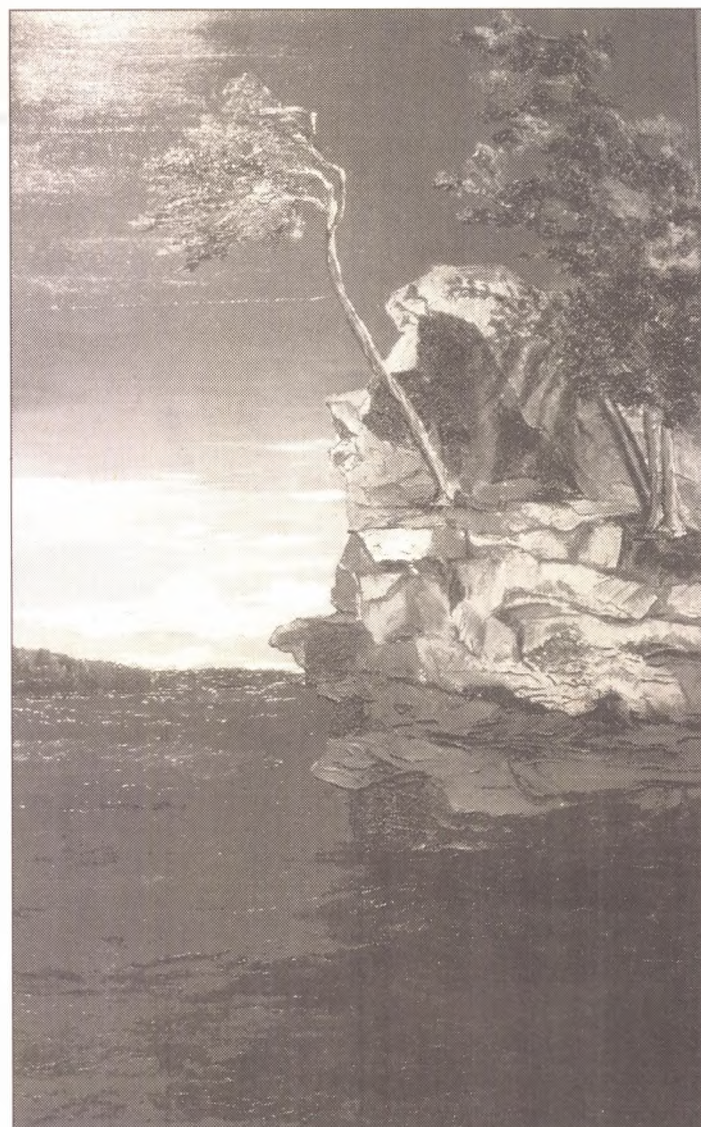
Plymouth Arts Council

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 8

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Its Arts - Pure & Simple" gala reception featuring its new exhibit, "Pure Art of Michigan," cocktails, foods, music, door prizes, raffle and auction; admission is a donation of any amount

Contact: (734) 416-4278



"A Sentinel of Lake Superior," by Carol Caruso, is part of Plymouth Arts Council's "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit.

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv show for nights. Open mic/jam session most for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Chas Elsner, April 6-9; Floyd J. Phillips, April 13-16; Mark Poolos, April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Steve McGrew, April 7-9; Michael Somerville, April 14-16; T.J. Miller, April 21-23; Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: David Bromberg & Angel Band, April 7; Steppin' in it, April 8; Mr. B's Piano Celebration,

April 9-10; Brendan James & Matt White & Lauren Pritchard, April 11; Adrian Legg, April 12; Catie Curtis & Amy Speace, April 13; Breathe Owl Breathe & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 17

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts

Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7:10-10 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Naima Shambourger will sing, Sven Anderson will play keyboard, Marion Hayden will be on bass and George Davidson on drums at the next concert on April 26

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.

PlymouthElks1780.com

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16

Location: 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School

Details: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents pianist Jorge Federico Osorio. He'll play Beethoven, Franck, Granados and Mussorgsky. Tickets are \$43-\$75, students, \$25

Contact: (384) 855-6070; www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Putnam Smith, April 8, Melissa Greener, April 9; The Choir, April 14; Brooks Williams with Mike Vial, April 15; Tim Eriksen with Nick Schillace, April 16; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, April 29; Craig Cardiff, April 30

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (774) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Vivace Music Series

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Eugenia Zukerman will share the stage with Russian/American soprano Svetlana Strezeva and her daughter, pianist, Milana Strezeva. The program will feature music by the well known Russian and French composers in folk and classical traditions. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for senior citizens and students

Contact: Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 or Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338

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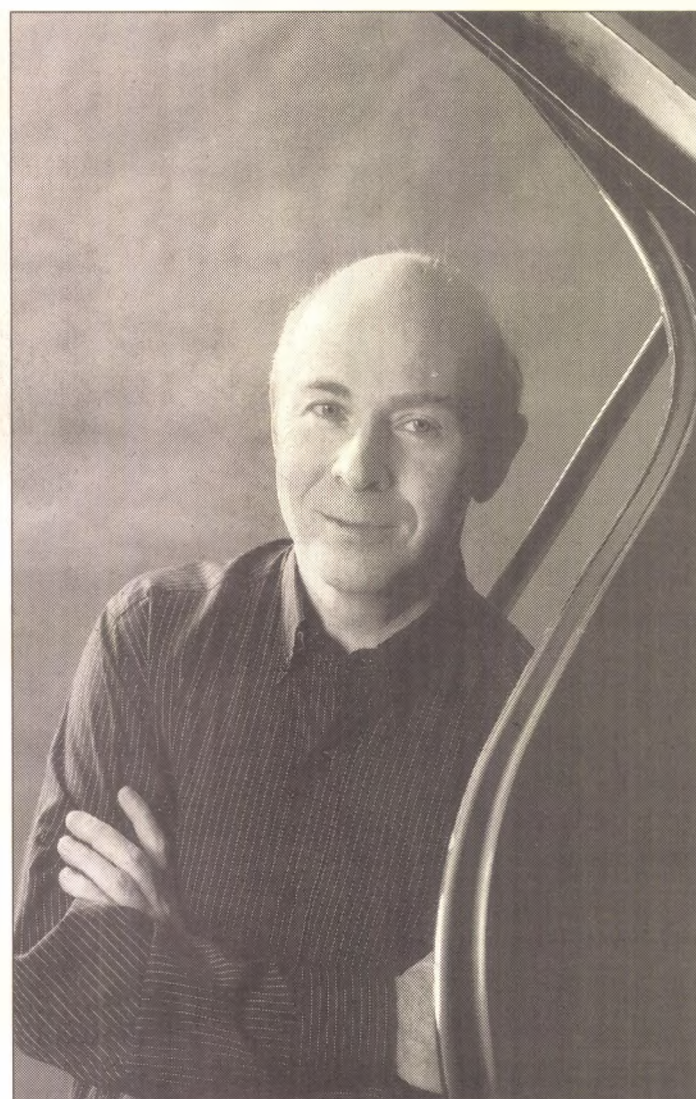
Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program



Eugenia Zukerman will perform April 11 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.



Jorge Federico Osorio performs at the next Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert April 16.

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children under 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theater

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 8; p.m. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10

Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,

Details: "Gnomeo and Juliet," all seats \$3

Coming up: "Unknown," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 15-16 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Classics: "It Came from Outer Space," April 7; "Soylent Green," April 14; "The Time Machine," April 21; "The Incredible Shrinking Man," April 28. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 8 and 2 p.m.

and 8 p.m. April 9

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Three Stooges Festival; tickets \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: The Test: Tuskegee Airmen Project through June 19; Framed Stories: The Art of Carmen Cartiness Johnson and Jerome Wright through April 11. Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23

Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown

Details: Rediscovering the Civil War

Contact: (734) 455-8940

THEATER

Spotlight Players

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 8 and 15; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9 and 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10 and 17

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: "Once Upon a Mattress," the Tony award-winning musical comedy that turns the classic children's story "The Princess on the Pea" on its head, delightfully skewering all fairy tales in the process. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students. Tickets are available in advance or at the door, one hour before show time

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; www.spotlightplayersmi.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday of the month

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Improvisation workshops for all levels; \$3 per session

Contact: Laura Gumina at (248) 225-0160

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The everyday joys of soy

If you want to improve your diet by adding healthy foods, now may be the perfect time to try something new, something soy. April is National Soyfoods Month, and finding delicious soy-based foods has never been easier.

"Soyfoods can be a part of any healthy, well-balanced diet because they are full of high-quality protein that is low in saturated fat, full of nutrients, and cholesterol-free," said Patricia Greenberg, The Fitness Gourmet.

Greenberg offers these tips for enjoying soyfoods all day long:

Breakfast

- For creamier oatmeal, replace half the cooking water with vanilla soymilk.
- Slice veggie sausage links into scrambled eggs or breakfast casserole.
- Top English muffins with soynut butter, bananas and cinnamon.

Lunch

- Make a better BLT with soy-based bacon strips.
- Add steamed edamame beans to soups and salads.
- Go for the veggie burger — and be sure to add all your favorite condiments.

Dinner

- Thicken creamy sauces, soups, and dressings with pureed silken tofu.
- Blend shredded soy cheddar with regular cheese for



Carrot Apple Muffins

tacos and quesadillas.

- Add sliced vegetarian sausage to Italian-style peppers or jambalaya.

Snack

- Carry single-serving containers of delicious chocolate soymilk for on-the-go snacks.
- Make your own trail mix with roasted soynuts, dried fruits and bite-sized whole grain cereal.
- Carry soy and fruit bars in your purse or backpack for emergency snack attacks.

Savvy shoppers be ready, there are going to be a variety of soyfood promotions running all April. Get familiar with where your grocery

store stocks these products and you are sure to find a bargain.

- Soy Cheese: In refrigerated cases with dairy and juice products, in the produce section, and in the health food or natural food aisles.

