

Governor taps Slavens for seat on bench

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens says he will step down from his trustee post after the May 8 regular board meeting, no matter if he wins or loses the school board election conducted on the same day.

Slavens, a Canton attorney, was appointed Monday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve as a judge in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court in down-

town Detroit. Slavens' appointment, which continues through Jan. 1, 2009, fills the position vacated by Judge Maggie Drake, who retired at the first of the year. Slavens will have to run for re-election in November 2008 to serve the final two years of Drake's six-year term.

Slavens' appointment has put some interesting twists to the May 8 school

Candidates react to Slavens' appointment, A2.

board election. Slavens, who has been on the school board for eight years, was considered a front-runner in seeking his third consecutive four-year term.

Considering many of the absentee ballots in the six communities which encompass the Plymouth-Canton school district have already been turned in, many will no doubt have voted for a candidate who won't be able to serve. According to Michigan's

Constitution "any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service and for one year thereafter."

"My (judgeship) start date will be Monday, May 14," Slavens said. "I'll probably attend the May (school board) session and then step down."

Slavens said despite rumors he received the political appointment because he ran and lost as a Democrat in local state House and

Senate races, he never was given an indication of the appointment until a telephone call Friday afternoon from Granholm.

"Nobody has ever promised me this judgeship, this has nothing to do with being a good soldier," Slavens said. "I didn't run to please the party. I ran because I felt I would be the best person to represent the people in the 20th House District and the 7th Senate District."

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City to ask for road money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners will ask residents to approve \$10 million in bonds to continue the city's street paving program, which ran out of money this year.

Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to ask voters in November for authorization to secure \$5 million in bonds in 2009, with a second series of bonds four years later. Road repairs in Plymouth would resume in 2009, after completion of the Sheldon Road underpass project.

In 1996, residents approved \$12 million in bonds to pave every one of the city's 32 miles of roadway over the course of 20 years. However, 10 years later the fund is completely spent with only half the roads having been improved. City officials say much of the reason has to do with implementing a more in-depth reconstruction program, as opposed to the original resurfacing program.

"I think it's a crap shoot, even if it is good government," said Mayor Dan Dwyer. "If it's put on the ballot to be voted on by the people, I'll be out in front leading the charge. My street (Ann) was paved in the previous program, and I feel an obligation to pave the streets of those people which didn't get paved."

Commissioners are touting the November bond issue as a continuation of the current road millage.

"It's not going to represent an increase in taxes," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle.

"The total millage required in blending the new debt issues with existing debt would not exceed the highest millage we had two years ago, which was 2.65 mills," said Finance Director Mark Christiansen. "The average millage rate is proposed to be approximately 2.39 mills, with the first year at 2.5 mills."

City commissioners believe the lowering of the city's tax rate in 2007-08 proposed budget and an increase in the fund balance will convince voters commissioners are spending tax dollars wisely.

"I think we've established a certain level of credibility with what we've done with the fund balance," said Commissioner Stella Greene. "There's a level of confidence with this city commission that we've devoted ourselves to being good stewards for the people of the city. We can use that as a positive reason to say why this has to be done for the city, that we're not throwing away tax dollars."

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Title denied

Local fans cheered on the Detroit Ignition in the Ignition's battle to win the Major Indoor Soccer League championship in its first season at Computware Arena in Plymouth Township. Unfortunately, fans hoping to see a title run were disappointed when the Ignition lost, 13-8, to Philadelphia Saturday night. For more on the game, please see page B1.

Council hopes to replace senior bus

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Community Council on Aging has received a grant from the Wilcox Foundation for up to \$40,000 to replace one of the two aging senior buses that transport seniors to grocery stores and doctor appointments in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

While that's good news for the local senior organization, the trouble could be finding an equal amount of matching funds to replace the 5-year-old bus that seemingly is in the repair shop nearly as much as it's on the road.

"This is a vital service, it's a necessity," said Bobbie Pummill, program coordinator of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "Sometimes when it's out of service, it's down for days. If we don't get a new bus, we may be forced to go down to one van."

Both senior vans are 2002 models. The one that needs



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The Plymouth Community Council on Aging has received a grant from the Wilcox Foundation for up to \$40,000 to replace one of its two aging senior buses. The problem: Finding matching funds that would actually allow the purchase.

replacing has an odometer reading of 110,000 miles, while the other has nearly 82,000.

"We try to coordinate with the city's Department of Municipal Services the down time, but with the amount of abuse those buses take — non-stop stopping and starting — it takes

as much wear and tear as the police vehicles," said Steve Anderson, assistant recreation director for the City of Plymouth. "The maintenance costs are over \$23,000 for the past two years, which is about 25 percent of purchasing a new

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IRS clears museum

Ruling allows retention of tax-exempt status

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Internal Revenue Service will not take away the Plymouth Historical Museum's nonprofit status, responding favorably after the Plymouth Historical Society presented evidence it made changes in the museum's operations to avoid future risk of political improprieties.

Historical Society attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone said he received the final report from the IRS Monday, nearly six months after an examination was begun in regard to possible violations of the museum's nonprofit status relative to political campaigns, endorsements and campaign activities.

"They completed an examination and identified certain deficiencies," Thoms said. "In the end, the report indicated the organization should continue to be tax-exempt."

The IRS was contacted last fall by Citizens to Save the Museum, a group headed by Carl Berry of Plymouth Township, which claimed campaign violations by former director Beth Stewart during her run for state representative in August 2006, as well as possible violations of the museum's nonprofit status by the Plymouth Historical Society.

Stewart was fired Aug. 2, a few days before the primary election, for allegedly using the museum and its nonprofit bulk rate mail permit for her campaign. Stewart paid the museum \$25 for costs associated with her political mailings and photocopies made at the museum.

"The IRS addendum notes the costs were collected from Ms. Stewart and she was terminated," Thoms said. "It further notes the board has taken steps to set new policies, and to assure there won't be any activities or deficiencies in the future. It also states that using the facilities in political campaign activities can result in termination of the tax-exempt status."

Stewart said she's pleased for the museum, but believes the motives against her were strictly political.

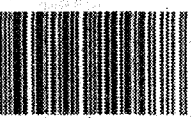
"This whole flap was all for \$25," Stewart said. "I think the opinion goes to show this was politically motivated, a way to hurt my reputation during the election, and make it look like I did something wrong when in reality I didn't."

Current director Liz Kerstens said she's pleased with the results and is looking to the future.

"I think we have closed that chapter and are moving forward," Kerstens said. "We're excited about planning great exhibits and fun events at the museum."

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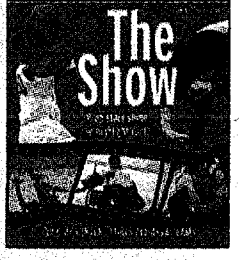
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SALVENS

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"I knew there was a possibility (of the appointment) ... (but) if I had any inkling this was going to happen I wouldn't have run for the school board," he added. "I wouldn't have put my family and myself, and the time and money it took, to run for the board."

Slavens said he applied with more than 100 other candidates for the judgeship, and was later interviewed by about 30 attorneys from the Michigan Bar Association, as were several dozen other candidates. The first he heard of the appointment was from Granholm about 4:30 p.m. Friday.

"My secretary buzzed me and said, 'It's Jennifer Granholm on the line,'" Slavens recalled. "I thought it was one of my friends calling me as a prank. Luckily, I did-

n't say anything I shouldn't have."

Slavens said after Granholm asked him if he would continue to be involved in community activities, be proactive in court programs and be on time to work, she officially offered Slavens the judgeship.

"I certainly would like to accept that, your Honor," Slavens replied to Granholm. "I was very excited, very pleased."

Not unlike many other jobs, Slavens will undergo orientation and training before making his own rulings.

"Mark will be trained and spend a couple of weeks observing other judges before he takes the bench," said Mary Beth Kelly, chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court. "He will also attend judge's school, which is formal training by the Michigan Judicial Institute."

Kelly said Slavens will most likely preside in the domestic relations or juvenile section of

the Circuit Court Family Division.

Slavens said he believes his 27 years as an attorney and his eight years on the Plymouth-Canton school board were factors that helped him get the circuit court position.

"I think I have a good reputation in the legal community," Slavens said. "I also think it's important to the governor you be committed to serving the community."

Slavens will be trading his legal practice — plus the school board position, which paid \$30 per meeting (which he donated back to the district) — for a judicial position that pays \$139,600.

"I can't think of anybody who could be more deserving," said Judy Mardigian, who has served with Slavens for eight of her nine years on the board. "His number one legacy will be his insistence the district focus on academic achievement."

"Mark has been a trusted colleague and a good friend," she added.

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Candidates react to Slavens' appointment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Reaction by five Plymouth-Canton school board candidates on the announcement by board vice president Mark Slavens he will be leaving the Board of Education May 8 as a result of his being appointed to the 3rd Circuit Court bench is mostly critical.

During the board's regular meeting Tuesday, Slavens made no mention of his judicial appointment and his plans to resign from the board next month, on the same day of the school board election, of which his name is on the ballot.

"Judge-designate Slavens cannot sit in silence for the next two weeks while Plymouth-Canton residents cast votes for a candidate who has no intention of serving his term," said candidate Kurt Heise. "Mr. Slavens ... has an ethical and moral duty to publicly inform the voters he is no longer a candidate for school

board, he must take his lawn signs down, and he must urge voters to consider the other five school board candidates."

Larry Martin said the announcement may be a little too late to help the other candidates, including himself.

"A lot of people I know have already voted absentee," Martin said. "It's a lot of circumstance, but it seems the process (for judge) has been going on for some time. If he'd been through all the interviews then I think it should have been disclosed."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, who is seeking re-election, said Slavens should have mentioned his intentions at the board meeting.

"Unfortunately, with absentee ballots already out there, some people have already burned their votes," said Ham-Kucharski. "It's a total misrepresentation to the public that

he still has his signs out, and hasn't stated that he has an appointment and that he's stepping down before we finish the budget or get to a superintendent search, all the things he's talked about."

Bruce Koldys added much of the same sentiment.

"This could potentially distort the voting process if Mr. Slavens is re-elected and the Board is required to appoint a replacement," Koldys said. "We would much rather have board members that are voted into office, not appointed, and we would rather have board members that have the district they wish to serve as their sole political focus."

Nancy Eggenberger refused to get into the fray.

"I have no idea how this will affect the vote," Eggenberger said. "Congratulations to Mark. It's a pretty exciting appointment to get, I'm sure he'll do a great job."

CORRECTION

In the March 22 edition of Hometownlife.com, the story Turn Over a New Leaf featured Tea Director Laura Klein of The Townsend Hotel and Tea Expert Denise Whipple of Traveling Tea Time. For more information on these services, call the hotel at (248) 647-2196 or contact Traveling Tea Time by calling (248) 625-8911 or visiting the Web at www.travelingteatime.com.

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Shred day

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the third Community Shred Day, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the parking lot of New Liberty Bank, located at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth community residents may bring any paper products, tax records, CD or DVD's to the New Liberty Bank parking lot and watch as they are shredded. All residents are asked to limit their items to one or two boxes and remove all large clips. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. Assistance will be available for those who need help.

The Community Shred Day is sponsored by GEM Asset Management, Maximum Financial and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

For more information call the Plymouth Chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Rummage Sale

St. John's Episcopal Church holds a rummage sale 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 4. On Saturday, May 5, there will be a \$2 bag sale from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Trail on the west side of the street.

For more information, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 15.

Walking club

Walkers are invited to "dust off your walking shoes" and join the Plymouth Seniors Walking Club, sponsored by Community Financial, every Thursday at 9 a.m., beginning May 3 through October. The club meets at the Plymouth Township Park each week in Shelter #1.

Walkers receive a free Community Financial-sponsored T-Shirt. There will be a drawing for club members only after the first couple of weeks.

To join or for more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Benefit recital

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts a benefit recital featuring an evening of sacred songs, Spirituals and more 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. The recital is presented by music intern, Rhea Olivaccé, who is studying vocal music at the University of Michigan.

All are invited to a reception immediately following the program.

This recital is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be available to support Olivaccé's participation in the Operaworks Summer Intensive Program.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Trail on the west side of the street.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The 2007 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast for Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools takes place 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at each of the respective schools.

Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods or monetary donations. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible:

■ Plymouth High School: Valerie Sanchez Lucco, vsl@wowway.com

■ Canton High School: Cindy Fry, tcme4@yahoo.com or Marianne Turner, mdt89@comcast.net

■ Salem High School: Suzanne Zabowski, sunique7@aol.com

Chorale concert

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring Concert, "Sing for the Cure," Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m.

"Sing for the Cure, a Proclamation of Hope" is a unique musical journey through the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.



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Essay excellence

Salem High School seniors Paul Wiitanen (right) and Chelsea LeBlanc (left), pictured with teacher chairperson Gretchen Miller, were the big winners in the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Civitan Essay Contest. On the topic, "Is True Democracy Really Possible?" Wiitanen won a \$500 scholarship and LeBlanc won \$300. The third-place, \$200 scholarship went to Salem senior Deanna Koenig (not pictured).

Librettist Pamela Martin wrote 10 songs after numerous interviews with breast cancer survivors, their partners and loved ones. Each song is set to the music of 10 composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. The performances will be narrated by a special guest celebrity, and proceeds from the concert will be given to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

All concerts will be conducted at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276 or visit the Chorale's Web site, www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org, for more information.

Stamp show

The Plymouth Stamp Show, set for April 28-29, will feature some 2,800 pages of exhibits, 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada, U.S. and U.N. and Nordica post offices, seminars, society meetings, "Stamps in your Closet" and a youth program.

The Plymouth Stamp Show is a qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's annual champion of Champions competition. It takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30

Village District. Admission is \$12 per person.

This annual breakfast is open to any resident or business owner who would like to hear first-hand what we can expect in Plymouth's future. This year's speakers will be Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, City of Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Dr. James Ryan and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox.

Check-in for the breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m., with a full breakfast buffet beginning at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome, but seating is limited and reservations are a must.

Call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 by noon Friday, April 27 to reserve a seat.

Quilt-A-Fun Day event

The Western Wayne County Quilt Guild will hold a Quilt-A-Fun Day from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 12 at South Middle School, 45201 Owen Street in Belleville. The guild's goal is seven quilts in one day to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The group needs all types of help, so if you're a quilter, have sewn garments or have never attempted to sew, they have a spot for you. The guild will have coaches that will walk participants through the process. Bring a team or just yourself.

Reservations are required by May 5 for this free event by

calling Terry at (734) 697-6162 or Roxann at (734) 485-4271. Prizes, surprises, fun and learning will be throughout the day with lunch being provided.

'Singsation' concert

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs present their annual spring concert, "Singsation," 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the Salem High School auditorium located at 46181 Joy in Canton.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$4 each from the PCEP Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem) or may be purchased at the door for \$5 each.

"Singsation" will feature the PCEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp. The PCEP Choirs include 6 choirs comprised of over 200 students in grades 9-12 from Plymouth, Canton, and Salem High Schools.

The concert will feature a wide variety of choral selections including classic works by Robert DeCormier, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, Eric Whitacre, and Moses Hogan. Lighter selections include music from the musicals "Wicked" and "Beauty and the Beast". The concert will also feature a salute to the over 30 graduating senior members of the PCEP Choirs.

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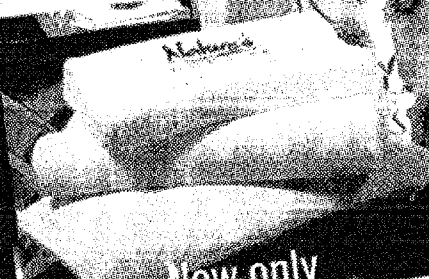
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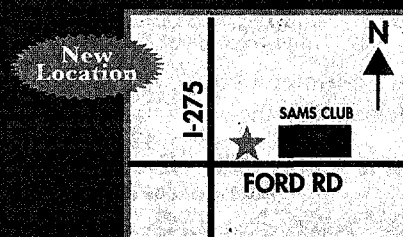
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Molly Marie Svrčina, 11, was the youngest among the performers who wowed the crowd at the annual spring luncheon of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women.

AAUW event includes the sound of music

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Golfers weren't the only ones having a good time Saturday, April 21, on a sunny spring day at Fox Hills Country Club. About 40 women, members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, gathered there for the annual spring luncheon.

"It's our annual meeting," said Becky Copenhaver of Canton, branch president and an elementary teacher in the Livonia school district. "It's just a time to get together. It's just a fun branch meeting."

She promised to keep the business portion of the day brief: "People aren't going to want to be in here today" because of the beautiful weather.

The lunchtime gathering included singers from Destination Theatre, who perform at the Cherry Hill Village

Theatre in Canton. They also performed for AAUW last year, said Pam Dean of Canton, program vice president for the branch.

Patrick Persons is coordinator for the performing group and a librarian at Plymouth Salem High School, where Dean teaches English. The performers will present *High School Musical* this summer (the last weekend of July and first weekend of August), with Persons as producer and Dean and AAUW's Sharon Belobraidich as co-directors.

"These kids, I'm so excited to hear them," Dean said at Fox Hills before the performers came on with their 1950s and 1960s songs.

The youngest performer, at 11, was Molly Marie Svrčina, who wowed the crowd with her singing. "This has been so fun," Persons told the audience. "Thank you so much for having us." The group has done six productions since its 2005 founding, he added.

Military group seeks 'comfort' items

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is looking for help in securing "comfort items" for U.S. Marines in Iraq. "We're looking for items the Marines aren't able to obtain because they don't have access to

post exchanges or military supply systems," said Roger Kehrier of Plymouth, Senior Vice Commander of the Purple Heart in Michigan. "I remember when I served in Vietnam I always looked forward to packages in the field because they contained items that were generally unattainable."

Kehrier said while they are

looking for the usual items like toothpaste, hand sanitizer, candy and music CD's, because of the heat there are some specific items they need.

"The soldiers appreciate shaving gel because the other types don't hold their consistency in 125-degree heat," Kehrier said. "The same with

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bus. It would be financially effective to purchase a new van."

In order to come up with the matching money, the Council on Aging is looking to the governments of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to provide the funding. Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok said it's not likely the city has enough money in its general fund to offer the Council on Aging up to \$20,000 to purchase a new van.

"I've had some informal conversations with the Council on Aging, but we already appropriate \$14,000 from the general fund to the van program to keep it operational," Sincok said. "To put more into it is going to create some budget issues for us."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said while township residents make up 40 percent of the ridership, he'd be willing to fund half the needed matching funds.

"Both buses are breaking

down more than we would like, and it's a great opportunity to put a new one in the fleet," Reaume said. "The system is highly used, effectively used and is an efficient way to provide transportation."

However, Reaume said if the city doesn't come up with its half of the matching funds, he might pull the township's money off the table.

"We'd have to rethink it," Reaume said. "I'd hate to lose the opportunity to get a new bus. This same offer might not come down the road."

For David Rathbun, 67, who uses the senior bus to go on errands from his home at Tonquish Creek Manor, it seems like funding for the senior bus program is a yearly affair, and he's concerned someday it may be gone.

"It's a necessity, I have no other transportation," Rathbun said. "I use it to get my groceries and go to doctor appointments. It would be one of my priorities to make sure we keep the bus."

"It's not always easy to get people to drive me to places I need to go, especially to Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti for doctor appointments," he said. "There

are many seniors who won't give up their cars because they're not sure if the senior transportation will be around next year."

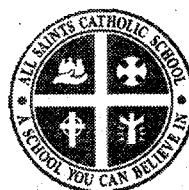
Wilcox Foundation Director Dan Herriman of Plymouth Township said he's hopeful enough matching funds will be raised to purchase the replacement senior bus.

"We believe there's a genuine need to continue that program for the benefit of seniors in the greater Plymouth community," Herriman said. "We're optimistic that not only can local governments contribute, but so will other community organizations and corporations, and individuals as well."

Bob Lipmyer, president of the Council board, said he's optimistic the matching funds for the new bus will be found.

"We're very appreciative of what the Wilcox Foundation has done for us," Lipmyer said. "We'll get the other \$40,000 one way or another. Our buses are getting pretty old, but we need to make sure they're on the road for seniors."

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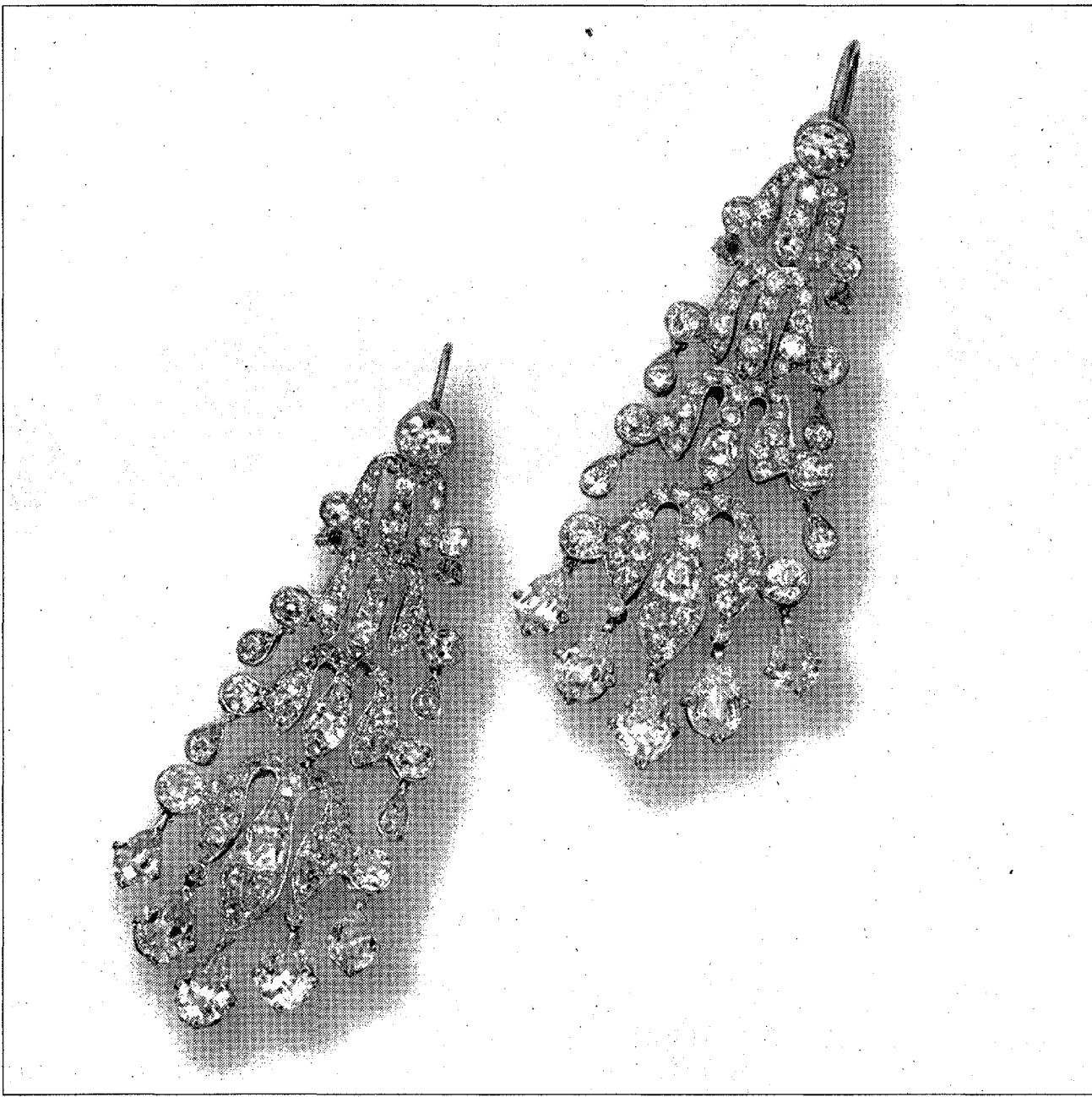
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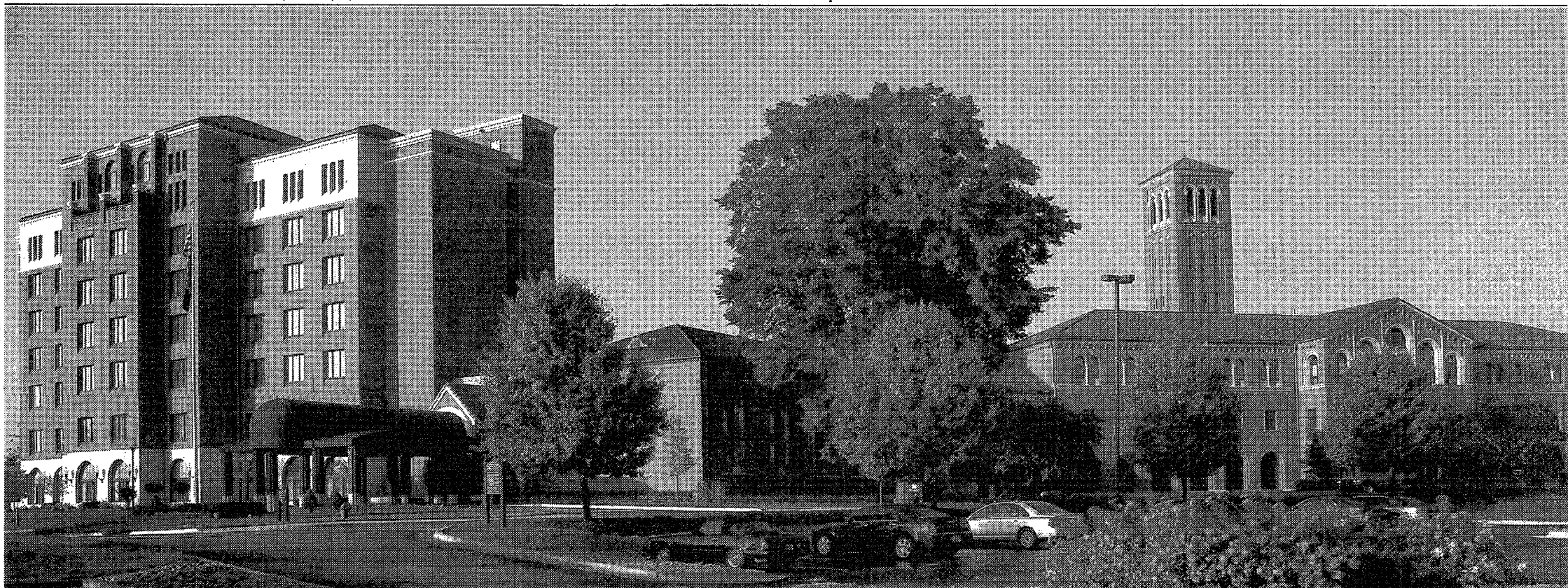
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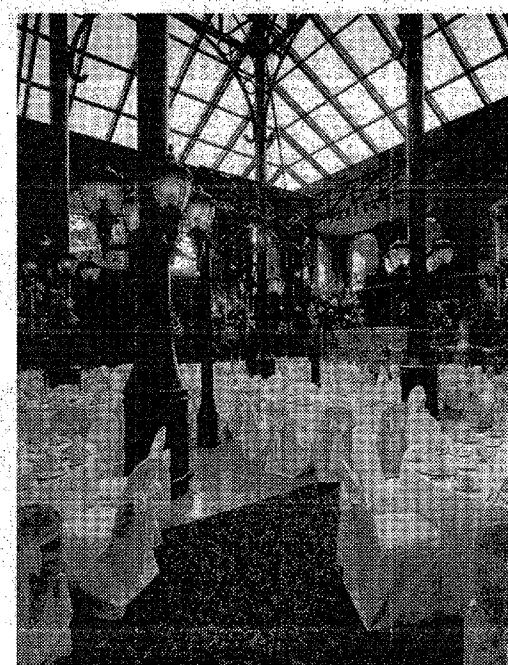
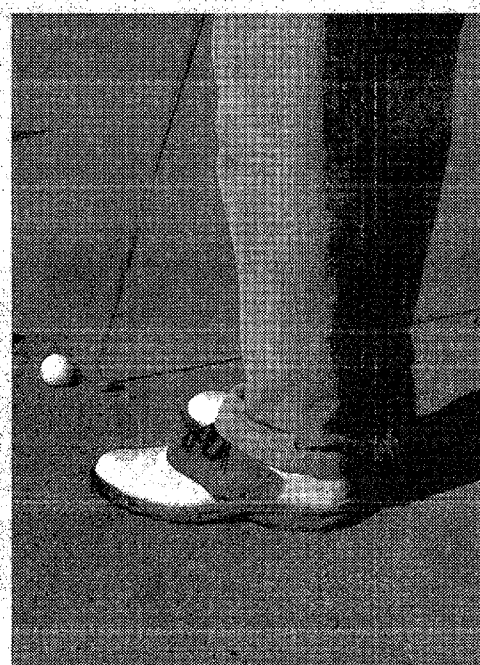
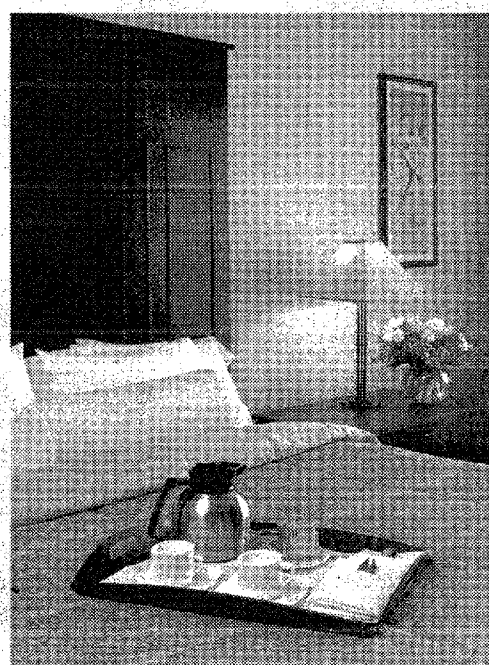
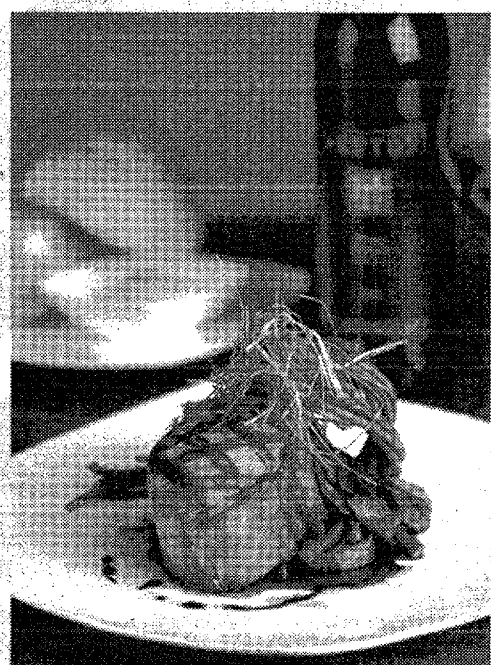
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I recently gave a talk at the Home & Garden Show in Novi and was approached by a woman who was getting ready to retire and was concerned that she did not have enough assets. She was concerned because she did not have a million dollars and she was told that's what she needed to retire.

I asked her who told her she needed a million dollars and she said that's what she has heard. I have heard people say many times they need a million dollars to retire, however, I can never track down the source. I prefer to focus on whether you can afford to retire. As far as I am concerned, everyone needs to look at their situation individually so they can make an informed decision whether they can afford to retire and whether they are saving enough for retirement.

I have always stressed that retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind. It is not something that past generations had to worry about. Go back a mere 100 years and life expectancy was in the mid-fifties. Today, many of us are going to live more than 30 years in retirement and we will enjoy an active lifestyle.

Another change is when people first started thinking about retirement 50 to 60 years ago, it was assumed once you retire you can live on a fixed or a shrinking income. That's not the case today. In today's world, to have sufficient amounts of money to retire, you must have enough to have a rising income throughout your lifetime.

How do you figure out how much you should have to retire?

You need to look at what it costs to live a month. If you've never calculated that number, now is the time to do so. Look at your take-home pay and use that as a guide. For example, if your take-home pay is \$5,000 and from that money you are only saving \$500 a month, you know that your living expenses are approximately \$4,500 a month. From that number, you can make adjustments for retirement. As an example, if there is someone you are supporting (such as your children) that you will not be supporting in retirement, you can back off some of those expenses. In addition, if you no longer have a house payment, you can factor that into the equation. On the other hand, don't forget to factor in travel or other things in retirement that will increase your expenses.

Once you determine what it costs to live a month, back out what you will receive from Social Security and any pension. On a year-by-year basis on our birthdays, we receive a benefits estimate from Social Security. The number is fairly accurate.

Once you subtract out from living expenses, pension and Social Security, you are left with a monthly shortfall. To determine how much you need to cover that shortfall, multiply that number by 12 (for the yearly shortfall) and then multiply that number by 20 to 25. The number you calculate is the amount of investments that you will need to be able to retire and to have a rising income throughout your lifetime.

For example, if it costs you \$5,000 a month to live and you receive \$1,000 from Social Security and you have no pension, your shortfall is \$4,000 a



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

month. That means that on a year-by-year basis you will need approximately \$48,000 from your investments to cover your living expenses. This means that you will need approximately \$960,000 to \$1,200,000 in investments to cover your shortfall. This assumes that on a year-by-year basis you will pull out 4 to 5 percent of your investments to cover your living expenses. I recognize that the 4 to 5 percent is a low figure. However, it does factor into the equation that you will need a rising income throughout your lifetime.

I believe no matter where you are in your stage of life, it is important to determine if you're on the right track in saving for retirement. I recognize that if you are just starting your career, the number that you will need seems unattainable, but it is not. If you are midway or even near the end of your career, it is important to be realistic as to where you

stand.

There are many financial calculators on the Internet that you can use to help you with your calculations. Vanguard, Charles Schwab and others all have excellent Web sites to help you make the calculation. The key is to be informed as to where you stand for retirement and not be surprised down the road.

I'm frequently asked whether one should factor into the equation future inheritances. No. I believe it is dangerous to depend upon inheritances that you have not yet received. Therefore, only in unusual situations will I factor inheritances into the equation.

The bottom line is that retirement is an issue that every one of us will hopefully face in the future. The key to enjoying retirement is to think about it now and take the appropriate actions to make sure that you can enjoy as long a retirement as your health allows.

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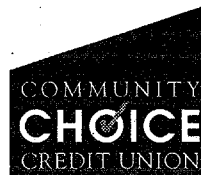
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Voters should pick replacement

The selection of Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens as Third Circuit Court judge has thrown the May 8 school board election into a bit of a tizzy, and it's going to be up to the Board of Education to sort it all out.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm made the appointment official Monday, tapping Slavens as the replacement for 14-year court veteran Maggie Drake, who resigned in January. Hours before that, however, the political maneuvering had begun. E-mails and phone calls flew in a flurry, and hushed conversations with political overtones were conducted as the jockeying began.

E-mails flew into the *Observer*, questioning whether Slavens would remove himself from the election and assuring us he had no legal basis to stay in it. Barely an hour after the announcement was made, Slavens told the *Observer* he'd resign from his current post at the board's May 8 meeting.

While congratulations are certainly in order for Slavens, his selection poses this problem regarding the school election: Voters who cast a ballot for him (and hundreds have already come in via the absentee vote) had no idea the man for whom they were voting wasn't going to be around to serve the term.

