

Precinct 2 poll worker Gary McLaren looks out the window, perhaps looking for voters. Shortly after noon, only 17 voters had cast their ballots.

School bond beaten – again

Voters turn thumbs down to pared-down proposal

Parking problems

Deck addition still option despite higher cost for fewer spaces

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFE WRITER

Less than a year after the Plymouth Downtown **Development Authority decided** to build a third deck to the existing parking garage off Harvey Street, new estimates show the cost of the proposed project has gone up by more than \$1.6 million.

In April 2006, the DDA decided to proceed with plans to spend \$3 million for a third level to the present two-story parking deck - which has 274 parking spaces - resulting in 142 additional slots.

However, the DDA's parking deck construction committee this week received a report from consultants Rich & Associates of Southfield which indicated inflationary expenses added to the 2004 estimates increased the basic cost of a third deck to nearly \$3.9 million, with another \$800,000 needed for exterior facade improvements (\$300,000), melioration to Fleet Street (\$200,000) and structural repairs to the existing

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deck (\$300,000).

And while the cost has gone up, the net addition in parking spaces will be 21 fewer than the original plan.

"The new report caused us to make a decision to take a closer look at a couple of other options, as well as take a closer look at projected revenue streams," said Mike Wright, DDA chairman "We also sent Rich & Assoc back to the drawing board to conduct deeper analysis of the numbers provided.

"Our instinctive thinking is the existing option is still going to be the least expensive, because there will also be inflationary factors on all the other options," he added. "All the others are more expensive than

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When the unofficial totals for Tuesday's school bond issue were posted on the giant screen in the Board of Education office Tuesday night, the murmur of optimism soon turned to silence as supporters of the \$62.1 million proposal were stunned at losing a bond proposition for the second time in less than a year.

Just as the silence was starting to get deafening, Superintendent Jim Ryan looking tired and disappointed - tried to console the partisans.

"I know you're disappointed, I can see it in your faces, your shoulders and in your posture," Ryan said. "But, you only can work as hard as you can work, and everybody stepped up and did a great job. We think it's a tough economy out there.'

Despite a plan to make millions of dollars in improvements with passage of **DOWN IT GOES** Here's how the \$62.1 million

	6,968	7,715
Salem Twp.	8	27
Superior Twp.	47	120
Northville Twp.	122	179
Plymouth Twp.	1,920	2,657
Canton Twp.	4,208	3,846
Plymouth	663	886
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Plymouth-Canto posal fared in T	uesday's	election

the bond, Michigan's economic doldrums may be the defining factor for Tuesday's 7,715-6,968 bond defeat.

"With what's going on with Ford, Chrysler, the entire auto industry, it's not a good time to ask for the money,'

said Mike Stacey of Plymouth, who is retired as of Thursday after taking a buyout from Ford Motor Co. "The last bond (\$120 million in May) was too aggressive. This bond is probably correct, but it just came at the wrong time."

Eric Bettner, 38, of Canton Township has two boys attending Plymouth-Canton Schools and would like to see improvements, but said asking for more money in today's economy isn't the answer.

"From (Gov.) Jennifer (Granholm) on down, and with the rate hikes in Canton about to go up, it seems every time we turn around we've got to spend another dollar," Bettner said. "I thought the last bond was outright excessive, this was certainly more pared down. But, with the development here and families moving in on the decline, are we gong to be the next Livonia and mothballing schools down the road?"

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Newest priest can turn to the big picture

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Last week, Peter Swarr's big worry was what to serve to a party of 30 or more coming to witness his ordination as an Episcopal priest.

Now, with the ordination successfully completed, Swarr, the assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township, can turn his attention to the bigger picture as one of the church's newest priests.

Swarr, 27, was ordained Saturday with the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, bishop of Maine, and the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, bishop of Michigan, in attendance.

The ordination completed a discernment process that officially took some five years, but actually got started way back when Swarr was a sophomore at Kennebunk High School in Maine.

"I grew up in churches of some shape or size, so Christianity was a big part of my life," said Swarr, who came to St. John's in July 2006. "A friend asked me if I'm ready (for ordination), and I told him I'm not ready. I'm excited and anticipating it and nervous,

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The Rev. Peter Swarr (center) was ordained Saturday by the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen (right), the bishop of Maine, while the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, bishop of Michigan, was also in attendance.

Party crashers Claiming GOP deserted them, Stewarts join Democrats

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Some state House 20th District constituents have called former state Rep. John Stewart a Democrat in sheep's clothing, believing the Plymouth Township resident who was elected three times to the state Legislature as a Republican was really a Democrat.

There is no more wondering after Stewart and his wife, Beth, formally made the switch while attending Saturday's state Democratic Party Convention at Cobo Center.

"It's the best opportunity for Beth and me to support the policies we believe in," John Stewart said. "When I was in the Legislature, I voted my district ... and voted consistently with the Republicans in the House of Representatives. However, when you look at what we believe in public education and higher education — that has stronger proponents on the Democratic side.

"The Republican Party has made efforts to push social moderates out the door," he added. "I don't see the moderate wing of the Republican Party coming back for another eight or 10 years. The attitude of the Republicans is, 'We weren't conservative, or exclusive, enough."

Get a reality check." Beth Stewart, who lost a bitter Republican primary in August against Mark Abbo in an effort to succeed her husband, said it's the Republicans who have changed, not the Stewarts.

"I haven't changed who I am or the things I believe in," Beth Stewart said. "The party I thought represented me doesn't anymore. They made it very clear in the primary they don't want someone that is pro-choice and favors education and teachers. The Democrats have made it very clear that moderates are welcome,"

John Stewart said the couple has attended several Democratic functions.

"They have warmly welcomed us," John Stewart said. "They knew of the hell I've put up with and the game playing to undermine me for being a moderate. Now the rooster has come home."

John Stewart said he won't be running for any kind of office in 2007 or 2008 to concentrate on his private law practice, but didn't rule out future campaigns. Beth Stewart said her days in politics are over.