• Soymilk: Soymilk comes in two forms; one needs to be refrigerated and can be found in the refrigerated section. Shelf-stable soymilk can be found in the health food section, the cereal aisle, or near other shelf-stable beverages.

- Tofu: Tofu comes in many forms: firm, silken-style, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu, found in the

refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.

- Meat Alternatives: Meat alternatives, such as veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame, can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.

• Soy Desserts: Soy desserts, including soy frozen yogurt and soy toppings, can be found in the refrigerated section or in the freezer aisle.

To learn more about specific soyfoods and discover delicious ways to celebrate

National Soyfoods Month, visit www.soyfoodsmonth.org. Or follow the Soyfoods Association of North America on Twitter @social-SANA.

CARROT APPLE MUFFINS

Makes: 12

- 2 cups carrots, grated
- 1½ cups apples, grated
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ cup plain or vanilla WholeSoy yogurt
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1½ cups flour
- ¾ cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup raisins

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly oil a muffin pan.

In a large bowl, mix carrots, apples, maple syrup, yogurt and oil.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, walnuts, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, ground ginger and salt.

Fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just combined and then fold in the raisins.

Spoon the batter into the muffin pan.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

— Courtesy Family Features

A walk on the dark side

BY NATE PARSONS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout is a bold endeavor worthy of its Porter bloodlines and mad monk moniker.

The opaque black hue linked to a hardy stout is unmistakable. This distinct characteristic stems from a malt roasting technique similar to brewing coffee. Contrary to popular belief, Imperial Stout — or Russian Imperial Stout — originated from England.

Open trade with Russia in the 1700s prompted the English to create a "stout" beer capable of enduring a harsh journey to the Baltic States. Adding more hops

deterred corrupt bacteria while extra malt hyped the alcohol to prevent freezing — Imperial Stout was born.

Today, Stout is enjoying a revival with many craft breweries offering a variation in their seasonal cache. Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout from North Coast Brewing is one of the few available all year around. I was first introduced to Old Rasputin at the legendary Brick Store Pub in Decatur, Ga. WOW!

TASTING NOTES:

- Beer: Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout
- Brewery: North Coast Brewing Company
- Origin: Fort Bragg, California
- Style: Russian Imperial Stout
- ABV: 9 percent

GLASSWARE:

Pint — Nonic, or Becker

DESCRIPTION:

Pours jet black with a consistency reminiscent of motor oil, delivering a thick creamy head that crowns the glass. The aroma is dominated by dry bittersweet chocolate, roasted espresso and hints of spiced fruit. Up front, each mouthful is an explosion of complex flavors; coffee, mocha, vanilla, molasses, surrounded by rich smoky overtones. Further in Rasputin gives way to savory malts intertwined with hops for an almost buttery finish. This is an aggressive complex winter warmer but very drinkable and highly recommended.

WHERE TO PURCHASE:

- Hiller's Market, 425 North Center Street, Northville — 4pk/\$8.99
- Super Fine Wine & Liquor, 1634 Haggerty Road Canton — 4pk/\$9.50
- The Wine Palace, 13971 Middlebelt Road, Livonia — 4pk/\$9.99

Parsons writes about Aventus, a German beer, in the April 21 issue of *Inspire*, in the *Observer*.

Nate Parsons can be reached at mdevin@yahoo.com.



Beer Tracker

Nate Parsons

CITY BITES

Tea and computers

Plymouth — Socializing over tea takes on a new meaning next week April 13 at Sweet Afton Tea Room, 450 Forest. The tea room has teamed with Forest Computer Solutions to offer computer classes for senior citizens, 55-plus. The class on April 13 will focus on Facebook. They'll learn about Skype on April 20. Participants can bring their own computers or use one provided by the class. (734) 454-0777

Wine month

Statewide — Governor Rick Snyder has declared April as "Michigan Wine Month" to honor Michigan's wide selection of quality wines and the wine industry's contribution to the economy.

"Michigan's 81 wineries welcome more than 1 million visitors to their tasting rooms each year and offer a truly Pure Michigan agri-tourism experience," said Keith Creagh, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) director. "Not only do these businesses offer a quality product and memorable

experience, but our wine and grape industries also contribute nearly \$800 million to the state's economy annually."

Sales of Michigan wines in the state rose nearly 12 percent last year and 10 new wineries opened.

Many events are planned this spring and early summer that will provide opportunities to meet winemakers and sample a variety of Michigan wines, including:

- Michigan Wine Showcase, April 11 at the Radisson Bloomfield Hills, home of Northern Lakes Seafood Company. Join Master Sommeliers

Claudia Tyagi and Madeline Triffon and more than 20 Michigan wineries for wine sampling and lavish appetizers. (517) 241-4468. www.michigan-wines.com/showcase

• Michigan International Wine Expo, April 15-16 at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi. A fine wine and food experience, featuring wine tasting and seminars, hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants. (517) 548-1200. www.michiganwineexpo.com

For more about Michigan wine and wine-related events, visit www.michiganwines.com.

Simply delicious springtime solutions

With spring in the air comes time to clean closets, cupboards and ... recipe boxes? Freshen up more than your home this season by sorting through your collection of mealtime favorites. Adding new springtime desserts to the recipe rotation is a surefire way to satisfy everyone from the pickiest of eaters to those with special dietary considerations, including gluten free.

Spend some time browsing online at inspiring food websites and blogs, flip through your favorite magazines and revisit trusted cookbooks to revitalize your recipe collection. Try unexpected tasty combinations, such as Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches made with gluten free Chex® cereal, a recipe created by cookbook author and DishTowelDiaries.com blogger Silvana Nardone.

"Introducing new recipes to fit everyone's needs is fun and delicious," said Nardone, author of *Cooking for Isaiah*, a cookbook catering to the millions of Americans with food sensitivities like her son, Isaiah. "Gluten free cooking is easier than ever with five varieties of gluten free Chex cereals, which I use as an ingredient in everything from Sweet 'n Salty Coconut Chicken to Double Chocolate Pudding Pie, to



Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwich

a refreshing homemade ice cream sandwich."

Nardone offers these tips to ease into a scrumptious spring:

- New twists for the table: Reach for delicious fruits and vegetables at your local farmers market or grocery store to make a beautiful — and nutritious — centerpiece.

• Creative uses for everyday staples: From an on-the-go gluten free snack

mix, to a perfect piecrust, Chex cereals offer a fun crunch from breakfast to dessert. Nardone notes five Chex cereals — Honey Nut, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Rice and Corn — are gluten free; and Wheat and Multi-Bran varieties are not gluten free.

• Blending it up: A smoothie is a perfect snack for both kids and adults. Just toss together a variety of fruits, yogurt and ice, and blend until creamy.

Feeling inspired? Try Nardone's tasty gluten free Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches.

For additional creative recipes, visit www.Chex.com/GlutenFree. And remember, if you're cooking gluten free, always read labels to make sure each recipe ingredient is gluten free. Products and ingredient sources can change.

STRAWBERRY-MARSHMALLOW CRISP ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Start to Finish: 2 hours 25 minutes

6 servings

- 5 cups gluten-free miniature marshmallows
- 5 cups Rice Chex cereal, coarsely crushed
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups gluten-free strawberry ice cream, softened

Line bottom of 13 x 9-inch pan with cooking parchment paper.

In a 3-quart saucepan, heat 4 cups marshmallows, butter and salt over low heat about 8 minutes, stirring constantly, until melted. Stir in cereal until almost coated; stir in remaining 1 cup marshmallows. Using greased rubber spatula, evenly scrape mixture into pan and spread evenly. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until easy to handle.

Turn pan upside down to remove cereal layer; discard parchment paper. Cut into 12 rectangles, 4 x 3 inches each. Working quickly, spread ½ cup ice cream onto 1 rectangle; top with another rectangle. Repeat to use up rectangles and ice cream. Freeze on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet at least 1½ hours until firm. Wrap sandwiches individually in plastic wrap and store in freezer.

— Courtesy of Family Features

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Owning a home usually a boon come tax time

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

The possibility of eliminating the mortgage interest deduction from Americans' tax returns has caused a stir in real estate circles.

Kathy Coon, broker/owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate with offices in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and West Bloomfield, is president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. She'll be president of the new merged group, the name of which will soon be announced.

She's been in real estate since 1990 and sees tax benefits to owning a home.

"There's a significant benefit at the federal level. There is a lot you can deduct in terms of your closing costs," she said. "And there are tax benefits at the state level too."

Mortgage interest deduction is important. "You're building equity," she said. "History has shown over the last 100 years there's a benefit in home ownership."

The last few years have been difficult, she acknowledged, "and challenging. It's an interesting market here in Michigan."

She's seen a bottoming out of prices in the past several months. "Listings are down. We're seeing a lot of buyers in the market." Her office and other agents she knows are seeing multiple offers on properties in good shape, well-priced.

"Then we're going to start seeing an upswing in the value of these properties."

"It would be a terrible thing, I think, if the government removed the benefit," Coon said of the mortgage interest deduction. "Our industry certainly fights to keep that deduction in place."

It's "for the consumers' best interest. They keep chipping away at the consumer. They're the ones who are ultimately hurt," she said.

Coon doesn't see taxes as a big factor for new buyers.

"I think first-time buyers are just so



excited about home ownership." Taxes are less important, she said, but a side benefit.

Offering a different perspective is Dan Smith, a Northville resident and vice president/mortgage banking for First Place Bank of Livonia. "So many people buy houses for all the wrong reasons," said Smith, who believes you should buy to put a roof over your head.

Smith said it's always a mistake to take on a lot of debt. "Somehow people perceive it as more affordable because of the deduction, and it is," said Smith, who favors capping property tax and other deductions.

In the past, he's seen some people run up credit card balances and put them on a home equity loan. "They're giving it all away. You've got to live somewhere. They'd be living in the street."