Whether you believe Slavens owed it to his supporters to alert them of the possibility he wouldn't be able to serve, that's spilled milk now. The unfortunate consequence of his removal from the school board equation is the election has now been taken out of the hands of the voters (should he win).

Slavens' replacement to finish out the current term, which expires in July, will be chosen by the current board. If he wins re-election, his replacement would be chosen by the new school board. In either case, the replacement will have been chosen by the board, not the people.

We think it only fair the board do whatever it can to give that voice back to the people. The best way to accomplish that goal would be for the board to choose the third-place winner (assuming Slavens picks up one of the top two spots), whomever that candidate might be, and then allow that person to serve until the next scheduled election.

The timing of Slavens' judicial appointment couldn't be worse for the school board. Surely their critics will accuse board members of gamesmanship if they simply choose a replacement that fits their mold. It's a political trap the board would be better off missing after two failed bond attempts in less than a year.

The best way to avoid it is to do what elections are meant to do: Let the people have their say.

State needs to act on renewable energy

The forces of environmentalism and economic growth always seem to be locked in mortal combat.

Business leaders complain that while they, too, want a cleaner environment and more efficient sources of energy, they could not possibly meet the standards demanded by environmental groups. Environmentalists argue that they have facts and figures to show that moving away from dependence on coal and nuclear electrical generation is more cost-effective and profitable in the long run.

While it's a classic confrontation, there is some evidence that there may be areas of agreement and fruitful compromise.

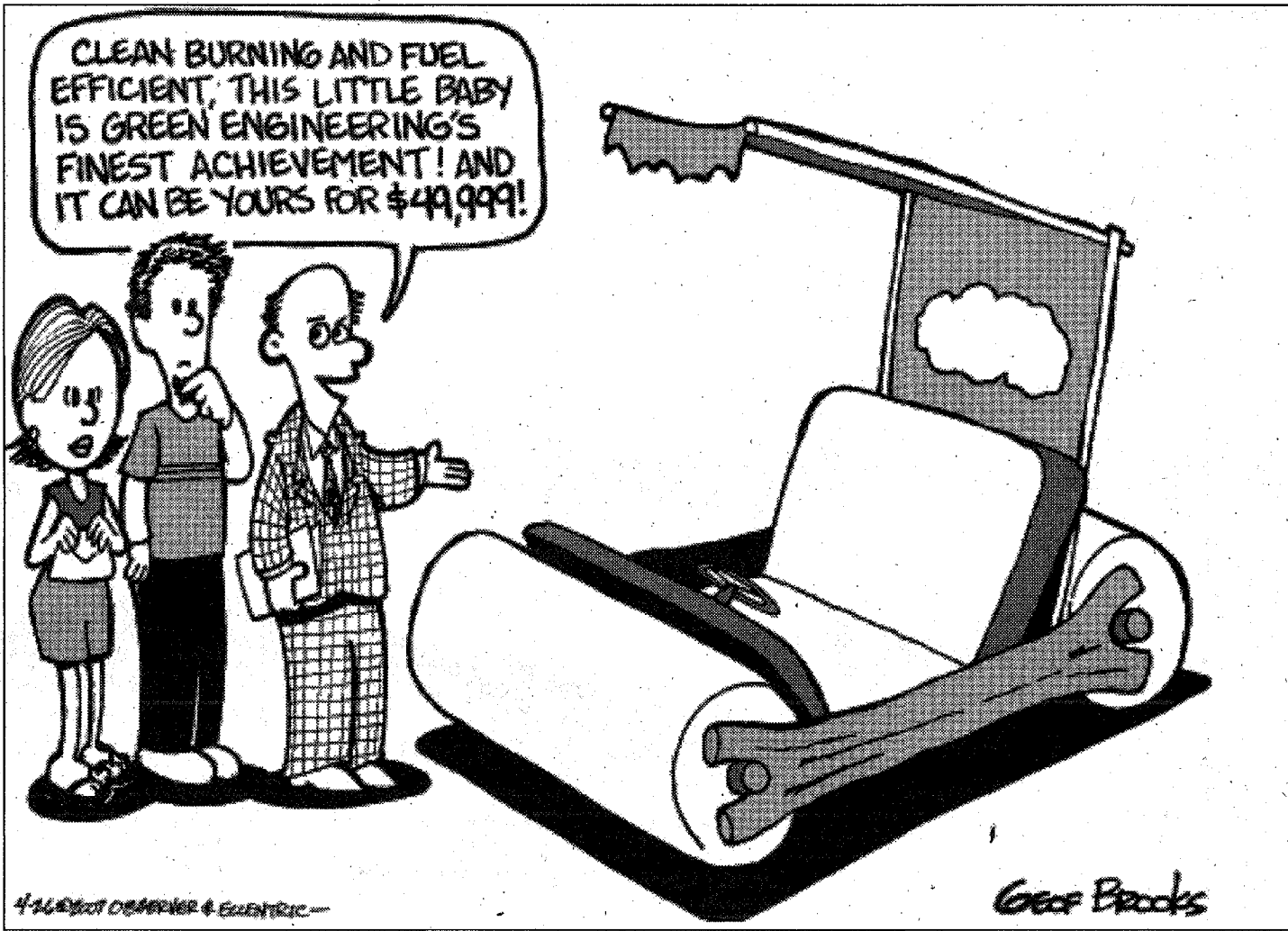
Beginning today, the Michigan Senate will hold hearings on renewable portfolio standards. Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is chairman of the Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee. The committee will hear witnesses on the range of renewable energy sources (solar, wind, biomass, hydroelectric, etc.) and proposals on how much of the state's energy should come from these sources.

Democrats and Republicans seem to agree that renewable energy sources have promise for reducing our use of coal, which we bring in from other states and which is a prime source of air pollution.

The Michigan Environmental Council, an umbrella organization for 75 state environmental advocacy groups, is supporting Senate Bill 385, a Democratic Party bill that would incrementally increase the percentage of renewable electric energy, reaching 13 percent by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020. Gov. Granholm is supporting a less aggressive 21st Century Energy Plan proposed by J. Peter Lark, chairman of the Public Service Commission, which would reach 20 percent renewables by 2025. Two other Senate bills, Nos. 213 and 219, offer different approaches.

Patterson has said he is skeptical that the state can move as aggressively as the Democratic bill proposes. He raises some valid arguments concerning the potential for wind and solar power in Michigan. He has also been a supporter of nuclear power as a viable option for energy in the future.

But we ask the Senate panel to keep an open mind on the many proposals being offered, weigh the competing economic and environmental concerns and move toward a policy that serves the interests of all Michigan residents now and into the future.



LETTERS

Plan would work

I know these are hard economic times, and I do not want to cause anyone economic hardship. Believe me, I understand. I was laid off a year and a half ago just before Thanksgiving. My family struggled to get through the holidays and into the new year. I took several part-time jobs to make ends meet, my wife picked up a second job. I understand what this economy is doing to people in our community, and that is one reason why I do not want to be forced to lay off teachers!

But that is exactly what the PCEA union leadership would have this Board of Education do. They would much rather finance the structural deficit on the backs of the students, parents and their own lower seniority members than take a one-time salary correction.

My recommended plan of a one-time 6-percent salary correction across the board would reduce our annual budget by \$5.6 million. Add to this the health care savings of \$1.7 million, the FICA tax savings of \$0.7 million and the mandatory retirement funding savings of \$1.45 million, and that would save the district \$9.45 million.

Our current projected structural deficit for next year is projected to be \$7.5 million. With some additional cuts to non-instructional areas totaling about \$1.9 million, I project a total budget reduction of \$11.35 million.

This would leave us with a \$3.85 million surplus. Half of this should be added to the Capital Improvement Fund, which is used to fund such costs as building repairs and maintenance, bus and technology purchases and other projects to improve the safety and functionality of district properties.

Couple this \$1.9 million with the existing Durant funds of \$3.4 million, plus the annual amount paid toward the expiring energy note of \$0.8 million and you create a capital improvement fund of \$6.1 million by the end of next fiscal year.

These funds could be used toward necessary work at Central Middle School, Tanger Fields, Miller Woods and projects at the PCEP such as new lockers, field maintenance, improvements to our Career and Tech Education Programs and more!

Additionally, making this financial move will eliminate such projected cuts as field trips, laying off 25 teachers or more, increasing class sizes, laying off para-pros who support literacy programs, laying off technology personnel, increasing "pay-to-participate" fees to students as well.

This is not about what is best for the Board of Education or what is best for the teachers, this is about what is best for our students. My plan is best for the students.

These are my views, and in no way represent the opinions of the PCCS school district or the Board of Education.

Rich Ham-Kucharski
Canton

Breen and Fausone

As voters choose between several candidates for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, I strongly urge them to vote for Mary Breen and Jim Fausone. Each of them has earned my trust and support.

Mary Breen is a retired school teacher and a distinguished trustee who brings a wealth of history and experience. Jim Fausone serves with me on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. It is because I know Jim as a hard-working, thoughtful

and dedicated leader that he has earned my support. Schoolcraft College is an important part of our community, therefore it deserves trustees like Mary Breen and Jim Fausone who will ensure that its future is as bright as its past. Please join me in voting for both of them Tuesday, May 8.

Charles McIlhargey
Plymouth

Supports Fausone

I encourage your readers to join me in supporting Jim Fausone for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the May 8 election. His law firm has been in Northville Township on Six Mile for 13 years now. Jim Fausone is devoted to the community and unselfishly volunteers his time for charitable endeavors.

For example, because of his hard work, Jim was recognized as the 2003 Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County Volunteer of the Year. He has also worked with the Northville Community Foundation. Jim currently serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board and the Canton Public Library Board. He knows that excellent community colleges and public libraries strengthen communities. He has been a dedicated member of the University of Michigan College of Engineering Alumni Society Board and its past chair. You can always count on Jim Fausone to get involved and make a difference.

Because of his selfless service to our community, there is one clear choice for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees — Jim Fausone.

Mark J. Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

Little Lambs thank you

Often good news about schools only appears in print near graduation time or for sporting achievements.

During our visit for Easter, our grandson proudly showed us HIS school (Little Lambs Christian) on North Territorial in Plymouth.

As a grandma, I am so appreciative of their school readiness program. Our grandson has thrived with their low student-to-certified teacher ratio. Limiting class size enables each little person ample hands-on time and personal attention. We believe he will be prepared to succeed whether he goes to the public school or a private one.

I am compelled to thank publicly Miss Shari, Miss Jean, Miss Mary Lou and Miss Kathlyn, for making his initial experience in school such a huge success. May many more families be blessed with this dedicated program.

Mary Borin
Lincoln, Neb.

AD concerns

I have heard much debate about the possible elimination of the athletic director at Plymouth High School. I would like to voice my concerns as a parent of three student-athletes and a member of this community.

When we moved here three years ago, we chose Canton and the Plymouth-Canton school district for a variety of reasons, among them were the community, the academic reputation of the school district, the progressive nature of the Park and the breadth of the athletic programs.

We chose Canton over several surrounding communities, such as Livonia,

Northville and Belleville. All three of our children were extremely involved in athletics, and we wanted their opportunities to continue after our move.

While academics is the cornerstone of our district, and should continue to be, sports keeps kids involved and active. I have found keeping our children involved and active to be critical in their success in the academic world and beyond. Sports is not for everyone, but we have over 3,000 students involved in our athletic programs at the Park. Those students all deserve an exemplary program. I fear the cutting of an athletic director may be just the first of many budget cuts to the athletic programs. I have even heard rumors of eliminating the freshman and/or JV sports programs. How do you build good varsity programs without the freshman and JV programs?

My fear is the additional two athletic directors will be spread too thin and unable to manage the programs adequately and fairly. With the current system of each AD having their own school program, they can be held to a higher standard for the programs in that school. If we were to go with the option of having each of the two remaining directors take boys and girls, they will continually be working through conflicts among the facilities, especially with the new change to the basketball programs having boys and girls competing during the same season. I can't help but think there will be favoritism toward the "home" school.

If we aren't going to operate each school independently with their sports programs, then why did we build a third school? Why didn't we just add on to Canton High School? Each high school needs its own principal, its own assistant principals and its own counselors, why not its own AD?

Although this is not my primary concern, what will a drop in the reputation of the Park do to our home values? That has to be a question for everyone in the community. Right now, we reap benefits of having a superior school system. While most of this is due to academics, it would be naïve to think that athletics is not a large part of this.

If we eliminate the AD position at Plymouth, the Plymouth students will be the ones who will suffer. And that is simply not acceptable. Our community and our school district are better than that.

My two oldest children's lives are enriched by their athletic experiences. I appreciate the tough decisions that have to be made, and I am available and willing to help in any way I can.

Eva V. Ambrose
Canton

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QUOTABLE

"My understanding of the state Constitution is that I can't hold both positions."

— Plymouth-Canton school board member Mark Slavens, who said he will step down from the board on May 8 after learning Monday that Gov. Jennifer Granholm had appointed him to serve as judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court

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New ideas and fresh thinking needed to solve state's crisis

Know what that strange sound you are hearing in the background is? The vibration from increasingly frantic talks going on in Lansing about Michigan's financial future.

After what seems like months of talking at each other, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (D-Redford) and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) have agreed to talk to each other.

Specifically, they'll be meeting daily to hash out what to do about the estimated \$1 billion shortfall in this year's general fund budget and the \$377 million deficit in the School Aid Fund.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her budget director, Bob Emerson, will be at the table as well.

They've got a tough row to hoe. The deficit numbers are very large. The economy is still slumping and tax revenues are consistently falling below projections.

Partisan differences are wide. And time is running out — the fiscal year ends Sept. 30. That's a fast-approaching fact that will greatly intensify the impact of any cuts.

Crunch time is clearly here.

The natural political instinct will be to try to fix the deficit gaps with chewing gum and bailing wire. After all, that's what lawmakers have done every year for the past five years. Sooner or later, however, tough choices and out-of-the-box thinking will have to replace accounting gimmicks. What follows are some common-sense ideas. I'm sure there is a lot not to like in the list, but somebody has to start thinking about the unthinkable. Starting right now:

■ Cut prison spending — Our prison system costs around \$2 billion a year, employs around one-third of state government's work force and warehouses 51,000-plus inmates. If we incarcerated felons at the average rate of our neighboring states, we'd save \$500 million a year. Granholm has proposed releasing very sick prisoners and those who have served their minimum sentences and are awaiting parole. She thinks that would save around \$100 million.

The "lock 'em up and throw away the key" theory of sentencing isn't working, and has to be fixed. How about allowing earlier parole for inmates who demonstrate good behavior and get a GED while in prison? How about discharging folks who are in the slam for dealing drugs (a non-violent crime) and putting them on electronic tethers?

How about completely changing the way we treat non-violent crimes, period? Theft or burglary is bad, but does it make sense to spend \$30,000 a year to imprison somebody who steals goods worth \$2,000? Make 'em pay restitution with jail time that will be thrown back at them if they commit any future violations.

Incidentally, drug courts appear to be working to keep drug abusers out of prison by prescribing treatment, sanctions like tethers and employment services. What about doing the same thing

for the estimated 15 percent of the prison population that is mentally ill?

■ Take a hard look at school costs — Michigan spends more than \$13 billion a year on K-12 schools. The School Aid Fund faces a deficit of nearly \$400 million. Cutting the per-pupil school aid formula this late in the school year is a prospect that terrifies most school people, but this may be the only step that works for this fiscal year.

In the longer run, however, we might consider rethinking the structure of the way we manage our schools. Do we, for example, really need one principal per elementary school?

Principals are important, no doubt, but much of what they do is routine: setting policy, overseeing personnel, reviewing performance, attending meetings. Elementary schools are small and much of their administrative functions could be performed more efficiently.

And many of the business tasks that each district does on its own could be consolidated in the intermediate school districts, where better technology and management could produce serious savings.

And while we're at it, let's take a look at the busing tail that all too often wags the school dog. Many school schedules are determined by the timing and deployment of bus fleets.

But many cities already have bus systems which are paralleled by school buses. Do we really need both?

■ Look very hard at health care costs — Medical costs for school employees are high and getting higher every year. Last week, Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney and the American Federation of Teachers' David Hecker joined Bishop to advance an interesting idea.

The three of them proposed that all schools, universities and local government units join health insurance pools that could select providers by open bidding. If that worked, advocates say it could save as much as 8 percent in health care costs.

The Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) is a subsidiary of the Michigan Education Association teachers union, which provides health care coverage for around half the school districts in Michigan. MESSA says this idea is nonsense and points to its flexibility in providing reduced-cost health care plans for many school districts. Maybe so, but every dollar that goes to medical care doesn't go to educating our kids. It's time for a fresh look.

There are lots of out-of-the-box ideas out there. Some are good; some are just silly. But the best of them deserve a not flinty eye, but open-minded consideration. This much we know: We're not going to solve our financial crisis by more of the same old, same old.

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Phil Power

LETTERS

No. 1 supporter

Currently the Plymouth Wildcat cheerleaders are in a fight with the Plymouth Canton school district to have the option of competitive cheer. The sport of competitive cheer would allow the cheerleaders at all three high schools to represent their sport of cheerleading at a state level.

Currently the park does not let girls cheerleading compete. With over 60 girls in the program at Plymouth, the cheerleaders collected over 2,000 signatures of teachers, other students and the general public that support giving these kids the right to compete.

This problem never would have arisen without the discussion of cutting out the Plymouth athletic director ... currently facing part of the dreaded budget cut. With him being the No. 1 man on our side and in complete support of MHSAA competitive cheer, we have the fear of losing him. We cannot afford to lose the support of our No. 1 supporter, the athletic director at Plymouth High School.

Terry Sawchuk has a huge willingness to support, listen and address any athletic team in the school. He does his best with scheduling, conflicts between coaches and athletes and any other possible situation that could arise. Without him, the other athletic directors would take precedence over Plymouth athletics and we cannot let that happen. Everything runs smoothly over at Plymouth High School. If the other two athletic directors take over our sports, we will in turn be third on the priority list.

With our current athletic director, we are ALWAYS first priority as Plymouth athletics. Our athletic director is supporting our fight with the district to obtain competitive cheer offering these girls scholarships, state recognition, state awards and other public recognition, as well as representing their school like the other 21 sports. It's about equality and our athletic director gives us just that.

Please help us in the wish to keep our athletic director. We need him, for the success of Plymouth athletics and the cheerleaders who wish to represent their school to the fullest ability and equality of every other sport in the park.

Amber Stocks
Canton

Supports Sawchuk

This letter is in response to the recent article about eliminating one of the athletic directors, specifically Terry Sawchuk, due to budget constraints.

I would like to put my full support behind Mr. Sawchuk and ask the board to reconsider. Almost every year since Plymouth High School has been open, this issue about eliminating an athletic director, or at times all three, has come up, been discussed and then concessions have been made by all three ADs.

From my and my son's personal experience with Mr. Sawchuk, I would like to emphasize the importance of having an AD in each school. The coaches he has hired at Plymouth have all shared in his vision to teach the students valuable lessons both on and off the football field, the basketball court and in the classroom. I absolutely give Mr. Sawchuk and his coaches credit for helping my son be successful, not only in the classroom, but in athletics.

It would be very detrimental to the future students in the Plymouth-Canton school district to not have such an influential person on their side during their high school years. Given the negative publicity coming from some high schools and the issues they have to deal with, I feel we need to speak up when we have such a class act as we do in Terry Sawchuk.

Carol Hennells
Plymouth High School
parent alumni

Cut should be shared

Richard Ham-Kucharski, a member of the PCCS school board, suggests that the district can balance its budget by simply cutting teacher salaries by 6 percent. He should know, however, that teacher salaries are the result of a collective bargaining agreement, and are not subject to unilateral reduction.

Setting aside that legal issue, though, I would be in favor of that idea if the sacrifice was shared equally. That is, not only the teachers would take a 6-percent cut, but the janitors, the administrators, the bus drivers, the secretaries, everybody. Also, anybody who has a child in school should donate 6 percent of their salary as well.

That would certainly solve the budget problem. (In fact, I'm certain that we could get by with only 1 percent instead of 6 percent if we included everybody with children who are students in the district.)

We could, of course, limit the sacrifice to the teachers only, but we're asking for sacrifices that will help our kids and our community. Many teachers don't live in the community and most don't have children going to school in the district, so it doesn't seem logical to ask that they alone should sacrifice their pay.

It's easy to cut the cost of anything — health care, police protection, automobiles — by mandating a cut in wages for the workers providing the service. But that also decreases the quality of the service by driving the most qualified workers elsewhere.

If we want the worst teachers in the area, let's cut their pay. But if we want to keep the best teachers here in Plymouth-Canton, we will have to look for more realistic ideas. Mr. Ham-Kucharski's idea is not only unworkable, but unfair.

George Shea
Plymouth

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Stabenow will speak at Schoolcraft commencement

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow will deliver the keynote address at Schoolcraft's 42nd commencement Saturday, May 5. The ceremony will be in Compuware Sports Arena, starting at 4 p.m.

A total of 1,456 students are eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 425 participating. Guests must have tickets to attend the ceremony.

On Friday, May 4, 110 Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates will convene in the college's Physical Education Building for their graduation. Andrew Arena, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will speak to the graduates.

Stabenow is the first woman from the state of Michigan elected to the United States Senate. She served in the Michigan House of Representatives for 12 years, marking another milestone as the first woman to preside over the House, before she was elected to the



Stabenow

state Senate. She served in the state Senate for four years.

In Washington, Stabenow is an advocate for

Michigan, leading efforts to grant a tax cut to manufacturers who create jobs in the U.S. rather than send jobs to another country; fighting to stop Canadian trash from being brought into the state, and increasing Michigan's share of funding for roads and bridges. She is an expert on health care and prescription drugs.

A strong supporter of investing in education, Stabenow has championed the state's colleges and universities and supported job training initiatives in two-year colleges. She has been a passionate advocate for children and is an expert in family law and small business issues.

Stabenow will receive an honorary degree, as will

Laura Carter Callow, women's rights activist and an original member of the Schoolcraft Women's Advisory Committee who is still serving on the committee.

FBI Special Agent Arena has held FBI posts in Syracuse, Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York and Detroit. His work has involved investigating organized crime, violent crimes, public corruption, counterterrorism and counterintelligence.

A native of Dearborn, Arena holds a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University and a law degree from the University of Detroit.

Of this year's graduates, between 50 and 60 percent will transfer to a four-year university. According to Schoolcraft career counselors, the health care industry remains a hot job field, with computer software engineering projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations through 2014.

Detroit NAACP, Ford offer Career Day

Ford Motor Co. and Detroit Branch NAACP host the 2007 Floyd Washington Jr. Career Day and Youth Summit 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit.

This half-day event created to provide youth with an opportunity to prepare for their academic and professional futures, features workshops, essay competition winners, raffle prizes and master of ceremony/keynote, Charles Pugh and Rhonda Walker.

A key component of the event is an essay/presentation competition that awards 12 competition winners with \$20,000 in scholarships. Since 2000, \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded to the

winners of the competition who show exemplary writing and presentation skills as well as original thought on the topics provided. The deadline to submit essays has passed.

Rhonda Walker, Local 4 News anchor and founder of the Rhonda Walker Foundation, serves as keynote speaker and Charles Pugh, FOX 2 reporter and anchorman serves as master of ceremonies for this year's summit which is targeted towards individuals ages 15 to 25. Features of the summit include a wide array of exhibitors including those from colleges and universities, and a series of workshops in the areas of entrepreneurship, money matters and professional presentations.

"This is Ford Motor Company's seventh year of partnership with the Detroit Branch NAACP for the Career Day and Youth Summit," said Pamela Alexander, director of Community Development and Business Operations, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Co. "This event continues to attract a large number of students, parents and teachers, and clearly supports Ford's commitment to assist youth in preparing for their future."

Parents and youth organization leaders are welcome to attend with students. For more information, call (313) 203-7038 or visit www.fordnaacp-careerday.com.

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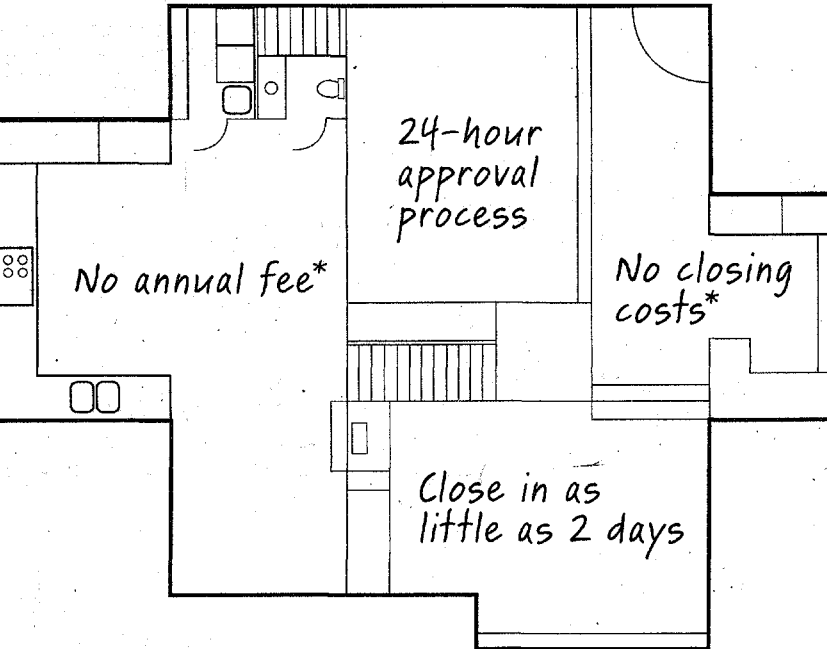
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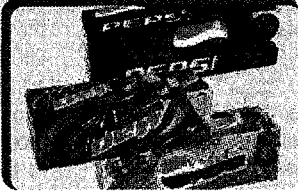


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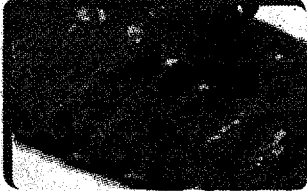
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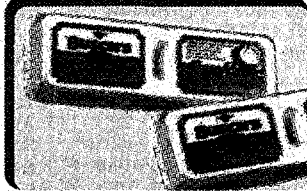
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APRIL

Jazz evening

Musician Darron McKinney performs Christian and contemporary jazz 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Tickets \$5 at door (ID's checked). In addition to the

concert there will be refreshments including wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. The dance floor will be open. For details, call (734) 425-5950.

Religious leaders breakfast

The Freedom Institute for Economics, Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist, Rev. C.T. Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI. Vivian, along with local panelists, discuss The Political Influence of the Church.

Tickets available online at www.free-domweekend.info, at the registration desk at Cobo Center, or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533-3035.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (bag sale at 12:30 p.m. Saturday), at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hubbard road, between Five Mile and Six Mile (first traffic light west of Merriman), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-8451.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Call (734) 464-0211.

Rummage and bake sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28 (\$5 bag sale), at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Donations still needed and may be dropped off at the church back door and take elevator to basement 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, April 26. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

Benefit concert

Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phyllis Bengary perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The cost is a free will donation. The annual benefit concert raises funds for Angels' Place, a nonprofit providing residential and community-based services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Special guest is Barbara Oga, a flutist and instructor at Oakland University. For more information, call Barbara Urbiel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to burbiel@angelsplace.com.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. There will also be a bake sale by the church's youth group.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Redford Aldersgate Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago).

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Crop Walk

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. For this walk, the walkers get sponsors to donate money to the charity. The money goes to feed and help the poor.

Help the needy by walking. Be a walker in or donate to the CROP walk 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Beech Daly and Orangelawn, Redford. Call Russell Maciag at (313) 283-1374 for further information or forms.

Livonia youth choir concert

3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. No charge but a freewill offering will be taken. Call (734) 522-6830.

Mercyaires concert

Mercyaires, a Mercy High School student choir, gives a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Songs are designed to entertain people of all ages. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 youth/students.

Teen choir concert

Intermission Teen Choir (grades 7-12) perform their spring musical, Where Jesus Is, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Victory Voices Choir (grades 4-6) presents the musical Simon Says 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the church. The Bell Choir will be having a Spring Ring from 5:30-6 p.m. that day in the sanctuary. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Rummage sale

Volunteers and baked goods needed for Rummage Sale Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, in the school gym at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Drop offs Monday through Friday at the Gym 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 30 to May 4. Sale is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 6. Sunday is our \$3 brown bag sale. Jewelry, bake goods and large items are NOT included in this sale. Please call the Rectory at (313) 534-9000 if you can help us out.

Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present. Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at present-ing theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

Youth wanted

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Once a month our youth have an outing/activity geared specifically to their needs. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy

through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. This is an accountability program that will teach us about our bodies, eating habits and proper exercise. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

UPCOMING

Teen dating film

A video dealing with the subject of teen dating violence will be shown 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis Road, Westland. The video is titled It Could Happen To You: Into the Light, Combating Teen Dating Violence.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5, admission free. Saturday everything is half price.

Chef appearance

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union sponsors a cooking demonstration at the International Women's Show in Novi by award-winning local chef Tom Mackinnon from Five Restaurant restaurant located at The Inn at St. John's. Mackinnon's cooking demonstration titled, Dressing up your Dining Experience, takes place at the International Women's Show 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org

Grief counseling

Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary is sponsoring an eight week grief counseling workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the St. Mary Activity Center (lower level of the church building), 18200 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge and open to the community. It will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. To register, call Jim King, the Director of Youth and Outreach Ministry at (734) 422-0010.

Rummage sale

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Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the gym at St. Valentine's School in Redford. Bag Sale starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. Drop off for sale is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 4. For more information, call (313) 533-7149.

Concert of prayer

The Senior Choir of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton presents Somebody's Praying Me Through by Gary Rhodes and Karla Worley 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, in the church sanctuary (7000 N. Sheldon) to commemorate the National Day of Prayer. The musical celebrates what God is doing through the prayers of his people. If your life has been changed through prayer or if you know someone that prayer has touched, you're invited to join in this musical celebration. For information, call (734) 459-3333. All are welcome.

Bridal fashion show

And Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile, west of I-275, Novi. For information, call (248) 348-7757.

Worship dancers

The Earth to Eternity Ensemble, a group of worship dancers, will be featured at the 10 a.m. service of the Anglican Church of Livonia Sunday, May 6. The church meets weekly at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark. If you have never witnessed worship that combines dance with praise music, you are in for a special treat when the troupe, choreographed by Christina Eby, performs its unique art form during the service. For more information, call (248) 442-0422.

Concert

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor Mass 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free, secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org.

Prayer breakfast

Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St.

Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbkfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Mother and daughter dinner

4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for moms and their daughters. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. This cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by May 9 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

Real estate seminar

1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodney@newburgumc.org.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment. After lunch, feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games.

Rummage sale

Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8' tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for yourself on June 2.

Father and Son Dinner

4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45am for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Church members wanted

The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to www.psalm12verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services

Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

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ANDREW PATRICK MOORE

Age 21, Hamburg Twp., MI, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2007 from injuries received in an auto accident. He was born December 17, 1985 in Livonia, MI the son of Patrick & Cynthia K. (Perino) Moore. In 1986, his family moved to the Brighton area. Andrew graduated with honors from Brighton High School in 2004, where he was an all-conference scholar athlete for football. He was currently attending Grand Valley State University, where he was studying business. Andrew loved water sports, whether it was riding a jet ski, tubing, sailing or simply fishing. Surviving in addition to his parents, are three brothers: Adam, Dan & Brian Moore; his grandparents: Chet & Joyce Moore, Albert Perino & Barbara Pitcole; aunts: Carol Baker Peggy Townshend, & Kim Moore, and his uncles: Roger Moore, Michael, Pat & Kevin Perino. Numerous cousins, extended family and friends also survive him. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Brighton Church of the Nazarene, 7679 Brighton Rd. 48116. A memorial service will be held at church at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, the Moore family would appreciate memorial contributions in Andrew's name be made to the church. To leave a memory of Andrew, or share a message of condolence for the family, please visit: www.keehnfuneral-home.com. On the home page, click on "view and sign family guestbook."

DOROTHY MAY COATSWORTH STEBBINS

Age 84, died Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the University of Michigan Medical Center after a short illness. She was born October 2, 1922 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the daughter of James E. & Emma (Campbell) Coatsworth. She lived in Birmingham for 55 years before moving to Chelsea. Dorothy was a homemaker, a real estate agent, and a tax advisor for H & R Block. She was a former member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham. On September 2, 1945, she married Charles A. Stebbins, and he preceded her in death on December 15, 1982. She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Crosier of Guilford, VT and Laurel Gordon of Ridgefield, CT; a son, Cort (Jan) Stebbins of Dexter; six grandchildren, Stephanie (Alex), Brooke, Colin, Kelley, Laina, and Parker; and a brother-in-law, Robert (Margaret) Stebbins. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community, 801 W. Middle St, Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

FLORENCE "JO" SALTZMAN

Beloved wife of the late Arthur W. Saltzman. Dear mother of Amie R. Saltzman, Sarah "Sally" (Scott) Loney Saltzman, and the late Ray Saltzman; loving grandmother of Joshua and Joanna Loney; sister of Rita (Harry) Aid. Services were held Wednesday at the Ira Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. Interment at Clover Hill Park Cemetery. www.irakaufman.com

JANE A. HOERGER

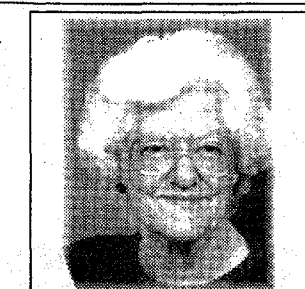
Age 76, passed away April 22, 2007. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



LILLIAN DERMOVSES-CLARKE

37 Year Old Mother Gave Her Organs so that Others Could Live.

Age 37, of Bloomfield Hills MI passed away Friday, April 20th at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor due to complications resulting from a long struggle with heart failure. Lillian was a fighter. In times of sickness, she went about life with a positive and truly heart-warming optimism. She survived three major heart surgeries, several brain surgeries, and finally succumbed to a massive stroke caused by complications following three months of hospitalization. She passed the following day after donating her organs so that others could live. Lillian needed a new heart, but God took her life so that others could live. Lillian was born March 30, 1970 in Melrose MA. She was raised an only child by her loving mother Elen Dermovses in Waterford, Michigan. She attended school in elementary school in Waterford. Lillian attended AGBU for high school in Southfield, MI, and graduated with honors. She took advanced courses while in high school at University of Michigan in Dearborn, and got her first taste of international travel with a school trip to Armenia in 1988. Lillian went to college at The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, from 1988 through 1992. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1992. While at Michigan, she was fortunate to establish wonderful, lasting, and close friendships with many people - people who would be best friends, role models, and sisters in the truest sense of the word. In 1992 at Michigan, she also met her adoring husband, John Clarke. After graduating from The University of Michigan, Lillian worked for five years as an analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in Southfield, MI. While at Blue Cross, Lillian obtained her Masters of Business Administration from Wayne State University. At Blue Cross, Lillian had many close friendships with many colleagues. This group of friends came of age together, were at each others sides for marriage, and together building families. The Blue Cross crew were always there for Lillian. Lillian was loved by all. She was the eternal optimist, kind, giving warm and open. Lillian took joy in making others happy. Lillian made friends wherever she went. Most people go through life with a small circle of close friends, if they're lucky. Lillian had many of these circles, perhaps the truest reflection of her character. Throughout her childhood years, she helped her mother with her business and had many fond memories of her experiences with her mother and grandmother. Lillian was an active member of Homenetmen and attended St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic church in Dearborn. Lillian loved to travel and loved to participate with her close friends in the Armenian community. She traveled on several occasions with friends to Europe and the Far East. She was board member with Homenetmen and during these years following college, enjoyed a special closeness with her Armenian friends and the Armenian community. She loved to dance and loved music. Under the direction of Simon Javizian Funeral Home, her body will lie in State on Thursday, April 26 from 4pm to 9pm in St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, with Dan Gark Prayers at 7:30pm. Funeral Friday 11:00am in the church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Survivors: Husband John C. Clarke; five year old son: Antranig "Anto" Clarke; Mother Elen Dermovses. Memorial tributes may be given to Hai-Tahd, or Homenetmen or Terchoonian Home for Orphans. Arrangements by Simon Javizian Funeral Home, 248-626-7815. Internet condolences may be sent to Slavizian@msn.com



LOVETA L. GREENWOOD

Age 85, of Canton, April 23, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Eugene R. Dear mother of Phyllis Rozof and Lorilyn (Michael) Coggins. Dear grandmother of Nathan (Julie) Rozof, Melissa (Ian) Boldt, Zachary Rozof and Joshua Coggins. Dear great-grandmother to Hannah and Spencer Coggins. Loveta was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Davison #299, Flint Court #2 Order of the Amaranth and White Shrine of Jerusalem Temple Shrine #28. Loveta retired after 35 years of service at General Motors Institute in Flint, MI. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). In state Friday 12 Noon until service at 1 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

RICHARD T. WANTIN

Age 56, passed away April 23, 2007. He was born on September 6, 1950 to Rudolph and Carol (Osborne) Wantin. He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and also in the Navy Reserves for many years. He was employed by Ford Motor Company at the Livonia Transmission Plant for over 30 years and was a member of UAW Local 182. Rick is survived by his beloved daughters: Kelly (Kevin) Raymond, Tracy Wantin, two grandchildren: Alexis and Kole, his father Rudolph, his brother Rodger, two sisters: Kathy Avallone, Gail Deman, and many nieces, nephews, and loving dear friends. Visitation Thursday 6 - 9 p.m., Friday 2 - 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. with final visitation at 10:15 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Alpha sessions
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions which began 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available during class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@ward-church.org.