"I'm not going to run for anything ... except cover," she said.

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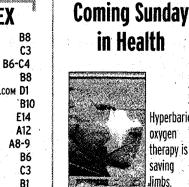


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The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet noon Monday, March 19, at the Northville District Library in downtown Northville.

A speaker the staff at St. Joseph Mercy Health System will present a program on "Women's Health and Fitness-Sandwich Luncheon." For more information, call

(734) 459-4764.

Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road South. For more information, call (734) 394-5100.

Early Childhood night

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department hosts a Preschool Site Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. All preschool classrooms at the various sites will be open for visitation.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or check the Web site at

web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychild-hood.

AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies'

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public performance by "The Petticoat Ladies" at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Fox Run Retirement Community, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi (just west of M-5). Beth Ann Knisely, (248) 305-8992. Supreme Court

justice speaks

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday, March 10, The public is invited to attend and enjoy a modest lunch (\$5 donation requested). The meeting will be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12:15 pm. For more information, please contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

Aging events

■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host "Diet and Nutrition" sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court, Monday, March 19, 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Learn about the importance of the different food groups for the senior population, and how to create a balanced diet. Come learn how you can still work some of your favorite foods into your diet and still stay on track. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext.

236 to register. Free coffee and bagels will be served.

The PCCA will also host the "Senior Fashion Show" sponsored by the Dress Barn in Canton.

Council on Aging members will model the clothing as well as being escorted by gentleman members. Mark the date: March 12 at Plymouth Cultural Center from 1:30-3 p.m., refreshments will be served.



Frosty tossing

Steve Vigil (left) gets ready to launch his horseshoe, while John Gillis waits his turn during the 18th-annual "Frostbite Horseshoe" tournament hosted by the Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus. Battling below-freezing temperatures and wind-blown snow, the Knights raised some \$800 for the Kids with Cancer program. The program is under the leadership of Fr. Russ Kohler, pastor of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit.

This is a free event. Call (734)453-1234, Ext. 236 to reserve a spot.

Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows host their organizational meeting, at which the 2007 "No Child Without a Christmas" mission will be discussed, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Plymouth District Library.

All are welcome. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 262-3199 or email at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo. com

VFW fish

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street (Lilley) in Plymouth, will host fish fry Fridays from 5-7 p.m. every Friday though Good Friday.

The cost of the all-you-caneat baked or fried fish is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children. Dinner includes potato or macaroni and cheese, cole based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School.

"Footloose" tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned. Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet.

Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages. Tickets can be purchased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights.

Visit www.parkplayers.org or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us. or by calling (734) 582-6836.

Table Sellers Invited

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom-2-Mom Sale, show quota for jewelers has been met. Over 1,500 attendees are expected at the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Caregiver support group

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. These meeting provide support, information and encouragements to caregivers who are caring for a spouse, parent or others.

The group will help family and friends deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

First-time participants should call Chris Goldberg, (313) 359-0736 or e-mail at ment to their community. The recipient of this award

will receive the \$500 Sagear scholarship, named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Application deadline is April 7. For more information go online to http://www.storytellerdesign.com/sandrasagear.html

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted through March 21. Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material.

Applications can be down-

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slaw, and roll. Benefit concert

First Baptist Church hosts its "Make a Joyful Sound" benefit concert to fund-raise for the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur, India, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, with a dessert reception to follow.

The concert will feature performances by more than nine different choirs, groups, soloists and instrumentalists.

Ticket donation is \$10, \$5 for children 12 and younger (checks payable to First Baptist Church, Naga Mission Trip on the memo line). First Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

To order tickets, call (734) 455-2300.

Players are 'Footloose'

The Park Players present their production of "Footloose,"



the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

The sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call (734) 699-7398.

Arts-crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

All non-jewelers, including artists, photographers, and crafters who hand-craft their own items, are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to be held at Canton High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/arteraft to download an application and submit with photos as soon as possible. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Jewelry makers need not apply, as the

Radio auction

Local businesses can support WSDP 88.1-FM, the studentrun radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, by sponsoring the station's annual auction, scheduled 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast. The station is also looking for businesses interested in a more significant sponsorship for a title sponsor, major sponsors and key sponsors.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith via e-mail at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 416-7732.

Sagear scholarship

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitloaded on-line at www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.p df. For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Early childhood meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford in Canton.

At this meeting, parents will learn about preschool programs and be able to get enrollment materials for the 2007-08 school year.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or check the Web site at

web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychild-hood

American Legion meets

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township.

All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.



LOCAL NEWS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brian Carpenter, owner of Always Green in Plymouth, says it doesn't snow like it used to, which has hurt his plowing business.

Lack of snow not to the liking of those who plow it for living

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

While their answers vary when asked if they're ready for the season to be over, local snow removal business owners agree that Michigan winters are nothing like they used to be.

Jacob Glover says time has taught him not to bank on heavy snowfalls. Glover of Canton owns Glover Excavating at 42764 Cherry Hill Road and said snow removal has been virtually nonexistent all winter.

"The season is almost over but we have just barely gotten started," he said. "For the past decade there seems to be a decline every year."

With the area's first major snow storm checking in a couple weeks ago and clearing up about 24 hours later, Glover said the snow removal market isn't hauling in the big bucks.

"Basically, it's milk and bread money and maybe gas money," said Glover, who plows for

businesses and churches in Westland, Belleville and Canton. "I've come to expect it now."

Brian Carpenter of Always Green in Plymouth said having contracts that require payment regardless of snowfall have been helpful but also pose their own problems.

"Some years it snows a lot and some years it doesn't, but I want people to feel like they are getting their money's worth," he said. "Let's face it, it doesn't snow anywhere near the intensity it used to. The severity and frequency of these little storms don't have as much of an impact."

Always Green, located at 610 Karmada in Plymouth, has customers in Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Canton. Carpenter said he was pleased to see the recent 8-inch snowfall.

"I'm happy something happened," he said. "It would be hard to make up for lost time but I would have liked to see it happen six to eight other times."