"I don't think it should be even in the

investment column," Smith, a several-decades veteran of his field, said of owning a home. "Lenders, banks, consumers, all guilty as charged." Those considering a home purchase must weigh their income and overhead, he said.

"So many people, they just go into it so leveraged. I love my home, I love going home to it. To me, it's the hub of your life," Smith concluded.

National experts in real estate have varied views but rally around the mortgage interest deduction as a plus.

"Owning a home offers myriad benefits throughout the year, but some of the financial advantages of home ownership are most apparent at tax time," said NAR president Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "As many of today's hardworking American families are feeling a financial squeeze, the tax benefits that can come from owning a

home can be a welcome relief."

A number of tax deductions and credits are still available for homeowners; these include deductions — with specific limits — for mortgage interest and capital gains on home sales, and credits for certain energy-efficient home improvements. Even with these benefits, homeowners pay 80-90 percent of all U.S. federal income taxes.

"It's been suggested that many of today's tax incentives for home ownership primarily benefit wealthy individuals, but that's simply not true," said Phipps. "As today's public debate continues about what home ownership means for families, communities, and the nation's economy, there's no question that for many, owning a home is still the best way to begin building wealth."

Ninety-one percent of homeowners who claim the mortgage interest deduction earn less than \$200,000 a year, and the ability to deduct the interest paid on a mortgage can mean significant savings at tax time. For example, a family who bought a home in 2010 with a \$200,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, assuming an interest rate of 4.5 percent, could save nearly \$3,500 in federal taxes when they file this year, according to the NAR.

"Realtors see the very real positive impact of home ownership every day with our clients," said Phipps. "Recent proposals to reduce or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and remove government support of the housing finance market could have disastrous consequences for the economy, not to mention making it harder or nearly impossible for millions of families to own their own homes. We believe America must continue to invest in home ownership, for the future of our families and our nation."

For homeowner tax season tips, visit www.HouseLogic.com. HouseLogic is a free source of information from NAR that helps homeowners maintain and enhance the value of their homes and engage in issues that affect their local communities.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

'Specialist' may not be all that claims say

Q: I have seen on the statements from our attorney that a so-called "collection specialist" is handling our matters. I have inquired as to what a collection specialist is and got a response that is somewhat vague. Do you have any idea what a collection specialist is?

A: Frankly, I doubt if the collection specialist is an attorney or, for that matter, a certified legal assistant. It is probably someone who is assisting administratively in the collection of assessments. That doesn't make that person a "specialist" in the sense of obtaining a degree



Robert Meisner

or reaching a certain plateau of expertise in that particular area. It is probably a euphemism for an administrative assistant who does not have a legal assistant degree. You are best advised to request a full explanation as to what is meant by a "collection specialist" from your attorney and absent receiving same, find an attorney that utilizes legal assistants and attorneys to collect assessments. Q: I live in a condominium where they have failed to clean my sidewalk and/or my driveway on two separate occasions. I have complained to the management company but they refuse to respond in a timely fashion. I am thinking about docking them for having me hire a snow removal contractor to take away the snow from my driveway and walk. Do you think that is a good idea?

A: Probably not, your condominium documents, as do most, do not allow a co-owner to deduct from his or her assessment obligation the cost of work which they had to undertake which allegedly is the responsibility of the association. What will probably happen is that the Association will consider your assessment to be delinquent and seek collection activities. You in turn have a right to sue for mismanagement, but you do not have a right to withhold assessments because of mismanagement or deprivation of services. Indeed, this writer wrote that section of the Michigan Condominium Act 25 years ago. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to write the association and the management company a letter indicating that you will seek recourse against them for all damages incurred by you because of their failure to collectively and individually to properly maintain the condominium in accordance with the condominium documents.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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475 Arcola St	\$42,000
28165 Six Mile Rd 35913 Six Mile Rd 9830 Berkwick St 35490 Brookview Dr 31781 Cambridge St 29828 Curtis Rd 15124 Fairfield St 29137 Grandon St 37396 Kingsburn Ct 31223 Mungier St 15657 Oporito St 39026 Pinetree St	\$160,000 \$156,000 \$124,000 \$190,000 \$230,000 \$107,000 \$27,000 \$85,000 \$248,000 \$230,000 \$46,000 \$78,000
35637 W Chicago St 19208 Westmore St	\$97,000 \$135,000
50285 Freestone Dr 49165 Freestone Dr 16764 Lochmoor Cir E 16072 MorningSide 413 Randolph St 19029 Stonewater Blvd 20599 Woodcreek Blvd	\$107,000 \$379,000 \$235,000 \$111,000 \$310,000 \$50,000 \$367,000
9241 Corinne St 275 Garling St 13375 Haverhill Dr 215 N Mill St 499 N Sheldon Dr 560 Parkview Dr	\$80,000 \$120,000 \$280,000 \$60,000 \$96,000 \$90,000
334 Pinewood Dr 14750 Robinwood Dr 1199 S Sheldon Dr 136 S Union St 14756 Thornridge Dr	\$56,000 \$180,000 \$29,000 \$315,000 \$160,000
19132 Delaware Ave 9536 Garfield 9235 Kintoch 11394 Lucerne 26338 Margareta 11372 Marion 27100 Meadowbrook Rd 14027 Rockland 17169 Ryland 9300 Salem 14924 Summer	\$66,000 \$60,000 \$77,000 \$46,000 \$60,000 \$49,000 \$160,000 \$31,000 \$33,000 \$41,000 \$25,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 20-24, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

759 Purdy St 987 Ridgedale Ave	\$395,000 \$275,000
2155 Canal St 3206 Edgewood Park Ct 4750 Halberd St 5886 Majestic Oaks Dr 3965 N Vanstone Dr 4915 Whitlow Ct	\$206,000 \$179,000 \$113,000 \$350,000 \$300,000 \$180,000
36619 Vicary Ln	\$165,000
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28665 Eldorado Pl	\$119,000
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23460 Argyle St 45824 Ashford Cir 20950 Chase Dr 23764 E Le Bos 41831 Primrose Dr 26967 Victoria Rd 46080 White Pines Dr	\$470,000 \$420,000 \$345,000 \$109,000 \$98,000 \$45,000 \$550,000
1063 Gentry Dr	\$305,000
20201 Alhambra St 27359 Apple Blossom Ln 22405 Chatsford Circuit St 17000 Maryland St 17366 Melrose St 16248 Mount Vernon St	\$115,000 \$123,000 \$190,000 \$80,000 \$47,000 \$82,000

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A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. You can learn about the free pre-licensure course.

For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a three-hour Continuing Competency course, required for license renewal for both Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors licenses, on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

For those with licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 2009, three hours of continuing competency are required each licensing cycle. The instruc-

tor, Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, of CECS of Michigan, LLC, will present one hour for each of the required subjects: legal issues, codes, and safety issues. Registration fees are \$55 for members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit websites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing process will be cov-

ered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www.builders.org/events.php.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19.

The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, business coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching. Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19.

The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from 1-2:30 p.m. It

will be held at the Festival Center & Event Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held at that location later that day. The June 15 and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including lunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Registration fees for members or guests are \$40 per person for each seminar or \$80 per person, if you register for all three seminars. For further information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www.builders.org/events.php.

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

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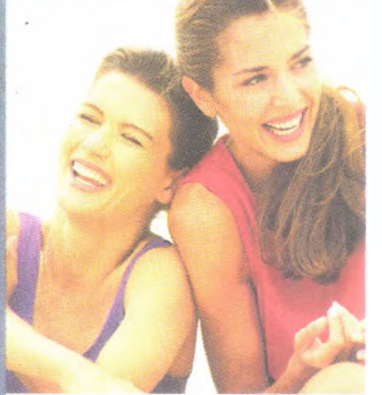
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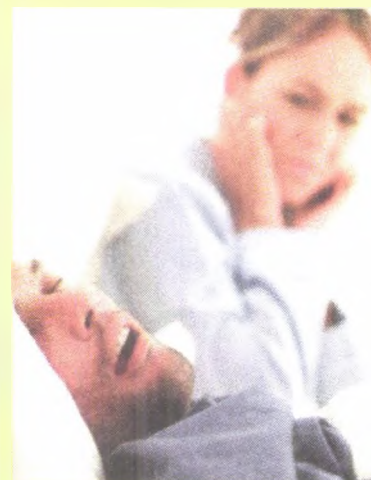
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Spring resolve: Change your look

There's nothing better than a new hairstyle, color or other "hair bling" to cast off the winter blahs.

Contributing Writer Sally Rummel offers a great way to change up your look for spring and summer with today's cover story on "Hair Bling." Hair extensions, feathers and other techniques are just a few ways to transform your look. And don't forget to check out the area salons that offer these special services.

And, while you're changing up your look, why not try changing your fitness routine? This month's fitness feature focuses on TRX, a popular exercise regimen that concentrates on strengthening your core to achieve results. This interesting workout harnesses the resistance of your own body weight and gravity to improve total body strength, balance and flexibility. Contributing writer Beth Jachman writes about area fitness centers offering the TRX Suspension Training[®] Workout.

And while you are working on your physical self, think about those relationships that have helped to maintain your psychological self.



Susan Rosiek

Contributing Writer Julie Brown does just that when she talks to local women who cherish the bond of sisters. She weighs in about her own special relationship with her sister.

And don't forget to check out the springtime recipes in today's edition — lamb, sweets and Easter treats are on the menu in Hometown Life Woman.

Join our annual Salute to Moms by sending a photo of you and your mom along with the best advice she ever gave you (in 50 words or less, please). Send your photo in a jpg format (email attachment) along with a daytime phone number to me at srosiek@hometownlife.com. Make sure you provide first and last names for you and your mom.

Then come back to *Hometown Life Woman* in May to read about great advice from moms throughout the area.

Happy Spring!