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

Kids night
Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten

through sixth grade. Light supper included. Call (734) 421-7620.

Classes
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248)

374-7400. For information, visit www.celebrate-recovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Scripture study
Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service

Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.


Adult literacy classes
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'Arc' author visits, tells how past racism shaped Detroit

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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If a metropolitan town were to institute black and white drinking fountains author Kevin Boyle believes it would result in a media hailstorm denouncing racism, division and discrimination.

Yet, he says, no one bats an eye that many areas across the nation have unofficial white and black neighborhoods.

Boyle, a native Detroit, was at Canton Public Library last week discussing his nonfiction novel, *Arc of Justice*. The book, which was chosen as the 2007 selection of the Everyone's Reading program, looks at the 1925 murder saga of Ossian Sweet.

Sweet, an African-American doctor who moved into an all-white, eastside Detroit neighborhood, was put on trial with his wife and nine others after a white man was shot and killed outside his home. The man was with a mob that had begun throwing rocks at Sweet's bungalow.

Boyle, an Ohio State University history professor, talked about that era's implications on today's largely segregated neighborhoods in Detroit and its surrounding suburbs.

As Detroit began to boom in the 1920s, people from all over the world flocked to the flourishing city and competed for jobs and housing.

Boyle says when the black population began to rise, racism spilled over into the real estate and lending markets. Realtors refused to show homes in certain neighborhoods to blacks and financing was rejected by banks.

"White America embraced the sin of racism," Boyle told the capacity audience. "African Americans took that sin on their shoulders. They suffered for that sin."

Born the grandson of a slave, Sweet went on to study medicine in France after earning a



Kevin Boyle, an Ohio State University history professor, visited the Canton Public Library last week and discussed his book, 'Arc of Justice.' He also signed copies of the book.

couple college degrees.

Boyle said Sweet's parents, backed by religious faith, urged their son to dream big.

"They believed in what we call the American dream," he said.

After setting up a practice in Detroit, marrying and having a child, Sweet bought a home in an all-white neighborhood on the corner of Garland and Charlevoix.

Because of the purchase's implications, the Sweets left their small child with family members, armed themselves with firearms, called Detroit police to voice their concerns and rallied family and friends to help them guard the property.

The first night hundreds of whites gathered outside their home for hours without incident. On the second night, the mob returned and began hurling rocks at the two-story residence. When a rock shattered a window, shots were fired and a man in the mob was struck and killed.

All 11 people inside the home were arrested and charged with murder and conspiracy.

Referencing Detroit's predominantly black population, Boyle said the same feelings from 1925 still exist today. He called it the housing "color line" and said many whites are

oblivious to it.

"White people don't get nervous until the second black family moves in," he said. "And then you see the 'for sale' sign start going up."

Boyle said many upstanding whites today have nothing against blacks, but don't want to live near them because they believe their property values will fall.

Boyle, who peppered his presentation with jokes and laughter, answered question from the audience and signed copies of his book. About 140 people attended the event.

When an audience member stated that her grandmother used to tell her stories of how great Detroit was before black ruined it, Boyle said it's a common misconception that Detroit was a hub of goodness when blacks were still the minority.

Dorothea Bryant of Canton wrote a paper on Sweet years ago and said she corresponded via e-mail with Boyle during her research.

Hearing the author speak was a treat, Bryant said.

"As a child, I remember hearing my parents talk about the times when blacks couldn't buy (certain things)," she said.

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The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo will host the 15th annual Spring "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo," the largest off-site companion animal adoption event in the country, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and May 6, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. There is no charge for admission to the adoption event or for parking.

Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption both days. Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morn-

ing to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 10 a.m. Preventing a "puppy rush" during general admittance to the event will ensure that all adopters – and the adoptable animals – will have a wonderful experience. A "get acquainted" area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

The participating organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Animal Rescue Connection, Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Animal Welfare Society, Battle Creek Animal Shelter, Detroit Animal Control, Faerie Tales Cat/Maine Coon Rescue, Feline Friends, Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Home Fur-Ever, K-9 Stray Rescue, Kitty Haven Rescue, Last Chance for Animals, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-

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Last year, the spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo spring event found homes for 698 animals.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have

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Plymouth runners earn 'City' title

See complete results from City Meet on Page B6.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth ended Canton's six-year reign as the P-CEP boys City Meet Track-and-Field champion Tuesday afternoon as the Wildcats captured their first P-CEP title by racking up 69.5 points in the three-team event held in near-perfect conditions.

The Chiefs claimed second with 63 points followed by Salem, which netted 42.

"Kurt (Britnell) has done a great job with that team," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "He definitely had them ready to go today.

"We had a lot of fine efforts today and several of our kids got personal bests. Plymouth was just a little bit better than us today. We're disappointed that we didn't win it again, but I'm extremely proud of our kids and our program."

The Chiefs roared to an early lead in the field events thanks to first-place efforts from Nick Moores (48 feet, 11 inches in the shot put), Steve Paye (150-9 in the discus) and Eric Thornton (6-6 in the high jump). Jace Bearden kept Salem in the hunt by winning the long jump with a leap of 19-5.75. Ben Ambrose started Plymouth's day on the right foot by capturing the pole vault (13 feet).

The Wildcats kicked it into high gear once the running events started. Wildcat speedster Malik Rich won a thrilling 100-meter dash in 11.3 seconds — just two-tenths of a seconds faster than Adam Kashoro (Salem), Janerian Caldwell (Plymouth) and Nick Moores (Canton).

Plymouth's Kyle Wallath won the 800-meter run in 2:03.9 while teammates Patrick Slavens (3,200-meter run) and Anthony Scaparo (1,600-meter run) earned first-place points for Britnell's contingent in the distance categories.

Results of the girls P-CEP City Meet were not reported to the Observer as of Tuesday night's deadline.

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2007 MISL championship game



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Detroit Ignition forward Worteh Sampson prepares to launch a shot during Saturday's Major Indoor Soccer League championship game against Philadelphia.



Philadelphia's Edgar Bartolomeu and Detroit's Jamar Beasley collide while battling for possession of the ball during Saturday's MISL championship game at the Compuware Sports Arena. Beasley scored a pair of goals in the Ignition's 13-8 loss.

Just one step short

Ignition finish memorable 1st season with disappointing loss

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Confetti and balloons poured from the Compuware Sports Arena's rafters early Saturday evening, but the Detroit Ignition was in no mood to party.

The first-year franchise saw its incredibly successful season end on a sour note when it dropped a 13-8 decision to Philadelphia in the Major Indoor Soccer League championship game.

Several Detroit players solemnly sat on the field with their backs to the boards as Philadelphia players and coach-

es celebrated on a makeshift stage that was set up in the middle of the arena.

After falling into an early 10-2 hole, the Ignition battled back to within 10-8 on Jamar Beasley's second goal of the game with four minutes left in the third quarter.

However, Philly's 'D' stiffened the rest of the way to secure the victory.

Philadelphia player-coach Don D'Ambra scored the game's first goal — a two-pointer — and its last — a rainbow triple that he launched from beyond mid-field — to earn game MVP

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye resigned following four successful seasons at the helm. Paye compiled an overall record of 63-30.

Canton hoop coach steps down

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Paye, one of the most successful basketball coaches in the 35-year history of Canton High School, resigned earlier this month due to a worsening case of arthritis.

The Chiefs reached unparalleled success under Paye's guidance, winning Class A District titles the past two years and a Western Lakes Activities Association championship this season. Overall, he compiled a four-year record of 63-30.

"The arthritis in my back and knees has gotten worse the past six weeks," said Paye, describing his painful condition. "I went to an orthopedic surgeon today and he told me I'm losing cartilage in my knees.

"All season I planned on returning for at least a couple more years, but I don't think it would be fair to the guys if I came back like this."

The Chiefs finished 17-7 this past season after starting the campaign 0-4.

"One of the most memorable moments of my career was beating Catholic Central last year to win the District," Paye said. "And then beating Northville twice this year was right up there,

too. Prior to last year, Canton hadn't won a District title in 10 years, so it was nice to be able to do that."

Paye coached two of his sons during his four-year tenure. During the 2003-04 season, his oldest son, Matt, played for the Chiefs. His younger son, Steve, earned three varsity letters in basketball beginning with the 2004-05 campaign.

Steve Paye is headed to Saginaw Valley State University to play football, Charlie Paye said Monday night.

Among the candidates for vacancy is Canton junior varsity coach Dan Colligan.

"I think Dan would do a great job if we want it," said Paye. "He definitely knows his X's and O's and the kids certainly like him."

Paye said that while his head-coaching days may be over, he'll probably retain ties to the Canton basketball programs.

"I told Brian Samulski (the Canton girls coach) that I'd do some scouting for him, depending on how I feel," said Paye.

Paye was named Observerland "Coach of the Year" following the 2005-06 season.

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2007 OHL Western Conference Finals

Not a four-gone conclusion

Resilient Knights extend series with 5-2 victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Of the 45 shots the London Knights fired at Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth Tuesday night, the softest, most benign-looking of them all proved to be the most gut-wrenching for the Whalers.

With just under four minutes left in the second period of Game 4 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Finals and the Knights clinging to a slim 2-1 lead, London's Sam Gagner half-heartedly flipped the puck at the net from 40 feet out so that his team could execute a routine line change.

Spinning like a knuckleball, the puck hit the ice at a weird angle a few feet in front of the crease, took a funky bounce toward the net and skipped over Neuvirth's left shoulder to give the Knights a 3-1 advantage.

The fortunate break proved to be the pivotal play in London's 5-2 victory.

Plymouth now leads the best-of-seven series 3-1 heading into Thursday night's Game 5 in London, but it's the Knights who own the momentum.

If London wins Thursday, Game 6 will commence Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

"It was the end of a long shift and I just wanted to get the puck in the zone so we could change lines," said Gagner, describing his freaky net-finder. "I threw kind of a bobbler in there and (Neuvirth) was deep in the crease. It took a lucky bounce, but you make those kind of bounces happen by working hard."

Many OHL observers were no doubt expecting the Whalers to pave the way for the Knights' 2007 golf season Tuesday night, especially after they outscored the Western Conference's No. 1 seed 15-4 over the first three games.

Plymouth Head Coach Mike Vellucci wasn't one of the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jared Boll (7) goes horizontal to fire a shot on goal Tuesday night, but he was denied by London net-minder Steve Mason. Led by Mason's 50 saves, the Knights won, 5-2, to stay alive in the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference finals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL
Thursday, April 26
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
 Salem at Milan (DH), 10 a.m.
 Milford at Plymouth (DH), noon
SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 26
 Belleville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 PCA at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
 Canton at Chelsea Invite, TBA
 Salem at Saline Invite, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 26

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Saturday, April 28
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 Madonna at Huntington (Ind.), noon.
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 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Plymouth kickers earn draw with state-ranked Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Following Monday night's key WLAA Western Division showdown against Northville, Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich joked that his team was probably "the best 1-4-2 team in the state."

The Mustangs would whole-heartedly agree.

The Wildcats gave state-ranked Northville all it could handle and more as the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw before an enthusiastic crowd at the P-CEP varsity turf field. Plymouth is now 1-0-2 in the division; Northville is 2-0-1.

"The girls really came ready to play tonight," said Neschich. "It was a hard-fought game. I think we're on the cusp of becoming a very good team."

Several Wildcats turned in stellar efforts, most notably senior goal-keeper Brittany Warner, who stymied the high-powered Mustangs on all but one shot.

"Brittany was awesome between the pipes again tonight," said Neschich. "She was very, very solid back there."

The Wildcats struck first mid-way through the first half when Val Klemmer controlled a

ball off the foot of Chelsea Quinlan, then spun and rocketed the ball into the back of the net to give the hosts a 1-0 advantage.

Northville knotted the game at 1-all with approximately 12 minutes left in the contest.

For a moment, it appeared as if Plymouth was going to pull off an incredible victory when senior forward Clare Baptist found the net with 12 seconds left.

However, the goal was called off when the referee ruled that Baptist was offside on the play.

"I didn't have a good angle on it, so I can't comment," Neschich said, regarding the heart-breaking call.

CANTON 5, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Monday, the Chiefs improved their record to 3-1-1 overall with a convincing WLAA cross-over victory against the Knights.

Brianne Bellevary recorded the shutout for Canton as she stopped all five shots that came at her.

Offensively, Canton was paced by Becci Houdek (two goals) Megan Staub (two goals, one assist) and Julie McClendon (one goal). Notching assists for the winners were Laura Daniels (two), Tracey Rimpf and Lisa Pierce.

The Chiefs led 2-0 at the half and were never threatened thereafter.

Canton's Wright 1-hits Zebras

Canton junior pitcher Erik Wright came so close to a five-inning no-hitter Monday afternoon that he could touch it.

Wayne Memorial's Jon Bryant led off the fifth with a high chopping ground ball that glanced off Wright's mitt and beyond the reach of the Chiefs' infielders. The infield single proved to be the only hit for the Zebras in Canton's 11-1 mercy rule-shortened victory.

Wright improved to 4-0 and reduced his earned run average to 1.33 by striking out nine while issuing five walks. Wayne scored its only run in the fourth when it loaded the bases on free passes before scoring on a groundout.

The win improved Canton's record to 7-5-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Wayne slipped to 4-5 overall and 1-2 in the division.

"I thought Canton played well," said Wayne coach Frank Garcia. "They hit the ball well and they didn't make many mistakes. Their pitcher threw well, too. We only got one hit, and that one wasn't hit very hard."

The Chiefs' bats were smoking from the get-go as they scored at least one run in every inning. Their biggest frames were the first and fourth when they scored three and five, respectively.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring continued to frustrate opposing pitchers as he homered and drove in three runs for Canton.

The Chiefs pieced together a two-out rally in the first to score three runs. Gring doubled off in right to ignite the uprising. He later scored on junior first baseman William Tidwell's two-run double.

Gring's two-run blast in the fourth — his second round-tripper in eight days — cleared the right-center field wall by 10 feet.

The Chiefs tacked on three more runs in the inning on senior catcher Blaine Paden's two-run triple and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Wright.

Junior second baseman



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Canton junior pitcher Erik Wright, pictured above in a game earlier this season, threw a one-hitter Monday afternoon against Wayne Memorial. Wright improved to 4-0 as he struck out nine Zebras.

Mike Madias scored the Chiefs' 11th run when he singled, went to second on a passed ball and scored on a Zebra error.

Dan Stoney and Ben Vaughn ripped doubles for Canton. Brad Barath reached twice with a walk and a basehit. Barath also scored two runs.

Cavanaugh started on the mound for the Zebras. He had to leave with two outs in the third after suffering an injury. Eric Robertson and John Smoes finishes out the game for Wayne, which played without two suspended players.

W.L. WESTERN 11, PLYMOUTH 6: The Warriors (6-3) remained unbeaten in the Western Lakes (4-0) and the WLAA Western

Division (3-0) Monday.

Zach Gatten pitched the first five innings to get the win, retiring with a 7-2 lead. He allowed four runs (two earned) but gave up just two hits and one walk.

Steve Astrien, Ryan Warwick and Brett Lubanski had two hits each. Astrien hit a three-run homer, had four RBI and scored two runs; Warwick hit a two-run double and also drove in four runs, and Lubanski chipped in two RBI.

Plymouth's Dan Nadratowski had two doubles and two RBI. The losing pitcher was Matt Priebe, who lasted three innings and gave up seven runs on five hits.

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Late surge lifts WL Central over Salem hitters

Salem's baseball team dropped an exciting 5-3 setback to Walled Lake Central Monday afternoon in a key Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division game played on the Rocks' diamond.

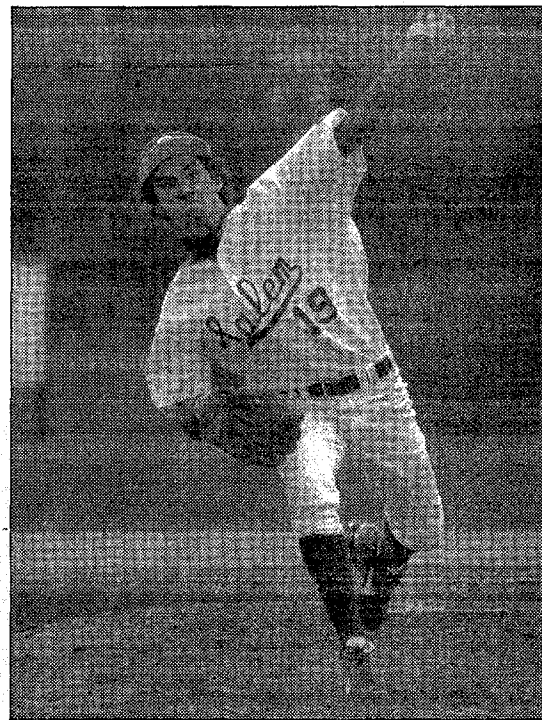
The loss dropped Salem to 1-2 in the division.

Sophomore left-hander Sam Ott started and pitched the first five innings for Salem before giving way to Dave Hales in the sixth. Ott was strong, yielding just one run.

Salem scored one run in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. The latter two runs came on an RBI double off the bat of Ott and designated hitter Drew Grabowski's solo home run.

Viking starter Torey Stimson earned the mound victory for Central.

BASEBALL



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Salem sophomore pitcher Sam Ott turned in a solid performance Monday in the Rocks' hard-fought 5-3 loss to Walled Lake Central.

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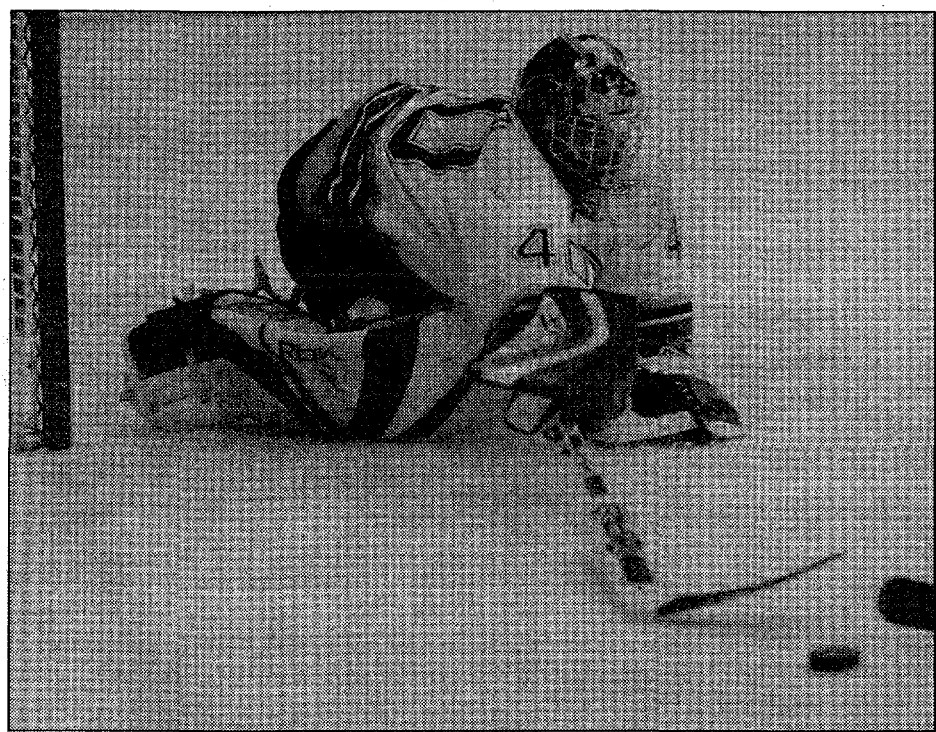
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Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth reaches to control a puck during the first period of Tuesday's 5-2 loss to London. Neuvirth recorded 40 saves.

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WHALERS

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many.

"I told our guys the same thing after the game that I told them before the game — winning this series is not going to be easy," said Vellucci. "I knew they weren't going to roll over and die for us."

"It was a competitive game. We had a lot of shots, but I don't think we had a lot of traffic in front of the net until the third period. It's never easy to get the fourth game of a series and it's not going to be easy against London."

That holds doubly true if London goaltender Steve Mason performs like he did on Tuesday. The Columbus Blue Jacket draftee turned aside 50 shots to earn the game's No. 1 star.

"We had a lot of shots, but we didn't have the number of quality chances that we've had in the other games," said Vellucci. "We had 28 quality chances Monday night, but only about half that number tonight. We took too many shots from outside. I don't think we paid the price to get to the area you want to be shooting from."

Neuvirth was solid, but still yielded more goals in Game 4 than he'd given up the previous

three games combined.

"Michal's playing great," said Vellucci, in defense of his goalie. "Three of the goals he gave up were power plays and another came on that terrible bounce. There's no way you can expect him to make a save on a bounce like that."

Sparked by two of the slickest passes you'll ever see on a sheet of ice, the Whalers jumped to a 1-0 lead with three minutes left in the first period when Steve Ward snapped a pass to James Neal, who in turn threaded the puck onto the stick of Evan Brophrey, who lased the puck past Mason.

London failed to take advantage of two golden opportunities to knot the score during the first five minutes of the second period. With 18:45 left, Neuvirth made a pad save on a Gagner slapper. The puck caromed toward the goal line until Ryan McGinnis swept in and scooped it out of harm's way.

Three minutes later, Neuvirth robbed Justin Taylor with a glove save from the doorstep. Taylor reacted by holding his arms out and looking straight up into the rafters, as if pleading to the hockey gods, "Give us a break!"

London got a break a moment later when Plymouth was whistled for a penalty, giving the Knights a 5-on-3

advantage. Six seconds later, Gagner slid a rebound shot past Neuvirth to make it 1-1.

The Knights seized the lead for good less than three minutes later when Patrick Kane secured a pass behind the Whalers' defense and beat Neuvirth with an ice-skimming rocket to put the visitors up 2-1. Gagner's bounce nine minutes later closed the second-period scoring at 3-1.

London padded its cushion to 4-1 midway through the third when Josh Beaulieu tallied the Knights' third power-play goal of the night.

Steve Ward brought Plymouth to within 4-2 at the 5:37 mark on a blue-line scorcher that was assisted by Chris Terry and Tom Sestito, but London capped its "Stayin' Alive" evening by depositing an empty-netter off the stick of David Meckler with 50 seconds remaining.

The game was delayed with 4:37 left in the first quarter when a bank of lights went dim above the Compuware Sports Arena rink. The first intermission was taken while the problem was fixed and the teams skipped the normal break between the first and second periods.

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Chiefs stampede Zebras, 16-1

Canton's softball team continued to cruise through the WLAA's Western Division Monday when it registered a lopsided 16-1 victory in four innings over Wayne Memorial. The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the division. Wayne's Western Division record slipped to 0-3.

"We hit the ball well and everybody got a chance to play, so it was a nice afternoon," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "Our pitching's been strong this season and today we got to work on making sure our swings were level."

They were definitely level in the first three frames when the Chiefs struck for four, seven and four runs, respectively. The Zebras scored their only run in the first inning. Senior Sarah Anthony threw a one-hit gem for the winners, striking out six while walking four. Anthony also excelled at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

The most potent Canton hitter was freshman Amy Dunleavy, who went 2-for-4, including a home run and double, and six RBI. Kim Beaudoin added two hits and two RBI, while Kimmy Keppen launched a long two-run homer.

PLYMOUTH 12, W.L. WESTERN 3: On Monday at Plymouth, the Wildcats did the most damage in the third and sixth innings when they pushed across four and six runs, respectively.

Plymouth, which improved to 5-2 overall and 1-2 in the WLAA's Western Division, received a strong pitching performance from junior Megan Patterson, who tossed a complete-game five hitter. She struck out five and walked three.

"Megan was our backbone today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Offensively, we executed when we needed to and we were very patient at the plate."

Melissa Butzow ignited the winners' four-run fourth with a lead-off single. She later scored on Kim Klonowski's two-run double. Amanda Burnard tacked on an RBI fielder's choice before Stacey Klonowski delivered a two-run inside-the-park home run. Beth Heldmeyer's RBI singled plated Amy Bondy to extend Plymouth's advantage to 5-3 in the fourth.

Plymouth's big hitters were Erin Rodes (RBI double), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, double, triple, two runs and three RBI) and Stacey Klonowski, who went 3-for-4 with two inside-the-park home runs.

Emily Carlson started and took the loss on the mound for the Warriors, who slipped to 4-3 overall and 0-3 in the Western Division. Carlson, who helped herself at the plate with a two-run double in the third inning, was hampered by nine Western errors.

ANCHOR BAY INVITATIONAL

Canton advanced all the way to the semifinals before falling to Chippewa Valley, 1-0, at the Anchor Bay Invitational on Saturday.

The winners scored their only run in the seventh inning when the international tie-breaker (each team starts the inning with a runner on second base) kicked in due to a time limit.

"Overall, I thought the day went extremely well," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "We started out early Saturday morning by scoring seven runs

in the first inning of our first game and the bats stayed hot throughout the first three games."

"The tournament gave us a nice opportunity to see some teams that we don't normally get to see. We had a chance to beat Chippewa Valley, but we left too many runners on base and they scored their run on an error."

The Chiefs opened the day with a 10-4 decision over Lakeview. Sarah Anthony notched the win as she struck out five in five innings of work. Anthony also added two hits and two RBI. Also enjoying a productive morning at the plate were Ali Taylor (3-for-4), Hilary Payne (two RBI) and Kim Beaudoin, who went 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Canton ousted Sterling Heights Stevenson, 7-0, in the second game. Freshman hurler Amy Dunleavy tossed a two-hitter, striking out 10 with no walks. Lauren Delapaz went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The Chiefs down host Anchor Bay, 5-0, in a quarterfinal match-up as Payne registered her second no-hitter of the season. Only an error separated Payne from a perfect game as she did not yield a walk.

Delapaz (2-for-4) and Lauren Distler (1-for-3, RBI) sparked the Chiefs' offense against Anchor Bay.

In the semifinal loss to Chippewa Valley, Dunleavy (four innings pitched) and Payne silenced Chippewa Valley's bats until the seventh when the winners scored an unearned run.

Chippewa Valley went on to win the tournament by defeating Harper Woods Regina, 3-2, in the title contest.

PCS lacrosse team falls, 14-9

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team dropped a 14-9 decision to Flint Powers on Saturday, April 21.

The Warriors now stand at 4-3.

Powers led 3-1 after one quarter, 8-4 at the half and 11-6 with 15 minutes to play.

Devin Murphy and Jared

Ruark both had huge games for PCS. Murphy tallied four goals and two assist while Ruark found the net four times and added one helper.

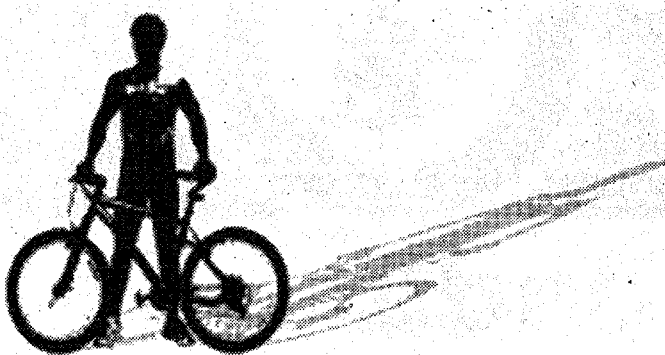
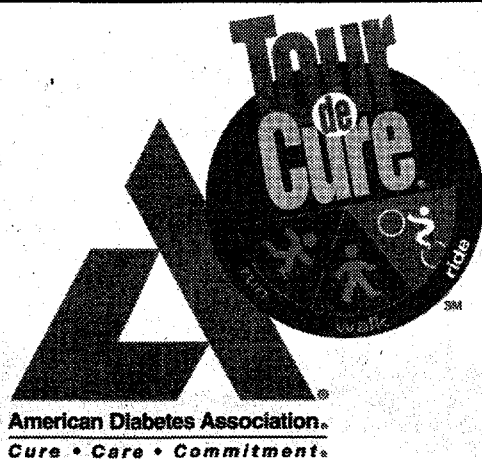
Scott Darel also notched a goal and assist for the Warriors.

Powers outshot the Warriors, 35-24. PCS net-

12 saves.

TECUMSEH 12, PCS LADY WARRIORS 7: On Friday, the Lady Warriors received strong defensive efforts from Jillian Miller, Laura Hahn, Stephanie Matusiak and Arielle Pietron.

Scoring for PCS were Ashlie Forchione, Morgan Franke and Lauren Ebersole, who had five goals.



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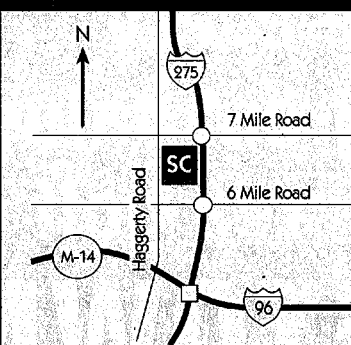
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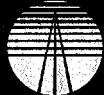
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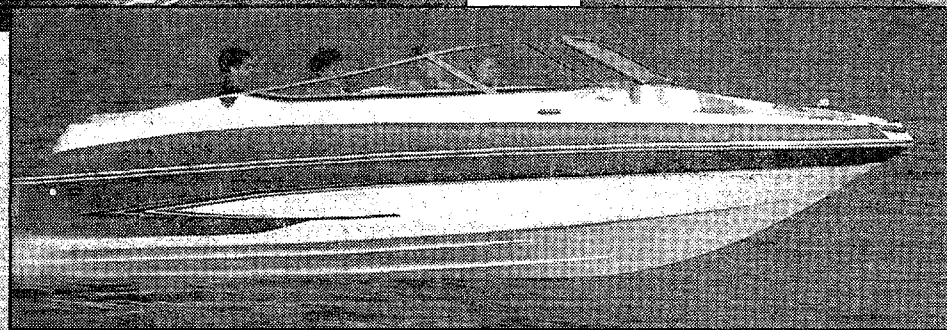
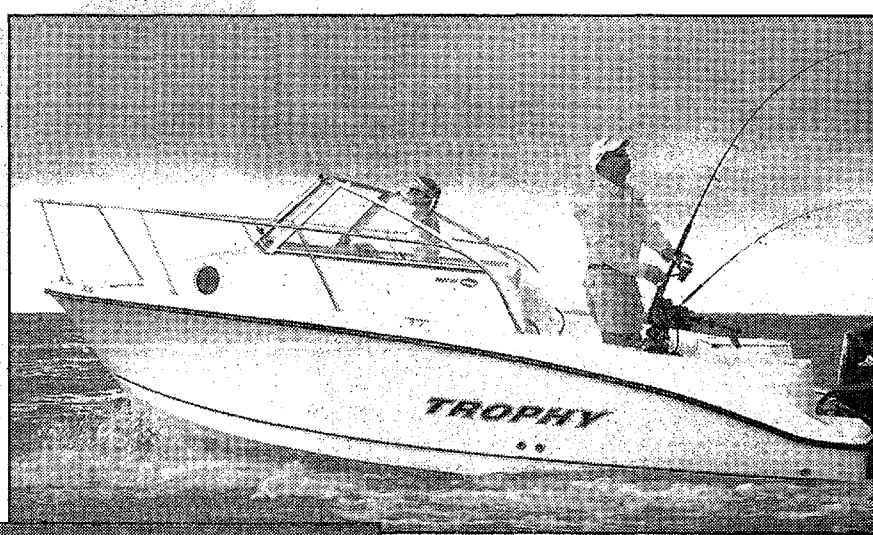
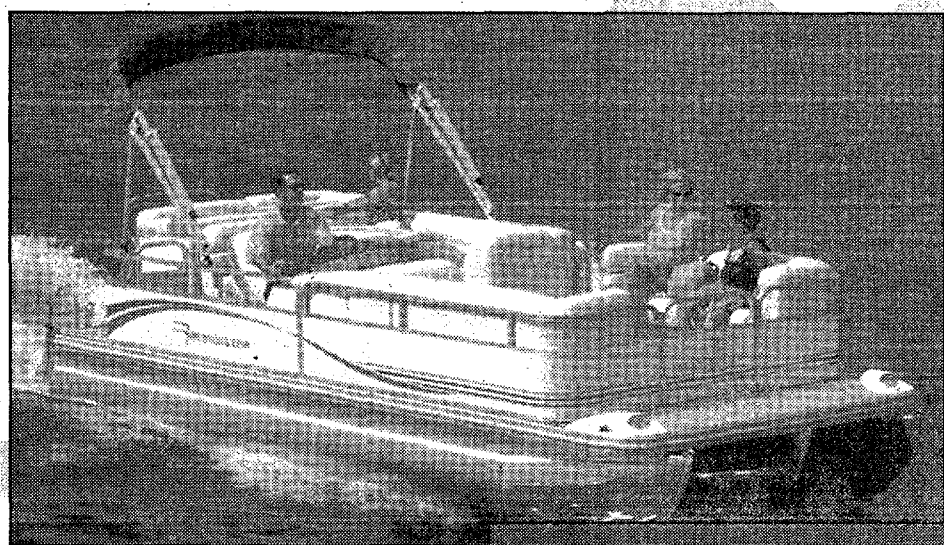
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Plymouth boys T&F team wins school's first title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth boys track-and-field team ran straight into the school's record books Saturday when the Wildcats captured the 20-team Berkley Invitational.