Carpenter, who's been in business since 1990, said he's optimistic more of the white stuff will cover the ground.

"It's not over yet," Carpenter said hopefully. "We could still get more storms so I'm not ready to take off my (snow plow) blade yet."

Earth Concepts owner Eric Kowalski says he's already looking past winter.

"Other states are having big snowfalls but it gets worse here every year," he said, referencing recent record-breaking snow storms in New York.

In addition to snow removal, Earth Concepts, located at 46600 Cherry Hill in Canton, specializes in landscaping, lawn maintenance and patios.

Like Carpenter, Kowalski said he fears dismal snowfalls will have customers questioning their snow removal contracts.

"You can bet next year (they'll bring it up)," he said. "I'm just going to concentrate on summer."

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Keeping IRS at bay Tax service a boon, local seniors say

When Beverly Burroughs of Plymouth Township needed tax advice, she didn't have far to go.

She visited the Plymouth District Library where the American Association of Retired Persons offers a free tax service for seniors. "This'll be the third year at least," said Burroughs, who likes the free service.

"It's normally a simple tax thing," she said of her return. "They're very efficient and very kind."

Burroughs noted you don't have to be from Plymouth to use the service. "They can come from any area." Income tax assistance is available to seniors at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. It began Feb. 7 and continues every Wednesday thereafter until April 11. You must make an appointment first by calling (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

The service is popular, said Bobbie Pummill, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and a Westland resident It's an AARP service in con-

junction with the Council on

Aging. "It's actually for low and middle income, with special attention to those who are 60 years and older," she said.

There are no geographical restrictions, and if library times don't fit the person's schedule there are also sessions in Northville and Livonia. "Whatever fits their sched-

ule, they can go wherever they want," Pummill said.

The Plymouth program serves about 300 people a season, and has been offered at least five years

"It's just a service for the seniors, just another one of their services for them," Pummill said. No more than four stock transactions are allowed and there are some other limits. The service isn't meant for the self-employed.

"It's going really well," Pummill said. "Our people are well-versed in what they need to do." Plymouth/Northville has about 20 volunteers who help out, and you can call to volunteer next year.

"They're trained by the IRS," she said of volunteers, who also go to Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth to help with heating/telephone credits for residents.

Don Bain of Plymouth Township, a Ford Motor Co. retiree, is among volunteers. This is his second year, and his group does the Northville and Plymouth locations.

"It's just something to keep my mind busy." It's also good to help people cope with complexities of tax laws, Bain added.

"The U.S. Tax Code's only 55,000 pages," he noted. Some filers are in groups that do charitable work, they accept some money for expenses and wonder how to get set up as a tax-free organization.

"That's kind of unusual." More often, filers have their W-2s or similar forms and other documentation. "And we electronically file," Bain said.

He has an M.B.A. which included accounting, but that's not mandatory for volunteers. "I think just about anybody can" volunteer, he said. The volunteers use an AARP computer program which is helpful.

"We also do home visits for shut-ins. It's a good bunch of people," Bain said.

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Township set to test temporary main

Residents served by the water main being closed due to construction of the Sheldon Road underpass project may notice a change in service

beginning Saturday. Plymouth Township Department of Public Works staffers will be testing the temporary water service connections installed as part of the underpass project. The water service connections to be tested were recently installed to provide temporary water service to the City of Plymouth.

Temporary water service to the City of Plymouth is scheduled to begin this Spring to allow for the removal and replacement of a 36-inch Detroit water main in Sheldon Road. This week's test is designed to make sure City of Plymouth residents receive adequate water service through the temporary connections.

Testing will occur for five



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According to the district, bond passage would have increased taxes .6 mills, costing the average homeowner with a home market value of \$275,000 - \$83 a year. Only one of six communities in the Plymouth-Canton Schools district passed the proposal. However, Canton Township voters - who had the most to gain with a new middle school that would end long bus rides for students to Central Middle School in Plymouth – failed to pass the measure with enough margin to overcome a resounding defeat by voters in Plymouth Township.

Canton voters passed the bond 4,208 to 3,846 and gave some life to supporters until Plymouth Township's numbers came in, defeating the measure by a 2,657 to 1,920 margin, which sealed the bond proposal's fate. Plymouth voters turned down the measure 1,063 to 886; Northville Township defeated it 179-122. Voters in Salem and Superior townships also voted against the bond issue by wide margins.

One of the biggest effects from the bond loss is the failure of the district to recapture the \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for land on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center Road, in Canton Township for a new middle school. District officials had until April 1 to regain that



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There was plenty of room for John Birchler, the 60th voter in Precinct 4, to cast his ballot. Only some 20 percent of registered voters showed up in Tuesday's school bond election.

'We'll be dealing with overcrowded conditions for quite a while.'

Judy Mardigian secretary, board of education

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money to put back into the general fund, which now will face tougher scrutiny as the Board of Education this month begins its budget review and plans for the 2007-08 school year.

"It's really significant," said

Ryan, who noted budget discussions by the school board will begin March 12. "We've kept the cuts away from the classroom and academics as much as we can, but now, unfortunately, things like class size will be on the block, and field trips in

total." **Board of Education** Secretary Judy Mardigian said without the improvements and additional classrooms afforded by the bond, the stewards of the district will have to make some tough

budget decisions.

"We'll be dealing with overcrowded conditions for quite a while," Mardigian said. "I see the population growth continuing, and we're not going to be able to manage this. "The \$2.3 million was criti-

cal, and will have to be made up through operational budget," she said. "It can be done, but you'll have to make cuts to offset it, and we've tried to avoid doing that."

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adding the third level."

Other options include constructing a second parking deck south of the Plymouth District Library or near Wing and Harvey streets.

"We know our anticipated cash flow from DDA money could accommodate a \$4 million project," Wright said. "We have to take a much closer look at our overall operating activity to see if that increased debt burden can be accommodated.