Susan Rosiek,

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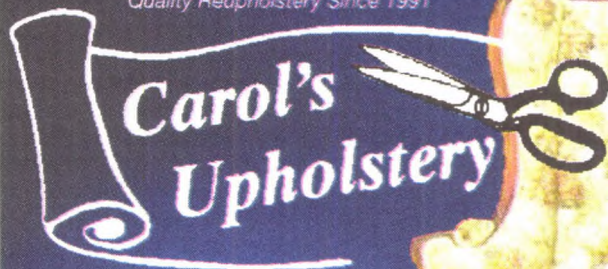
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A sunbonnet from The Moon & Me in Northville

Springtime finds

By Mary Quinley
Contributing Writer

Easter is a joyous occasion for celebrating with family and friends. To help you prepare for this springtime feast, Shop Local establishments are ready with suggestions — from edibles to sunbonnets — that are worth checking out. Here are a few:

Surprise your honey with an Easter basket (\$50 and up) piled high with chocolate eggs, mixed nuts, truffles and other goodies from **Nibbles & Nuts in Farmington Hills**. Wine, fresh fruit and stuffed animals may be added to your custom-made wicker basket.



An Easter basket from Nibbles & Nuts in Farmington Hills.

Youngsters love the adorable sunbonnet from **The Moon & Me in Northville**. The bucket-style hat (\$14.50), decorated with a hot-pink daisy with white polka dots and a pink rhinestone, is available in an assortment of sizes.

Celebrate the season by hanging a big brown wicker basket on your front door from **Grande Trunke Home in South Lyon**. The 15-inch wide basket, with handles, can be purchased with a bouquet of bright, springy artificial flowers (\$40) or sans flowers (\$15).

If you're searching for a religious book, statue or other Easter-themed gift, consider the walnut, risen-Christ crucifix (\$25) at **Mateja Church Supply in Garden City**. The seven-inch cross can be hung on a wall.



A walnut, risen-Christ crucifix at Mateja Church Supply in Garden City.

Add a splash of pizzazz to your Easter gathering with a festive bouquet of tulips, daffodils, daisies or other spring flowers — in a vase or wicker basket — from **The Vines Flower and Garden Shop in Farmington**. Arrangements begin at \$25.



Tulips from The Vines Flower and Garden Shop in Farmington.

Serve your guests a yummy Dearborn Honey Baked Ham (\$3.99 per pound) from **Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth Township**. The spiral-cut, pre-cooked ham is perfect for Easter breakfast, brunch or supper.

Enjoy spring, enjoy Easter!

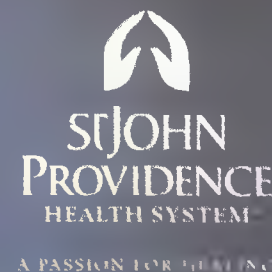


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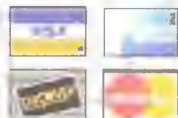
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Marcia Myers (left) has helped sister Barb Ramsey through health issues such as a severe inner ear problem in which Ramsey stayed with Myers and her husband in their Northville Township home.

Sisters

have 'always been there for each other no matter what it was'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Growing up in Garden City, Patricia Noel has happy memories of times with sisters Judy Anticuar and Betty Nilsson.

"We (she and Anticuar) both have lived in Garden City all our lives," said Noel, who worked 33 years for the city of Garden City in varied roles, retiring as deputy treasurer and human resources director. "We both graduated from the high school and have been here forever and ever."

Noel, 66, works part time for the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority. Anticuar, 70, worked for a Garden City eye doctor for many years. "She's currently working at Garden City Hospital," her sister said, in a support role out of the admitting office.

"We had a good time growing up," Noel said. Their third sister, Betty Nilsson of Livonia, is 78 and worked for years at NBD, now Chase, in banking. "We were a very close family," Noel said.



Patricia Noel (smallest, in front) and sisters Judy Anticuar (back left) and Betty Nilsson remain close. Noel and Anticuar live in Garden City, Nilsson in Livonia.

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The three remaining Moon sisters in 2008 at the wedding of Phyllis's son, who recently died: Alice (from left), Carrie and Christine, who is now Muslim (her husband is Egyptian).

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They also have two brothers, and all five children from the family are still alive. They agree having sisters, and family in general, is special.

Noel recalled growing up when Anticuar would lay out clothes for school the next day.

"I'd get up and put them on and go to school," she said with a chuckle. "She used to get mad at me about that."

After they got married, the sisters and brothers stayed close, including Christmas Day celebrations that continue. They used to get together for the Fourth of July, which was their moms' birthday.

"They've always been there," Noel said of her sisters. "We've always been

there for each other no matter what it was or where it was."

Anticuar, a widow, has a daughter, 49, and son, 47. Noel's husband is living and the couple has a son, 40. Nilsson, who is married, has a son, 52, and three daughters, 53, 50 and 46.

Nilsson said it's a benefit to grow up with sisters: "We all got along together." Judy was just 16 and Pat 12 when she left to get married.

"We still get along," Nilsson said.

A BAND OF BABY-SITTERS

Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton, 61, grew up with sisters Alice Higgins, 56, of Queens, N.Y., and Christine Morsey, 53, who lives in New Jersey. Their oldest sister, Phyllis Pizirusso, is deceased.

"Just sisters," said Moon-Dupree,

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She knows about sisters firsthand, as social worker

By Julie Brown

Susan Spolsky of Redford has plenty of sisters — and plenty of love to share.

"I have four of them," said Spolski, 51, a licensed social worker with a master's degree in that field. A manager of behavioral medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Spolsky also teaches social work at Schoolcraft College.

Her sisters are 53, 52, 50 and 49.

"We live close together and we're very close," she said of the family, which also includes an adopted brother, the youngest at 45.

The family grew up in the Joy-Southfield area of Detroit, and Spolsky said she learned a lot about relationships from her parents being close and compassionate.

"How (her dad) treated my mother

was very important. My dad was very protective of my mother," Spolsky said.

The children were respected as individuals. The family would eat dinner together, with dad asking about each one's day.

"Our different opinions and thoughts were very important," she said.

The girls were close in school due to their ages, and remain so. The pride in Spolsky's voice is evident as she lists their family and professional accomplishments.

The oldest is a school principal with two master's degrees, the next a pre-school administrator, then Spolsky, then an administrative secretary, and the youngest daughter, a seamstress who studied fashion design. Their

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BY BETH JACHMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Maybe it puts one in mind of being a puppet on strings, but it's actually an exercise system that puts the user in control and it's gaining in popularity.

The TRX Suspension training system is made up of a set of sturdy nylon straps hooked to the ceiling or a fixed point that's about two feet above the person's height. By using the straps and gravity there are thousands of exercise combinations a person can do. Once you are hooked up to the straps, resistance is created with your body weight and gravity.

"It's a different kind of training," said Tammy DeVoll, a personal trainer and group fitness teacher at Forum Fitness in Westland.

It's good for strengthening and toning as well as balance and stability, she said.

The system was designed by a former Navy SEAL as a go-anywhere workout for soldiers, according to Chris Garner, head of the personal training department for Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and for the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

Garner is a certified instructor in the TRX.

Part of the hype about the program is because famous athletes are starting to use it and integrate it into their training, and fighting leagues have also started using it for training of fighters, Garner said.

It came on the market three or four years ago, Garner said. The system uses suspension training and a person's own body weight. Combine that with the angle of the exercise you're doing and it targets the smaller, weaker muscles that you don't use often, he said.

"The system lets you safely perform hundreds of exercises that build power, strength, flexibility, balance, and mobility while preventing injuries, all at the intensity you choose," according to the TRX website.

CORE MUSCLES

Many exercises also target the core muscles, Garner said. Someone looking to strengthen their core is going to get more out of the program than a body builder, he said. Exercises can include standard ones such as hamstring curls and biceps curls. Those who like yoga can do the plank or side plank. You can also do pushups with an ab crunch combination for the abdominals. You can also do back extensions on it, he said.

"It's a whole body workout," DeVoll said. Using your body weight and straps, the program works your core by using stability plus whatever other muscles you are working, she said.

"It's pretty unique," Scott Spahr, Fitness and Wellness coordinator, for the city of Livonia Parks and Recreation, said of TRX. You have the ability to pretty much train the entire body by combining variable resistance with different planes of movement, he said. It also encourages postural development as it encourages participants to maintain neutral spine position.

The Livonia Recreation Center began offering TRX



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Personal trainer Chris Garner, who is a certified instructor in the TRX, gives Terri Kasik of Novi instruction on some exercises with the system at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

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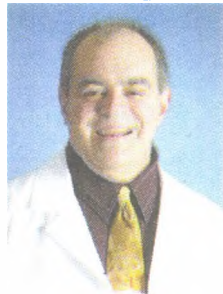
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Julie Brown, 12 in this photo, and sister Alison, 14, grew up in Bloomfield Township and graduated from Birmingham Groves High School.

My sister: First friend, true friend

Her job was harder than mine, that's for sure.

I've never been a registered nurse, but seeing my sister, Alison Heimsath of St. Joseph, Mich., work as an emergency room nurse made me appreciate the relative stability of the newsroom.

Being a journalist doesn't exact the emotional toll that her years in intensive care nursing caring for cancer patients and others did, either.

Alison, 53, is enjoying some family time now as mom to three grown kids, wife of Bob since 1977 and four grandkids (a fifth is due in August). We talk often and my husband and I visit as often as schedules and weather (they live in the snow belt) allow.

I recently read "The Girls From Ames" by Jeffrey Zaslow for book group at the Plymouth District Library. We had a lively discussion that night of the 11 childhood friends in Zaslow's nonfiction book who grew up together in Iowa and stayed true to each other into middle age.

There was a lot of talk about female friendships, but I thought first of Alison. At two years older, she was my first and

best friend, a playground protector and a helper later on in getting through the bumps in the road of adolescence.