It was the first-ever first-place performance in an invitational for Plymouth, according to coach Kurt Britnell.

"It was a total team win," said Britnell, whose team racked up 75 points, 10 more than runner-up Royal Oak. "It seemed like we placed in every event and everybody contributed, from the field events, to the sprints, to the middle-distances to the distances."

Ferndale and Dearborn Fordson tied for third with 58 points.

The Wildcats' championship effort was ignited by pole-vaulter Ben Ambrose who registered a school-record effort of 13 feet, 6 inches to win the event.

Plymouth received individual second-place efforts from Kyle Wallath (2:02 in

the 800-meter run) and Patrick Slavens (10:11 in the two-mile run). A pair of relay teams — the 400- and 3,200-meter contingents — both turned in silver-medal performances. Janerian Caldwell, Malik Rich, Nate Gholston and Rico Tyus combined for the 400 second while Anthony Scaparo, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski and Kyle Wallath made up the second-place 3,200 quartet.

Gholston finished third in both hurdles events and Derek Lax placed fourth in the two-mile run. The Wildcats had a much better day than the person who engraved their first-place plaque.

"They misspelled 'Invitational' on the plaque, so they're going to re-do it and mail it to us,"

It should be worth the wait for the Wildcats.

'CAT GIRLS 5TH

The Plymouth girls track-and-field team placed fifth at the 20-team Berkley Invitational on Saturday.

"I thought the team performed well,"

said coach Kurt Britnell. "It was a nice meet because it gave us a chance to run against some different teams than we're used to seeing. It allowed the girls to see how they stack up against some different competition."

Sophomore Jill Morton stacked up very well as she placed third in the long jump (15-10) and fifth in the 100-meter dash (13.6 seconds).

Plymouth received third- and fourth-place points in the shot put from Julie Hershey (8-2) and Beah Knisely (7-8).

Plymouth's Kelly Hahn won the two-mile event in 12:11 while Mandy McManus placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 51.44 clocking. The Wildcats' 3,200-meter relay team of Hahn, Laura Ahearn, Molly Slavens and Sarah Brown took fifth.

Ann Arbor Pioneer placed first with 180.5 points, 80.5 more than runner-up Novi. Berkley (46.5) took third-place honors and Dearborn Edsel Ford was fourth (45.5) and Plymouth settled for fifth with 37.

Canton runners third at Dearborn Elks Relays

Canton's boys track-and-field team placed third at Saturday's 11-team Dearborn Elks Relays held at Dearborn High School.

The Chiefs, who were the defending champs, led going into the final event before getting bypassed by eventual champion Adrian. The Maples won it all with 41 points, three more than runner-up Novi Catholic Central. Canton was third with 37 followed by Dearborn (36), South Lyon (25) and Livonia Franklin (23).

Turning in first-place performances for the Chiefs were its pole-vaulting contingent, which was led by meet champion Ryan Langdon (12 feet, 6 inches); and its shuttle intermediate hurdles led by Sherif Hassainen, Joe Massel, Josh Etim and Tim Belcher.

Second-place points were earned by the three-man high-jumping team of Eric Thornton (meet titlest at 6-

5), Etim and Okemdi Opareke; and the discus crew of Steve Paye, Nick Moores and Kyle Winconek.

Thirds went to the long-jumping trio of Thornton, Adam Somers and Opareke; the shuttle high hurdles team of Hassainen, Tim Belcher, Etim and Chris McGinnis; and the 6,400-meter relay squad of Derek Hoerman, Kyle Clinton and Zak Spreitzer.

Three Canton units registered fourth-place finishes: the distance medley team of Josh Godwin, Hassainen, Greg Reed and Duncan Spitz; the 3,200 relay team of Marcus Sylvester, Keith Zech, Josh Godwin and Eric Zech; and the 1,600 relay team of Langdon, Etim, Hassainen and Sylvester.

The Chiefs shot-putters' 400 relay quartet of Jordan Raiford, Winconek, Paye and Moores took second, but it was a non-scoring event.

TRACK RESULTS

P-CEP BOYS CITY MEET
Tuesday at P-CEP Stadium

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 69.5 points; 2. Canton, 63; 3. Salem, 42.

Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 48 feet, 11 inches; 2. Steve Paye, 46-1; 3. Richards (P), 41-2.5; 4. Bill Crabill (S), 39-9.

Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 150-9; 2. Nick Moores, 147-10; 3. Gerald Lou (P), 130-10; 4. Bradford (P), 123-0.

Long jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 19-5.75; 2. McKinney (P), 19-4.50; 3. Baze Efremov (S), 19-4.25; 4. Eric Thornton (C), 19-1.50.

High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6 feet, 6 inches; 2. Ross Davis (S), 6-0; 3. Jace Bearden (S), 5-10; 4. Whitaker (P), 5-10.

Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-0; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 13-0; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-0; 4. Joe Massel (C), 11-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 8:32.1; 2. Canton (Eric Zech, Josh Godwin, Marcus Sylvester, Scott Zech), 8:40.9.

110 high hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov (S), 14.7; 2. Nate Gholston (P), 15.4; 3. Tim Belcher (C), 16.0; 4. Wilson (P), 16.9.

100 dash: 1. Malik Rich (P), 11.3; 2. Adam Kashoro (S), 11.5; 3. Janerian Caldwell (P), 11.5; 4. Nick Moores (C), 11.5.

800 relay: 1. Salem, 1:35.9; 2. Canton (Tim Belcher, Ryan Langdon, Ryan Randall, Andrew Manuel), 1:36.2.

1,600 run: 1. Anthony Scaparo (P), 4:43.9; 2. Rob Curtis (S), 4:44.6; 3. Lewandowski (P), 4:46.6; 4. Eric Zech (C), 4:48.0.

400 dash: 1. Plymouth, 45.0; 2. Salem, 46.0.

400 hurdle: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 52.0; 2. Kevin Cope (S), 52.3; 3. Mike Hanchett (P), 53.7; 4. Josh Etim (C), 54.0.

300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 40.5; 2. Nate Gholston (P), 41.2; 3. Baze Efremov (S), 41.6; 4. Sherif Hassainen (C), 42.5.

800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:03.9; 2. Scott Zech (C), 2:04.4; 3. Justin Huey (P), 2:06.4; 4. Lewandowski (P), 2:08.4.

200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 23.5; 2. Kevin Cope (S), 24.0; 3. Adam Kashoro (S), 24.2; 4. Josh Etim (C), 24.5.

3,200 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:04.4; 2. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:10.8; 3. Rob Curtis (S), 10:11.3; 4. Derek Lax (P), 10:13.9.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Tim Belcher, Ryan Langdon, Sherif Hassainen, Andrew Manuel), 3:35.2; 2. Plymouth, 3:36.6.

SPORTS BRIEFS

CANTON FOOTBALL EVENTS

■ All returning Canton football players and their parents as well as incoming freshmen and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend a pair of important events set for May 8 at the high school.

At 6:30 p.m., the program's annual "Spring Slam" will be held in the Canton gym. Current players will perform drills and exercises so that the incoming players will know what to expect.

A "Meet the Coaches" meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. Canton coaches will provide paperwork, physical forms and workout-conditioning schedules among other things. Expectations for all 2007 players will be discussed and there will also be a question-and-answer session. Parents will also have a chance to meet the Booster Club officers and sign up for various volunteer activities.

■ The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held June 11-14 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should plan to attend the camp, which will improve football fundamentals and skills. To register, contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 or rmui@hotmail.com.

The fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after that date. All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts. Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found at www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

■ The annual Canton Football Team Golf Outing will be held June 23 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. The shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will get 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and an opportunity to win prizes. There is a non-golf/dinner-only package for only \$40.

For more information on the golf outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

SALEM ROCKS WOMEN'S

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Salem High School football staff, players and Linebackers Club will be hosting a "Women Only

Football Academy" on Saturday, June 2, at Salem High School.

Registration will begin at 7:59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8:59 a.m. to 2:59 p.m., will include on-the-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intra-academy scrimmage all in an effort to teach women the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to "First Step" and the "Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute."

The cost of the academy is \$50 per adult and \$40 for girls under the age of 13. Only the first 200 registrants will be accepted.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Registration forms can be found at saalemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention: Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170.

For more information, send an e-mail to: salemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

CANTON HOOP COACH

APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Applicants are currently being sought for the vacant basketball head coaching vacancy at Canton High School.

The minimum qualifications for the position are:

- high school graduate or equivalent;
- applicants must have experience in high school-level coaching or playing at college or university level in the sport of basketball;
- applicants must have a time schedule compatible with that of the high school;
- CPR and/or first aid training is preferred; and
- the applicant must have a demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

Interested people presently working within the Plymouth-Canton school district should address a letter of intent for the position to the Athletic Office. Interested person outside the district must file a coaching application and include a letter of intent for the position with the Athletic Office. All applicants will be notified of their status regarding the position.

The deadline for applying is Friday, May 4, at 3 p.m.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a **School Election** will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at which time candidates in the **Plymouth-Canton Community School District/ Schoolcraft Community College District**, and the **Van Buren Public Schools** in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, will be placed on the ballot for consideration as follows:

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTE FOR TWO - Member of the Board of Education (Term ending June 30, 2011)

Nancy Eggenberger	Kurt L. Heise	Larry A. Martin
Rich Ham-Kucharski	Bruce C. Koldys	Mark Slavens

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

VOTE FOR THREE - Trustee (Term ending June 30, 2013)

Mary Breen	James G. Fauson	Ron Randall
Brian D. Broderick	Joan A. Gebhardt	

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VOTE FOR TWO - Member of the Board of Education (Term ending June 30, 2011)

Robert T. Binert	Robert P. Coutts	Martha W. Toth
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **SCHOOL ELECTION** will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2007** from **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** at the following polling locations:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1, 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Rd
4, 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Rd
5, 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Rd
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Rd
8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Rd
9, 34	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Rd
11, 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Rd
12, 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet St
16, 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon Rd
18, 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Rd
20	Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center Rd
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Rd
24, 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center Rd
26, 27, 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Rd
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 N. Morton Taylor Rd
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 N. Beck Rd
35	Canton Community Service Center	50430 School House Rd
38	Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Rd
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, May 7, 2007, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, May 8, 2007. All absentee ballots that are returned in person, **must** be received in the Clerk's office **Y 8, 2007**.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30

FR/SAT LS 11:40

NEXT (PG-13) 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45

FR/SAT LS 11:50

THE CONDEMNED (R) (11:30) 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10

FR/SAT LS 11:35

VACANCY (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40

FR/SAT LS 11:40

ARE WE DONE YET? (PG)

(11:05) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05

DISTURBIA (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

FR/SAT LS 11:35

PERFECT STRANGER (R)

7:15, 9:35

FR/SAT LS 11:45

BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15

FR/SAT LS 11:20

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PURE ENTERTAINMENT

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Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District/ Schoolcraft Community College District/Van Buren Public Schools Election to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The test will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007 for the following:

BUNKER SAND FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007 for the following:

SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE HISTORIC SHELTON SCHOOL

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Got Game?
Yep, got scores, too.

You're invited to Komen breast cancer bowl-a-thon

Everyone is invited to join the three-day walk and bowl to wipe out breast cancer with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a partner of the



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

For more information, call Pam Jones, who will take part in the three-day, six-mile walk, at (248) 476-3201.

■ On Feb. 28, Garden City's Yves Szmansky literally shot the lights out at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland

in the Wednesday Nite Merchants with scores of 300-290-278. The total pinfall was 868, the second highest ever in this house.

On March 13 while subbing in the Friday Nite Invitational, Szmansky rolled a 245-268-290-803. These were the first 800s for Yves, who said, "I haven't been bowling that well lately, but I seem to have gotten locked in and was able to consistently repeat my shots."

■ Now is the time to think about spring and summer leagues and there are three good reasons to take part in one or more.

Number one: If you have been bowling well, you might want to keep up your tempo and not let a long summer layoff get your game stale. If you are on a roll, stay with it so you will transition easily to the next season.

Number two: If you have been bowling badly, this is the best chance to work on your game under competitive conditions so you can enter the fall leagues in better shape.

Number three: Summer leagues are usually lots of fun, the season is shorter, it costs a bit less with a wide variety of activities available.

There are plenty of summer leagues for mixed, youth, ladies and little kids. Check with your local bowling center, but here are a few typical ones to consider:

Woodland Lanes, located on Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers a Men's Senior House Trio League at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays for high average bowlers. There's also a mixed league, Guys and Dolls, at 7:30 p.m. Mondays or combination of four with complimentary pizza.

Youth Leagues starting at 4 p.m. Tuesdays begins on June 12. You can bowl two games with pizza and pop provided.

The Senior Citizen League, will be offered at noon Mondays and Fridays (no-tap). Also available are a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday ladies league, (all averages welcome), along with an adult-youth league at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays.

The Detroit Tigers Adult-Youth Bowling Club includes Tiger tickets and more. Bumper bowling starts at 4 p.m. Tuesdays (two games with pizza and pop.)

For more information, call (734) 522-4515.

■ Town 'n Country Lanes, located on Wayne Road in Westland, offers several "Have a Ball" leagues featuring a full schedule and an established weekly fee. You will also receive a new bowling ball.

The 15-week Wednesday Summer Trio starts at 7 p.m. May 9. First place pays \$2,100 based on 20 teams. Cost per week is \$28 (includes a new Ebonite Total NV ball worth \$229); or pay \$27 and get a Hammer Black Widow; while \$26 earns a Hammer Toxic ball.

For those who want the ultimate challenge, the 15-week "Bowl Like the Pros" starts at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on May 8 under PBA lane conditions (Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion, Shark and

Chameleon oil patterns). It features four games per session.

The 15-week Thursday mixed "Have a Ball" league starts May 10. The \$23 per week fee earns a new Ebonite Total NV ball.

The 14-week adult-youth league starts May 8. You need four bowlers per team – two youth and two adults; or three youth and one adult.

Meanwhile, at 7 p.m. starting on May 11, there will be the 14-week Friday Youth Trio "Have a Ball" league, which includes music and lights for children ages 4-8. There's also free rental shoes and bumper bowl T-shirts, trophies and mini-banquet during the final week of play.

All this for only \$6 per bowler per week.

For more information, call (734) 722-5000.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 CANTON 1

No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) def. Gino McEachney, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Justin Liedel, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Nathan Larimore, 7-6, 6-4; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Mike Darouie, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Pat McHugh-Mike Greco def. Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. J.P. LaFontaine-Riley Hoernschmeyer, 7-5, 7-6; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Anton Schauerte-Dan Popoff, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Chris Onoff-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga, 6-2, 6-1.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-2.

PLYMOUTH 5 W.L. NORTHERN 3

Monday at Plymouth.
No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) def. Sam Hall, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Greg Watson, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6); No. 3: David Criss (WLN) def. Clint Korpalski, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Brett Kavulich (P) def. Nick Wajle, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Anoop Gopal (P) def. Andy Sanders-Matt Rohloff, 6-4, 7-6 (6); No. 2: Patrick Onoro-Max Kepalski (P) def. Steve Olson-Cole Davis, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Bob Beu-Danny Harris (WLN) def. Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: John Andrew-Mitchell Kelley (WLN) def. Patrick Bailey-Andy Mitchell, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 3-2 overall, 2-2 WLAA.

SALEM 7

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1 Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Tim Smolen, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Brad Noyes, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac (JG) def. Tyler Jeleniewski-Matt Benson, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: John Bills-John Kang (S) def. Rob Jones-Nikiki Kalothia, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev (S) def. Frank Toarmina-Sahin Murphy, 3-6, 6-1, 4-3; No. 4: Paul Blackford-Andrew Fosdick (S) def. James Abraham-Cory Edwards, 6-0, 6-0.

CANTON 5

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3

April 23 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony Semonick, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Nathan Larimore, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Mike Darouie (C) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang (C) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Riley Hoernschmeyer-J.P. LaFontaine (C) def. Justin Adams-Ron Perian, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Anton Schauerte-Dan Popoff, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tusyov (LF) def. Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-4 WLAA.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN, JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 07-58-DO
Court Address: 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Telephone: (734) 222-3001

GUY T. BREMMER, 140 S. Harris, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, Plaintiff

v
ERICA ANN FRANCIS, Defendant

TO: ERICA ANN FRANCIS

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 19, 2007. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Plymouth Observer for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated: March 21, 2007

Publish: April 19, 26 and May 3, 2007

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 17, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Conklin, Dave Medley **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. **APPROVAL OF THE UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T, MICHIGAN. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement between Michigan Bell Telephone Company, a Michigan Corporation, doing business as AT&T Michigan and the Charter Township of Canton. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Nays: Zarbo Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn to study session. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC** Item 1. **NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT** Presenters: Clerk Terry Bennett, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Dave Medley. Discussion for the Board of an overview of public advertising by organization and law including employment ads, advertising, synopsis and public notices.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk – Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.
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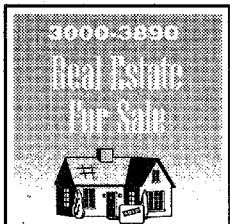
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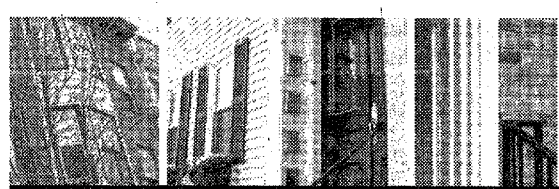
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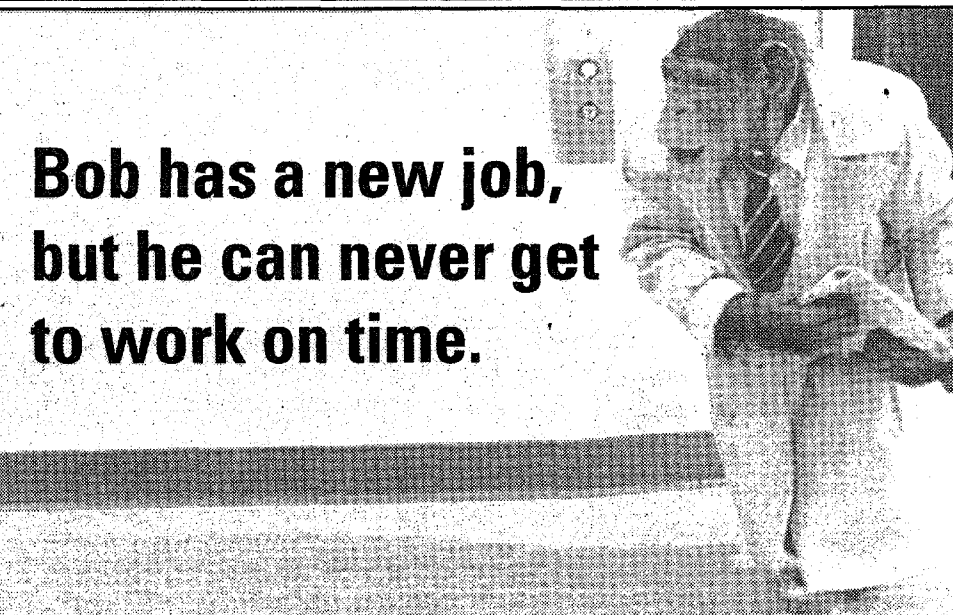
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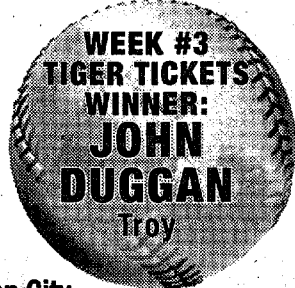
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"I discovered that when a home settles, moving earth, clay and debris often block the four points where water is intended to exit," says Renehan. "When it rains, an already-existing problem is just exacerbated by the downpour. The water has no place to go," he said.

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'STARVE THE BULLY; FEED THE CURE'



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

How can you gather the power to beat a bully? In the adult playground known as the workplace, he

operates like a person engaged in domestic violence, according to Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik, assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She studied 30 workers, all of whom witnessed bullying. Some, like the 28 to 36 percent of people on the job, had experienced it directly, for an average duration of 18 to 20 months. Lutgen-Sandvik's article, "Take This Job and . . . Quitting and Other Forms of Resistance to Workplace Bullying," was published in Communication Monographs, a professional journal.

Jon Caroulis found out the hard way that a lawsuit isn't necessarily a key to stop bullying. Now a college administrator in Pennsylvania, he recalls his experience at a newspaper in Florida when he and a group of reporters were in their 20s. "We had an editor," he states, "who was at best a mean SOB who liked hurting people. This went on for years. The bitter lesson I learned is that management will always side with management

unless it costs them money, such as a lawsuit." However, attorney after attorney told him that the likelihood of winning a lawsuit was slim.

COORDINATED RESISTANCE

Bullying can isolate an individual or create the feeling of isolation. Lutgen-Sandvik points to an individual's risk of job loss, especially when the bully is a supervisor. Collective resistance among 12 of her subjects generated "more positive outcomes," including fewer lost jobs and fewer self-terminations: "Four of the bullies," she writes, "were fired; three were transferred; and five remained at the job, although one failed to secure a promotion." However, she mentions that resisters often suffer considerably with loss of credibility and the label of "troublemaker." Meanwhile, organizations change little.

If there is a winning formula, she says it's this:

- maximizing the grievance process;
- documenting incidents and times; and
- presenting relevant research.

The absence of a grievance process or the existence of an ineffective one clearly demands more of individuals involved. They must wrest power somehow and, as a group, can't expect results overnight.

POWER

Identify what the bully has that he or she wants and how you can get it. In the workplace, it's usually a victim.

Caroulis speaks of one situation where the employee told management that "if someone really upsets her, she might hit the person." Management paid attention and, subsequently, the woman left.

You can chip away at the bully as you're gaining power. Alan Weiss, president of Summit Consulting Group Inc., in East Greenwich, R.I., recommends statements like this:

-- "Tom, you can yell at the top of your lungs. I don't care. Volume doesn't make a difference, and if you keep doing that, no one is going to respect anything you have to say."

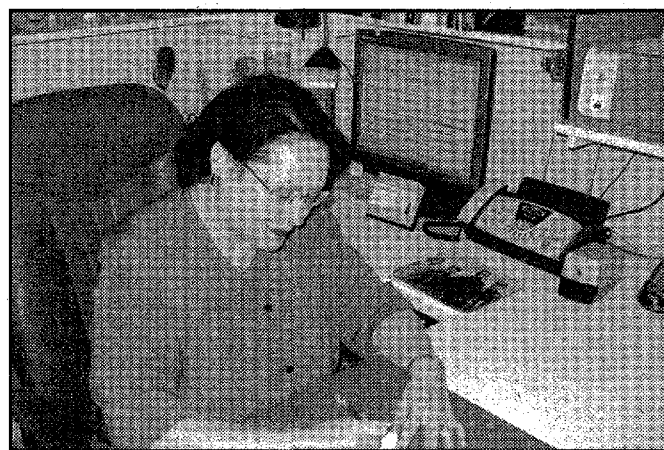
-- "Joan, that personal attack was completely inappropriate. If you can't argue this on its merits, then don't argue it at all."

-- "John, you're trying to bully us. It's as obvious as it can be, and it's not going to work."

-- "Mary, yelling at me out here in front of other people is not going to help get your objectives accomplished and it's making you look bad, not me."

To achieve the most impact, assign one script per co-worker.

Caroulis indicates that you might consider threatening a class action lawsuit -- "we're going to make you



Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik specializes in writing about bullies. She is assistant professor at the University of New Mexico's Department of Communication and Journalism in Albuquerque. Photo credit: Courtesy of Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik.

look like the idiot you are" -- but if the abuse isn't based upon sexual or racial discrimination, you may have to eat crow.

Even if you can handle the depression that's inevitable in this situation, if you can't get the guy's job or influence taken away, the group's trump card may well be to pick up your jacks and take your marbles home. You win, because he can't do what he wants to do (to you) ever again.

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For a Property Management Company in Farmington Hills. Must be proficient in Word Perfect & Excel. Detail oriented with flexibility for some night meetings. Email resume: corourke@johnpcarrillo.com or fax to: 248-888-7612

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Full time, for building/architectural company in Livonia. Proficient in QuickBooks. Mail or Fax resume to: 34441 W. 8 Mile Rd Ste 109, Livonia, MI 48152. 248-888-9393.

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

Retail Sales Representative
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Do you have a knack for presenting creative sales presentations and know how to close a deal? If you are a highly motivated, self-starter who is also organized and persistent, you are the talented sales professional we're looking for. We offer a great work environment and excellent benefits.

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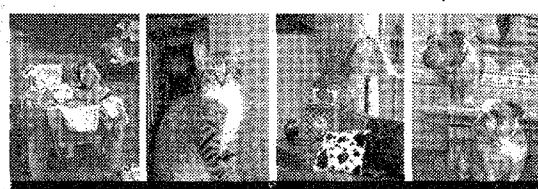
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Jeep Commander: Find A Way To Stay Around

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By Dale Buss

It's basically unfair to a new vehicle to begin sounding its death knell before it's even a year old. But that's what happened earlier this year when first-year sales of Jeep's hulking new Commander SUV were disappointing, and Chrysler had to come up with thousands of dollars in incentives to move each one. Already, rumors swirled that the company had inked Commander for an early death, next year.

But Chrysler hasn't ever commented on the report, and so here's hoping that it's wrong. I love the Jeep Commander, and I have since it came out last year. Sure, the vehicle could use some tweaking. But driving a 2007 Commander Sport 4x4 recently reminded me of just how much this vehicle has to offer. And I didn't even come close to using its vaunted off-road capabilities!

Three things about Commander really stood out to me.

First, I love the look – sort of a combination of retro Jeep, harking back to its Cherokee of the mid-Eighties, and a Jeep rendition of a Hummer 3. Regardless of its heritage or influences, the Commander is unapologetically big and boxy and bold, and I like that.

If anything, Jeep has overstated the rear end, with a stepped-up roof that makes room for rear-passenger seating. It also underscores the fact that this is its biggest Jeep and visually distances Commander from the smaller Grand Cherokee that used to top the Jeep lineup. Commander is two inches longer and nearly four inches taller than Grand Cherokee.

At the same time, Commander makes great use of classic Jeep design cues, including, of course, the instantly recognizable seven-slot grille, trapezoidal wheel wells, and squared-off lines with flat surfaced. Exposed Allen head bolts along the wheel wells and in the headlamp module are intended to create a technical look. And while the long handles that reside on either end of the rear window no doubt are practical because they can assist someone climbing onto the rear bumper



Commander finally gives Jeep a legitimate player in the huge-SUV market.

or getting to the roof of the car, they also add to the visual impression of the vehicle's utility.

Second, Commander is a highly flexible vehicle, which it clearly demonstrated to me on Saturday. In the morning, I needed to haul away a bunch of trash, and the capacious maw that is Commander's rear gate just kept on accommodating more and more stuff until I ran out of things to put in there. And the rear still closed easily.

Then, in the evening, Commander transitioned easily to a social vehicle that duly impressed our friends in the second row – who especially liked the two porthole sunroofs over their heads, each with a retractable shade. The "command," or elevated, position of the second-rear seats makes its passengers feel comfortable and engaged with those in the front.

Third, both times I have driven a Commander, I have been impressed with the car-like ride demonstrated by such a large, truck-inspired vehicle. Commander handled very well, reminding me of the responsiveness and overall balance of the best of this category, such as the Lexus LX models. The 4.7-liter V8 engine that powered our vehicle provided all the power required in a seemingly effortless manner. It's a flexible-fuel engine, to boot, although I filled this Commander with regular gasoline rather than ethanol. I also appreciated the interior amenities, including

automatic bright-and-dimming headlights and ample pockets and compartments, including a nifty slot right in front of the front passenger that can hold cell phones, keys, sunglasses and the like. However, in a vehicle so large, I was disappointed to find that the storage slot on the driver's door not only was impractically narrow, but it also involves a bend at the halfway point, making it even less useful. And that area lacked a drink holder that so many other vehicles, many of them much smaller than Commander, have found a way to incorporate.

And Jeep might consider redesigning the dashboard to exclude the open compartment in the center – it's practically useless, since it's shallow and has no lid, meaning just about anything you place there will fling itself to one side of the vehicle or the other when you make a turn.

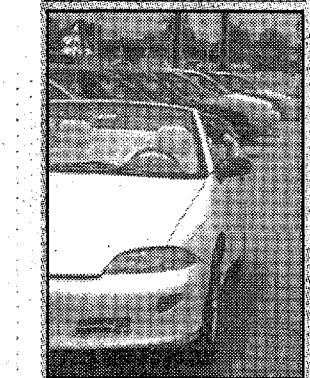
It's also true that Commander has some major competitive challenges. Sure, at 15 miles a gallon in the city and only 19mpg on the highway, you have to write off its fuel economy even though, in a nod to the environment, the version I drove will run on corn as well.

But here's hoping that Chrysler finds a way to address Commander's few shortcomings and keeps it in the game. Even at nearly \$39,000 for the version I drove, I found Commander well worthwhile.

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Sauté vegetables, quinoa for an easy, light meal

Holidays and special occasions always tend to bring out the big meals.

First it was corned beef for St. Patrick's Day. Then it was ham for Easter. Then there's the simple pork roast to warm a cold spring day.

Enough already. It's time for a trip to the pantry to look for ingredients to fix a lighter meal, yet create something that will still fill up the tank.

As I just returned from a trip to Atlanta, I knew thrift was in order in terms of the groceries. After I loaded up at the

store on vegetables, I returned home and found a couple of open boxes of quinoa in the pantry and went to work.

I'm usually not a big fan of recipes printed on boxes, but I had just finished a late day of work, and knew I needed something quick so I wouldn't wallow away the evening in the kitchen. So I checked the box of quinoa, thinking that if I ran the company that packaged the product, I would print a recipe on the box that encourages people to use the product.

Quinoa (pronounced keen-wah) is a natural whole grain grown in the high Andes mountains of Bolivia. Incas supposedly referred to it as "the Mother Grain."

The Quinoa Corp., based in Gardena, Calif., markets it as "The Supergrain of the Future," and The National Academy of Science calls it "one of the best sources of protein in the vegetable kingdom," as it contains more high quality protein than any other grain at 16 percent per serving.

A quarter cup contains the following percentages of the minimum daily requirements: 15 percent phosphorus, 10 percent iron and 8 percent riboflavin, along with 12 percent fiber.

These aren't huge numbers in terms of nutrition, but the protein number is larger than wheat, oats and barley. That and the substantial fiber levels help fill you up, so you tend not to overeat when consuming quinoa. Of course, it's low fat, unless you top it with a stick of butter or saute it in bacon grease.

Quinoa cooks like rice (1 cup quinoa to 2 cups water, heated to boiling until the water is absorbed, which creates a germ ring that is readily visible). Dice red and green peppers, onions, garlic, tomatoes and carrots, saute them, then sprinkle your favorite seasonings (salt, pepper and oregano were mine that day). Add the cooked quinoa to the saute pan and away you go.

After dishing the quinoa mix into a bowl, I topped it with some homemade chili sauce, but the commercial kind or canned tomatoes will work well in this dish. Quinoa also adds heart to soups and stews. It probably makes a great stew with winter root vegetables (parsnips, carrots and potatoes), though I've not tried that.

It was a good, hearty, delicious dish for a cold spring evening, but it would come in handy at any time of year. I've tried the quinoa stuffed peppers, too, which are another tasty meal.

Try these recipes below, which I adapted to my own tastes.

PLEASE SEE QUINOA, D3

A shout-out for trout



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy Nowacki, owner of Vintners Cellar Canton Winery, loves fly-fishing, and sells a line of wines dedicated to one of her favorite activities.

Couple enjoys winery, fly-fishing

They looked for a wine to serve with trout, and found a franchise company where people can make their own wine.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kathy Nowacki remembers her first fly-fishing trip.

She almost didn't go.

Never mind that she was one of only two or three women in a fly-fishing class she took at Schoolcraft College, or that she'd always enjoyed the outdoors, fishing on Long Lake near Alpena as a child.

This activity was, after all, fly-fishing — requiring waders, then walking into cold, rushing river water, where you might get soaked if you stray too deep, or your hands clam up from bitterly cold water. Then there's the inevitable snag on a tree branch, or a log across the river.

And you haven't even caught a trout yet.

Fly-fishing is a sport Kathy and husband Darryl enjoy.

Several years ago they signed up for fly-fishing

PLEASE SEE TROUT, D3

SIMPLE PAN-FRIED TROUT

3 10 to 12-ounce fresh trout
1 egg
2 tablespoons water
¾ cup fine dry bread crumbs or cornmeal
or finely crushed saltine crackers (about 21 crackers)
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
Shortening or cooking oil for frying

In shallow dish, beat egg, stir in water. In another dish, combine bread crumbs, cornmeal or crushed crackers with salt and pepper. Dip fish in egg mixture to coat both sides, then roll fish in crumb mixture, coating evenly.

In a large skillet, heat ¼ inch shortening or cooking oil. Add fish in a single layer. Fry fish on one side for 4 to 5 minutes or till brown. Turn fish and fry 4 to 5 minutes longer or until both sides are brown and crisp and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Drain on paper towels. Serves 3.

See more recipes on Page D3.

WINE PICKS

More cabernet sauvignon that received high marks in our recent tasting:
NEW & NOTABLE

2004 Shafer One Point Five, Napa Valley Stags Leap District \$65

2004 Cousino-Macul Finis Terrae (Chile) \$19 (60 percent cabernet, 40 percent merlot)

2004 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$27

2004 Sbragia Andolsen Vineyard \$35 (approachable)

PLEASE SEE PICKS, D3

Wine shootouts can be useful

Sit-down, comparative blind wine tastings, sometimes called shootouts, can be useful.

They're not a new concept but their aim is to make participants put their money, literally, where their mouth is.

Sonoma County's Valley of the Moon Winery recently conducted a six-wine comparative blind tasting including the winery's 2002 Cuvee de la Luna (\$30) against 2002 Napa Valley Dominus (\$105), 2002 Cain Five Napa Valley Red Blend (\$99), 2002 Flora Springs Napa Valley Trilogy (\$45), 2002 Niebaum Coppola Napa Valley Rubicon (\$100) and 2002 Franciscan Napa Valley Magnificat (\$36).

WHAT'S THE POINT?



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

"It's not our expectation that Valley of the Moon's Cuvee de la Luna will be the favored wine and win the blind tasting," said Margie Healy, the winery's vice president and spokesperson. "Our intention is to demonstrate that Cuvee de la Luna competes favorably with cabernet sauvignon-based wines, several of which are much higher priced."

Given our tasting notes, it did.

Although this is a continual point of debate, Valley of the Moon's cabernet philosophy is that although many individual cabernet vineyards have established nobility, the greatest wines are almost always blends. There are simply too many elements in a cabernet-based wine for one grape, grown in one place, to deliver greatness consistently, vintage in and vintage out.

Cuvee de la Luna 2002 demonstrated the beauty of a blend. It was crafted from the winery's best barrel lots of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot — basically a Bordeaux varietal blend.

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Affordable software keeps desktop publishing alive and well

Whatever happened to desktop publishing? I'm not sure. In the old days (I'm talking the late '90s), you could choose from a dozen different programs for creating newsletters, brochures, flyers, invitations, calendars, and other documents that mix text and graphics.

Since then, the field has narrowed considerably, leaving only two heavyweights—Adobe InDesign and QuarkXPress—and a program I guarantee you've never heard of: Serif PagePlus X2 (serif.com).