"If not, then we have to rethink other revenue sources, like paid parking," he added. "Our preference is not to do that because of the negative impact we think it would have initially on retailers. But \$5 million may force our hand on that."

Wright said the DDA received input from business owners who want Fleet Street accessibility improved for commercial truck parking, turning radiuses and garbage pickup, as well as making it more pedestrian-friendly.

"The strongest rationale for going to a third level is all the data affirms the greatest new demand generators are still in the immediate area adjacent to the central parking deck," Wright said. "That, in reality, is still probably going to argue against the other options."

Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made & More at the corner of Fleet Street and Ann Arbor Trail, believes the current deck should be improved

before considering other options.

"The other options are not centrally located," Marulis said. "I would rather have people park close, otherwise they don't come in.

"Fleet Street is a mess," she added. "If we're going to rip up Fleet Street, then we should do it the right way. Patching doesn't work, it's short-lived improvement. I would rather see long-term, complete improvements.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said the parking issue is vital to the growth of downtown Plymouth.

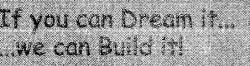
"It's such a fine line between attracting development and steering away development, based on what you do with parking," Dwyer said. "Right now, I believe the smart place to concentrate on is the current deck. Downtown is where the (parking) pinch is going to come."

"I think the library area is going to become the next parking pinch, because of the Park Side project, and if the Wilcox property ever gets developed and if the Penn Theatre gets rolling," he added. "People will go to the library and have no place to park. If we're going to build a second deck, that's where it's going to be."

Wright said the DDA is on a fast track to get its answers and make a decision.

"We don't want to jeopardize our original target date for starting construction on Feb. 1, 2008, after the ice festival," Wright said.

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but I don't know how you get 'ready.'

Swarr, who lives in Canton with his wife, Angela, and their 14-year-old black Lab Paulie, better get ready. He's been overseeing the rebirth of St. John's youth groups, the church school, mission and outreach. He oversees the church's Vacation Bible School, shares preaching and liturgical leadership.

This summer, he will lead a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, a labor of love for Swarr and his wife, who did a similar mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, in 1998.

"We loved it," Swarr recalled. "In the midst of poverty and heat, we loved the culture. There was something very different. As many problems as they have, they also had many gifts to share with us."

Swarr, who still officially was a part of the Diocese of Maine before his ordination Saturday, knows the church faces challenges. In recent years it has wrestled with the idea of women in the priesthood and homosexuality.

Swarr clearly has no problem with the former.

"I work at St. John's with a woman as rector and the bishop of Maine is a woman," Swarr said. "Clearly, I'm supportive."

His support of gays in the church has come around much more slowly. When he went to Wheaton College, a conservative evangelical institution, he "felt very firmly the ordination of homosexuals was incorrect."

Having encountered many gays he calls "incredibly faithful people," Swarr has changed his thinking.

"I respect deeply people who disagree with me on this, but I think God does call gay people to be ministers in the church," Swarr said. "People of good faith can read the Bible and come to the conclusion gays and lesbians should worship together with everyone, and other people of equally good faith can read the Bible and come to the conclusion they should not worship together."

Born and raised in Maine, the die-hard Boston Red Sox fan – "Now that I'm here, I



Swarr "Like a lot of kids that age, I wasn't so sure about church," he said. He attended a "renewal' weekend as part of a youth program called "Happening," and heard others talking about their faith and doubts. In that period, Swarr recalled, he 'experienced being welcomed and cared for, of being loved. It was incredible.'

He became more and more active in his local church, activity that eventually led to a discussion with Knudsen, the bishop of Maine.

"She asked me, 'You feel called to be a priest, don't you?" Swarr said. "It really blew me away. From that point I was in frequent contact with her, did internships, opened a new church, just to see what it's like."

Swarr graduated summa cum laude from Wheaton (Ill.) College with a bachelor's degree in history in 2002, then graduated cum laude from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., in 2006, with a master's of divinity, and was a recipient of the Charles and Janet Harris Award in recognition of academic excellence, leadership ability and personal qualities for the ordained ministrv.

When he finished seminary,

В Virginia D. Beason

Beason, 46, formerly of Westland, died Feb. 23

John N. "Johnny" Bergman Bergman died Feb. 25.

C Julie M. Clark Clark, 42, died Feb. 23.

Joseph W. Colombatto Jr. Colombatto, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 24.

D Dward H. David David, 82, died Feb. 24.

G Lewis "Russ" Gibson

Gibson, 69, of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Feb. 23.

Swarr started looking for his calling. After looking at churches in Providence, Austin, Texas, and Washington D.C., he found it in Plymouth, after talking to St. John's rector the Rev. Dorian McGlannan.

"From the moment I talked to her, I sensed we had a good relationship," Swarr said. "We're on the same page theologically. When I came out, I fell in love with the place."

It's been a good fit for the church, too. McGlannan is impressed with how hard Swarr has worked, and how much he has wanted, to be a priest.

"He's worked toward this since he was 16 years old," McGlannan said. "The process is very demanding. He's remarkably centered and focused for someone his age. I'm blown away by that."

Now that he's a priest, Swarr looks forward to not only continuing the ministries with which he's already associated, but expanding his liturgical responsibilities, including the ability to celebrate the Eucharist.

"It'll really be a fuller dimension of what I can do," Swarr said. "I'll be able to take more liturgical leadership in the parish."

That'll work out well for the parish, too, according to its leader.

"He's going to be a wonderful priest," McGlannan said. "He's open, he has the pastoral skills and the vision. He will do very well in his ministry."

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DEATHS

Virginia B. Jacobson Jacobson, 78, of Troy, died Feb. 21.

Marjorie L. Kietzer Kietzer, 85, died Feb. 27.

Doris M. Rehburg Rehburg, 77, died Feb. 23. **Donald William Robinson**

Robinson, 60, of Birmingham, died Feb. 24.

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M. Pameia Stump

Stump, 79, of Grosse IIe, died Feb. 19.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A12.