Other girlfriends would soon follow as we grew older and acquired different interests. We were blessed when the Morris family moved in two doors down with daughters Mary, Laurie and Julie, just about our age.

Other good girlfriends grew out of those grade school friendships, and I'm still in touch with girlfriend since second grade Deborah Pierce Pantoni. She's in San Diego and also a registered nurse and mom to two daughters. Still, when I think of female friendships, it always comes back to Alison. I can call her and we'll pick up a conversation right where we left off. I've been blessed with a good marriage, rewarding career and loving friends and family, but she's still the first and best girlfriend I ever had.

We had a tea party a while back at my pastor's family home in Canton, and the wide-ranging talk turned at one point to sisters. The women there that day agreed that sisters represent a part of heaven here on Earth.

I think that makes Alison an angel.

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The Moon daughters about 15 years ago at their parents' 50th wedding anniversary party. Alice (from left), Christine, Carrie and Phyllis (in wheelchair).

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vice president of risk management and quality for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. "We were referred to in the neighborhood as the Moon girls. We had the baby-sitting tied up for years."

Moon-Dupree as a girl was closest to Phyllis, despite the age difference. "She always seemed to need protecting and that was my job to protect her, in my mind," she said.

Moon-Dupree became closer to Alice and Christine later in life, as they addressed caring for their parents. She's in the field of elder care, but really admires her sisters' efforts there within the family.

"I understand how incredibly hard that is," she said. "My two sisters do a tremendous job." Their mom just moved in with Higgins.

The sisters talk two or three times a week. Carrie and Phyllis fought about clothes as girls. Carrie's 5-foot-6 and Phyllis was 5-foot-2.

"My mom didn't let me wear mini-skirts," she recalled. "Phyllis would see me in school wearing her clothes, so the

fight was on."

The sisters had a "mutual enemy" in mom, and Phyllis wouldn't snitch on the skirt wearing. "I think there's just a natural love among sisters,"

Moon-Dupree said. "My mother always stressed that friends will come and go."

Phyllis' son just died at age 36, leaving a wife and son. 2. Family has been a big help. "It's just such a natural bond," Moon-Dupree said. "My younger sister refers to us as 'the old aunts.'"

"Oh, definitely," she said when asked if sisters are a blessing. "Not 365 days a year, but definitely a blessing in my life."

Her youngest sister converted to Islam, which Moon-Dupree struggles with as a feminist. "I still love her, but it can drive me crazy at times."

SHARING A ROOM

Phyllis Pizirusso has a daughter, 35, in addition to the couple's late son. Carrie's married with a son, 37, and daughter, 34. Alice is married with no kids, while Christine is married with two sons ages 18 and 20.

Also glad for her sister is Marcia Myers, 61, of Northville Township, a

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Sisters Marcia Myers (left) and Barb Ramsey grew up in Redford Township and are close. Myers now lives in Northville Township, Ramsey in Novi.



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retired special education teacher in the Inkster district. Sister Barb Ramsey, 59, lives in Novi with a Northville address.

Barb's a document technician for Community Living Services in Wayne. Marcia worked some 17 years as a case manager in mental health, coordinating services for people with developmental disabilities in community settings.

"I decided to teach because they needed special education teachers," Myers said. She taught five years before retiring.

Myers has a daughter, 29, and is remarried with a stepson, 35. Her sister is single with no kids and they have a brother, 56.

"We grew up in Redford Township," Marcia Myers said. "We fought over keeping our room clean. We shared a room, so there were issues about keeping our room clean."

Barb is more quiet and Marcia more outgoing, so their personalities meshed. "We see each other every week," Myers said. She was a single parent 14 years.

"She help me out tremendously. She's really Stephanie's second mother. She was a godsend. I don't know what I would have done."

The two sisters have breakfast pretty much every Sunday. Marcia's stepson is a dad now, and the women enjoy time with the baby: "She gets her baby fix."

Myers said sisters are a blessing: "There's nobody else like a sister if you get along well."



Celebrating Christmas in 1959 are the Moon sisters, the oldest, Phyllis, in back with Alice in her lap. Carrie, with the "goofy face" follows with youngest Christine in her lap.



Sisters Patricia Noel (back left), Judy Anticuar (back right) and Betty Nilsson have good memories of growing up together. Judy would lay out clothes for school which Pat would then put on. "She used to get mad at me about that."

SOCIAL

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brother's an M.B.A.

"We were all very different," Spolsky said, recalling arguing about household chores. "But it taught us how to resolve conflict and look at each other as individuals."

"We do have likes and dislikes with each other," she added. "The bottom line, if anything happens, we're always the first one to call."

Spolsky and her husband have three children, a son, 28, a Northville Township firefighter, a son, 20, a personal trainer, and a daughter, 17, who attends Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

"The cousins are like siblings with each other," said Spolsky, noting they've attended Divine Child and Catholic Central high schools together. "They do have a closeness and they see the sisters are very close."

She's proud of her nieces and nephews and their accomplishments, and feels the bond a sister now has with a young grandchild.

Sisters need a balance to mediate disputes, Spolsky said, and should be honest with each other: "You don't always have to agree, but you need to accept."

In her family, issues can arise when brothers-in-law get involved, but not often. "We work out our own problems and come to an agreement," she said, adding her husband doesn't take ownership of any sister conflicts in the family. "He's more focused on listening to my feelings."

At St. Mary Mercy in the emergency room, she and colleagues see people in crisis, and a lack of listening is often an issue. It helps "to know the person for who that person is."

An inability to accept, and substance abuse and mental health issues, contribute to family issues. "Economic problems bring families in, too," Spolsky said.

"People need each other, they need that socialization, they need that connection." If she asks her sisters to define "family first," there are variations, but also a common theme.

"I think sisters have a bonding that never goes away," Spolsky said. She likes to remind her sisters they're good moms and to share in the children's achievements. That kind of honesty and approach can also help when a sister is estranged, she agreed, even if the estrangement has lasted years.

"We need each other to tell each other that," she said, adding it means even more from a sister than from a good friend.

Their dad is still alive, as is a grandma who just turned 100. Spolsky's mom wasn't close to her sisters, but encouraged her daughters to remain close.

The five women still get together regularly. Spolsky will text about coffee and say, "Hey, I need a sister fix. Just by ourselves without anyone else around."

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Tips for Roasting Lamb

- A bone-in leg of lamb cooks faster than a boneless leg of lamb. Use a good meat thermometer to determine doneness:
Rare 135°F
Medium Rare 145°F
Medium 160°F
- You can sear the lamb roast first in a hot 450°F oven for 15 minutes to seal in the juices and then reduce oven temp to 325°F and continue roasting for approximately 1½ to 2 hours or until internal temperature reaches 5 to 10 degrees less than your desired temperature.
- Remove roast from oven and let rest for 20 minutes before serving. This allows the meat's juices to settle and make carving easier. (As the meat rests, the internal temperature will rise 5 to 10 degrees.)
- Carve the roast against the grain so the meat will be tender. A naturally tender cut like leg should be sliced about one half inch thick.

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Choosing the Right Wine

- **COMPLEMENT** Similarly flavored foods and wines complement each other.
Example: Citrus-based sauce and a lemony, lightly oaked Chardonnay (such as Kendall-Jackson Avant Chardonnay or Chablis from the Burgundy region of France).
Example: Mushrooms with the earthy flavors of Pinot Noir.
- **CONTRAST** Contrasting flavors balance each other.
Example: Spicy foods and sweet wines, such as Thai food and an off-dry Riesling.
Example: Salty foods and crisp, high-acid wines such as Sauvignon Blanc or Champagne.
- **MATCH INTENSITY** Match a food's weight and intensity to similar elements in wine.

Light Delicately flavored foods call for delicate varieties of wine, such as Pinot Gris or Sauvignon Blanc.

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Roasted leg of American lamb pairs with a variety of wines.

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ROASTED LEG OF AMERICAN LAMB

Serves 8

Serve with Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Merlot.

- 1 boneless leg of lamb, approximately 6 pounds
- For the marinade:
4 garlic cloves, smashed
2 lemons, zested
½ tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
1 bunch parsley, chopped
1 cup olive oil
¼ cup kosher salt

In small bowl, combine all ingredients. Rub mixture on leg of lamb. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate overnight.

Bring lamb to room temperature and sprinkle with salt. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Roast for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a thermometer inserted into center of leg reads 125°F to 130°F. Cover loosely with aluminum foil and allow to rest for 20 minutes.

AMERICAN LAMB SANDWICH WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE LEFTOVER ROASTED LEG OF LAMB

- For tzatziki sauce:
½ English cucumber, peeled, cut in half and seeded
1 tablespoon fresh dill
2 tablespoons fresh mint
8 ounces Greek yogurt
3 garlic cloves, minced

- ½ lemon, juiced
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Grate cucumber with a box grater. Place grated cucumber in a strainer, sprinkle with salt and allow to drain for 20 minutes.

In a bowl, add dill, mint, yogurt, garlic and lemon juice. Squeeze as much liquid from cucumber as possible and add cucumber to the yogurt. Mix well and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve: Fill warm flatbread or pita with sliced leftover leg of lamb, thinly sliced tomatoes and cucumbers and chilled tzatziki sauce.

FRESH MINT AND GARLIC MARINATED GRILLED AMERICAN LAMB LOIN CHOPS WITH ROASTED FINGERLING POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS

Serves 4

Serve with Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Syrah.

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, minced
- ½ bunch parsley leaves, chopped
- ½ bunch mint leaves, chopped
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 lamb loin chops

In bowl, add garlic, shallot, herbs, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Whisk to combine.

Place lamb chops into a bowl and add ½ cup of marinade (reserve remaining marinade for sauce). Mix to coat thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Grill

lamb to desired temperature (medium-rare is recommended). Remove from heat and allow the lamb chops to rest for 5 minutes. Drizzle chops with the reserved mint and garlic sauce. Serve with roasted potatoes and green beans.