PagePlus is an amazing piece of software, one that's flown under the radar for far too long. Allow me to remedy that.

What's the big deal? Let's start with price: PagePlus sells for \$129.99, which may seem steep—until you realize that InDesign and

QuarkXPress cost \$699 and \$749, respectively.

Its relatively low price notwithstanding, PagePlus is no cheap, underpowered application. Quite the opposite: It has nearly every feature you'll find in the professional programs, and more than a few you won't find. Plus, it's a lot easier to learn.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING 101

In case you're unfamiliar with it, desktop publishing software lets you mix text, graphics, and other elements to create various kinds of documents.

You say you can do the same thing in your word processor? Please. That's like using a hammer to sculpt a statue. Microsoft Word may let you import graphics and create a few gaudy text effects, but it's no desktop publishing program.

With PagePlus, you get precise control over everything: text, graphics, colors, and, most importantly, layout.

Indeed, creating any kind of document is sim-

ply a matter of arranging the various elements to your liking. You can import text documents from your word processor, photos from your image library, graphics from the Web or an included gallery, and so on.

PagePlus also supplies a wealth of tools for generating special effects. You can easily add a drop-shadow to text or graphics, create a fancy 3-D background, apply textures, draw shapes, and much more.

To help get you started, the software comes with a variety of templates for projects like photo albums, newsletters, greeting cards, posters, and even CD/DVD labels.

You can also take advantage of built-in tutorials that teach you how to use PagePlus and design specific kinds of documents.

In short, it's a user-friendly program that also packs a surprising amount of desktop publishing power.

When you're done with your project, you can do more than just print it. PagePlus also lets you

create PDF documents and slideshows, publish to the Web, and send your documents as e-mails (with all graphics and formatting preserved).

Thus you could use it to, say, distribute your company newsletter electronically, no paper required.

Of course, PagePlus can also produce camera-ready separations for professional print jobs.

Like I said, this is one amazing program. I highly recommend it for anyone seeking to create attractive, professional-looking documents, be it a simple flyer or a full-fledged magazine.

Whatever happened to desktop publishing? It's alive, well, and affordable in the form of Serif PagePlus X2.

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About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

When most people think of the phrase "knee-jerk response," they don't think of the medical aspects. They think of a predictable overreaction to information.

Over the last couple of months, Menu Foods, an Ontario pet food manufacturer, has supplied us with something brand new to have a knee-jerk reaction about.

If you've not heard, there has been a massive recall of certain pet foods, which started because some tainted ingredients, likely wheat gluten, were being used in the manufacture of certain diets made at the Menu Foods plant.

Although still not 100 percent sure what the offending material has been, they do know that the ingredient has caused renal fail-

ure in a number of animals. The primary foods involved are cuts and gravy style cans and pouches, but others were recalled later.

The only pure dry food to be recalled as of now would be the Hill's Feline Prescription diet M/D, a diet made for diabetic cats. Hill's recalled M/D after finding out they had purchased ingredients from the same source as Menu Foods.

The reason so many brands of food were affected stems from Menu Foods being an outsourcing location where major brands have their specialized cuts and gravy foods manufactured. It is cheaper to outsource than to pay to put in your own line.

The affected foods were manufactured between Dec. 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007. All of the recalls were voluntary, meaning the companies responded to the first signs of concern, even if their food wasn't implicated as having had any problems yet.

Menu Foods has set up a toll free number (1-866-895-2708) and a website (www.menufoods.com/recall) to help answer questions, and is offering financial reimbursement for the medical aspects of the situation.

Okay, the food is fine now. Most food was always fine, any-

way. What will the knee-jerk response be?

More people than ever have decided it's time to make their pet's own diet!

Dog food is just plain not safe! I can do better making Fluffy's food! It's just too dangerous to feed them the bags of dog or cat food anymore.

This is where the new set of concerns comes in.

I've had so many people telling me they've decided to make their pet's food from now on, including one who's decided to chop up liver into Hamburger Helper.

While that does sound yummy, it is not balanced or complete.

One of the reasons humans avoid being physically fit would be the way we eat. Donuts for breakfast, fast food for lunch and dinner, plus lots of junk food and soda pop. Our diets are not balanced or complete.

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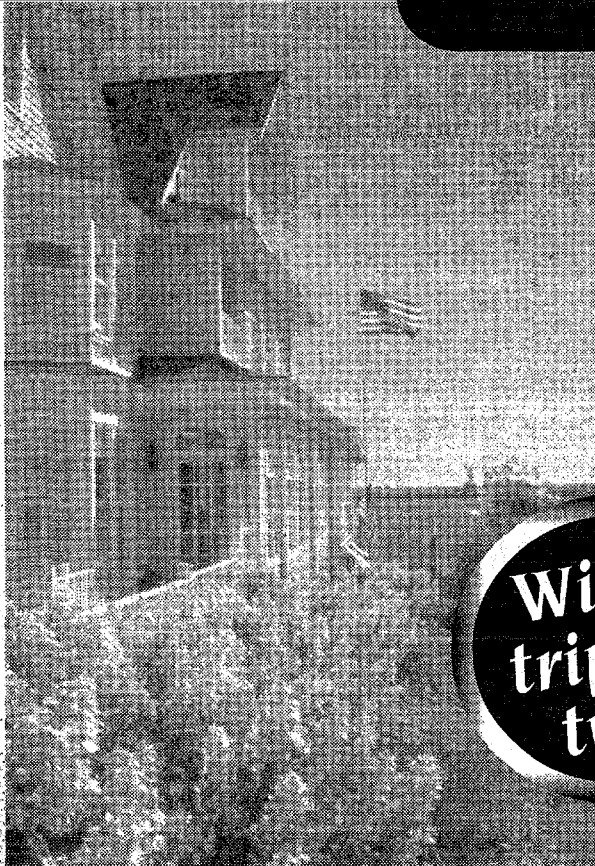
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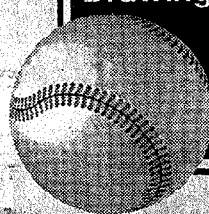
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TROUT

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classes, then a guided trip to the Black River. "As we were driving to go out that day, I started to chicken out," Kathy said. "I told Darryl, 'you go have fun.'"

The guide heard this conversation and managed to talk Kathy into fly-fishing that day. After that, she was hooked.

The couple, who own Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, are now avid fly anglers. And they love trout fishing; the season officially opens Saturday. (They won't be out for the opener, because that day brings too many crowds to Michigan rivers and streams.)

Kathy has not forgotten that first day in the river — how an angler feels that sense of belonging to the river and to nature, that sense of balance, that calm, that peace, that solitude, all rolled into that nirvana.

That all is good in life.

"You get a little fish on a three-weight (flyrod) and they fight like crazy," Kathy said. "I was amazed at how beautiful the river was."

"I almost love it more than my husband," she added.

The following year, they went on a three-day trip to the Colorado River. Then came a trip with the Madison River outfitters in West Yellowstone.

In 1998 the couple bought a cabin in Baldwin, a quarter-mile from the Pere Marquette.

"We love it," Kathy said. "We bought it and we fished the same day." Soon they bought two dry fly-fishing boats.

In 2004 they purchased a lot with 300 feet of frontage on the Manistee River in Irons.

Then one day a wayward

search on the Internet led to another chapter and another transition in the couple's lives. They looked for a wine to serve with trout, and found a franchise company where people can make their own wine. Kathy lost her job during a company downsizing, so the idea of winemaking intrigued her. They pursued the idea, opening a winery business two years ago.

Granted the franchise isn't one of the giant wineries you will find in California. The couple's business is a local storefront in a strip mall, but don't let the location fool you about the product. They conduct tastings and dinners for patrons, along with the usual winemaking and bottling.

Both of them love wine, so the business idea just made sense.

"I said, 'hey I can do this,'" Kathy said. Kathy points to her Italian heritage and her grandfather's love of wine, along with Darryl's, which he picked up while he was stationed in Europe.

They generally catch-and-release, but if they were to cook it, the Nowackis prefer the trout be pan-fried. She's adapted a recipe she received from master chef Dan Hugelier, a culinary arts instructor at Schoolcraft College.

FLIES TO USE

When she uses flies for bait, she's one of those who "smacks her face" to see what bugs are out and hatching. "I almost always catch them on a caddis fly," Kathy said. The caddis is a predominant hatch on the streams in late spring and summer.

Then there was the time she hooked her wooly bugger (another fly used to catch trout) into her arm, and needed to drive to Reed

City to get it pulled out. "The doctor said, 'nice fly!'" she remembers. The doctor returned the fly to her in a cup normally reserved for urine samples.

WINES TO SERVE

Wines and fish are a natural marriage for any meal.

Wines to be served with trout are usually chardonnay or riesling, Kathy said.

"They would both be very good," she said. The Rising Trout she sells at her winery store is aged in Hungarian oak barrels. "It's just a woody flavor," she said.

Darryl won an international gold medal for his Amarone with 18½ points out of 20. He only sent two wines last year to the competition, but this year the couple, buoyed by last year's success, sent 14 wines. Only four Gold medals were awarded out of 250 wines last year. While the winery may be a franchise, winery owners and operators can tweak the wine formulas when creating them, Kathy said. "You can change everything. We tweak the wines. We play a lot with them."

Grapes are processed in Canada, then sent to Vintner's as juice. The juice concentrate is mixed with other ingredients (oak, elder flowers, etc.). The wine is racked, degassed and filtered for five weeks. Wine is then bottled, corked and labeled.

With salmon in the fall, the couple recommend merlot or cabernet sauvignon.

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery sponsors free private tasting parties by appointment, and is located at 8515 N. Lilley (located in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza, across from Mettetal Airport), Canton, (734) 354-WINE (9463), vintnerscanton@tds.net

QUINOA

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QUINOA PILAF

- 6 cups cooked quinoa
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 carrot, diced
- ¾ cup red pepper, diced
- ½ cup green pepper, diced
- ¼ cup onion, diced
- 1 or 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-3 tomatoes, wedged
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 quart of canned tomatoes or chili sauce

Boil approximately 2 cups uncooked quinoa in 4 cups water, then simmer for 14-15 minutes or until water is absorbed and you can see the germ ring on the grain. Keep covered to retain heat.

Saute vegetables (except tomatoes) for about 5 minutes until fork tender. Add salt, pep-

per and oregano and tomatoes and saute for about 2 minutes. Heat canned tomatoes or chili sauce in separate saucepan.

Stir in quinoa, 1 cup at a time, and mix with vegetables. Reheat over low heat.

Serve quinoa in bowl topped with heated tomatoes or chili sauce.

QUINOA STUFFED PEPPERS

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa
- 6 green peppers
- 1 medium onion, diced
- ½ pound mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 28-ounce can of diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 12-ounce jar of salsa
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- Mozzarella cheese

Cook 1 cup quinoa in 2 cups water (boil, then simmer for 15 minutes, set aside).

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Steam green peppers until soft but not limp. Saute onion and mushrooms in butter in large skillet. Drain tomatoes, reserve liquid, then add tomatoes to skillet. Add garlic and salsa.

Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add sherry and simmer for 5 minutes, then fold in quinoa. Place peppers in baking dish and fill with½ of the mixture. Mix reserved tomato liquid with remaining quinoa, then pour around peppers.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese over peppers and bake in oven preheated to 325 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

Recipes adapted by Ken Abramczyk from The Quinoa Corp.

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ANOTHER PAN-FRIED VERSION

- 1 large or two small skin-on fish fillets (rainbow or brown trout), about 8 ounces
- Kosher salt
- Ground black pepper
- Flour
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 to 2 tablespoons capers, drained
- Juice of one lemon

Heat a heavy pan over medium high heat.

Season fish on meat side with salt and pepper. Lightly dredge fish in flour and shake off excess. When pan is hot, add canola oil, then 1 tablespoon butter. As soon as foaming ends, place fish in pan with the skin side down. Shake pan a few seconds to keep the fish from sticking to it. Cook until golden crust forms. Turn fish, and shake pan again. Cook until golden brown, then remove fish.

Pour out fat, add remaining butter and fry the capers quickly. Remove pan from the heat, add lemon juice to it, swirl, then pour sauce over the fish and serve.

BRAISED RIVER TROUT WITH LOBSTER MOUSSE

- 4 brook trout, skin on, backbone and pin bones removed
- 2 shallots, finely minced
- 2 white field mushrooms, minced
- 2 sprigs of thyme
- 1 tablespoon parsley stems
- 2 cups fish stock
- 1 cup dry white wine

Garniture

- 2 safsify roots
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1 tomato, finely chopped
- 1 leek, blanched, then thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon chives, finely minced
- 1 tablespoon trout caviar

Mousseline

- 1 live lobster, blanched for one minute, cooled and meat removed
- 1/2 egg white
- 4 tablespoons heavy cream
- Salt
- White pepper
- Cayenne
- Nutmeg

For mousseline: keep lobster ice

cold. Process seasoned lobster smooth. Add egg white gradually while mixing. Add cream slowly and remove. Small batches like this may be prepared over ice by hand. Reserve.

For garniture, peel, braise salsify in 1/2 cup fish or white stock with the juice of 1/2 lemon, salt and pepper.

To assemble, fill the trout with lobster mousseline. Place on top of the minced shallot and mushrooms. Season with a bit of lemon juice, salt and pepper. Add wine, stock and aromatics. Cover and braise 12-17 minutes depending on the size of the trout.

Put salsify, leeks and tomato in small pan. When the trout is cooked, strain the cooking juices into the pan and heat the vegetables. Reduce and bind with a small amount of soft whole butter.

Skin the fish and place in the center of the plate or shallow bowl. Spoon the cooking juices and vegetables over the trout, garnish with caviar and serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of Kathy Nowacki, adapted from recipe from Dan Hugelier, culinary arts instructor and master chef at Schoolcraft College.

WINE

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In a Bordeaux varietal blend, each grape variety plays a unique role, but must be married into a seamless whole. Cabernet sauvignon offers rich black fruits, such as black cherry, black raspberry and black currants to the aroma and flavor profile. It's also the wine's spine or backbone, contributing structure.

Merlot offers some red fruit nuances and overall mellow-ness. Cabernet franc uplifts aromas and does a balancing act for the other varieties. It frequently contributes notes of blueberry fruit in both the aroma and flavors. Petit verdot is a color enhancer and can most often add a note of spice and round out the tannin profile.

Vanilla notes emanate from the cooperage used to age the various components of the wine.

Once the best lots of each variety are chosen, Valley of the Moon's winemaker Greg Winter assembles them in a way that demonstrates the concept of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

Vintage characteristics dictate the blend. The wine, although made from the same grape varieties each year, does not come from a predetermined recipe.

Our collective perception of 2002 Valley of the Moon Cuvee de la Luna: Solid black fruit core complemented by raspberry and cherry characteristics. Very drinkable with loads of fruit in the mellow finish. Once the bags were removed from all the wines, we had to add the bottom line: A very lovely wine for the price. When it was served with the main course of sliced filet and lamb chops, prepared by The Capital Grille in Troy's Somerset Collection, we appreciated its drinkability even more.

Valley of the Moon 2003 Cuvee de la Luna \$30 was just released. It continues the line of consistent vintages of mellow wine that's accessible with a marked fruit profile.

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PICKS

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2003 Lancaster Estate, Alexander Valley Red Wine (80 percent cabernet sauvignon) \$65


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Swim into fashions that flatter



Find shelter from the sun in a wide-brimmed hat like this one from Lands' End.

Fill your beach bag with these items

Before you hit the beach, or lounge poolside this summer, grab these warm-weather essentials:

- **Coordinated cover-up:** Summer-sheer cotton tunics – like Lands' End's jersey-knit hooded style, \$28 – make a suit ever-more sophisticated. Or, go for a flirty terry cloth romper, \$30 at American Apparel.
- **Beach towel:** Go for stripes, paisley or polka dots and it will be easy to spot your set-up when returning from the water. Macy's now sells Tommy Hilfiger's Overprint Stripe towels with crab or flamingo designs for \$30, or Summer Stock's Art Deco towel for \$35.
- **Beach tote:** From the classic canvas to a straw bag, choose one that reflects your personality, complements your suit, and holds all the gear you need for a day at the beach. Target sells a variety from \$9.99 to \$21.99.
- **Sunglasses:** Get a sassy pair that complements your face shape. Go big and bold. Spend around \$10 for oversized frames at Target or go designer with Kate Spade's Agatha shades for \$175.
- **Wide-brimmed hat:** It's back and it's a classic. Try a tiered straw hat from Gap, \$24.50.
- **Footwear:** Slip on a simple metallic thong, like J Crew's Capri sandals, \$48. Or switch to a classy wedge, like Steve Madden's Spa – in red, gold or black for \$59.95 – for shopping, dining or a night on the town.
- **All over appeal:** Sunscreen is an obvious must-have year-round. For those willing to fake that summer shimmer, start early with subtle moisturizers like Jergens Natural Glow; or Breathe 24/7 Radiant Moisture gradual tanning body lotion in Comfort – Vanilla Milk, \$14.50 at Bath & Body Works. Trying to smooth over less-than-perfect thighs? Try Poetic Cosmetics' Fat Girl Slim, a caffeinated body cream, \$25 at Sephora.

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With summer weather just around the corner, the time has come to seek out that perfect new swimsuit. Whether the mere thought inspires excitement or dread, it's an unavoidable necessity at the beach.

This season's styles show a bevy of embellishments and intriguing prints. From animal patterns to polka dots to paisley, inspiring styles can be found online and in stores now. Don't wait for temperatures to soar.

"In addition to a variety of patterns, colors, embellishments and silhouettes, women are also creating interesting looks by building entire swimwear wardrobes," said Barbara Wagner, senior swim merchandise manager for Lands' End.

To do so, she suggests pairing a suit you love with a coordinated cover-up skirt or tunic, towel, tote, sandals and a hat.

"Color is key," said Denise Febbraro, district manager for Everything But Water. "Not many customers come in asking for black."

She said a black swimsuit isn't necessarily the most flattering, depending on a person's skin tone. This year brown, pink, red and turquoise are popular choices according to Febbraro. Key designers include Trina Turk, Vix, and Betsy Johnson. Located inside the Somerset Collection in Troy, Everything But Water stays true to its name. The store sells one-piece suits and an array of mix-and-match separates, all arranged by color.

Suits are available in a wide range of sizes – up to an EE-cup – which Store Manager Kristen Wilk said is a draw for customers.

Febbraro said the biggest change in swimwear over the past decade has to do with improvements in technology. Suits made with Xtra Life Lycra, for example, will keep their shape and color longer. Without it, a swimsuit could wear out within 40 hours of use, she said.

The swimsuit is second only to a firefighter's suit when it comes to the amount of abuse one piece of apparel can take, Febbraro said. "It has to withstand wind, sand, sun, chlorine, salt and sweat."

From strength to style, this season's suits are decked in metallic rings, beading, ruching, even side-ties. Details add personality to swimwear, and have the power to accentuate

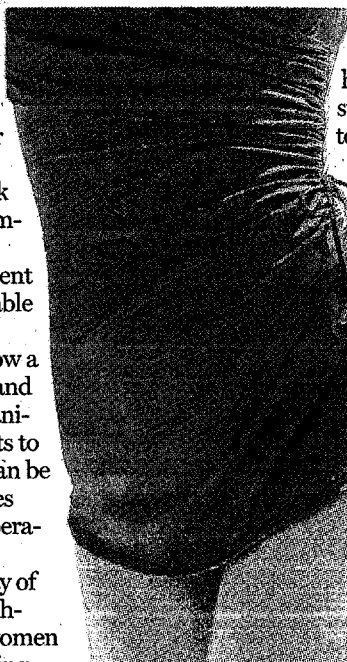


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Gathered detailing is flattering and minimizing.

ate assets or minimize flaws. Choosing the right suit will help flatter any figure. In a recent survey of Lands' End female customers, respondents named their top swimsuit anxiety zones. Topping that list was the tummy and waist, with 49 percent. Hips and thighs came in second with 36 percent, followed by bust at 8 percent and legs at 7 percent. To address those areas of concern, consider these styles:

- **Minimize bust, enhance shoulders:** Try a high-neck tankini or a tank suit for sleek, supportive coverage. Bikini-lovers can opt for a full cup, said Febbraro.
- **Try Calvin Klein pleated one-piece in a bold color (\$94).** Add a pull-on skirt for balance and

an A-line shape – like Isaac Mizrahi for Target's swim skirt (\$18).

■ **Define a waistline and minimize a tummy:** Look for suits with a shirred waist or ruching, diagonal lines or prints that define the waist. Halter necklines will flatter and draw attention to shoulders. Consider Kenneth Cole Reaction's separates in a ruched halter top (\$48) and skirted bottom (\$50) as flirty alternative. Look for spandex for added support.

■ **Minimize hips and thighs:** Draw attention to the upper body by looking for shapely detailed necklines. Febbraro suggested a rose-detailed bikini top by Betsy Johnson, paired with a skirted bottom. Choose a longer skirt to minimize problem thighs, she said.

Or, try a V-neck or halter with an empire waist, like Victoria's Secret's Beach Sexy® polka dot halter tankini (\$38) and double-string bottom (\$20). For one-piece wearers, Michael Kors offers a tank with a decorative ring in his Bamboo collection (\$112).

Febbraro said customers often come in looking for Magic Suits, a brand that promises to flatter figures up to size 16 by making the wearer look 7 pounds thinner.

"It's for someone who just wants that extra confidence," she said. Regardless of size, the right fit is essential. Bring a trusted friend along when shopping for swimwear, or seek an expert. Everything But Water offers fit sessions by appointment. And professional swim fit experts can be reached at Lands' End by calling (800) 675-4853.

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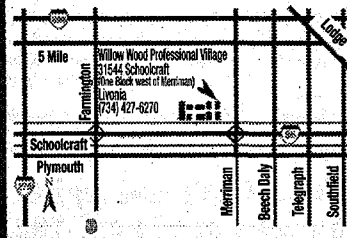
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Celebrate the season finale of 'InZero'

Local actors and filmmakers will host a red carpet showing in honor of Detroit's indie sci-fi series *InZero*'s season finale. Episode 12 will premiere May 1 at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

InZero follows the story of an ambitious courier with a hidden past who must weave his way through a dangerous futuristic city populated by magic users, aliens, and warring aristocrats. In the final episode of the first season, audiences will learn the fate of that heroic courier and his mission of hope.

InZero stars local actors Jonny Victor, Mare L. Costello, Stephanie Robinson, David Durham, Connie Cowper, Jeff Stetson, Sonja Ribicki and Caleb Gilbert.

Expect flashbulbs and velvet ropes during this month's Mitten Movie Project event. Emery King, chairperson of the Michigan Film Advisory Commission, will address the crowd prior to the screening. The public is welcome to attend.

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What: See Episode 12, the season finale, during the Mitten Movie Project.

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

Where: Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak.

Cost: Pre-sale tickets are \$10 at the theater, or \$11 the day of the show. Patrons can also buy tickets via Pay Pal at www.myspace.com/inzero.

Afterglow: A party will follow at Bastone, 419 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Guests 21 and over are welcome. Entertainment includes DJ sets by the *InZero* cast and crew.

pleted 12 episodes of the series in 365 days — a rare feat.

"The last 12 months were really intense and we have really pushed ourselves to the limit on the edge of exactly where we can go," said Jamie Sonderman, the show's creator. "It's an experience that we know we can always fall back on as we move into the future."

Ted Leo + Pharmacists live on with new release

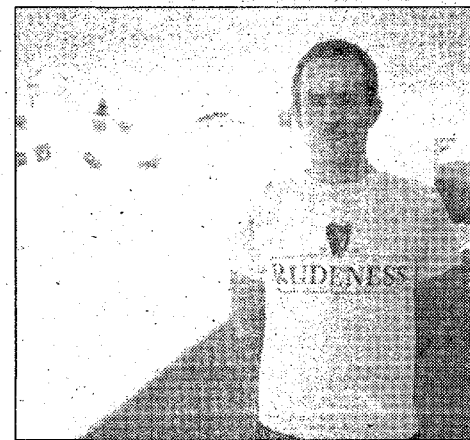
For a few years, Ted Leo has been a tough guy to track down.

Sure I'd heard all the hype. He and his band, the Pharmacists, had earned their stripes as punk-pop darlings.

Albums like *The Tyranny of Distance* and *Shake the Sheets* earned the band a loyal following. And I longed to see what all the fuss was about.

But Ted Leo's Detroit shows always seemed to sell out at the drop of a hat. I'd missed him early on at intimate venues like Smalls in Hamtramck. And friends of mine told similar tales of woe.

At New York's CMJ Music Marathon — it must've been in 2002 or 2003 — Ted Leo + Pharmacists were set to perform at



Ted Leo

the legendary punk club CBGB's. The show topped my must-see list. I grabbed a few friends and we all trudged over only to — once again — be turned away at the door.

This time the news came with the memorable tagline. The doorman announced: "If Screech can't get in, you guys ain't getting in."

I guess *Saved By the Bell* star Dustin Diamond is a Ted Leo fan too. Go figure.

But I broke my streak of bad luck last summer. I caught the band's set at Chicago's Pitchfork Music Festival. And it was just as I'd hoped it would be — Ted Leo's clever knack for songwriting melded gleefully with erratic guitars and catchy

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Molly Shannon stars in "Year of the Dog."

'Year of the Dog'

Molly Shannon turns a dramatic page

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Make no mistake. Molly Shannon is not a cat person.

She's even a bit allergic to dogs – though you'd never know it from her enthusiastic lead role in the film *Year of the Dog*, opening April 27 at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. The

scenes she shared with dogs like Pencil, an obedient beagle, and later Valentine, a rowdy German shepherd, were completed quickly – and with plenty of trainers on set.

"It was no problem, really," said Shannon. "It would've been worse with cats."

The 42-year-old comedian and actress, perhaps best-known for her six-year run on *Saturday Night Live*, came to town April 18 in support of



Regina King is Layla, a woman obsessed with getting married, in the dark comedy "Year of the Dog."

the film. She walked into the room at Birmingham's Townsend playfully stretching as if she'd just woken up from a refreshing nap.

The Paramount/Vantage dark comedy marks a more serious leading role for Shannon. The part of Peggy Spade – a shy, reliable singleton – was created for her by writer Mike White (*The Good Girl*, *School*

of Rock).

The two had previously teamed up on the television series *Cracking Up*. During the production of that short-lived show, White's family pet died. He wrote an episode where the characters grieved over the loss of a pet. But it was deemed too dark, and the

PLEASE SEE SHANNON, E10

BBSO's retiring president honored Friday

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra (BBSO) will honor its president and executive director, Carla Lamphere at a special dinner with entertainment and fund-raising auction on Friday, April 27.

The event will also feature "An Evening with Michael King," a songwriter, guitarist and singer. Lamphere has announced that she will be retiring after heading the BBSO's management and leading its promotion and fund-raising activities for 30 years.

"Carla's dedication and leadership have been the major force that has made the BBSO a real gem in this area's cultural life," said Rich Tropea, chairman of the BBSO board of directors. "We invite everyone to come to this dinner to help us thank her for enabling us to enjoy a professional orchestra of such a high musical standard in our community."

The program will be at Radisson Kingsley Inn Hotel on Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. Friday, April 27.

"This event will raise funds that are vitally-needed to continue the BBSO and its music for the next season," Tropea said. "This is particularly important since a budgeted state of Michigan grant has now been cut."

Adult admissions to the dinner are \$125 per person for patrons or \$85 per person. Tickets can be ordered by calling (248) 645-2276.

Michael King is a Birmingham resident artist who has performed many times in local concerts and produced several CD's. He is known for his passion for writing and performing music that he says "wants to touch the listener's heart and soul." Now in its 32nd season, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra is an all professional orchestra that has won the Detroit Motor City Music Award for "Most Outstanding Community Orchestra" 12 times.

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Art, Lamborghinis highlight events

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Two different glitzy events will raise money for two different charities on Saturday, April 28, in Troy and Farmington Hills.

Casual chic is the dress code for both galas.

Variety, The Children's Charity, hosts Martinis & Lamborghinis from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. at the Somerset Collection South, 2800 W. Big Beaver in Troy. The cocktail party features Lamborghinis on display, a silent auction, a strolling dinner by The Matt Prentice Restaurant group, music by The Blackman & Arnold Jazz Quartet and Rotunda, DJs, dancing, a fashion show and martinis.

"This promises to be a fabulous evening and definitely one that residents in this area will want to attend," said event co-chair Bruce Midgal. "We also are pleased to have an opportunity to introduce these partygoers to Variety in such a fun setting."

Variety provides vital medical and therapeutic services, recreational facilities and educational opportunities to children with

Charities

special needs in southeast Michigan.

Tickets for that event are \$100 per person.

Purchase at www.neptix.com or call (248) 258-5511.

Also that night is Arts 007, the Starry Night Gala Casino Royale, from 6-11 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, where Dublin Hall will be transformed with glittering lights, palm trees, and James Bond-like elegance.

There you can bid on an autographed photo of Pierce Brosnan and Sean Connery.

Guests will get an evening of

casino-style gambling for prizes, dinner by Gourmet Express, plus hors d'oeuvres and dessert, a silent auction, dancing to music from the duo Rock and Soul and a cash bar with martinis — shaken, not stirred.

Gambling winnings allow participants to bid on specially selected auction items.

The silent auction includes artwork, dinners, gift certificates and gold.

There's also more than 200 framed and unframed paintings on sale by the Farmington Artists Club.

That gala is presented as part of the Festival of the Arts, through a partnership between the city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department and the Farmington Community Arts Council. Proceeds support the arts in the area.

Tickets for the gala are \$45 per person, \$85 per couple or \$350 for a reserved table for eight.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Costick Center or by calling (248) 473-1857.



The Arts 007, Starry Night Gala Casino Royale in Farmington Hills features paintings by the Farmington Artists Club.



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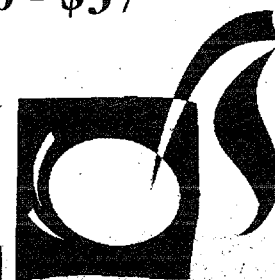
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See Dan Keller's oil on canvas titled "Buried in the Sand," on display at The Private Bank during the Rochester Gallery Stroll on April 27.

Set to stroll

Rochester shows its creative side

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Rochester will host a Spring Gallery Stroll from 6-9 p.m. April 27, drawing visitors from across Oakland County to its quaint streets and shops.

"It gets people out for a nice evening," said Mary Fortuna, Paint Creek Center of the Arts exhibition director. "We have a lot of repeat visitors, and new visitors every time. It's a pretty big hit."

Eight locations are participating this year. Each will highlight its own exhibitions, and showcase work from about 10 artists coordinated through the Rochester Older Persons Commission.

Artist Jean Geil, of Rochester, is still deciding which pieces she'll show at Eugenia's Salon and



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The Spring Gallery Stroll runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 27, in downtown Rochester.

The following spots will participate in this year's event, so add them to your walking tour:

- Designhaus, 111 W. Second St.
- Eugenia's Hair Salon and Gallery, 212 S. Third St.
- Hermitage Gallery, 235 Main St.
- Haig's of Rochester, 311 Main
- The Silk Worm, 400 Main
- The Private Bank, 440 Main
- Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St.
- Catching Fireflies, 203 E. University Drive

Gallery. She's one of the artists the OPC will spotlight this year.

"It's a good thing for Rochester

and for the seniors," she said.

Geil teaches art in the area and has been working steadily on her own paintings for the past five years.

"My husband Al is all for my keeping busy with artwork," she said.

Cindy Wolanchuk of the Hermitage Gallery said the stroll will coincide with a Fine Arts Spring Sale on selected paintings. The gallery has recently added to its 19th Century Collection and will show new works by artist Robert Finale.

For the past 12 years Hermitage Gallery has been involved with the event, Wolanchuk said. And she does notice an "increase in traffic" each year.

Artist and teacher Dan Keller will display his paintings at The Private

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Artist and Rochester resident Jean Geil prefers to work in pastels. This may be one of the pieces she chooses to exhibit at Eugenia's during the Spring Gallery Stroll.

'Sisters of Swing' pays homage to veterans, Andrews Sisters

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

A group of World War II veterans will be the guests of honor at an upcoming Meadow Brook Theatre show that celebrates music from their generation.

Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters runs every Wednesday through Sunday, through May 20. Opening night is 8 p.m. Friday, April 27.

The Boogie Woogie musical tells the story of the singing trio The Andrews Sisters and features elegant harmonies and more than 20 toe-tapping favorites such as *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* and *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*.

The music helped brighten the spirits of many who fought during World War II.

"It's been very difficult to put this year's reunion together," said Donald Carson, a member of the 314th Field Artillery. "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away. We've been meeting since the war ended and each year more and more of us pass away so it becomes harder to get (us) back together."

"I've only seen The Andrews Sisters in movies and listened to them on the radio, but we knew this show would be perfect because it takes us back to those years when we were fighting."

With nearly 100 million records sold and 113 charted *Billboard* hits, The Andrews Sisters are one of the most popular female vocal groups in the history of popular music.

The Andrews Sisters consisted of sisters LaVerne Sophie Andrews, Maxene Angelyn Andrews and Patricia Marie Andrews from Minnesota. They were known for their optimism and tight harmonies. Their popularity surged in the 1930s and 1940s.

The cast for the show includes actor/singers Stacy White, Jennifer Joan Joy, Janine Novenske Smith, Richard Marlatt and John Dale Smith. The musical arranger is Raymond Berg.

Tickets range from \$22-\$38 and can be purchased by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300. For more information, visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.mbttheatre.com.

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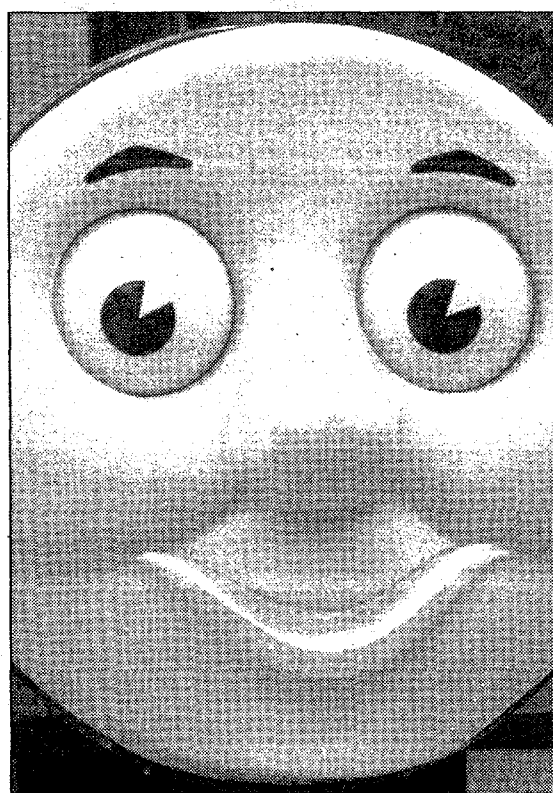
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Thomas the Tank Engine runs Thursday through Sunday at Greenfield Village.



Children can see, ride Thomas the Tank Engine



Thomas the Tank Engine rolled into Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford in Dearborn last weekend and kids have until this weekend to visit and even ride their favorite happy train.

The Day Out With Thomas 2007: All Aboard Tour runs Thursday, April 26, through Sunday, April 29.