Mouth stick artist featured at annual show

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

In August 1981, Will Pardee dove into shallow water, a decision that left him permanently paralyzed from the shoulders down. At home, he soon became bored with the limited number of activities he could do, so his wife Sarah suggested he try drawing by holding a pencil in his mouth. He tried it "reluctantly."

"I think I have a hidden God-given talent I didn't know I have," said Pardee, who lives in Fremont, Mich. "It took me two or three months to develop and we started selling at art shows a year after I started." Known as the mouth stick artist. Pardee will be among 100 artists who will be selling their work Saturday, March 3, at the Lutheran High School Westland's 18th annual Spring Celebration spring arts and craft show. "It's going to be a good one," said Lisa Haller, who is helping

with the show. "Will will actually be there drawing." The juried show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high

school at 33300 Cowan Road, east of Wayne Road in Westland. Featured will be such things as handmade pottery, jewelry, oil and watercolor paintings, garden art, furniture and handpainted clothing.

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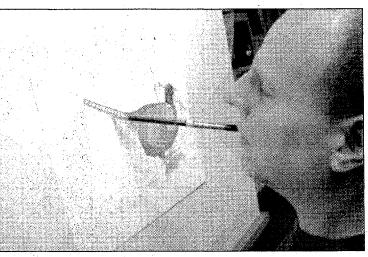
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A quadriplegic, Will Pardee of Fremont, Mich., draws by holding pencils in his mouth. The pencils are inserted in a plastic tube to make them easier to clinch between his teeth.

Pardee works in artist pencil and colored pencils, doing designs taken from photographs. He does commission work and some of the lithographs he will bring to the show will be reproductions of such work. His selection includes motorcycles, wild life and apples in a bushel basket.

According to Haller, there also will be a display of artwork by students of the high school, which attracts teens from throughout the Detroit area.

The show also will feature a kids craft corner, hourly door prize drawings, entertainment by Lutheran High Chamber

Singers and individual instrumental performances.

Lunch also will be available, and back by popular demand is the Maurice salad that will take showgoers back to having lunch at J.L. Hudson's. Admission is \$2.

Money raised through the show goes to the booster organization and helps support athletic and academic programs, as well as drama and choir at the high school. It also helps to pay for the school's dues to belong to the Lutheran High School Association.

For more information about the show, call (734) 422-2090.



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LOCAL NEWS

TO THE CONQUERING HEROES

The Cancer AnswerLine is for anyone with questions about cancer. Amy needed information on treatment options when her niece, Suzie, was diagnosed with leukemia. When Amy called, a cancer nurse personally answered all of her questions, helping her realize they were not alone in the fight. It's another reason, what you remember about U-M are the people who are there for you along the way. That's the Michigan Difference.

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Simply Self Storage

Notice is hereby given that on Friday March 16, 2007 on or after 10:00 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are <u>cash only</u>. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184 - 734-728-8204.

Andrinque Phelan – Unit E101 Fans, Mini fridge, 2 bikes, toys, steam cleaner, aquarium, household items.

Russell Gawryluk – Unit A412 Weight bench, weights, ice chest and boxes.

Troy Sandy - D145 Entertainment center, leather sofa, hitch rack, clothing, barstool, household items.

Tara Doyle - C143 Dinette, stereo, dressers, fans, baby toys, floor lamp, boxes, ironing board.

Jav-Tee Dean - Unit C170 Table w/4 chairs, dolly, vacuum, tools, floor lamp, large pictures, Grecian style pedestal, boxes and bags.

Gerald Markham - Unit E139 Maytag dishwasher.

Diann Briscoe - D147 Dresser, futon, sled, chair lift, misc. furniture & household items.

Margaret Cumbus – Unit B102 Misc. furniture, patio furniture, TV, tree, lamps, king and twin mattress and box springs, boxes, household items.

Latova Savles - Unit C106/C107 Lamp, vacuum, mirror, table, household items.

Chaneca Shaw - Unit A409

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Leather sofa/chair, rocking chair, black sofa, coffee tables, dresser drawers, ironing board, 3 pc. sound system, folding lounge chairs, bins, shelving unit, twin/crib mattresses, misc. boxes, household items.

@ THE LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth, offers the following programs in March:

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP, Thursday, March 1, 1-3 p.m. — This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics - caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required - for more information contact Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, ext. 232.

■ CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, March 5, 7 p.m. - Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration is required.

WORLD WAR II PER-SPECTIVES, World War II and the Big Band Sound, Monday, March 5, 7 p.m. -(See listing for another WW II series program on March 15) Dr. Weldon Petz, former trombone player and music arranger in several big bands of the 40's and 50's (as well as educator and Lincoln Historian) will share, via recorded music and slides, the history of the big band music of World War II, including lyrics, personalities, photographs and recollections. Don't be surprised if you begin to sing along when one of your favorite old songs begins to play. Register by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

GREAT BOOKS, Monday, March 5 and 19, 7 p.m. – This discussion group is open to

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anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site: http://www.greatbooks.org/

WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, March 6, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, March 20, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

\$\$\$ and SENSE, Wednesday, March 7, 1 p.m. -Join with others who are interested in learning and sharing information on personal finance and investing at this discussion group at the Library. The group provides a forum to study and share personal investment information, learn investment terminology, review different investment tools, and study individual stocks, mutual funds, annuities, etc. Each month, members follow and report on a mock portfolio they set up on the Internet. This is not a stock club, no monies are involved; members plan, moderate, and participate in each meeting. New members are welcome at any meeting. Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in a Library meeting room. For more information on current discussion topics, please contact Linda Pride, (734) 453-0750, ext. 206 or

Dawn Golden of Plymouth reads to her 3-year-old daughter, Audrey, in the newly opened youth area at the Plymouth District Library.

lpride@plymouthlibrary.org BLOOD DRIVE, Friday,

March 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Library and reminds donors that they can safely give blood every 56 days. A sign up sheet can be found in the Library lobby - but walk-ins are welcome, too.

■ YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, March 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked

in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

WORLD WAR II PER-SPECTIVES, Monday, March 5, 7 p.m., The Third Reich: Years of Victory (1939-42) -Professor Robert Citino of Eastern Michigan University will present this informative program. He is a noted World War Historian and author of several military history books including Blitzkrieg to Desert Storm: The **Evolution of Operational**

Warfare (2004) (winner of the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award) and The German Way of War: From the Thirty Years' War to the Third Reich (2005). Professor Citino has recently returned from sabbatical where he was busy writing his next book titled Death of the Wehrmacht: The German Campaigns of 1942, scheduled for publication in October.

STARS, MOONS & PLANETS, Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. – Want to know more about the spring sky? Plan now to attend this lively exchange of thoughts with local astronomy expert, Mike Best. All are welcome – ages 6 to 106. For more information contact 734-459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. – Members of this book discussion group are invited to read Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP - There will be no Garden Group meeting in March. Start planning your 2007 garden at the next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — Kick off a new project or keep after your current one. Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS/PLYMOUTH COM-MUNITY ARTS COUNCIL. Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. -For nearly 10 years, the Arts Council has offered exceptional presentations about the DIA's permanent collections and special exhibits. Register by calling the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Youth programs

LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, March 12, 10 & 11 a.m. and Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young, babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required; call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

BACKYARD METEO-ROLOGY, Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m. — This program is part of our continuing Family and Science Reading series. In conjunction with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum, it is designed specifically for children 6-12 and their parents - a parent or caregiver must accompany each participant. Registration is limited to 30 children; call today, (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, March 26, 10 & 11 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. -This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007 for the following:

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART EXHIBIT

Proposals 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 proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of 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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is requesting proposals from qualified agencies/individuals interested in the administration of a HUD-sponsored Family Self-Sufficiency Program. This agency/ person must have a minimum of five years experience in this program and/or the original Boot-Strap program.

Proposals, including scope of work and fee requested, will be accepted by mail until COB Friday, March 14, 2007, at the following address:

> Plymouth Housing Commission 1160 Sheridan Street Plymouth MI 48170

For further information, please contact Sharon Thomas at (734) 455-3670, ext. 224.

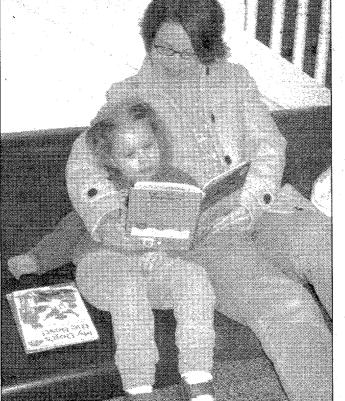
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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LOCAL NEWS

Local bank gets new vice president

New Liberty Bank officials named Pamela R. Hendrickson assistant vice president and operations specialist. She is also the bank's security officer.

Hendrickson joined New Liberty Bank in 2004 as opera-



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in 2004 as operations specialist. She previously worked for National City Bank as assistant vice president and office manager. Locally owned and

Hendrickson

operated in Plymouth, New Liberty Bank provides a full-range of personalized services for business and retail customers, including Free Online Bill Pay and 32,000 surcharge-free ATMs. New Liberty Bank reported total assets of approximately \$88.5 million in December 2006.

Hella honored

Hella KGaA Hueck & Co. was honored by General Motors for overall excellence in supporting GM's product efforts during recent ceremonies in Detroit.

"GM strives to build the best cars and trucks in the world, and the leadership and employees of Hella represent what it takes to make GM's products successful," said Bo Andersson, GM Vice President, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain. "We honor these companies ... to remind the industry and the public of the critical role our suppliers play in developing GM vehicles globally."

It's the sixth year GM honored suppliers, awards which recognize a suppliers' performance in quality, cost and delivery, as well as contributions to production and concept vehicles GM unveils at the NAIAS.

"This important recognition by one of the world's largest vehicle manufacturers is quite an honor for our company and our employees," said Dr. Raymund Heinen, president of Hella Lighting North America. "It underscores our commitment to providing high-quality lighting products and developing new, innovative technologies for our customers."

Hella, a global supplier, develops and manufactures components and systems for lighting and electronics for the automotive industry, including advanced driver-assistance systems enhancing safety and comfort. In addition, its jointventure companies produce complete vehicle modules, airconditioning systems and vehicle-electric systems.

Hella is also one of the world's largest companies selling automotive aftermarket parts and accessories, with its own sales companies and partners in more than 100 countries. Annual consolidated sales for the Hella Group total \$4.4 billion.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANT SUBMISSION FOR LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL BRIDGES, ETC.

On Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in Board Meeting Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, the Board of Trustees will consider:

SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, PLUS SIGNAGE, ALONG THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL, NORTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE, IN CANTON.

All citizens, including persons with disabilities, are welcome to attend the public hearing to discuss and comment on the project. Requests for information should be directed to Bob Belair, assistant township engineer, 734-394-5154.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Management (NLM) is honoring stellar carrier performance by presenting its third annual inclu

Carrier Excellence Awards to carriers that have provided outstanding customer service in 2006. The awards are based on criteria and performance ratings generated from NLM's Carrier Excellence Program. NLM will present the awards at a ceremony March 8 in Livonia.

Carrier award

National Logistics

As a non-asset based, third party logistics provider, NLM works in partnership with more than 450 ground, air freight and air charter carriers to manage shipments. The Carrier Excellence Program outlines expectations that NLM and its clients hold as the most important factors of service quality. A point system based on cost and quality is applied to each carrier and results in a "scorecard" that is shared with clients and carriers each month.

"Carriers play an integral role in NLM's delivery of efficient, reliable, high-quality transportation management solutions," said Greg Humes, president of National Logistics Management. "It is our privilege to acknowledge the commitment to customer service these Carrier Excellence Award winners have demonstrated throughout the year."