For potatoes:

- ¼ cup olive oil, divided
- 1½ pounds fingerling potatoes, cut in half lengthwise
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place a sheet pan in the oven and preheat to 425°F.

In a bowl, combine ½ cup of olive oil and remaining ingredients. Toss to coat potatoes.

Pour ¼ cup olive oil onto hot sheet pan and allow to heat for 1 minute. Place potatoes onto hot sheet pan and roast for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

For green beans:

- Kosher salt
- ½ pound green beans, stems removed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Freshly ground black pepper

In large pot, add 1 tablespoon salt and 2 quarts water; bring to a boil. Add green beans and cook until tender, approximately 4 minutes.

Remove beans from water, place into bowl with butter and toss to coat. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

Recipes courtesy of Kendall-Jackson Executive Chef Justin Wangler.

— Courtesy Family Features

COVER STORY

Feathery and fun ...

New spring hair styles include accents, extensions and 'bling'

By Sally Rummel
Correspondent

"Feathery and fun" is just one way to describe some of the new hairstyles for spring 2011, and you don't have to be walking down a Paris runway to get in on this season's newest hair designs.

It's all about the whimsical nature of hair — if you don't love the locks you were born with, chances are there's a new style, trend or technology that can add body, thickness, length, color or texture to take your hair from "blah" to beautiful.

Master stylist Jeannie Jachman from The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills knows all about trying to work with her own hair imperfections. She has found hair extensions to be the perfect solution for adding body and volume to her own shoulder-length style.

"My hair is very fine," said Jachman. "When I wear it past my shoulders, extensions are a must, otherwise my style gets stringy and lifeless."

But Jachman doesn't stop there. She enhances her own hairstyle with new Featherlock hair extensions, which people at first think are braids — until they get a closer look.

"We've been doing these for about four months at the salon and people love them!" said Jachman. "Featherlocks are fun, different and fashionable, just look at all the celebrities who are wearing them, including Steven Tyler on *American Idol*."

She was in love with the Featherlocks as soon as she saw them at a trade show for the first time, and couldn't wait to get them. They come in all different colors, from neon brights to neutrals, depending upon the look one is trying to achieve. "But just like potato chips," she said with



Master stylist Jeannie Jachman of The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills.

a smile, "it's hard to have just one!" At The Studio For Hair, they are priced at \$15 each or five for \$60, which includes a consultation, placing the extensions into the hair, then securing them.

While Featherlocks are a new product in the beauty marketplace, hair extensions have been around for more than a decade — but they are more popular now than ever before.

"It's instant gratification," said Kelly Reutter, who owns Co Reutter The Salon in South Lyon, with her husband, Jack. "People want longer, fuller hair, and they want it now."

She and her staff have just updated their hair extension techniques with a recent workshop, because there has been so much demand for them. "We work with each client individually to design their style with hair extensions," said Reutter. "Then we quote them a price based on their own particular consultation. Usually, hair extensions are priced starting at \$20."

Reutter has had a lot of client interest in Electric Lites, which are neon bright highlights for the hair. "Hot pink and blue are really popular this spring," she said. "They can be weaved in as an extension or can be

colored in the hair. It's a fun 'pop' of color."

Typically, hair extensions last between three and four months, and can be washed and styled just like one's regular hair. Some products are made of 100 percent human hair, while other salons prefer using manmade hair because it is often easier to secure with no glue or solvent. Other salons may offer custom clip-on extensions, which can be placed "as desired" by the client, and don't need to be re-secured or maintained — they're just a temporary accent.

"We do a tremendous volume of extension work," added Jachman at The Studio For Hair. "Chances are, if you see someone's hair that you really love because of its volume and bounce, they have hair extensions secured into their hairstyle."

Hair extensions, however, aren't the only "hair bling" making news this spring.

There is actually a brand name product called "Hair Bling," which are colored, tinsel strands of poly Thai silk that can be added to the hair for just a touch of "bling." Though they look delicate, hair bling extensions are so strong that they can even resist washing, blow drying, straightening, and curling routines. They don't require any glue or chemicals, so they are safe to use by just about anybody.

When it comes to hair color, blondes must be having more fun, because the "bleached blonde" look is making a comeback, according to local stylists.

"Many of our clients are gravitating toward the carefree 'bleached blonde' look, roots and all," said Leia Wilson, salon coordinator for Lucky Hair Company in Canton. "There's also a strong appeal in the 'Victoria Secret' style of casual, layered long hair."

At The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills, Jachman is seeing a lot of classic, contemporary styles, as well as shorter, edgier, layered styles.

What appears to be the common theme for hair this spring, is that not only can it define a woman's face and features, but can also be a fashion accent that can be changed in a moment's notice.



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Celebrate Easter with cookie pops



(Family Features) — For a fresh take on Easter treats, these egg-shaped cookie pops will surprise and delight. Easy and delicious, each one is uniquely decorated — an unexpected, but festive way to say “Happy Easter!”

To begin, a simple butter cookie dough flavored with vanilla and almond extracts is cut into egg shapes with a cookie cutter. Once they’re baked and cooled, tint white Candy Melts (or use colored) with favorite Easter colors — pastel, bold, or both — then “dye” the eggs by pouring the melted candy over the cookies.

Now the decorating fun begins. Pipe with melted candy to make spirals and stripes, then attach confetti sprinkles. Other decorating options include brushing with pearl dust for a luminous effect, or sprinkling with colored sugars. You could even write messages on them. After decorating, use a dab of melted candy to attach the “pops” stick to the backs of the cookies.

A decorated flower “pot” is an ideal way to present the pops. Place the pops in the convenient insert that comes with the Flower Pot Kit and add some green curling ribbon for grass. This bouquet of pops can do double duty as a centerpiece for the table, or as an Easter gift for friends and family when wrapped in clear bags and tied with ribbon.

Visit www.wilton.com for more Easter project ideas, to order supplies including the Pops Flower Pot Kit, or a copy of the new Wilton book, “Pops! Sweets On A Stick!”

FRESH EGGS COOKIE POPS

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

2½ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
½ cups granulated sugar
1 egg
½ teaspoons vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon almond extract
White Candy Melts, melted
Primary, Garden Candy Color Sets
Yellow, White Pearl Dust
Imitation Clear Vanilla Extract
Blue, Lavender Colored Sugar
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Cookie Treat Sticks

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg; mix until blended. Add vanilla and almond extracts. Stir in flour mixture. Do not chill dough; divide into 2 balls. On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 in. in diameter and ¼-inch thick. Dip egg shaped cookie cutter in flour and cut dough; place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 6-7 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet. Remove from sheet and cool completely on cooling grid.

Tint melted white candy desired colors. Pour over cooled cookies to cover. Tap to settle; chill until firm.

Use melted candy in cut parchment or disposable decorating bags to pipe spirals, stripes and attach Confetti Sprinkles. While still wet, sprinkle some shapes with Colored Sugars. Brush set candy decorations with Pearl Dust/vanilla mixture. Attach sticks to back of cookies using melted candy. If desired, place in assembled Pops Flower Pot Kit.

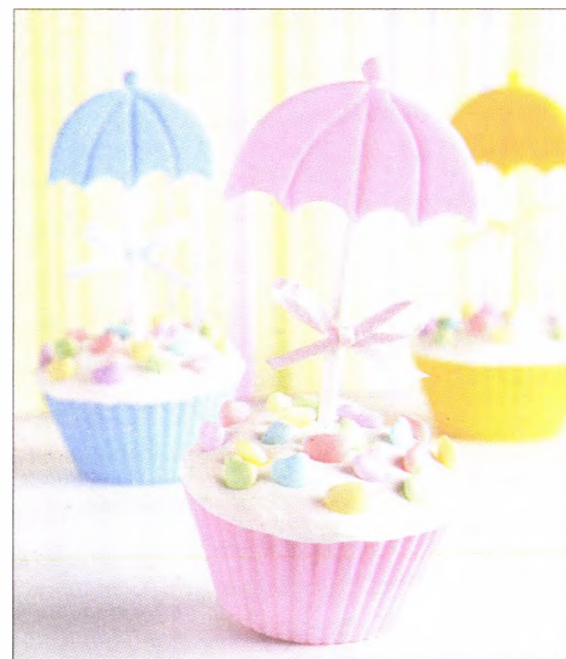
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1 can (16 ounces) White Decorator Icing Heart Drops Sprinkles

Several days in advance, tint fondant rose, blue and yellow; roll out ¼-inch thick. Cut circles using largest Round Cut-Out; cut across circle, slightly more than halfway. Using smallest Round Cut-Out, cut scalloped edge; with spatula, score umbrella rib lines. Let dry on waxed paper covered cake boards. Reserve remaining tinted fondant. Attach dried fondant pieces to lollipop sticks with Fondant Adhesive. Roll a ½-inch ball of matching fondant; attach to umbrella top with adhesive. Let dry.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare cake mix following package instructions; place batter in Pastel Silicone Baking Cups supported by cookie sheet. Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool completely. Ice cupcakes smooth with icing; sprinkle with Heart Drops. Insert fondant umbrella. If desired, tie ribbon around stick.

*To make Fondant Adhesive for attaching dried fondant decorations to lollipop sticks, knead ¼ teaspoon water into 1 ounce (1½-inch ball) rolled fondant until it becomes soft and sticky. Apply to fondant decoration with brush or place in decorating bag and pipe it onto decoration.



For additional shower and party ideas, baking and decorating tips or to order supplies, visit www.wilton.com.

Forecast: Showers!

(Family Features) — These showers are happy ones filled with good wishes, gifts and a celebration of events to come, like weddings or babies.

Such special occasions deserve special food, says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs and public relations at Wilton. She suggests cupcakes for dessert, but not just any cupcake. These are unique — shower-ready, decorated theme-appropriately with umbrellas.