For more than six decades, children have adored the tales of Thomas the Tank Engine in books and on television. Pulling out of the station for its 12th consecutive year of ride on the rails, the tour is visiting 45 cities in the U.S. and Canada.

It's a replica of the animated Thomas, except this replica is a 15-ton train that kids can ride.

More than 1 million people are

expected to visit Thomas in America this year.

The day includes: Thomas-themed activities such as the Imagination

Station with stamps, temporary tattoos and hands-on arts and crafts. There's also a 25-minute ride on Thomas; an opportunity to meet and take a photo with character Sir Topham Hatt (the controller of the railway), plus storytelling, video viewing and live music.

Thomas the Tank Engine was created by a father for his son in 1946. The writer, the Rev. W.V. Awdry created a series of books called *Railway* that were later made into the British television series *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends*. The American version is called *Shining Time Station*.

The story of Thomas is that he's a

blue train who lives in a huge train station on Sodor Island. He loves the world, demands respect and longs for important railway jobs.

At Greenfield Village this weekend, rides will depart every 30 minutes, rain or shine, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.75 for kids ages 2 and up and \$24.75 for ages 5-12 which includes admission into Greenfield Village.

To reserve tickets in advance, call (866) 468-7630 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

For more information and directions, contact Greenfield Village at (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org. For general information, visit www.thomasandfriends.com. Greenfield Village is located in the Henry Ford complex at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn.

Lana Mini

Cover story

Enjoy Detroit Historical Society tours in Detroit

Join the Detroit Historical Society as the Behind the Scenes Saturdays spring series continues with guided tours of some of metro Detroit's best historic sites.

Tour the Detroit Yacht Club at 11 a.m. April 28. George Mason designed the 1920s Mediterranean-style villa that is home to the largest yacht club in the

United States. Tour includes light lunch.

Try Eastern Market at 11 a.m. May 5. Since 1891, farmers from Michigan and Ohio have been bringing fresh produce and livestock to this 43-acre festival of family and food.

Hit the Detroit Athletic Club at 11 a.m. May 12. Additional parking fee of \$8 applies (pay on site). Tour includes light

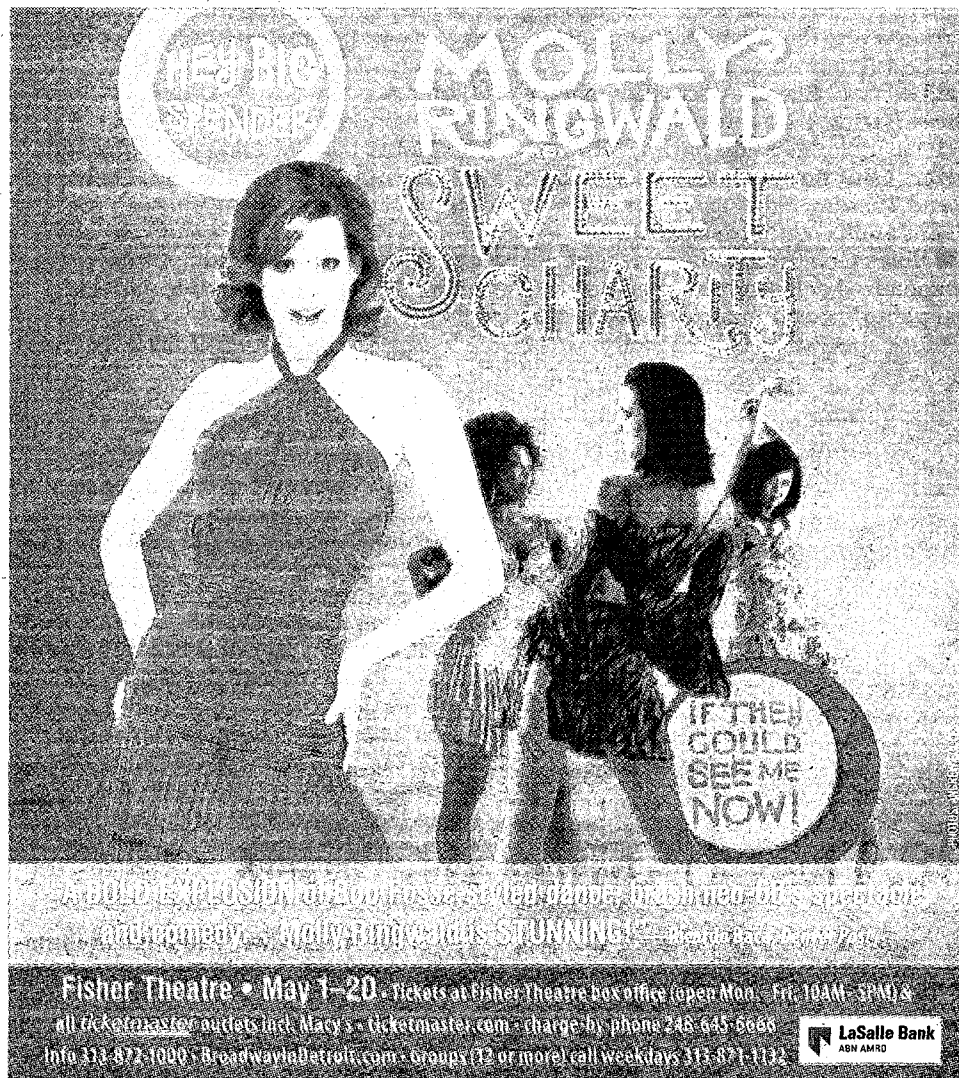
lunch. You can tour Corktown at 11 a.m. May 19.

The cost for each event is \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests. Reservations are limited and advance registration is highly recommended. Payment must accompany your reservation. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a VISA, Mastercard or

Discover Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Saturdays or other 2007 events, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/things-to-do.

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Detroit launches River Days this summer

Detroiters can celebrate the city's revitalized riverfront with a new festival this summer.

Detroit International River Days, presented by GM, is a six-day party from Friday through Wednesday, June 22-27. It ends with the grand finale of the Target Fireworks.

Festivities include a parade of lights in the river, a carnival, live music including a performance by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, food, and more activities. The event is free and organizers want to make it an annual festival.

General Motors will have a variety of interactive activities including Chevrolet's Racing Tour; the Buick golf trailer; an on-court youth seminar conducted by Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski; and a quarterback challenge.

"The city of Detroit takes pride in long-standing summertime family traditions," said Detroit Mayor Kwame M.

Kilpatrick. "With events like Detroit International River Days and the Target Fireworks, the communities in southeastern Michigan and our friends in Windsor can share our beautiful riverfront with the world."

Spanning from the new Rivard Plaza & Pavilion to the GM Plaza & Promenade along the river, guests can see the expanded River Walk that officially opens this spring and joins the already completed riverfront parcels such as the GM Plaza and Promenade, and the Tricentennial State Park Harbor.

The event is organized by the Detroit River Front Conservancy, The Parade Company and GM.

River Days will have an international flavor as the Target Fireworks has always been an international celebration with the fireworks display spanning two countries and the Windsor Summer Fest - the

International Tug Boat Races runs concurrently with River Days.

A glimpse of the events:

■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will kick off the entertainment at 5 p.m. Friday, June 22, with a concert under the stars on the National Music Stage, located on Atwater Street west of the River East Parking Structure. A variety of headlining acts will perform on the stage each night.

■ Sprint Music Stage - Metro Detroit's hottest bands will fill the Sprint Music Stage, located on the GM Promenade in front of GM Renaissance Center Cooling Station, every day. The musical lineup will be announced at a later date.

■ GM Cool Events - Activities like the Chevy Racing Tour celebrating NASCAR and American Le Mans Series. NASCAR drivers Clint Bowyer and JJ Yeley will attend Tuesday, June 26, to sign autographs and take photos with fans.

■ Buick Golf Trailer - Fans receive a personalized golf swing analysis and "virtual photo" taken of them with an image of Buick spokesman Tiger Woods

(Woods is not scheduled to appear).

■ Coach Krzyzewski On-Court Youth Seminar - Pontiac, the "Official Performance Machines of the NCAA," will conduct an on-court youth seminar with Krzyzewski on Tuesday, June 26.

■ Quarterback Challenge - Visitors can see if their football skills are "professional grade" with GMC's interactive display, the NFL Quarterback Challenge.

■ Parade of Lights - Boaters from across the state are invited Saturday, June 23, to exhibit their decorated sailboats and powerboats for prizes. The parade begins at 10 p.m. The application is at www.detroitriverdays.com or call the Detroit Yacht Club at (313) 824-1200.

■ Diamond Jack's River Tours - Docked at the GM Plaza on Friday, June 22, through Tuesday, June 26, Diamond Jack will offer one-hour tours on the Detroit River with \$10 tickets for adults, and \$5 tickets for children. Children under 5 years of age are free with an

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SHANNON

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network ultimately dropped the show, airing only two episodes.

The story later inspired *Year of the Dog*, White's directorial debut. In it, he paints a world only an avid pet-lover would truly understand. It's a place defined by frolicking in a dog park, awakening to the sound of an eager bark, and being greeted at the door by four fuzzy paws.

When Peggy Spade loses her beloved pup Pencil, she seeks out a way to fill the void.

Known for her comedic presence, Shannon took a dramatic turn playing someone she calls simply "a real person."

"(White) took this sweet secretary, someone who's overlooked in life, and brought her front and center," said Shannon.

Peggy's role in life is clear. She's the office cheerleader, a doting aunt, the best listener a friend could have, and a loner all at the same time. But soon the film shows her spinning out of control. She takes unexpected steps after Pencil dies, becoming a vegan animal rights activist.

Shannon said she appreciated Peggy's complexity. But Peggy is just one of a host of complex, obsessive characters. She's complemented by best friend Layla, (Regina King) who wants nothing more than to be married; sister-in-law Bret (Laura Dern), an overprotective mother;



Molly Shannon and director Mike White team up in the new film "Year of the Dog."

neighbor Al (John C. Reilly) a sensitive hunter; and boss Robin (Josh Pais), who relies on Peggy to be his sounding board.

"I know a lot of those characters," said Shannon. She's been told by friends who've seen the trailer that Peggy is relatable. "They say 'That's me!' I think they relate to the struggle."

Year of the Dog is as much a movie about finding oneself and finding fulfillment, as it is a dark and absurd comedy. Each of its characters takes life to the extreme in one way or another.

In her own career, Shannon also

worked hard to get to achieve success.

She recalled what it was like to check her meager bank balances, and served as her own avid promoter.

Early on, Shannon would collect names and phone numbers on scraps of paper, from anyone she met, then invite them to see her perform. She sometimes paid the price of admission to ensure people would come. She paid for the band. She believed in herself and ultimately made it happen.

Shannon co-wrote *The Rob and Molly Show* with Rob Muir in Los Angeles, and

finally caught the eye of a *Saturday Night Live* producer. When asked to join the famous cast, Shannon said the first thing she did was toss that giant box of phone numbers.

"Everything does happen for a reason," she said. Having created so many characters on her own prepared her well for the weekly sketch comedy show.

Where some people considered SNL a career "stepping stone," Shannon said, she "could stop right here."

But she didn't. With a slew of movies to her credit, the successful, married mother of two manages time for both work and a family life.

Shannon will return to that familiar stage May 12 to host *Saturday Night Live*.

She is the second female cast member to do so, following in the footsteps of Julia Louis-Dreyfus. Though she wasn't sure just yet if any beloved characters - like Mary Katherine Gallagher - will make a return, Shannon said she's "really excited" and a little bit "nervous" to host the show.

"I feel proud to go back," she said. "My life has changed so much."

In addition to *Year of the Dog*, look for Shannon in upcoming movies like *Sing Now or Forever Hold Your Peace* and *Evan Almighty*. She recently shot a pilot for a show called *The Masterons of Manhattan*. Shannon will also lend her voice to the animated comedy *Igor*, due out next year.

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Summer concerts filling up datebook

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The summer season is beginning to take shape at DTE Energy Music Theatre and so far theme of the season seems similar to previous years — which probably means high ticket sales.

DTE's lineup consistently pleases Michiganders as it attracts more visitors per season than any other venue of its size in the nation. Classic rock and pop rock festivals seem the most popular.

Eddie Money will open the season, on Friday, May 25, as he always does.

Interesting lineup combinations include Stevie Nicks with Chris Isaak and also a comedy tour called Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus featuring comics like Bob Saget, Carlos Mencia, Frank Caliendo, Louis C.K., Otto & George, Rich Vos, Robert Kelly, Stephen Lynch and Jim Norton.

B.B. King is playing again, this time with Al Greene. Chicago is coming with America (remember the song *A Horse with No Name*?). One of the hottest shows is pop rockers *Fall Out Boy* coming Sunday, May 27. They will play with +44, The Academy Is, Paul Wall and Cobra Starship.

Ticket prices are as diverse as the lineup. Seats for *Fall Out Boy*, which attracts a seemingly younger crowd, are \$38 for pavilion. Price of tickets for progressive rockers *Rush*, attracting an older crowd, are \$100 for pavilion. *Def Leppard* pavilion tickets are

\$75.

The official summer lineup for both DTE and Meadow Brook Music Festival won't be announced until later this spring. But here's a glimpse of who has been scheduled at DTE as of press time:

Eddie Money, Friday, May 25, tickets at \$27.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn on sale now

Fall Out Boy, Sunday, May 27, tickets at \$38 pavilion and \$26.50 lawn on sale now

Montgomery Gentry w/Flynnville Train, Saturday, June 2, tickets at \$35.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn on sale now

Stevie Nicks/Chris Isaak, Saturday, June 9, tickets at \$125 and \$65 pavilion and \$28 on sale now

Barenaked Ladies, Friday, June 15, tickets at \$59.50 pavilion and \$27.50 lawn on sale now

The Fray with OK Go and Mae, Saturday, June 16, tickets are \$39.50 pavilion and \$28

lawn on sale now

Ted Nugent, Friday, June 22, tickets at \$39.50 pavilion and \$15 lawn on sale now

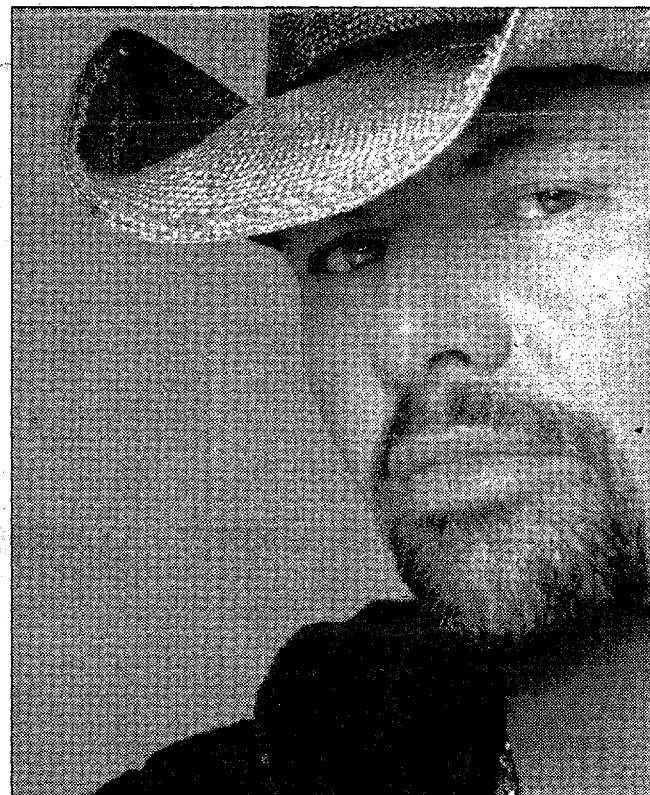
Chicago/America, Friday, June 29, tickets at \$59.50 pavilion and \$28 lawn on sale now

Toby Keith, Thursday, July 5 and Friday, July 6 tickets at \$72.50 pavilion and \$37.27 lawn on sale now

Moody Blues, Friday, July 20, tickets at \$49.50 pavilion and \$25 lawn on sale now

Def Leppard, Tuesday, July 24, tickets at \$75, \$55 pavilion and \$28 lawn on sale now

2007 B.B. King Blues Festival with Al Green and



Country singer Toby Keith performs two shows in July.

Etta James and her Roots Band, Sunday, July 29, tickets at \$79.50 pavilion and \$25 lawn on sale now

Dave Matthews Band, Thursday, Aug. 23, tickets at \$65 pavilion and \$40 lawn on sale now

Rush, Tuesday, Aug. 28, tickets at \$100, \$69.50 pavilion and \$35 lawn on sale now

DTE Energy Music Theatre gets new look



B.B. King brings his blues to DTE.

A barbecue pit area and a new bar called On The Rocks are part of the \$6 million renovation at DTE Energy Music Theatre this year.

It's the largest renovation of the theater in 16 years.

The most dramatic change is the refurbished concession, near the east entrance and at the base of the hill. The structure will be rebuilt and a barbecue pit — where barbecued food will be cooked and sold — and bar will be added.

Other changes include renovations of all restrooms, replacement of the pavilion roof, improved directional signage, upgraded lighting, new landscaping and water features, and a rebuilt and relocated merchandise stand area.

Other additions in recent years include the bar at the top of the hill with its outdoor lounging area.

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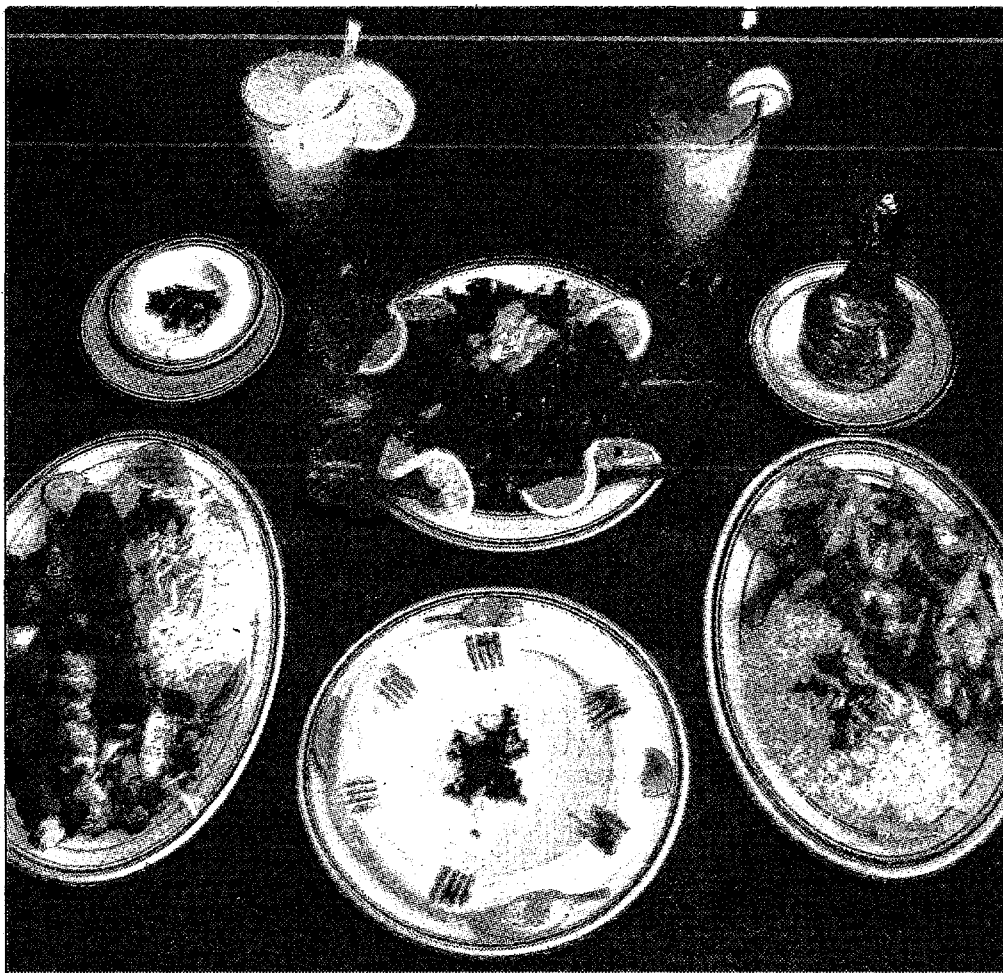
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Grape Leaves serves a steady stream of Mediterranean dishes and healthy drinks, including beef Shish Kabob (from left, then clockwise), Garlic Spread, Orange Juice, Tabbouli Salad, Mango Smoothie, Chicken Ghallaba and Hommous.

Grape Leaves

Small size creates big impression

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

When Lebanese hummus is creamy, you know whatever follows will be equally excellent.

When patrons are still eating or coming in on a Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for a late lunch and the take-out tickets number six to eight at that time, you know that the food is not only good but reasonably priced.

And so it is at the 60-seat Grape Leaves in Troy, open for a little more than three years.

"I looked in this area from early 2000," said proprietor/chef, 37-year-old Mike Chalhoub. "I'm blessed with appreciative clientele who are very complimentary."

STARTING IN LEBANON

Chalhoub has been working in the restaurant business for 22 years,

starting in his native Lebanon — at first as an employee then a culinary school-trained chef by age 19. He owned his first restaurant on the Ivory Coast at 20 and came to the United States at 24 in 1994.

This guy can cook!

"Lebanese food is tasty and healthy," Chalhoub says.

"There's a lot of art that goes into each dish. Every plate reminds me of old villages in Lebanon. I want people to try my back home, country food so my mom can be proud of me."

That's cooking from the heart!

WHAT TO TRY

For starters, it's hummus (chick peas with sesame seed sauce blended to creamy perfection) and some pita bread. Veggie or Lamb Grape Leaves are tradi-

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tional and Tomato Kibbee with freshly chopped tomatoes mixed with cracked wheat, onion, lemon and olive oil exemplifies what Chalhoub calls healthy.

Traditional Fattoush Salad, mixed with toasted pita bread, or Tabbouli Salad are taste treats. If you like Caesar Salad, then the Caesar Tawook with chicken breast and Chalhoub's special dressing is a must.

Among charbroiled main dishes, served with rice or fries and soup or salad, Shish Kabob is a perennial favorite, but don't overlook Shish Kafta (ground lamb with parsley and onion) or the succulent Lamb Chops (a bargain at \$16 for the meal).

Lamb, Chicken, Beef or Shrimp Ghallaba give you your daily complement of vegetables as garnish. And then there's Chicken Livers. OK, some of you are turned off, but if you like them, they don't get better than these — sautéed with onion, seasoning, kicked up with jalapeno pepper and freshened in the end with a hint of lemon. A seafood must is Shrimp Cilantro, sautéed with mushrooms, a hint of garlic, fragrant cilantro and a splash of lemon. A host of vegetarian and non-vegetarian sandwiches please at lunch or a late dinner.

EXTRAS

Raw Juices (try the fresh lemonade)

GRAPE LEAVES

Where: 2850 W. Maple Road (in Somerset Plaza), Troy, (248) 816-2000.

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Food style: Familiar Middle Eastern with emphasis on Lebanese dishes.

Cost: Check average at lunch \$6.50 and dinner \$11-\$15. Kids' menu has four items ranging from \$2.50-\$6.

Reservations: For groups of six or more. Smoke free.

and Smoothies headline the beverage list. For a healthy drink, it's Potassium Broth, a blend of carrot, spinach, beet, celery and parsley juices.

Desserts include cream caramel, baklava and rice pudding — all made on premise.

Grape Leaves has been so successful in Troy that Chalhoub will open a second location in Southfield at 12 Mile Road, and Northwestern Highway in June 2007.

The spot is slightly larger at 75 seats (there are 60 in Troy) but the menu will be the same.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Fleming's hosts special wine dinner

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty in Livonia, has teamed up with the PGA Tour to host a special wine dinner on Friday, April 27, showcasing the official wines of the tour as well as those of famous golfers-turned-vintners Greg Norman, Ernie Els and Arnold Palmer.

Designed to provide guests with an inside glimpse of what is offered on the PGA Tour around the world, the dinner will feature world-class wines paired with the culinary creations of corporate executive chef Russell Skall.

This night will offer an five-course menu paired with wines for \$85 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). With some of golf's greatest moments showcased on video as a backdrop, diners can compete at games of Golo, a golf dice game, to win various premium prizes including PGA Tour wines.

Reservations are recommended. To purchase tickets for this exclusive wine dinner, please call (734) 542-9463.

Buying a cup of coffee will help your local parent-teacher-student associations. **7-Eleven** and the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association announced a new partnership to raise money for

PTA and PTSA programs in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Livingston counties. 7-Eleven® stores will donate 7.11 cents to the MPTSA general fund for every 24-ounce cup of coffee sold through the rest of April and the month of May.

Additionally, 7-Eleven has declared a "Parent/Teacher Appreciation Day" each Wednesday during the same time period. Teachers who present their union card or school ID and parents who present their PTA or PTSA card those days will receive a free 16-ounce coffee at participating 7-Eleven locations in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Livingston counties. For more information about the MPTSA, visit www.michiganpta.org. Find out more online about 7-Eleven at www.7-Eleven.com.

Max & Erma's, 250 Merrill in Birmingham, will donate 20 percent of sales on Monday, May 7, to the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. For a special coupon, visit Features at www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheure.

The actual race is Saturday, June 16 at Comerica Park, and consists of three events, a 5K Run, 5K Walk and 1 Mile Walk. Visit www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheure for more information.



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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum

The 2007 Graduate Degree Exhibition runs through May 11 at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Let Him Remain a Landscape Painter, is the title of the Detroit Institute of Arts' annual Dr. Coleman A. Mopper Memorial Lecture, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the museum. Dr. Colin B. Bailey, chief curator of the Frick Collection in New York City, will discuss Renoir's landscape paintings. The talk is free with museum admission. Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Michigan Library and Historical Center

What is Work? youth photo exhibition, young people between 10 and 18 asked to photograph people, places and things that represent work, opening reception 2 p.m. April 28, exhibit runs through May 4, library rotunda, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, (517) 353-9834.

Flint Institute of Arts

After Lewis and Clark, The Forces of Change 1806-1871, paintings, drawings and prints by artists who accompanied explorers, including Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, as they encountered the unexpected and unique subjects of the American West, final day is April 29, admission is free on April 28 courtesy of Target, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit features more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.org.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Imaging Eden: Connecting Landscapes, Lyle Gomes' landscape photographs, through June 3, guided tours off-site 7 p.m. May 3 and 17, and 2 p.m. May 6 and 20, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu.

ART GALLERIES

Artcraft Gallery

Texture Reflections, Alan Casadei, through April 28, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

Cass Cafe

Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin,

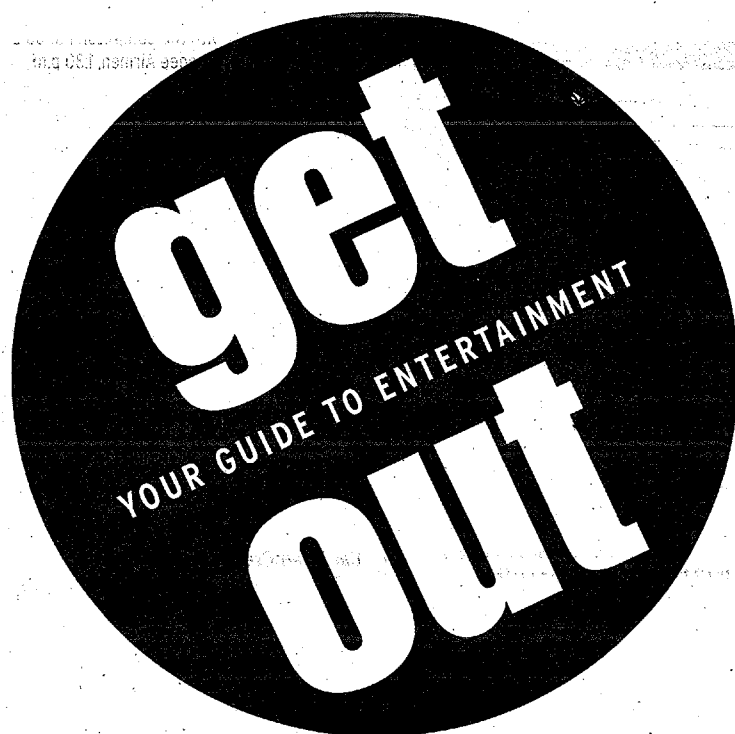


exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

POP Gallery

Livonia artist Topher Crowder's Playing God, runs through May 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Alice Frank's multimedia solo exhibition runs through April 28, at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com, (248) 544-0394.

Lemberg Gallery

Susan Goethe Campbell, Book, Not Book exhibit, through April 28, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; also Rochester K-12 Art Show, through May 12, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Instructor Dan Keller's paintings on display at The PrivateBank, 440 Main, Rochester, reception 6-9 p.m. April 27, in conjunction with Downtown Gallery Stroll, www.pccart.org, (248) 651-4110.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Dee Ann Segula, encaustic paintings (painting molten beeswax and pigment to a surface), exhibit through April 29, Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com

Sherrus Gallery

The Heart of Nigeria, featuring Nigerian twin brothers, Kehinde and Tayewo Oyedeleji of KennyTay, through May 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrus-gallery.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Outpost, photographs by Tim Davis, John Lehr and Michael Vahrenwald, exhibit runs through April 28, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

University Art Gallery

Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs through April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

ART, ETC.

Call for artists

Juried fine arts show, Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats Aug. 31-Sept. 3, entries must be post-

marked by April 30, arts application at www.artbeatseats.com, artists' inquiries at (248) 975-8812.

AUDITIONS

Birmingham Musicales

Betty J. Hixon Saxophone/Clarinet Award, open to high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Big Beaver Road (east of Adams, west of Coolidge), Troy, for information and application, (248) 375-9534.

Birmingham Musicales

Dorothy K. Roosevelt Piano Award, high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22, 10 a.m. May 12, University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams (north of Hamlin), Rochester Hills, for information and application, (248) 375-9534.

BLUEGRASS

Oakland Community College

Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, 7:30 p.m. May 4, \$20, Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 341-2270.

BOOKS

Borders

Kevin Davis, author of *Defending the Damned*, discusses and signs books, 7 p.m. April 26 at 34300 Woodward (north of 14 Mile, Birmingham) (248) 203-0005, book available at Borders, Amazon.com or www.kevinadavis.com.

CHORUS

Farmington Community Chorus

Come to Your Senses, 27th annual spring concert, 8 p.m. May 11-12, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, \$12-\$15, for tickets, call (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Oakland Community College Choral

Chorale joins with the Orchard Ridge Choral Society for "American Originals," an evening of music by American composers, with soloist Corie Beth Root and pianist Dr. Thomas Strode, director of music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, admission and parking

are free, a freewill offering will be accepted, (734) 717-5183, e-mail voicesraised@gmail.com.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

With a Not-So-Stiff Upper Lip pops concert, finale for 32nd season, May 6, student musicians perform in lobby at 6:15 p.m., Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, \$25, students and children under 18, free; (248) 645-2276, www.bbso.org.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Opus 9 concert series concludes with viola da gamba expert Jordi Savall, 8 p.m. May 12, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser on campus of Detroit Country Day), Beverly Hills, \$41-\$75, Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070.

The Madrigal Choral of Southfield

Durufle's Requiem with guest conductor Eugene Rogers, 3:15 p.m. May 6, First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, \$15, (734) 485-3451.

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra

Bach's B minor Mass, Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort in downtown Detroit (corner of Fort and Third), \$15 for general admission, group rates and patron seating also are available, (313) 961-4533, www.fortstreet.org.

Pro Mozart Society of Greater Detroit

Pianist Pauline Martin and cellist Joanna Chang with violinist Hai Zin Wu, violist James Van Valkenburg and bassist Craig Rifel, perform selections by Mozart, Schubert, Handel/Halverson and Fauré, 8 p.m. May 1, \$25 (\$5 students), Hammell Music, 2700 E. Maple (at M-5), Commerce, (248) 788-2479 or (248) 683-9626 for information.

CLUBS

Bert's Warehouse Theatre

Sultry saxman Marion Meadows, 8 p.m. May 11, \$30, 2739 Russell, Detroit, tickets at ticketmaster.com or bertsentertainment.com.

The Buzz Bar

Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, John Arnold's Brokefunk, April 26; Gyro feat S.U.N. and Exiled, April 27; Ab and the Souljourners and Neco Redd with D.J.s Dez, Patrice Scott and Josh Dunn, April 28; SunDayBeats One Year Anniversary Party, April 29; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis (Live Electronica), April 29; 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com.

Club Bart

Carl Cafagna Jazz Jam Session, Acoustic Kool-Aid, April 29, at 22726 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 548-8746.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge

Friday night dance party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and D.J.s; 10 p.m. Saturday, DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, (248) 541-7674.

Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit, (313) 961-2543.

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Peabody's

Vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Vince Shandor, bassist Dennis Horvath, Saturday, April 28, 34965 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-5222.

pi Restaurant

Michael Gabriel, April 27-28; Sheila Landis, May 4-5; Jessie Palter, May 11-12; Ed Stone, May

18-19; Shahida Nurullah, May 25-26, 28875 Franklin Road (southwest corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway), Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piosouthfield.com.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Norm Stulz, April 26-28; Kevin McPeck, May 3-5; Karen Rontowski, May 10-12; Jim McCue, May 17-19; Elliot Branch, May 24-26; Dustin Diamond, May 31, June 1-2; all at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

Chili Challis with Mike Lundy, April 27-28; LA Hardy with Scooter Loftis, May 4-5; Jeff Havens with Dave Bell May 11-12; Norm Stulz with Phenecia Banks, May 18-19; Bill Bushart with Keith Lenart, May 25-26, all shows 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Rob Sherwood, April 27-28; Bill Bushart and Laura Lou and Friends Cinco De Mayo Comedy Party, May 4-5; Patrick Deguire and Koray Hall, May 11-12; Connie Ettinger and Kate Brindle, May 18-19; Jeff Havens and Duane Gill, May 25-26, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, call (734) 624-5561, www.portofinoootheriver.com.

FAMILY

Ann Arbor Classic Bicycle Show and Swap Meet

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor, \$3, kids under 10 free. Visit www.ann-arbor-bicycleshow.com or call (248) 642-6639.

Baby & Family Expo 2007

Live entertainment, educational demonstrations, children's castle wonderland with face painting, baby crawling contest, free gift for first 100 people, May 5-6, Universal Mall, 28582 Dequindre, Warren, free, (586) 393-6634.

Detroit Zoo

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, pet adoption, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6.

Maybury Farm

Sheep Shearing, 1-4 p.m. April 28 -29; antique tractors, noon, May 5-6; Trot for Animals, fund-raiser for animal feed, 9 a.m. May 12, \$15, (248) 374-0200 for registration form.

Shepherd Maple Festival

49th annual maple syrup festival with pancake and sausage meals, arts and crafts, rides, classic cars and music in town located between Alma and Mt. Pleasant off of State Route 127, April 26-28, www.shepherdmaplesyrupfestival.org.

Westland Figure Skating Club

2007 Westland Figure Skating Ice Show, 7 p.m. May 4, 1 p.m. May 5-6, \$6-\$8, Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6120 Wildwood (one block north of Ford Road), Westland, www.WestlandFSC.com, (734) 729-4560

FILM

Oakland Community College

Screening of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* 1:30 p.m. April 28, followed by discussion with OCC faculty members Debra Rowe and William Schanerberger, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills, (248) 522-3595.

Hidden Secrets

7 p.m. April 30, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake, \$9 at www.FathomEvents.com, or box offices.