NLM's Carrier Awards are presented in six categories including: On-Time Performance, Coverage Support, Increased Participation, Best New Carrier, Dispatcher of the Year, and Overall Performance in Carrier Excellence. For each category, carriers are evaluated on service- and performancerelated metrics.

The On-Time Performance Award is based on company size, mode of transportation and on-time delivery ratings. This year's On-Time Performance Awards are being presented to, among others, medium ground expediter, On Time Express of Plymouth.

Winners of the Overall Performance in Carrier Excellence Award are determined by the carrier's monthly score in the areas of on-time performance, timely and accurate updates, safety, driver communication the number of corrective actions issued. The monthly scorecards carriers received in 2006 were reviewed for the highest scores in each category. Based on these results, Overall Carrier Excellence Award winners are CTX, FF Express, TS Delivery, and Mach 1 Air Services.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-February 20, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, February 20, 2006 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: Executive Director Santomauro, Rick Pomorski, Dave Medley, Julie Olesko, Mike Rorabacher Other: Miles Hammond Jr. (Merit Commission) Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended deleting Item 1. Growth Works & Human Service Center Update. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Growth Works & Human Service Center Update Deleted Item 2. Executive Director's Update -30-Day Plan, -Communications, -Training & Development, -Human Resources, -Leadership Team, -Ordinance Enforcement Update, -Fire & EMS Regionalization Update, - Future and Ongoing Projects. A full copy of the Board Study Minutes can be viewed at the Clerk's office. Other Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board Meeting on February 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - 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 <u>www.canton-mi.org</u> after Board Approval. Publish: March 1.2007

Montessori Academy to celebrate 100 years

Armed with a gubernatorial proclamation, Schoolhouse Montessori Academy schools in Canton, Troy and Macomb will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Maria Montessori's landmark school in Rome with Michigan Montessori Week, Feb. 25 - March 3.

Schoolhouse leaders have alerted schools statewide and scheduled a series of student and parent activities — including participation in an international "Moment of Peace" at 10 a.m., Friday, March 2.

Schoolhouse children will be silent for a moment before singing "Let There be Peace on Earth" in honor of the leader who aimed to put children at the center of society and assist them in becoming "transforming elements leading to a harmonious and peaceful humanity."

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Schoolhouse Montessori Academy's three metro Detroit schools serve about 400 students, ages 18 months through third grade, in multi-cultural and open classrooms. Students move freely from one activity to another, building skills at their own pace.

Montessori, an Italian physician, started a children's home in the poor Roman district of San Lorenzo. Thus began the worldwide movement of education that fuels children's natural desire to

explore, discover and learn. For more information, visit Schoolhouse Montessori Academy at www.schoolhousemontessori.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for the Gallimore Elementary School Gym Floor and Cafeteria Table Replacement.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., local time on Thursday, March 14: 2007 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. There will be a mandatory **Pre-Bid Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the offices of McCarthy & Smith at the address referenced above. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary



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Thursday, March 1, 2007

OUR VIEWS

No third shot for school bond

Maybe the third time would be the charm for the Plymouth-Canton school district in its pursuit of a bond issue to, among other things, repurpose Central Middle School for use as the district's alternative high school.

We just don't think there should be a third time.

The district's bond proposal went down to defeat at the hands of the voters, not by a huge margin, but by enough -7,715-6,968. It's the second time in less than a year voters have denied the schools; May's \$120-million, two-part proposal also went up in flames.

Surveys said the last one asked for too much in the way of niceties, "wants" rather than real needs. The district retooled the proposal, took out bells and whistles such as a new theater and athletic facility improvements perceived as unnecessary by voters, and rushed it back onto the ballot, scurrying to recoup \$2.3 million it needed to reimburse the general fund for money it borrowed to purchase middle school property in Canton.

That part is gone, by the way. The district had to recoup that money by April 1, or it couldn't try again. Whatever happens, Plymouth-Canton officials have to find another way to massage that \$2.3 million hole in its budget.

District officials were also looking for \$62.1 million, which included \$31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School; and another \$13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center.

It also included \$13.1 million for new classrooms and a gym, \$4 million for cafeteria improvements and just over \$1 million for new school buses.

District officials put together what they thought was an aggressive plan to inform the public. Supt. Jim Ryan did briefings and gave tours of both Central Middle School and Starkweather. Board members did their share of presentations.

In the end, what district officials simply couldn't do was fix Michigan's economy. Unless the district wants to pay another \$18,000 for another study (which would be foolish), we may never know for sure why voters said no this time.

But surely the struggles of the auto industry, which fuels a ton of business and provides thousands of jobs in this district, and announcements by companies like Pfizer that they're abandoning the area, didn't help.

It doesn't matter district officials believe they're operating as efficiently and austerely as they can. Voters surely delivered the message Tuesday that, "If we have to tighten our belts, you have to tighten your belts."

Unless they wish to alienate their constituency even further, district officials would be wise to pull those belts in another notch.

sales taxes, we can presuppose that with passing time, it will expand horizontally to more services, and rise vertically to higher percentages. There is always more, never less, demand for taxpayers' money.

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ning, a foot in the door.

Another governor's rather controversial proposal is the so-called investing in people, meaning more money for education, advocated mostly, it seems, by persons associated in one way or another with the education establishment.

Most controversial, of course, in the gov-

ernor's balancing budget proposal is a tax

on services. One percentage tax on some

services will most likely be just the begin-

From past experiences with income and

More money for preschooling may not be that good idea. The best preschooling a child can get is from his father and mother at home. I remember, in the former Soviet Union, they had such early schooling of children for the purpose of minimizing and counteracting parental, what they called bourgeois, influence on them, and for indoctrinating the children early in their life in politically correct godless Marxist-communist ideology. Perhaps baby-sitting should not be at public expense. There are many private business establishments available to those who are in need of such services. Spending tax money on people pursuing higher education may not be of much help, if any. Huge reductions in employment, outsourcing, and manufacturing leaving the state, provided Michigan with a large pool of diversely educated, industrially experienced people, but no available-for-them employment. There is no shortage of educated people in Michigan. There is a shortage of employment opportunities for them. Many are being forced to leave the state to seek such opportunities elsewhere. In the past, college education was financed by students' own resources or from private sources, and it worked just fine. Perhaps the cost of incarceration per inmate can be reduced while maintaining a humane environment in prisons. There are probably many non-violent inmates, victims of overzealous bureaucracy, unwarrantedly prosecuted, having gotten sentences that don't fit the crime, or having been tried in accordance with some unfair, faulty or even violating people's constitutional rights laws. When times are good and money plentiful, it is freely spent on newly conceived, not necessarily needed projects, on the creation of government-sponsored and paid-for entities, and on much-too-generous, often unjustified raises and benefits. When times are bad, they are not easy to do away with or retract. **Joseph Wira** Plymouth was then. This is now.