They can be prepared from a mix or from scratch and baked and served in color-coordinated silicone baking cups. Siler suggests incorporating a grouping of cupcakes as part of the shower decor. Use them as the table centerpiece, arranged on a tray, or a tiered cupcake stand. Or if it's a sit-down meal, place a cupcake at each setting.

Construct the umbrella decorations from ready-to-use fondant that is tinted in the colors selected for the occasion. Step-by-step instructions ensure foolproof results, plus they can be made several days in advance, so on party day there's no last-minute mad rush. Cupcakes can be baked, iced and sprinkled a day in advance. Place the umbrellas on the mini cakes the day of the party.

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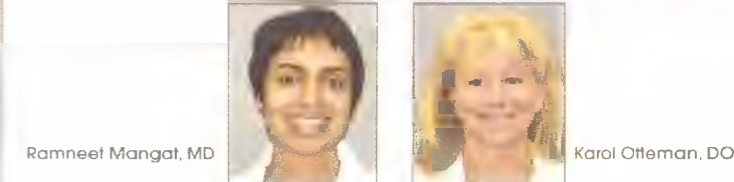
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Apps make your smartphone go-to source for information

By Jon Gunnells
Contributing Writer

Smartphones may seem complicated, but with a plethora of features and thousands of downloadable applications (apps) they can make your everyday life easier and more fun. Take a look at the following apps that can help you listen to music, find restaurants, get shopping deals, and meet your health and fitness goals all from your handheld device or iPad.



Jon Gunnells

ShopStyle

ShopStyle makes jewelry, clothing and accessories from popular stores available on one page. You can browse items and if something catches your eye, you can bookmark it and ShopStyle will send you an e-mail when that item goes on sale.

Weight Watchers/Calorie Counter/ Fooducate (price varies)

You can use the Weight Watchers app to calculate PointsPlus of foods you have eaten. Or take the app one step further and bring it to the grocery store or a restaurant to calculate points of foods you may eat. Similarly, My Net Diary's Calorie Counter lets you find foods in their impressively-large database so you can track your calories. A third app called Fooducate gives letter grades to groceries to help shoppers choose the healthiest option.

Women's Health (Free)

This free app is a sneak-peek at Women's Health Magazine which provides tips and advice on healthy eating, fitness and personal wellness. Women's Health Magazine also offers workout apps that are available on the iPhone, iPad and iPad Touch.

Yelp

Foodies and other curious consumers can use download the Yelp app from Yelp.com to find local restaurants or businesses. "If you're in a neighborhood you're not as familiar with and you need a caffeine fix, all you have to do is pull out your phone and search for nearby coffee shops and you'll get a list of great (or not so great) spots to visit right around you," said Annette Janike, Yelp.com Metro-Detroit Community manager.

Users can also create profiles on Yelp.com and use them to write reviews on restaurants and other local businesses.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD APPS

New to the smartphone scene? Here's how you download apps, including free ones — whether you own a BlackBerry, iPhone, Android, Windows smartphone or handheld tablet.

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Android Phones: Visit Market. Android.com from your computer, Android phone or new Android tablet to get started.

"The unique thing about the Yelp community is that it is made up of real people who are passionate about sharing their local experiences and with more than 15 million reviews, Yelp is both the fastest growing and deepest source of information on local businesses," Janik said.

Pandora

Similar to the website, the Pandora app gives delivers free streaming music to smart phones. It's also completely legal. Users can create personalized stations to match their musical interests. Songs can be voted on and given a thumbs up or thumbs down, and artists and songs can be bookmarked to help Pandora build the best stations for you. Pandora is perfect for discovering new music and building unique playlists for workouts or the workday. Pandora is available for iPhone, Blackberry, Windows 7, Android, and iPad operating systems.

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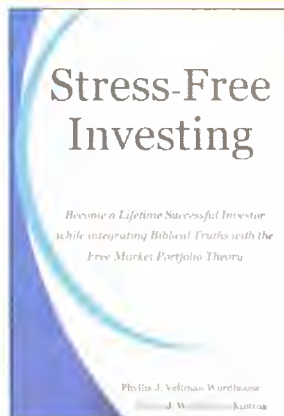
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Women's show returns to Novi April 28

The Michigan International Women's Show brings Jenna Bush Hager and an eclectic mixture of experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests when it returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace (formerly Rock Financial Showplace) in Novi, April 28 - May 1.

Jenna Bush Hager, author, educator and correspondent for NBC's "Today" program, will share her experiences on making a difference through the power of compassion on Thursday at noon, sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. She is the daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and Former First Lady Laura Bush and granddaughter of former President George H. W. Bush and Former First Lady Barbara Bush.

"Showgoers can get tips on balancing the many aspects of their busy lives, tap their creative side with crafts and makeup, watch cooking demonstrations, learn from one-on-one health care consultations, relax with beauty treatments, and so much more," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows.

Royal wedding weekend events will be complete with the Cupcakes for Weddings demonstration by Henry Ford Community College Baking Club, Wedding Cakes 101 presented by Westland's Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Bridal Outreach Project fashion show by Every Girls Dream Inc. whose mission is to provide a wedding gown to brides undergoing financial hardship.

Beth Troutman, Kristy Villa and Danielle Knox, hosts of "The Balancing Act" on Lifetime Television will be featured at the "Balance Your Life" pavilion created to help women balance it all with elements on health, fashion, beauty, travel, business and all aspects of a woman's life.

Josh Elledge of SavingsAngel.com will teach how to cut a grocery bill in half using their database and technology resulting in more deals, greater savings and better flexibility.

Author and TV design expert Kathy Peterson shares tips from creating fabric flower accessories and elegant paper crafts to how to up-cycle old fur-

niture as she explains how creativity can inspire and transform your life.

SKIN CARE

Custom-blended European skin care from Votre Vu will be featured during "French Skin Care Secrets Revealed" fashion stage presentation and in their VuBAR Airstream with free product sampling and skin care analysis.

Chevrolet will display their Camaro convertible, Cruze and Equinox cars and let show attendees test drive the all-new Chevy Volt electric car.



Cookbook author Lisa Shively will share quick cooking techniques and classic favorite recipes from her Southern cooking and children's cookbooks prepared with normal ingredients and simple directions.

Other chef instructors and organizations that will bring their brand of food enlightenment to the Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath Cooking Stage include Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Glory Foods with southern-style cooking, Henry Ford Community College ice carving demonstrations, Sweet Sass Food and Schoolcraft Community College.

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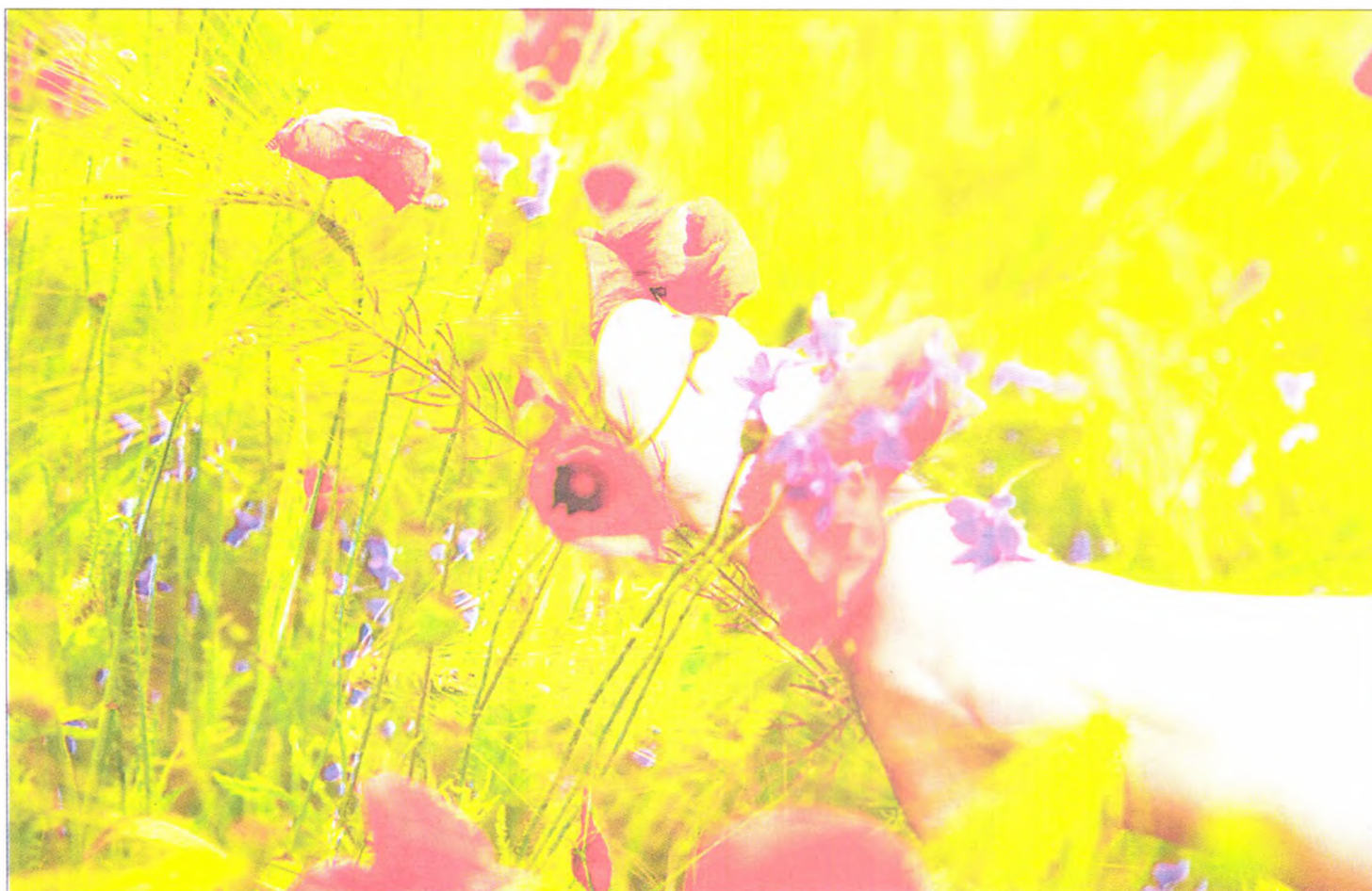
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10 timely tips to get feet ready for spring



(ARA) — From slogging through snow, ice and slush to being confined in heavy boots to fight the cold — if your feet could talk, what a tale of winter woe they might tell. You may be tempted to pull your sandals out of the closet and stuff your heaviest hosiery to the back of the sock drawer, but before you set your soles free to savor spring, some preparation is in order.