Dirty Dancing

20th anniversary showing, 7:30 p.m. May 1-2, \$10, tickets at www.FathomEvents.com and box offices at Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, Livonia, and Commerce Township

Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake.

FUND-RAISERS

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Preview Gala of Prelude to Summer: Tablescapes at the Alger House, April 26 with auction packages with DSO musicians and dining at restaurants, hosted by DSO Volunteer Council; breakfast and talk on design with Dan Clancy, 9 a.m. April 27; also open house tablescapes tours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 and 28; tickets are \$175-\$325 for the auction and preview gala; \$60 Friday breakfast, lecture and tour, and \$20-\$25 for open house tours; Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, tickets available at DSO box office, call (313) 576-5154 for information or reservations.

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Dinner honoring Carla Lamphere, president and executive director, with entertainment (songwriter and guitarist Michael King) and fund-raising auction, April 27, reception 6 p.m. April 27, Radisson Kingsley Inn Hotel, Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, tickets \$85-\$125, (248) 645-2276, www.bbsso.org.

Music for Maize

A Battle of the Bands benefit 6 p.m. April 28, Churchill Community Center, 707 Girard, Royal Oak, \$10-\$12, call (248) 672-9292. All proceeds go to start a teaching cooperative for a Corn Plantation in Kan, Cameroon Africa.

MS Walk Sit Drink Talk

Food, drink, talk, silent auction, raffle, entertainment, 6 p.m. to midnight, April 28, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 W. 12 Mile, Berkley, sit-drinktalk.com, (248) 895-7989.

Pontiac Oakland Symphony

All That Glitters, gala fund-raiser with silent auction, dinner, music and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, \$75, (248) 975-6474.

Benefit for Life II

Right to Life of Michigan will host a Charity Reception 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The event will benefit the RLM Educational Fund. Hear guest speaker Gianna Jessen's story Aborted ... and Lived to Tell About It. Tickets, \$125 by reservations only. Call (248) 371-0466 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bravo Bravo

Music and food from Detroit's premiere restaurants, to benefit the Opera House renovation, 7 p.m. May 4, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 961-3500.

Sing for the Cure

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra present a Spring Concert, Sing for the Cure, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, \$25-\$30, at (866) 924-4276 or www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org.

MAMAPHOBIA

Show written and performed by Chicago comedienne Peggy Ward, Larry Arbour kicks off event at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, The Coffee Beanery Café, 28557 Woodward Ave., Berkley, proceeds benefit ASHLEY's Friends, an organization that provides support and counseling for children in grief, tickets \$25, (248) 219-9604, www.ashleysfriends.org.

Comedy Night 2007

Fund-raiser for Forgotten Harvest with comedian John Pinette, 7 p.m. silent auction/cash bar, 8 p.m. show, afterglow dessert reception at 10 p.m. May 5, Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$75, \$150 includes afterglow, (248) 350-3663, general seating, \$25-\$40, (313) 887-8501, www.ticketmaster.com.

PENNdemonium 2007

Items needed for second fund-raising gala at second annual fund-raising gala to benefit historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth,



Comedian Henry Cho is sure to bring the laughter April 26-28 to Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, in Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedycastle.com for details and tickets.

6 p.m. May 11 at Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth, to donate contact Julie Johnston at (734) 354-6069 or e-mail auction@friendsofthepenn.org, for information on PENNdemonium, www.PennTheatre.com.

MommyHood

Stage play brings to life emotions of mothers through monologues, noon to 5 p.m. May 13, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www.macombcenter.com.

A Salute to Gerhardt Knodel

A benefit for the Gerhardt Knodel Scholarship Fund begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, reserve tickets at (248) 645-3032. Includes a preview of *Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook, 1970-2007*.

JAZZ

Jazzy Java Cafe

Ralph Koziarski, 7:30 p.m. April 28, at 5071 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 526-1484.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

George Duke and Roy Ayers, April 27, all at 350 Madison, 6th Floor, in Detroit, \$39.50-\$62, at ticketmaster.com or call (313) 887-8501.

pi Restaurant

Michael Gabriel, April 27-28; Sheila Landis, May 4-5; Jessie Palter, May 11-12; Ed Stone, May 18-19, all at 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, call (248) 208-7500 or visit www.piosouthfield.com.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, James Dapogny on May 5, Paul Klinger on May 19, Kerry Price on June 2, all at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (north-west corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MORE MUSIC

The Ark

Patty Griffin, 7:30 p.m. April 26; Luke Sayers & Mark Iannace CD release concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Pianist Mike Garson, a musician whose work stretches from rock and jazz to classical and performed with David Bowie, 6:30 and 8 p.m. April 27, performance is free with museum admission, which is a suggested donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Solisti della Scala

Accomplished clarinetist Maestro Fabrizio Meloni and pianist Maestro Nazzareno Carusi will perform 6:30 p.m. May 2, at the

Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State Campus in Detroit, free.

Trinity House Theatre

Floyd King and the Bushwackers, 8 p.m. June 8, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia, \$12, \$9 for members, call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Detroit Institute of Arts

See Ansel Adams exhibit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through May 27, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; *STUFF: International Contemporary Art from the Collection of Burt Aaron* features works by more than 75 artists and runs from May 11 to July 29, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre

Turandot, through April 29, \$28-\$120, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-7464, www.MichiganOpera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Jackson Storyfest

May 4-5, free public performances, 7:30 p.m. Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., family matinee 2 p.m. May 5, Jackson Symphony Orchestra Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., downtown Jackson, free, donations appreciated, visit www.jacksonstoryfest.org.

Oakland Community College

Poets conducting workshops for National Poetry Month (April), workshops 5 p.m. Room 216 in K Building, readings 7-9 p.m. Room 180 in J Building, April 26, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills, (248) 731-6123.

Macomb Cultural Center

Children can participate in rationing activity and start mini-victory garden, \$5 hands-on activity for ages 9 and up, 1 p.m. April 28, pre-registration at (586) 445-7348 for all events; also discussion of internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, 1 p.m. April 26; Hall and Garfield roads, Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Clinton Township.

Macomb Cultural Center

Philip Handleman, pilot and aviation historian who initiated the effort to award the

Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal and three Tuskegee Airmen, 1:30 p.m. April 29; witness the flyover of an authentic World War II B-17 from the Yankee Air Museum, 2:30 p.m. April 29; Macomb Cultural Center, Hall and Garfield roads, Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Clinton Township. Admission is free although pre-registration at (586) 445-7348 is required. Visit www.macombculturalcenter.com for more information.

Motor City Blow-Off

Celebrate Michigan Glass Month with daylong glass blowing demonstrations, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 28, \$10, The Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn.

The Secret

The Secret is Out! Learn How to Apply the Law of Attraction, a three-hour seminar by Nancy M. Wegierski, 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Cost is \$99, visit www.become-more.net.

Car Swap Craft Show-O-Rama

Car clubs, swappers, crafters, games, raffles, door prizes, food, cars will be judged, deadline for show is April 27, show is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, car and swap inquiries, call (248) 777-0242.

Plymouth Stamp Show

West Suburban Stamp Club presents its 38th annual show, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are free.

Preservation Wayne Walking Tours

Walking tours of Downtown Detroit are hosted 10 a.m. Saturday, May through September, various starting locations, \$10, call (313) 577-3559 or visit www.preservationwayne.org.

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van

Hoosen Farm

Archaeology training class (learn digging techniques, record keeping, research, ethics, and the history of the site) for those adults interested in digging at the Museum's archaeology site, class is 1-2:30 p.m. May 5 at the Dairy Barn Conference Room, \$10 for class with an archaeology training manual, must be at least 16 years old to dig on the Museum site; advance registration is required, (248) 656-4663. The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road).

WSRO, ON THE AIR V

A simulated studio radio show, May 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, \$10-\$12, SRO Productions, 26060 Berg Road in Southfield's Historic Burgh, (248) 796-4645 for reservations, visit www.srotheater.org.

THEATER — COLLEGE

Henry Ford Community College

Theatre for Young Audiences presents *The Jungle Book*, through April 29, performances 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, performance targeted for K-7 grades with audience participation, song and dance, \$7 adults, \$5 for children high school age or below, \$4 a seat for groups of 10 or more, (313) 845-9817, Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Avon Players

Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up? runs April 27-29, May 4-6; 11-12 and 18-19, tickets \$14 to \$16, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, reserve tickets at (248) 608-9077.

Breathe Art Theatre Project

Wonder of the World, by David Lindsay-Abaire, April 27-May 12, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, At The Furniture Factory, 4126 3rd St., Detroit, \$20 (\$12 Sundays and students), (313) 831-1939,

www.BreatheArtTheatreProject.com.

Broadway Onstage

Sherlock's Veiled Secret, through May 19, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

Jig! Thunder of Drums China, 8 p.m. April 28, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Heart of the Hills Players

Lil' Abner, May 17-19, Warren Community Center, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, (248) 650-3871.

Inspire Theatre

Inspire Theatre will perform the comedy, *Divine Stella Devine*, 7:30 p.m. May 10-12, at the Underground Cafe, located in the Dearborn Covenant Church, 18575 Outer Drive, Dearborn, (734) 751-7057.

Lakeland Players

Lakeland Players presents the Mary Chase comedy, *Harvey*, shows are April 27-28, at Central United Methodist Church at 3882 Highland Road in Waterford. All shows start at 8 p.m. except the Sunday matinee at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10, call (248) 334-6977.

Marquis Theatre

Raggedy Ann and Andy, through April 29, \$8, 135 N. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Oakland Theatre Guild

Lion in Winter, through April 29, Starlight Theater, between Claire's and Kohl's stores, Summit Place Mall, Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net.

Players Guild of Dearborn

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, April 27-May 20, 21730 Madison, south-east of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn, call (313) 561-TKTS.

Rosedale Community Players

Over the River and Through the Woods, April 27-May 6, at Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Detroit, (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010 for tickets.

StarBrite Productions

The Foursome, through June 16, cocktails and dinner at Guiliano's Guiliano's Italian Ristorante in Premier Entertainment Center, show is at The New Premier Theater, 33151 23 Mile Road, two miles east of I-94, in Chesterfield Township, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reservations.

Village Players of Birmingham

Wait Until Dark, May 11-13, 18-20, \$15, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

Churchill High School

The Sound of Music, 7:30 p.m. April 26-28, Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$6 students, (734) 744-2650 Ext. 73020 or e-mail bhagwatgay@yahoo.com.

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Meadow Brook Theatre

The Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters by Gilleland and Beverage, 8 p.m. through May 20, tickets \$22-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com. A Luncheon on the Aisle benefit for the theater will feature scenes from this show, April 27, tickets \$30-\$50, call (248) 377-3300, at the theatre, Squirrel and University roads, Rochester.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Nunsensations! The Nonsense Vegas Revue by Dan Goggin, May 31-June 10, \$28-\$38, (248) 377-3300, www.ticketmaster.com, www.mbttheatre.com.

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RIVER DAYS

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adult. Tour schedules will be posted on www.detroitriverdays.com.

■ **Explore Detroit's Vessels** – The Lake Guardian, a research boat run by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, will be docked along Detroit's RiverWalk at Rivard Plaza on Sunday and Monday, June 24-25. The vessel will offer 30-minute tours where children and adults can learn about the different aspects of the boat's journey, and participate in discussions and hands-on activities with crew members. The Detroit Fire Department will dock its Detroit Fire Boat from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, June 22-24.

■ **Ultimate Air Dogs** – One of the premier dock jumping organizations in the country will be there Friday through Monday, June 22-25. Long-distance jumping is the featured event.

■ **Pooch-A-Palooza Pet Walk** – Dog owners can explore the new Detroit RiverWalk with their "best friends." The walk begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 24, at the GM Promenade and continues to Rivard Plaza where there will be refreshments and a special gift for each entry (dogs included) before the walk back. Participants can walk with or without a dog, but all

pets must be on a leash. The walk will also feature contests and prizes. For more information or to register, contact the YMCA at (313) 309-3377 or www.ymcadetroit.org.

■ **River Days Food Courts** – Culinary offerings from at least 15 restaurants, including Andiamo, Seldom Blues, Coach Insignia and many other Detroit favorites.

■ **Family Fun Zone** – Interactive games, enjoy lively entertainment on the kids' stage, and create make-and-take crafts.

■ **The Parade Company** – Guests can try on Parade costumes as well as make-your-own Parade headdresses, all with Detroit or river themes.

■ **Detroit Institute of Arts** – The DIA presents a traveling studio for kids.

■ **49th Annual Target Fireworks Celebration** – One of Detroit's greatest traditions continues.

■ **Official VIP Rooftop Party** – The Official VIP Rooftop Party on Wednesday, June 27, from 6-11 p.m. atop the Miller Parking Garage along the Detroit International Riverfront offers great seats in the city for the Target Fireworks.

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Seger, Larin, Jack among DMA winners

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This year, Bob Seger won several awards in national categories, but he didn't attend the event.

In a few categories, winners were musicians who won previous music awards, such as Liz Larin and The Brothers Groove. Newer musicians who stood out included Hot Club of Detroit and Jesse Palter.

Here are the winners. For more information, visit www.detroitmusicawards.com.

Outstanding Alternative/Indie Rock Artist/Group: The Paybacks

Outstanding Hard Rock/Metal Artist/Group: Broadzilla

Outstanding Industrial Artist/Group: Crud

Outstanding Pop Artist/Group: Liz Larin

Outstanding Rock Artist/Group: The Hard Lessons

Outstanding Rock/Pop Instrumentalist: Bobby East (guitar, The Reefermen)

Outstanding Rock/Pop Recording: The Hard Lessons, *Wise Up*

Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter: Liz Larin

Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist: Liz Larin

Outstanding National Major Label Recording: Bob Seger, *Face the Promise*

Outstanding National Single: Bob Seger, *Wait For Me*

Outstanding Anthology/Compilation/Reissue: Iggy Pop, *20th Century Masters — Millennium Collection: The Best of Iggy Pop*

Outstanding Live Performance: Brothers Groove

Outstanding Live Sound Technician: Donnie Davenport

Outstanding Local Record Label: Mack Avenue Records

Outstanding National Small/Independent Label Recording: Hot Club of Detroit, *Hot Club of Detroit*

Outstanding Record Producer: Martin "Tino" Gross

Outstanding Recording Studio: Studio A; Tempermill (tie)

Outstanding Video/Limited Budget: Hot Club of Detroit, *Swing One*

Outstanding Video/Major Budget: Bob

Seger, *Wait for Me*

Outstanding Jazz Composer: Jesse Palter, Marion Hayden, Scott Gwinell (tie)

Outstanding Jazz Instrumentalist: Evan Perri (acoustic guitar, Hot Club of Detroit)

Outstanding Jazz Recording: Jesse Palter Quartet, *Beginning to See the Light*

Outstanding Jazz Vocalist: Jesse Palter

Outstanding Modern Jazz Artist/Group: Brothers Groove

Outstanding Traditional Jazz Artist/Group: Hot Club of Detroit

Outstanding Acoustic Artist/Group: Jill Jack

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Instrumentalist: Paul Miles (acoustic guitar)

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording: Jen Cass, *Accidental Pilgrimage*; John D. Lamb, *Feel That* (tie)

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Songwriter: Jill Jack

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Vocalist: Jill Jack

Outstanding Folk Artist/Group: Jeremy Kittel

Outstanding Blues Artist/Group: Thornetta Davis

Davis

Outstanding Blues/R&B Instrumentalist: Phil Hale (keyboards)

Outstanding Blues/R&B Recording: Various Artists, *Blues For Katrina & the McDowell Family*

Outstanding Blues/R&B Songwriter: Luther "Badman" Keith

Outstanding Blues/R&B Vocalist: Thornetta Davis

Outstanding R&B Artist/Group: Bugs Beddow Band

Outstanding Hip-Hop Artist/Group: Trick Trick

Outstanding Hip-Hop DJ: DJ Houseshoes

Outstanding Hip-Hop MC: King Gordy

Outstanding Urban/Funk Artist/Group: Black Bottom Collective

Outstanding Urban/Funk Musician: James Simonson (bass, The Brothers Groove)

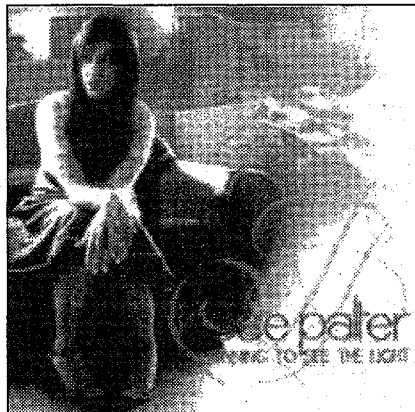
Outstanding Urban/Funk Songwriter: Nadir

Outstanding Urban/Funk Vocalist: Chef (Funkilinium)

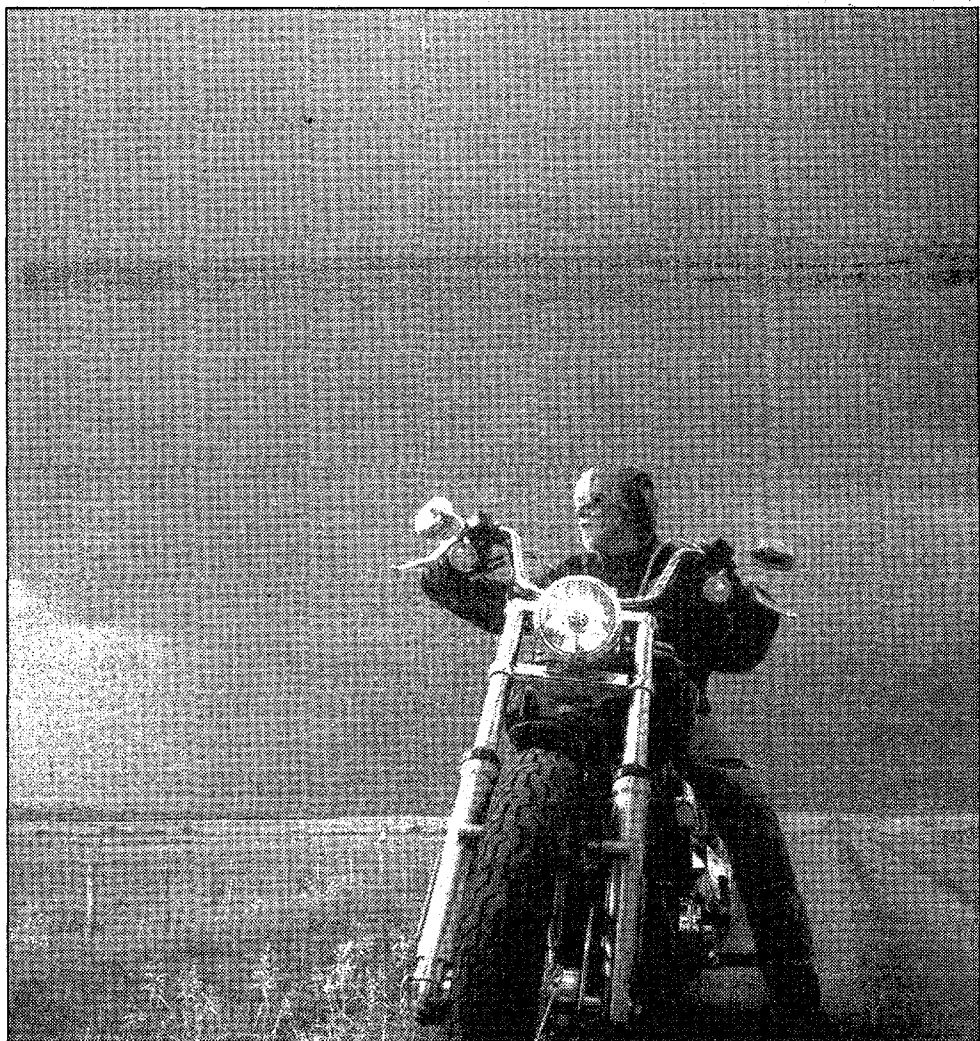
Outstanding Urban/Funk/Hip-Hop Recording: Amp Fiddler, *Afro Strut*

Outstanding Electronic/Dance Artist/Group: Amp Fiddler

Outstanding Electronic/Dance DJ: Mike Clark



Jesse Palter, whose popularity is surging in the jazz world, took home several awards, including Outstanding Jazz Vocalist.



Bob Seger won several awards including Outstanding National Single for his song *Wait for Me*.

Outstanding Electronic/Dance Recording: Detroit People Mover, *Model One*
Outstanding Electronic/Dance Writer/Producer: Amp Fiddler

Outstanding Classical Composer: Michael Daugherty

Outstanding Classical Instrumentalist/Vocalist: Bugs Beddow (trombone, Pebble Creek Chamber Orchestra)

Outstanding Classical Small Ensemble: Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

Outstanding Community Orchestra: Dearborn Symphony; Warren Symphony (tie)

Outstanding Country Artist/Group: The Hummingbirds

Outstanding Country Instrumentalist: Stephen Grant Wood (acoustic guitar, The Hummingbirds)

Outstanding Country Recording: Redhill, *You Get What You Get*

Outstanding Country Songwriter: Vinnie Dombroski

Outstanding Country Vocalist: Rachel Lynn Hercula (The Hummingbirds); Vinnie Dombroski (Orbitsuns) (tie)

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Artist/Group: Cece Winans

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Musician: Calvin Cooke (steel guitar)

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Recording: Commissioned, *Praise & Worship*

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Songwriter: Cheryl Wilson, Nick Steudle, Steve Goddard (tie)

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Vocalist: Penny Wells

Outstanding Reggae/Ska Artist/Group: The Process

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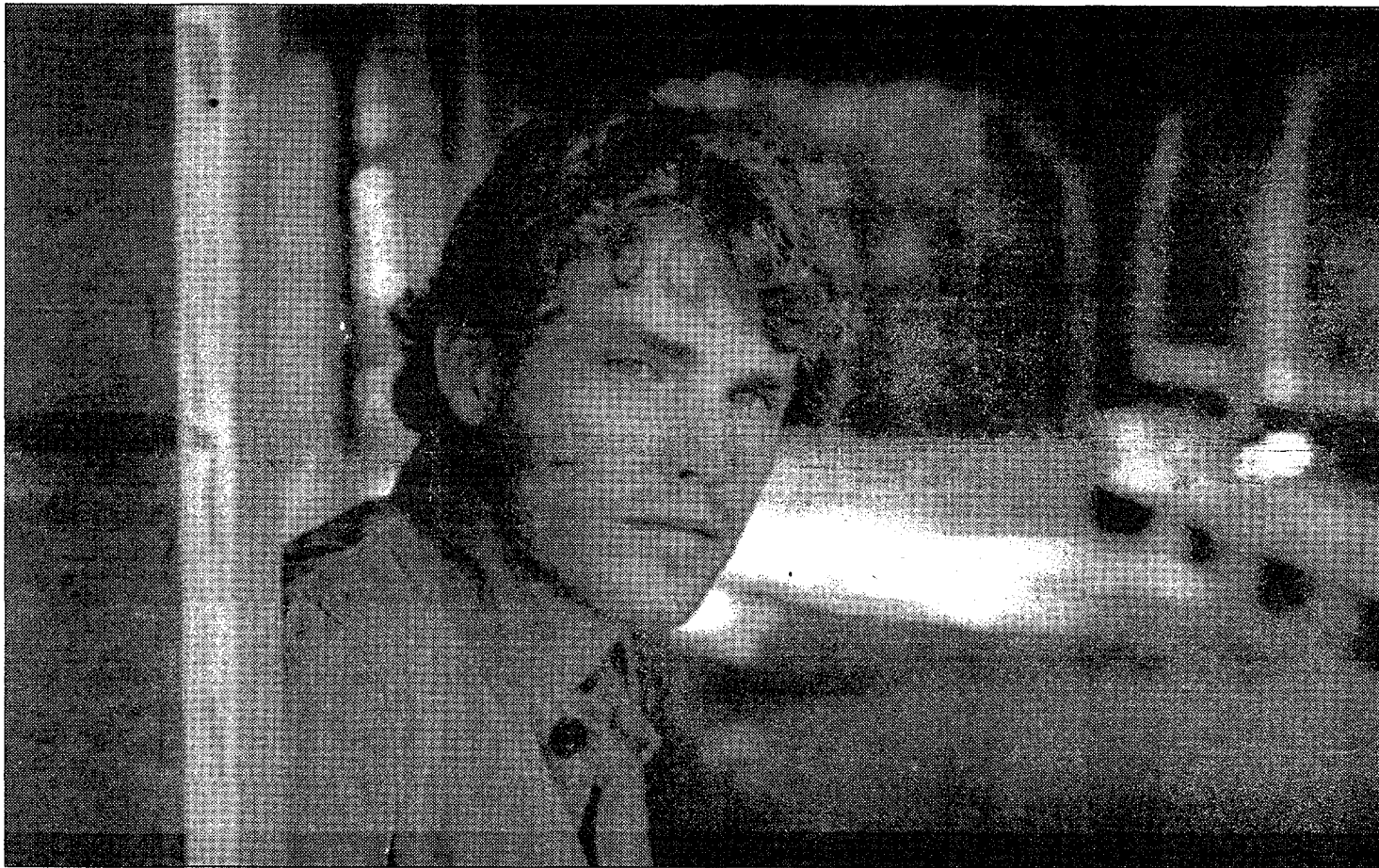
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Jon McLaughlin embraces his 'Indiana' roots

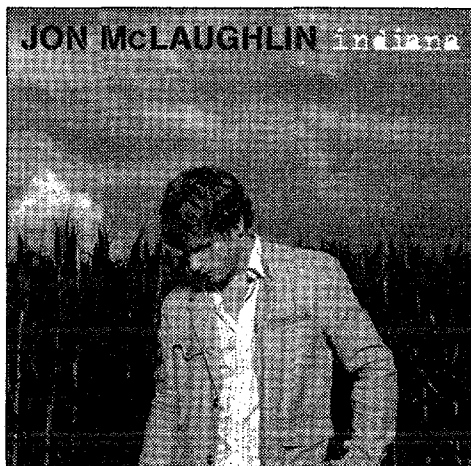
Jon McLaughlin is counting the days. When I spoke to the up-and-coming singer-songwriter on April 12 at the Universal Music Group Distribution offices in Troy, he had just 18

days until the release of his Island Records debut, *Indiana*. It drops May 1. "By the time it comes out we'll have been done with the record for almost exactly a year," McLaughlin said.

It's an exciting time for the accomplished singer and pianist.

For the past year he's been touring the country, performing at festivals including Chicago's Lollapalooza.

"I feel like we've done pretty much everything we can do in



Jon McLaughlin's debut, "Indiana," will be in stores May 1.

the last year," he said, feeling admittedly anxious for the release. "We couldn't have played more shows. With the record we've made, we've done everything we can do to set it up."

Now, it's just time to wait and see how his music is received. And that in itself is "nerve-wracking,"

McLaughlin said.

But he's off to a promising start. *Indiana* was produced by Jamie Houston (Jessica Simpson, Macy Gray) and Greg Wells (Veronicas, Rufus Wainwright). The finished product serves as an ode to the Midwest. It is awash in sweeping, piano-drenched soundscapes from the opener, *Industry*, to *Anthem for American Teenagers*, and the sentimental final track, *Until You've Got Love*.

His touching first single, *Beautiful Disaster*, details the pressures of body image as told through the experiences of a 17-year-old girl. Songs like *Human* and *Perfect* tend to go over well in any live setting, McLaughlin said, though he prefers to customize his set list based on where he's performing.

The Anderson, Ind., native began playing piano at age 4, following in the footsteps of

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his older sister and brother. By 15, McLaughlin said, he wanted to stop taking lessons. But his parents encouraged him to continue. It wasn't until an in-line skating accident left him temporarily without the use of both arms that McLaughlin took a break from the keys. Though it might sound like a devastating blow for a young musician, he didn't see it that way.

When McLaughlin

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choruses. Now it's your turn.

On the heels of Ted Leo + Pharmacists' latest release, *Living with the Living*, fans new and old can hear it all for themselves. This, the band's fifth studio record was produced by Fugazi drummer Brendan Canty.

It kicks off with frantically-paced *The Sons of Cain*, and moves toward the power-pop and politically-charged *Army Bound*.

By the time listeners reach the track *Bomb.Repeat.Bomb*, it's clear that Leo has

hit full-speed with an assault that's both musical and lyrical, offering a stark commentary on war.

La Costa Brava is perhaps the most engaging track on the record, and the one that stays firmly planted in mind.

From pop to metal, blues to reggae, *Living with the Living* refuses to commit to any one genre. It's a worthy release for the band's debut on Touch & Go Records. Play it loud and decide for yourself.

Then catch Ted Leo + the Pharmacists with openers Love of Diagrams, 8 p.m. April 30, The Magic Stick, Detroit. Tickets are \$12-\$14 for this all-ages show. Visit www.majesticdetroit.com.

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The Detroit Area Art Deco Society opens the year's Michigan Modernism Exposition on Friday, April 27, with a preview party, giving deco-lovers the first dibs at 20th century antiques and fine arts while sipping wine and dining on hors d'oeuvres.

The evening, from 7 to 10 p.m., includes a sneak-peak of the exposition along with the display of a 1932 Bucciali Tav 12 automobile, a selection of Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi pieces from the exhibition *Best of Friends* and a swinging performance from the Satin Dolls.

A fashion show, produced by DAADS member Rebecca L'Ecuyer, will feature clothes from the 1930s and '40s that complement the sleek design of the Bucciali.

The Michigan Modernism Exposition is located at the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26000 Evergreen Road. Preview Party tickets are \$50 in advance or \$65 at the door and can be purchased online at www.daads.org. The Web site also includes a list of local retailers where tickets can be purchased. Proceeds from the preview party benefit DAADS scholarship, restoration and preservation programs.

"The exposition is a great opportunity to see a survey of some of the greatest mid-century pieces in the nation," said Gary Spondike, DAADS president.

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This annual show, scheduled April 27-29, features the best 20th century antiques and fine arts brought in by over 50 dealers from across the United States, Canada and Europe. The exposition

embraces a broad selection of the mid-century design in furniture, jewelry, clothing, radios, photographs, art, glass, china, silver, clocks, paintings and textiles.

The 1932 Bucciali Tav 12: This one-of-a-kind classic automobile was brought-in exclusively for the exposition as a preview to the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance in August. The Bucciali was created under the direction of two brothers, Angelo and Paul Albert

Bucciali, who have made 36 cars of various specifications. The first and last purchase of this model was in 1932 by George Roure. During the depression, the Bucciali brothers lost their investors and money, making the Bucciali Tav 12 the only creation they ever sold. The car was most recently purchased in 1998 by a Swiss collector, when it was displayed at the Christie's stand during the Retromobile show in Paris.

Best of Friends Fuller and Noguchi: A selection of pieces from the exhibition *Best of Friends* will be on display to preview its opening at The Henry Ford in November. Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi were two of the most accomplished and creative artists of the 20th century.

Their work continues to inspire and influence architects, artists and scholars today.

The Satin Dolls: This high energy singing trio will swing into the exposition with two performances of songs from the 1930s to the 60s. The Satin Dolls originated over a decade ago and entertain audiences all over Michigan with their authentic vintage attire and melodic tunes.

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"It's a way to keep the community connected," added Fortuna.

Visitors are free to start the stroll at any of the participating galleries. Organizers ask that visitors pick up an invitation card, which includes a map, have it stamped at each location, and drop it off at the last gallery visited to be entered in a drawing for a Downtown Rochester Gift Certificate.

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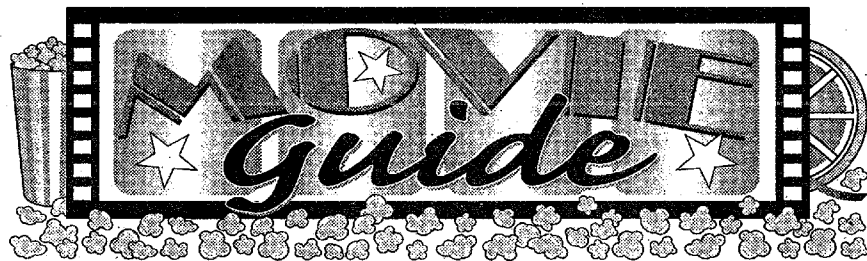
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returned to the piano, he did it completely on his own terms. His early musical influences include heavy-hitters like Elton John, Billy Joel and Harry Connick Jr. But the quirky piano-heavy trio Ben Folds Five made the strongest impact. McLaughlin said he remembers exactly where he was —

on the way to a ski weekend — the first time he heard the song *Brick*, off of Ben Fold Five's *Whatever and Ever Amen*. "Listening to that," he said, "I thought 'This is the greatest music ever made.'" He attended Anderson University School of Music in his hometown, and began seriously writing music. In 2004, McLaughlin released an album on Orangehaus, the university's label. He graduated in 2005 and, soon after, signed with Island Records. A heavy schedule of touring, recording

and performing followed. On the heels of his anticipated release, McLaughlin will appear — singing, naturally — in the upcoming Disney film, *Enchanted*. The animated-and-live action comedy stars Idina Menzel, Patrick Dempsey and Amy Adams. It's scheduled to open this summer. "For the first time I'm gone from Indiana more than I'm home," said McLaughlin. Gaining a fresh perspective has heavily influenced the new record.

"The more you travel away from your roots, the more you want to stamp where you're from everywhere you can." Visit www.myspace.com/jonmclaughlin to hear songs from his forthcoming record. For more information, visit www.johnmcl.com. An Indiana native herself, **Stephanie Angelyn Casola** writes about popular culture for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.

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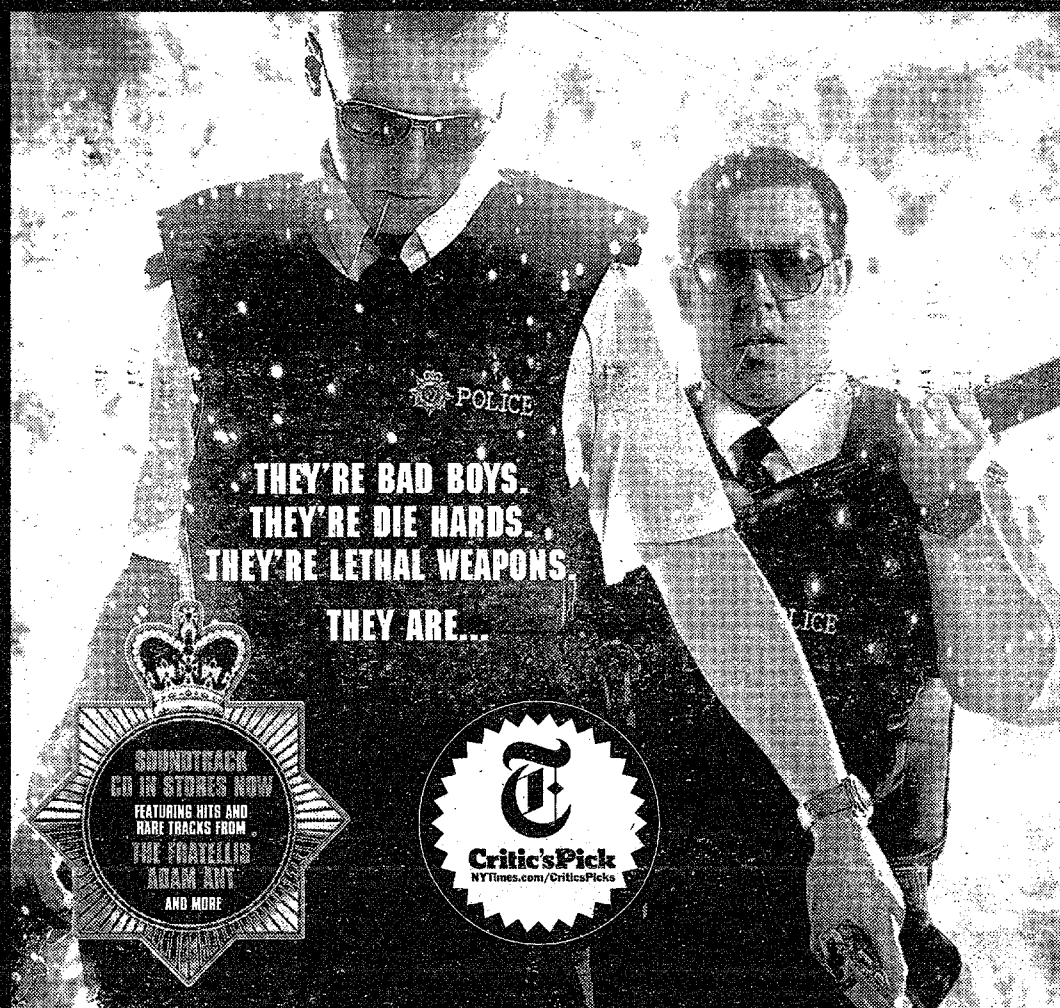
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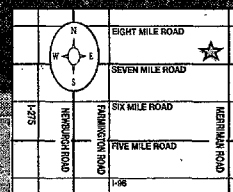
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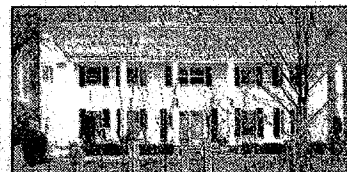
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PLYMOUTH \$469,900
4 BR, 3-1/2BA Col. Backs & sides to commons. Master w/tray clg. Kit w/hdwd flrs. FR w/ masonry FP. Fin bsmt w/kit-bar & more. Refreshing Inground pool.
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NOVI \$425,000
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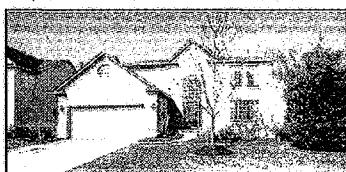
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WESTLAND \$330,000
Gourmet kit w/ceramic tile, appls stay, 2-st GR w/nat FP, 1st flr mstr w/WIC, fin walkout LL w/ BR & full BA. 1st flr laun. Inground pool.
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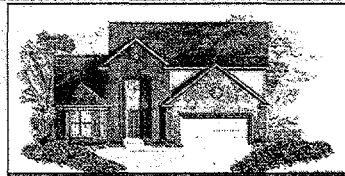
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HURON \$250,000
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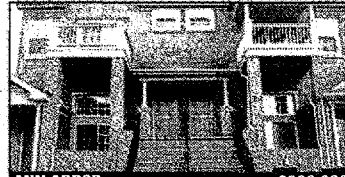
LIVONIA \$240,000
Home Sits On A 1/2 acre & Has Over 100 Ft Of Rouge River Frontage. Vaulted Ceilings & Gas FP In Lr. Mstr Ste Has Lrg BA W/garden Tub & Sep. Shower.
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End Unit Condo w/many Upgrades Incl Marble FP, Corian Cnters, Cabs, Ceramic Flrs In Kit & Bths, Wd Flrs In Foyer & 1/2 Bth. Fin W/o LL-door Wall To Patio
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OCEOLA \$230,000
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ANN ARBOR \$229,900
Barely Lived In End Unit w/ many Upgrades! HW Flrs, Crwn Midgns T/O, Upgraded White cabs, FP, Upgraded Appls, Jet Tub In Mstr Ste, & WIC In 2nd BR.
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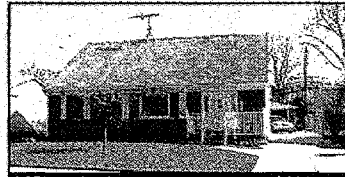
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CANTON \$224,900
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LIVONIA \$210,000
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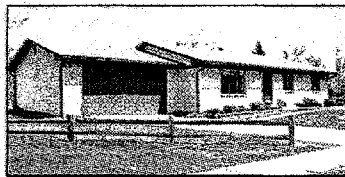
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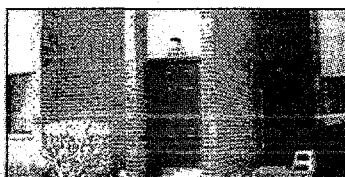
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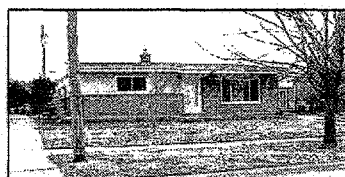
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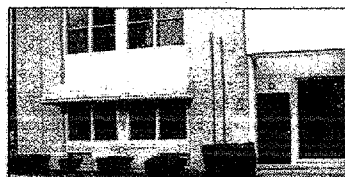
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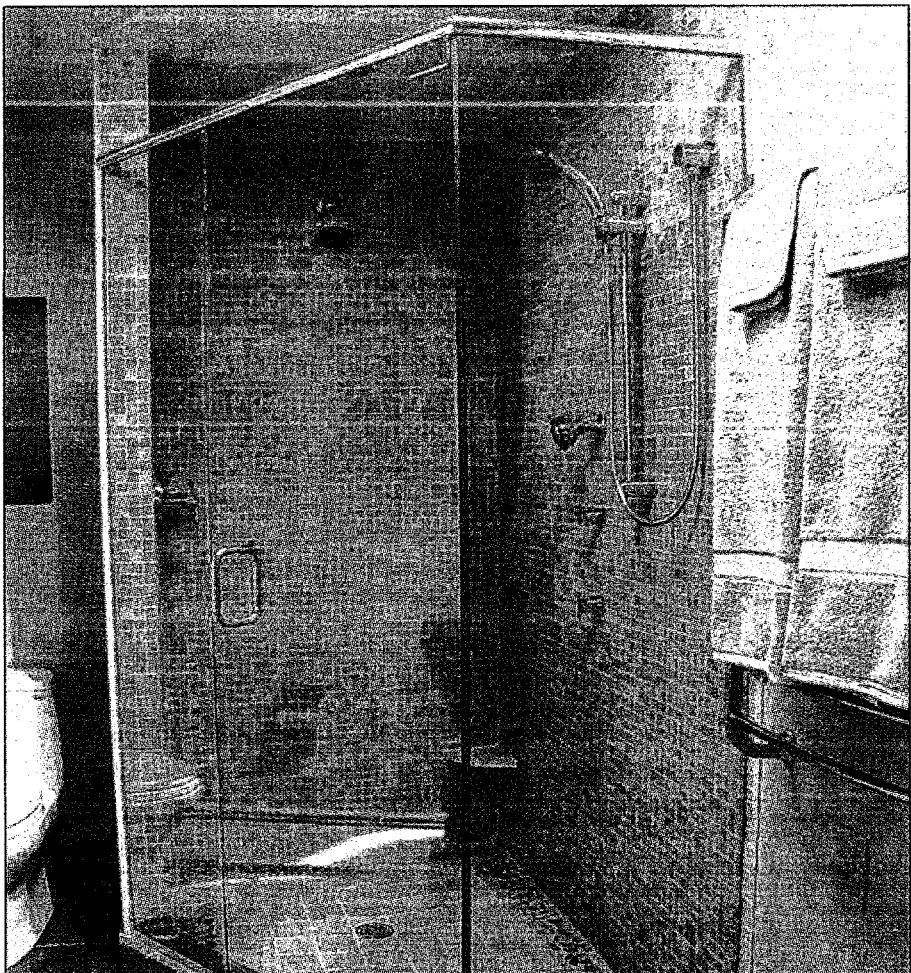
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The solution to a cramped bathroom is clear. Open the space visually with a clear glass shower enclosure.

Glass opens up small bathroom spaces

(NAPSI) — Creativity makes a big difference when coping with small spaces. Whether in urban areas where space is at a premium or in older homes where the emphasis is purely on the functional use of space, people want to improve appearance and style without knocking down walls. Have no fear: What you lack in square footage can be made up in ingenuity.

If home renovation is on your to-do list, a bathroom remodel is one of the smartest investments you can make. According to the 2006 Cost vs. Value report from *Remodeling* magazine, the average return on investment for a mid-range bathroom remodel is nearly 85 percent, second only to kitchens when it comes to room remodels. One way to enhance a cramped bathroom is to open the space visually by creating an "invisible wall" with a clear glass shower enclosure. Removing visual barriers, such as opaque shower enclosures and bulky shower curtains, can open the space dramatically and add depth. Clear glass enclosures will also showcase rich materials such as granite, marble and travertine selected for

the shower surround.

Custom shower enclosure shops report that unless homeowners have had clear glass enclosures before, they don't know they can face a challenge in keeping up the appearance of their new investment. In a shower's high-heat, high-humidity environment, cleaning chemicals, soap and shampoo can cause corrosion and staining of the glass over time. Some homeowners will attempt to protect the glass by applying spray-on or wipe-on treatments, but these coatings eventually wear off.

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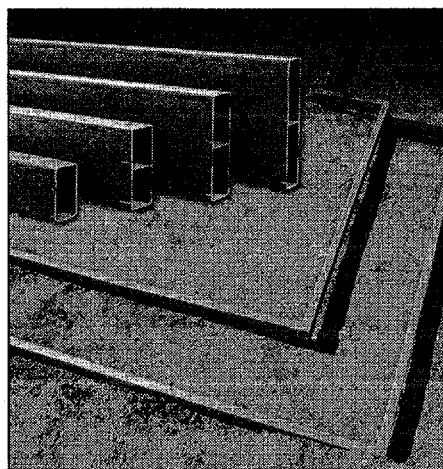
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Keeping groundwater out of your basement

(NAPSI)—Most people don't think too much about the foundation when they're having a new home built. Siding style, roof shingle color and interior amenities are the areas homeowners focus on, but they shouldn't forget about the part they don't see — the home's foundation and drainage system. If this isn't designed and installed properly, a wet basement can be a disaster. The basement is no longer the dark, damp storage area it was in years past. Now, homeowners want finished basements to use for recreation and home theater systems, making it critical that the space stay dry and comfortable.

Hard to believe, but conventional drainage is handled with inexpensive black corrugated pipe such as the kind sold at a home improvement store. If this isn't put in level, which can be difficult to do, or at the correct location, right up against the concrete footing, the system won't work properly and a wet basement can result.

Nothing is more frustrating than dealing with a wet basement. It can damage drywall, framing and flooring, ruin irreplaceable things such as family photo albums, deteriorate the foundation, and spawn harmful and



The best kind of water drainage system may be one that loops around your home and also protects it from radon.

unhealthy mold and mildew growth. And an improperly installed conventional drainage system is not easily repaired — just think about an excavator digging a deep pit going all the way around your home, or jackhammers in the basement.

The best and safest alternative is to have the builder use Form-A-Drain, a precision extruded thermoplastic material that is shaped like lumber, so

it's used to form the concrete footing that supports the basement walls and the entire home. Unlike lumber, the forms stay in place to act as a superior foundation drainage system that works 24/7 to keep the home dry.

Water is not the only problem lurking under your house. Nearly one in 15 homes in the United States has a high level of indoor radon. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. If high levels are detected during a test on your newly constructed home, move-in will be delayed, and holes will need to be drilled in your new basement walls and floor for a conventional radon remediation system. But with Form-A-Drain installed with a simple adapter, it's ready to use as part of a radon-venting system if needed, with absolutely no drilling.

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GREAT BUY!
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WALLED LAKE RANCH
Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, & more. Great location & price!

\$134,999 (P-488DO)



BETTER THAN NEW
Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, neutral decor, ceramic Foyer, granite Kitchen, 3 car Garage, & daylight bsmt.

\$529,900 (P-206LU)



BRAND NEW CONDO
Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. Convenient Plymouth location.

\$299,900 (C-925RI)



TURN KEY COLONIAL
Find quality & elegance in this classic home w/2600+ sq ft, 4 large bds, 3.5 baths, remodeled Master w/heated floors, extensive crown molding, remodeled Kitchen, finished walkout & a great Deck.

\$354,900 (C-305WO)



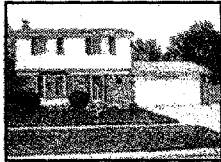
FANTASTIC RANCH
Wonderful updated ranch w/ spacious floor plan, 5 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, entry doors, maple Kitchen, Nook, 1st floor laundry, new garage, driveway, & more.

\$185,000 (P-660AR)



LOVELY CONDO
2 bd, 1.5 bath Canton condo. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, extremely clean, updated carpet, full bsmt, & attached garage.

\$139,999 (C-686BE)



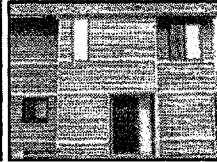
SPACIOUS COLONIAL
Westland 3 bd home w/Family Room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, great backyard, & large covered Patio.

\$189,500 (P-625FA)



LOCATION, LOCATION!
Large half acre lot located on a quiet court backing to pond. Sunfilled Kitchen w/nook & island, large open Family Room w/frpl, formal Living & Dining, spacious Master w/spa bath & more.

\$387,500 (P-479PA)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Investing in college? Why not invest in real estate as well. Townhouse style condo, perfect for the college student! 2 bd, 2 baths, spacious LR w/frpl, community pool & gym. Good location.

\$133,000 (P-200BR)



FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO
Open floor plan is great for entertaining. 2 story entry w/ceramic, Great Room w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall leading to large Deck, wonderful Master suite, finished bsmt w/office.

\$209,900 (C-239ED)



GREAT PRICE!
Move in quality! Neutral decor t/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, Living Room w/bay window, updated baths, Family Room w/frpl & cath ceiling, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub.

\$229,900 (C-534FO)



WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kitchen w/Nook, cath ceiling Family Room, finished bsmt, updated hwh, elec, plumb, sprinklers, & too much more to list.

\$159,900 (C-227FRA)



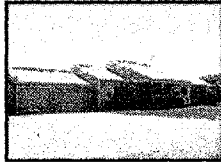
TOTALLY UPDATED
Great starter home w/fresh paint, new carpet, nice Living Room w/bay window, updated Kitchen & bath, sun porch, part finished bsmt, & large yard. A must see! Also for lease.

\$114,900 (P-420NO)



WELL MAINTAINED
Roomy 4 bd colonial featuring a large Kitchen, open floor plan, Family Room w/frpl, 2 tier Deck, Master w/vaulted ceiling & bath, bsmt, & close to everything.

\$279,000 (C-974SH)



COUNTRY SETTING
4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new roof shingles, new carpet, 4 doorwalls, gazebo off Master, & large island Kitchen.

\$299,900 (C-660TU)



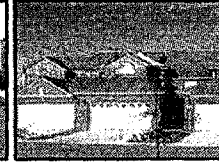
WESTLAND CONDO
Nice detached 2 bd, 2 bath brick home in the heart of Westland. Oak Kitchen w/all appl, 1st floor laundry, Master w/bath & WIC, built in 95, full bsmt, & close to everything.

\$199,900 (C-296TW)



JUST LISTED!
Nice 3 bd brick ranch in great sub. Living Room w/bay window, updated Kitchen & bath, finished bsmt, updated roof, hwh, windows, & furnace. 2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, & walk to schools.

\$149,900 (C-120AV)



BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION
Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private entry, private basement, & great location.

\$212,400 (P-750CO)



PRETTY & COMFORTABLE
Great 4 bd colonial backing to commons area. Huge Kitchen & Family Room, attached Garage, neutral decor, light, bright, & airy. Don't wait too long!

\$214,900 (P-885FO)



UPDATED HOME
Cute 3 bd home featuring updated windows, updated roof, 2 tiered elevated Deck, hwd floors, coved ceilings, extra deep 1.5 car Garage & a home warranty.

\$84,900 (C-435MO)



LOTS OF SPACE!
Great 3 bd tri level w/loads of space. New roof, furnace, A/C, beautiful oak trim, updated oak Kitchen, updated bath, & huge Garage w/workshop.

\$184,999 (C-477BA)



GREAT INVESTMENT
This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home.

\$59,900 (C-132CH)



ULTIMATE MUST SEE HOME!
Incredibly updated & cared for home in excellent neighborhood. Updates include Kitchen, Baths, windows, roof, furnace, C/A, hwh, new attic fan, 200 amp elec, great fenced yard w/ large Deck, & more.

\$219,900 (P-827AR)



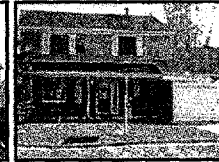
ATTENTION INVESTORS
Short sale available on this 3 bd, 1200 sq ft bungalow. Home has newer roof, furnace, hwh, windows, & doors. Short sale upon bank approval, bring all offers, not much time left.

\$85,000 (P-435AS)



GREAT HOME!
Here's what you've been looking for! Convenient location for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath bungalow on a nice tree-lined street. Finished bsmt, refinished hwd floors, C/A, & great storage space.

\$149,900 (C-134BU)



BACKS TO TREES & PARKS
Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, lighting, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st floor laundry, above ground pool w/ large Deck, & more.

\$250,000 (P-607FA)



POPULAR PICKWICK SUB
Wonderful 2 story Great Room w/frpl, spacious oak Kitchen w/nook, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, newer roof, C/A, & Deck overlooking private yard. A must see!

\$234,000 (P-227GR)



BETTER THAN NEW!
Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one!

\$220,000 (P-185HU)



ROOMY COLONIAL
Plenty of room to roam in this great 4 bd colonial in a great sub. Mice size Kitchen, formal DR, LR w/frpl, part finished bsmt, newer windows, furnace, roof, updated Kitchen, bath, & more.

\$149,000 (C-036JO)



NEW CANTON CONDO
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/ jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/ builders finest cab's & c-tops, partially finished bsmt, & 2 car att Garage.

\$229,900 (P-131MA)



IT'S A GEM!
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kitchen, Master w/WIC, appliances stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse.

\$149,900 (P-403NE)



CHARM & ELEGANCE
This 3 bd, 2 bath home is loaded w/extras! Granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, Master w/updated bath, w/WIC, appliances stay, new siding, paver Patio, & nice landscaping.

\$230,000 (C-430PA)



STATELY COLONIAL
Awesome location overlooks commons w/ponds. 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, formal Din Rm, Great rm w/frpl, 1st fl Laundry, Master w/double WIC's, finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, & 3 car Garage.

\$415,000 (P-983WE)



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Real Estate career seminar

For people interested in exploring a career in Real Estate, Keller Williams is hosting a seminar at 2 p.m. on April 27 at Keller Williams Realty, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 100, Plymouth (48170). Registration is required. Please call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Feng shui classes

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

How to build your own home

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive, all-inclusive 16 hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Saturday/Sunday, April 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements

and much more.

There are many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder. The seminar costs \$220 and is all inclusive with a building textbook and a book prepared exclusively for seminar students covering home building information pertinent to southeastern Michigan.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, April 25, to Oakland Builders Institute. Please call (800) 940-2014, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register.

Pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Seminars are offered at the following dates and locations:

- A seminar is scheduled for

Monday/Wednesday, April 30, and May 2, 7, 9, 2007 from 6-10 p.m. at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, April 26 to Walled Lake Community Education. Please call 248-956-5000 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-license class (Farmington)

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. for Monday/Wednesday, May 7, 9, and May 14, 16 at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, April 26 to Farmington Community

Education. Please call (248) 489-3333 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-license class (Livonia)

Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute presents a pre-license 16-hour comprehensive seminar from 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday/Thursday, May 1, 3, and May 8, 10, at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh Rd., Livonia.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 27 to Livonia Community Education. Please call (734) 744-2602 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BIA offers programs

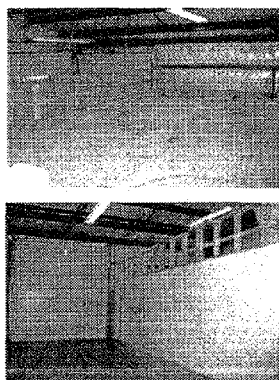
Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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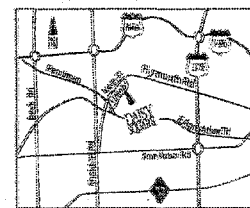


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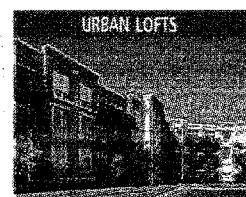
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Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders' responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

Registration fees are \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, please call (248) 862-1033.

Green building for pros

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by

learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability — from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

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CREW seeks entries for real estate Impact Awards

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) now has 2007 entry packages available online for its sixth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW Detroit Impact Awards.

The awards recognize two recently completed southeast Michigan commercial properties that significantly improve their surrounding communities.

The 2007 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW Detroit member, said Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, award committee chair. A list of companies with a CREW Detroit member is available at crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

Impact Award "intent to enter" forms can be downloaded now at crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Printed forms are available from Norma Beuter at (248) 646-0629 or beuter@comcast.net. Completed forms should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by June 1. Entrants will then receive an entry package outlining the submission requirements. Those completed entry packages are due on or before June 29.

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology,

Monohon said. Visteon Village in Van Buren Township and the Mason Run brownfield redevelopment in Monroe won in 2006 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively.

A panel of eight judges from the commercial real estate industry will select one winner in each category in August. The awards will be presented at a Sept. 20 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be on display. Tickets are \$65; for more information, contact Beth Lilley at (313) 256-2342 or elizabeth.lilley@chase.com, or see the Web site.

CREW Detroit founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. CREW Detroit is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and First Step in Plymouth. CREW Detroit will also host the annual CREW Midwest Regional Midwest Regional Conference May 3-5 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, expected to draw more than 200 members and non-members from 11 states and Ontario.

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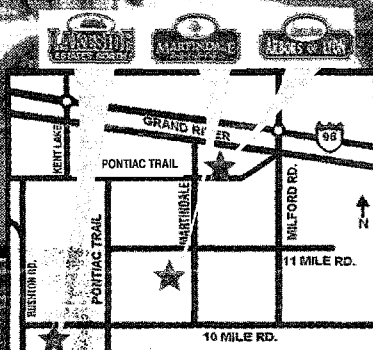
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BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses - Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) - from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

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Newton, Mass., has housing parallel to Birmingham

Q. I am interested in buying a home in Newton, Mass., and understand that the market is changing. Do you have any information?

A. It depends on which of the villages in Newton you are talking about and I can tell you based upon my recent observations, that a number of older homes in the Newton villages are being torn down which were cottage like and new and larger homes are being constructed similar to what has happened in Birmingham, Mich. The real estate



Robert Meisner

given the relative shortage of housing in the metropolitan Boston area.

market has softened substantially in the Boston area and the prices have retreated to 2003 levels. The price of real estate is still relatively high, compared to other parts of the country including Michigan, and this would appear to be the best time to get into the market

Q. Are you aware of a recent change in the law regarding awards to landlords, property managers, or tenants for repairs to compensate them for labor?

A. There are new provisions to the Revised Judicature Act in Michigan which provide that if damages for physical injury to the premises are awarded by making an award for or based on the cost of repairs, the court must award damages for labor expended by a landlord or property manager in repairing the premises in the same manner as it would if the repairs were performed by a third party. The provision also states that labor will be compensated at a rate the court determines to be reasonable based upon usual and customary charges for the repairs. Similarly, if the court awards the tenant damages because the landlord breached the lease or contract under which the premises were held by failing to make repairs and by making an award for or based on the cost of repairs, the court must award damages for labor expended by the tenant in repairing the premises in the

same manner as it would if the repairs were performed by a third party. The provision also provides that labor shall be compensated at a rate the court determines to be reasonable based upon usual and customary charges for the repairs. This legislation codifies the notion that labor is to be compensated and, for now at least, puts both sides on notice that they may not merely present arbitrary labor rates and realistically expect reimbursement. The party seeking compensation, either the landlord or the tenant for labor, probably will have to offer a witness who regularly performs the same kind of work and will testify as to the going rate.

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1333 Hampshire Dr	\$178,000
39770 Hillary Dr	\$174,000
42743 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$114,000
42216 Metaline Dr	\$239,000
2211 Preserve Cir E	\$245,000
3391 Riverside Dr	\$187,000
47428 Stoneridge Blvd	\$337,000
47765 Ten Point Dr	\$338,000

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22476 Violet St	\$134,000
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Farmington Hills

24836 Arden Park Dr	\$240,000
36829 Aspen Dr	\$318,000
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34215 Brittany Dr	\$480,000
25834 Livingston Cir	\$425,000
31276 Misty Pines Dr	\$160,000
23460 N Stockton Ave	\$155,000
32427 Nottingwood St	\$226,000
32415 Red Clover Rd	\$244,000
33984 Rhonswood St	\$245,000
29554 Sylvan Ln	\$208,000
27599 W Echo Vly	\$93,000
30101 Westgate Rd	\$315,000

Garden City

30911 Pierce St	\$128,000
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Livonia

34899 Bretton Dr	\$407,000
11795 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000

Milford

4330 Old Plank Rd	\$250,000
707 Telya Rdg	\$240,000
1395 Valley Crest Ct	\$582,000

Northville

39467 Northwind Ct	\$373,000
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Novi

23102 Argyle St	\$455,000
2325 Austin Dr	\$285,000
24585 Bashian Dr	\$100,000
24200 Bramblewood Dr	\$297,000
23974 Elizabeth Ln	\$408,000
44722 Gwinnett Loop	\$184,000
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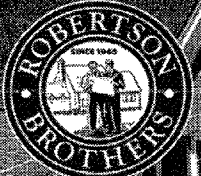
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302 Sunset St	\$220,000

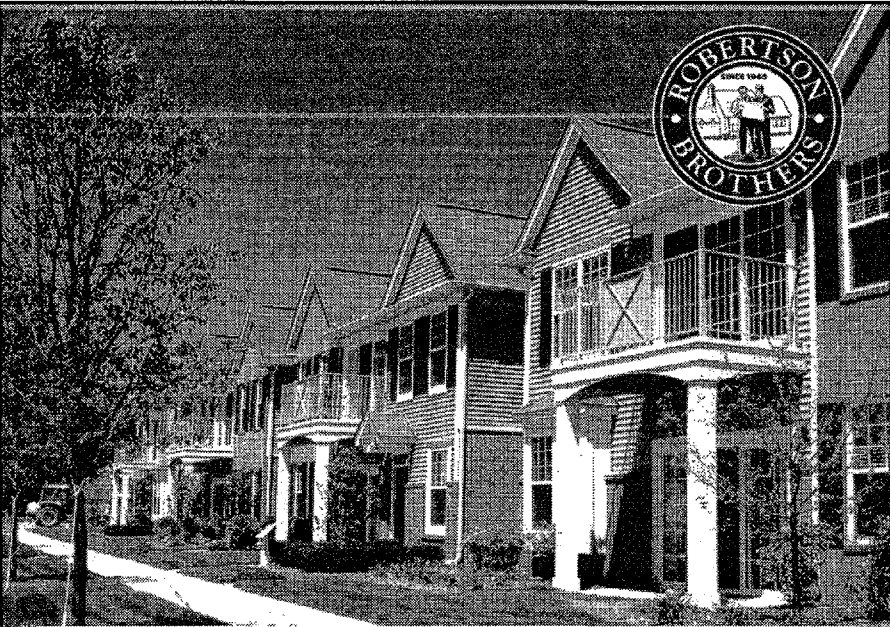
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16667 Brady	\$45,000
19798 Kinloch	\$106,000

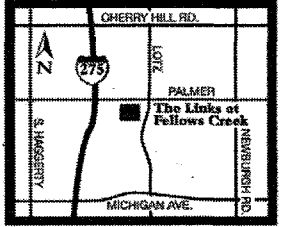
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 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED CONDO! Spacious condo w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, bonus loft area, great fin. basement, turned garage. Unit backs to commons. Move-in quality!</p> <p>(27061272) \$279,900</p>	 <p>Canton 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD CONDO IN CANTON! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2319 sq. ft. 1st flr mstr ste & Indry. 2 stry foyer. Gourmet kit w/upgraded cabs, Corian counters, tile bksplash, dbl oven. Frml DR. Nothing to do but move-in.</p> <p>(27021846) \$269,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 ROOM TO ROAM IN THIS FOUR BEDROOM HOME! Incredibly spacious Colonial offers 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Great flr plan with family rm/fireplace. Large 3 seasons rm and wrap around deck overlooking lg private lot!</p> <p>(27057156) \$247,999</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 EXCEPTIONAL CHOICE! Ranch condo w/30K in upgrades: hrdwd flrs t/o, gran in kit, SS appl, jetted tub, ceram in baths & much more. \$3,000 closing credit & 12 mos. assoc dues paid.</p> <p>(27045949) \$240,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 FLORIDA ROOM W/HOT TUB! 3 BR/1.1 BA Colonial. Very open floor plan w/large family room and natural fireplace. Formal living/dining rooms. Finished basement. Great Opportunity!</p> <p>(27054850) \$214,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condos coming soon w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation!</p> <p>(27054660) \$189,900</p>
 <p>Canton 248-851-1900 CONDO W/ PRIVATE BSMT Fantastic value & location for 2 BR end-unit. Brick ranch w/ full, partially finished basement. Updated kitchen. Neutral. Patio.</p> <p>(27047510) \$119,900</p>	 <p>Commerce 248-684-1065 Great home on double lot. Walk to Union Lake. Updates galore. LR, FR, lib/sun rm. Plenty of cab/counterspace. 2 decks w/ fully fenced yard.</p> <p>(27046891) \$169,900</p>	 <p>Commerce 248-851-1900 WOODBRIDGE LAKE ESTATES-PRICED TO SELL! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, over 3300 sq. ft! 1st flr master suite, WIC, luxury bath w/jetted tub, separate shower. Hardwd flrs in foyer, hall, pwdr rm, kit, brkfst rm. 3 car gar.</p> <p>(26216637) \$419,900</p>	 <p>Farmington 248-348-6430 THIS HOME IS A SWEETHEART OF A DEAL! Ranch with 3 bedroom, 3 full baths. Remodeled kit w/cherry cab and ceramic flr. Mstr ste has att ba w/spa tub. Lg FR. Fin LL w/ba and study. 2 car heated garage.</p> <p>(27020783) \$223,000</p>	 <p>Hamtramck 734-591-9200 VALUE VALUE VALUE UPDATED BUNGALOW!!! 3 bdrm, 2 bath home fully remodeled in-law suite or investment for cash flow, you decide. Home warranty included. Perfect for first time home buyer.</p> <p>(27042482) \$69,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAN COLONIAL. 4 br 2 bath col 2600 sq ft. Huge foyer welcomes you in all rms are spacious. Well maint. and spotless clean 2 car gar. 2 tiered deck, great house for entertaining.</p> <p>(27046658) \$339,900</p>
 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 WOW!! WHAT A VALUE! Gorgeous home on 1/2 acre + park like lot, nice LR, 3 br, 2 full ba, huge FR w/frplc overlooking fabulous sunroom nice kit, priced backyard & patio.</p> <p>(26201342) \$264,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 FANTASTIC RANCH WITH GREAT CURB APPEAL! Very clean home features a newer roof, winds, siding, rmldd baths, paint. Fin lwr lvi w/full bath, newer crpt, lrg open lr area. 1 yr hm wrrnty, most appls stay.</p> <p>(27038946) \$189,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 BRICK RANCH, 3 BD RM, 2 BATH Finished Basement, completely updated: Kitchen, new roof, windows, furnace, A/C, carpet & freshly painted - 2 car detd garage, landscaped & fenced yard.</p> <p>(26095936) \$178,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 The Crossings of Milford. 21 wooded, walkout sites. 2-4+ acres. Come see the spec home, which is near completion. A subdivision worthy of your attention.</p> <p>(26039607) \$749,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Great flr plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook, LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.</p> <p>(26202786) \$379,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-851-1900 GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT! Beautiful 3BR, 2.5BA colonial. Library w/vaulted ceiling, bay wndw, French doors. Hardwd flrs in foyer, kit nook. Updated kitchen. Part fin LL. Newer roof, HWH. 2 car gar</p> <p>(26118535) \$289,900</p>
 <p>Novi 248-851-1900 COZY & PRIVATE Lovely 3 bedroom/1.5 bath end-unit townhouse, spacious kitchen/dining area. Living room w/ frplc. 1 car garage. Fin bsmt, enclosed patio, great location!</p> <p>(26193068) \$134,800</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 A TRUE TREASURE! Over \$70,000 in upgrades and improvements! A beautiful turn-key opportunity. Walk-out basement. All appl. incl. \$4,000 closing credit!</p> <p>(27059000) \$320,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 248-348-6430 DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! Charming 3 br, 1.1 ba bungalow close to park, fountain, shopping & restaurants. Hdwd flrs, newer ac, furnace, h2o htr, & some windows. Nice brickspace patio in backyd.</p> <p>(26126509) \$289,900</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-591-9200 FANTASTIC LOCATION WITH EASY WALKING access to downtown Plymouth! Nice view from LR over looks nicely landscaped pond, Association dues covers heat & water. Nice & clean for new owner w/quick occupancy.</p> <p>(26141200) \$94,947</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 BIG BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3-4 bdrm, 2 full bths & pro fin bsmt. new roof, gar dr, furn, a/c, hwh, glass blk, cop plum, updt elec, some new wind, egress wind in bsmt, rec rm, mini kit.</p> <p>(27046683) \$199,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-851-1900 THREE BEDROOM COLONIAL This 1992 home has cathedral ceilings, custom deck, spacious rooms, large windows, neutral carpeting. Great neighborhood w/sidewalks in growing community.</p> <p>(27047935) \$217,900</p>
 <p>Walled Lake 734-455-7000 LARGE, TREE-LINED CORNER LOT... w/side entry 2 car gar. Fin. bsmt. Updates: fresh paint, remodeled baths, crown molding, newer sump pump, perennial gardens, newer carpet t/o, newer roof, deck.</p> <p>(27047005) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-326-2000 TAKE A BIG STEP FORWARD when you invest in this lovely 3 BD Westland colonial in a new subdivision. Featuring 2.5 baths, master ste, family rm, fireplace, finished basement & 2.5 garage.</p> <p>(27054320) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 SHORT ON CASH? Anxious seller willing to help make a deal! Take a look at this beautiful almost new 3 br, 2.5 ba home w/fin bsmt, nicely landscaped lot in new subdivision.</p> <p>(26116562) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-326-2000 ABSOLUTELY-ONE OF THE CLEANEST HOUSES. FR/dining room addition, updated kit cabinets, counter, sink, faucet & flooring, SS appl, newer roof, furnace, C/A, windows, siding, fin bsmt. Move-in Beauty!</p> <p>(27059868) \$169,900</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 MOVE IN PERFECT Enjoy easy living in this upper ranch condo w/vaulted & cathedral ceilings, dining room, great room w/deck & 2 full baths. Huge room sizes, 1 car garage. Premium lot.</p> <p>(26143016) \$150,000</p>	 <p>Wixom 248-348-6430 THE PERFECT CONDO This detached unit has a spacious & elegant look. There are 3 lg br, including a lg mstr ste on the 1st flr. 3 full BA give added convenience. 1st flr laundry.</p> <p>(27024398) \$239,900</p>