Being cooped up in cramped footwear during winter months can cause feet to suffer from a variety of ailments, from dry, flaky skin and discolored toenails to pesky corns and unsightly calluses. Pampering your feet in preparation for warm weather can help feet look and feel their best when warmer weather calls for donning flip-flops and peep-toe shoes.

“Caring for your feet not only promotes good hygiene, it can alert you to any problem areas that may need attention before slipping into sandals this spring,” said Dr. Michael King, president of the American Podiatric Medical Association. “Plus, it’s a good way to relax and de-stress after a tiring winter. When your feet feel good, you’re more likely to feel good all over.”

The APMA offers these 10 tips for getting your feet spring-ready:

1. Start with a soak. Immerse your feet in warm water with Epsom salts, herbal soaks or oils for at least 10 minutes.

2. Use a pumice stone or foot file to gently remove thickened, dead skin build-up (calluses) around the pre-soaked heels, balls and sides of the feet. Never use a razor as it removes too much skin and can easily cause infection or permanent damage if used incorrectly.

3. Eliminate dry, flaky winter skin on the soles, sides and tops of the feet by using an exfoliating scrub.

4. Massage a generous amount of emollient-enriched skin lotion all over your feet, such as Amerigel Care Lotion, which has the APMA’s Seal of Approval. This hydrates the skin and the massaging helps to promote circulation. Be sure to remove any excess moisturizer from under your toenails or between toes; build-up in those areas can provide a breeding ground for bacteria.

5. Use a straight-edge toenail clipper to trim nails to just above the top of each toe to ensure nails don’t become curved or rounded in the corners.

6. Help lock in moisture by wearing a pair of poly-cotton blend socks at bedtime.

7. Forgo nail polish if your nails are not healthy. If you have healthy nails, remove polish regularly to keep them in top condition.

8. Wash your feet daily with soap and water. Dry carefully, paying extra attention to the area between your toes.

9. Inspect last spring and summer’s footwear. Throw away any shoes or sandals that appear worn.

10. If any skin or nail problems exist, see a podiatrist for a medical diagnosis.

Today’s podiatrists are physicians, surgeons and specialists are trained to diagnose and treat conditions that affect the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg. To find a podiatrist near you, log on to www.today-spodiatriest.com.

With a little foot-friendly preparation, your feet can be ready to step into spring ... and let memories of winter boots melt away with the snow.

Spring into the right sandal

Spring has arrived and the new fashions have hit the shelves. It’s time to update your shoe collection with fun, yet supportive sandals.

“Each season brings a new lineup of trend forward footwear,” said Jodie Sengstock, president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association. “While many of the styles are fun and appealing, they can be punishing on your feet.”

Spring 2011 trends promote wedge and flat sandals. Keep these tips in mind when making your selection:

1) Try to limit the heel height to two inches or less. Platform and wedges are great because they give the illusion of increased height.

2) A wedge heel offers more support than a spike heeled shoe.

3) Limit the wearing time of high heel shoes.

4) Choose sandals that have support over the top of your foot and around the ankle.

5) Make sure all straps are comfortable and do not rub or cause irritation.

6) A cork foot mold offers the best support.

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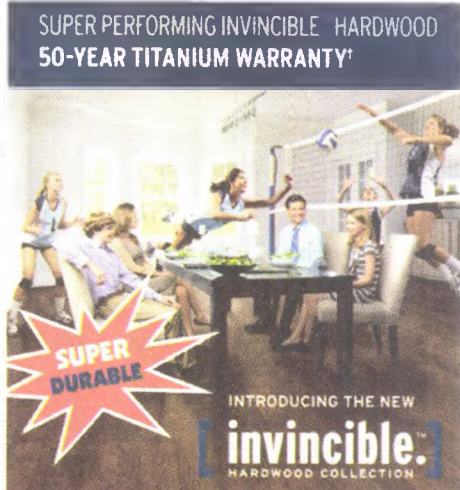
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 28

Michigan artists featured at Northville Spring Fling

The 32nd annual Handcrafters Spring Fling Artisan Market features artists from across the country including many well-known local artists April 15-17 in Northville.

More than 75 juried artists and fine craftspeople will be showcasing their work. Artists from glass design, gourmet foods, jewelry, original fashions, home decor, personal care and many more will all be exhibiting at the event located in downtown Northville at 303 W. Main St. (Community Senior Center).

The Spring Fling is an artisan market rather than a craft show, according to Stephanie Jones, promoter of the show. "There's truly something for everybody, from your daughter to yourself to your mother. We have such a variety of great items," she said.

Show hours are: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person per day. Weekend passes are \$6 per person.



Jeweler Humberto Hernandez.

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 Feathers, Fins and Furs metal art
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 A Touch of Art jewelry
 Vickie's Jelly Jar jams and jellies
 Nancy Endebrock 3D mixed media
 Whim Z Gal Studios watercolor art
 Lavender Daydreams lavender goods
 Nature's Quest Body & Spirit soap and beauty products
 The Purse Peddlers leather purses and wallets
 MNH Enterprises artwear clothing
 S and S Kettle Corn
 Humberto's Designs jewelry
 Designs with Heart painted windows
 Chickadee Studios jewelry
 Authentic Creations jewelry
 Banana Belle Bows children's clothing
 Michigan Stone Jewelry
 Tracey Designs.com children's and infant clothing
 Heritage Handcrafts wood items
 Kastelin's Country Memories whimsical bird houses and folk art
 Country Home Creations gourmet dips, bread dippers and soup
 K&S Crafts clothing



By Susan Crespo, floral artist

Big Birdie Golf horse-shoe golf
 Tealady tea and tea kettles
 Artist Teresa Kogut
 High Fire Girl mixed media
 Veronica's Arts personalized collectibles
 Wren in the Willow primitive decor
 Bottom of the Basket woven baskets
 Towel Lady tea towels
 Whimsical Wears children's and infant clothing

Pottspourri Creations jewelry
 Grape Country Florals floral items
 Recycledlps.com repurposed goods
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 Diversified Water Jet metal art
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 Cheryl Stevens Studio ceramic art
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SANDALS

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Shoe Buying Tips

- Have your feet measured while you're standing.
- Always try on both shoes, and walk around the store.
- Always buy for the larger foot; feet are seldom precisely the same size.
- Don't buy shoes that need a "break-in" period; shoes should be comfortable immediately.
- Don't rely on the size of your last pair of shoes. Your feet do get larger, and lasts (shoemakers' sizing molds) also vary.
- Shop for shoes later in the day. Feet tend to swell during the day, and it's best to be fitted while they are in that state.
- Be sure that shoes fit well — front, back, and sides — to distribute weight. It sounds elementary, but be sure the widest part of your foot corresponds to the widest part of the shoe.
- Select a shoe with a leather upper, stiff heel counter, appropriate cushioning, and flexibility at the ball of the foot.
- Buy shoes that don't pinch your



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toes, either at the tips, or across the toe box.

• Try on shoes while you're wearing the same type of socks or stockings you expect to wear with the shoes.

• If you wear prescription orthotics — biomechanical inserts prescribed by a podiatric physician — you should take them along to shoe fittings.

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Erin Cummings of the ABC show "Detroit 1-8-7" and keynote speaker at the Women's Power Breakfast is joined at Gleaners volunteering with students from Christ the King School in Detroit. Cummings is founder of Mittens for Detroit.

Women's Power Breakfast helps feed hungry children

The 18th annual Women's Power Breakfast, benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank, is a chance for women to gather, network and hear Erin Cummings of TV's *Detroit 1-8-7*, founder of Mittens for Detroit.

The breakfast, Wednesday, April 13 begins at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and networking. Breakfast and program follow 8-9 a.m. in the North Grand Court, Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

This year's co-chairs are Joan Gehrke, consultant for PVS Chemicals Inc. and community volunteer; Karen Cullen, vice president of corporate relations, Ilitch Holdings Inc., and president, Ilitch Charities; and Sarah Earley, founder, Belle Isle Women's Committee and community volunteer.

Dulcie Rosenfeld is founding chair with this year's honorary chairs Vivian Pickard, General Motors director and president of the General Motors Foundation, and Leslie Murphy, president and CEO of Murphy Consulting.

Reserve a seat online at gcfb.org/wpb or for more information, contact Margo Jones at 866-GLEANER, ext. 321.

Proceeds will support the Weekend Backpack Program.

Gleaners created the Weekend Backpack Program to provide meals for struggling families over the weekend. Currently the program serves food to more than 5,300 of the community's most needy children, who receive six meals to carry them over to the next school week.

The Women's Power Breakfast, started in 1992, is a special gathering of the area's most prominent female business, civic and community leaders which includes politicians, judges, professionals, business owners, corporate executives, journalists, broadcasters, key volunteers and members of the area's most influential boards.

Sponsors for the 2011 event are: General Motors Corp., St. John Providence Health System, DTE Energy Foundation, PVS Chemicals Inc., Huntington Bank, Taubman, Art Van, Health Alliance Plan, William Beaumont Hospital-Ministrelli Women's Heart Center, Mark-Lis Family Philanthropic Fund and Doeren Mayhew.

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