Jobs in Michigan are disappearing faster than you can blink. Our residents are facing extraordinary circumstances that are beyond our control. In Wayne County alone, more than 6,000 residents have their homes in foreclosure and that number is raising daily. Bankruptcy is at an all-time high. Our lives are spinning out of control and we are forced to play the hand we are dealt. So many dreams have been shattered.

So many families are no longer able to afford the basics, as gas and food prices steadily rise. This snowball is rolling into an avalanche, taking all savings, stocks, CDs, IRAs, our pride and energy with it. To sum it up: Picking clean the carcass of what was once was our life. Our governor asks us to hold on and have faith; we can make a comeback in Michigan. These are meaningless words to thousands of residents who feel helpless and defeated. We watch the modern wagon train leaving our state, trying to find a new promised land. Leaving behind all that you know and love, all the while praying you are doing the right thing for your family. I cannot help looking at my own home in a new light. How can this be happening? My emotions are raw. Is it my age that triggers such fear? Yet the knowledge is there. Will I too become part of the wagon train?

Give governor a chance

I am responding to your invitation to comment on the state of Michigan's economy. I find it astonishing that people (particularly many politicians) think that the state can forever continue to lose tax revenue, reduce taxes and yet provide necessary services to its citizens. Talk about a 500-pound gorilla being in the room!

Gov. Granholm has made many excellent proposals to address our economic situation, only to be discarded without serious deliberation by the Republican Legislature. It's time we gave her ideas a chance for implementation and success.

On the subject of taxes, I consider them a good investment in the quality of life I wish to experience here in Michigan and to support our less fortunate fellow citizens. We are willing to pay our share, even if that means paying more.

My husband and I are lifelong Michigan residents and MSU graduates. Linda Curry Livonia

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Senate GOP must give budget details

Senate Republicans have rejected Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2007 budget proposal that would combine budget cuts and an excise tax on services to balance the current fiscal year budget.

Sen. Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) says that Senate Republicans have found enough spending cuts to deal with this year's \$800 million state budget deficit without raising taxes or reducing the school foundation grant in the middle of the school year.

That's great news. Nobody likes to pay taxes. School officials will be delighted that their piece of the state pie will be preserved.

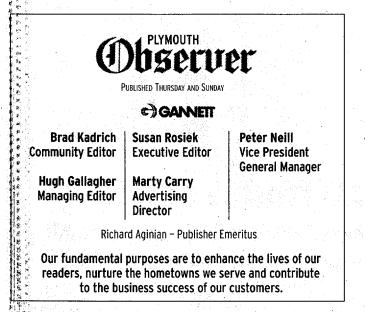
So where are these cuts going to be made? Health care and pension benefits for legislators? Trimming road and bridge projects? Dropping community grants for police and fire? Closing state parks? Bishop won't say. He doesn't want the proposal "negotiated in the media."

But the time has come to let the people of Michigan in on the secret. If the Republicans in the Senate say they can provide a more efficient, streamlined, less-expensive and responsive state government, then tell us how to do it. If they can eliminate unnecessary programs or privatize services at a cost 'savings, let's get the details.

The residents of Michigan have a right to know, understand and discuss whatever plans the governor or the state Legislature have for their tax dollars. Granholm has done her part; she's put forward an interesting and controversial plan for this year and next. It is now incumbent upon legislators from the governor's party and the opposition to work with the governor toward a reasonable compromise.

In an interview last week with the Lansing State Journal, Granholm said: "I put out the best plan that we came up with after a lot of hard work. The Legislature refuses it. They have to put out specifics about what they would find acceptable and then we negotiate. I'm not going to continue to put out different plans on the hopes that something will fly. They've got to tell us what they will do ...?

Now is the time. Let's hear the details.



Modern wagon train

The moving truck came today and I found myself starring in disbelief at losing yet another neighbor. With each piece being loaded onto the truck, my sorrow grew. A mere nine years ago our neighborhood consisted of new homes and lots of dirt. Every neighbor was a new neighbor and new friendships abounded. Smiling faces were everywhere. A time when seeing a moving truck was greeted with anticipation. That

Donna Kenske

Canton

Support HEART for Women

Heart disease and strokes kill more women in Michigan than the next five causes of death combined. The harsh reality of this statistic is heart disease is not only the No. 1 killer of women in our state, but in the whole country. I could've been part of that statistic. At age 53, I suffered a massive heart attack while driving home from the office. My family was told I probably wouldn't make it through the night. Swift thinking on my part saved my life, but it was a rude awakening to discover that one out of three women die of heart disease every minute due to lack of education and appropriate health care.

That's why I am a strong supporter of the HEART for Women Act - bipartisan federal legislation aimed at reducing death and disability from heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases in women. The HEART for Women Act (www.heartforwomen.org) would improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases in women by educating both women and health care providers with prevention programs using the most effective treatments for women. The bill would also tighten Food and Drug Administration requirements for gender-specific reported data on heart medication in clinical trials and expand WISEWOMAN, a screening program for uninsured and underinsured women.

We have to stop thinking of heart disease, strokes and other cardiovascular diseases as a "man's disease." They are killing our mothers, sisters and friends while there is so much more Congress could do. I urge our lawmakers to co-sponsor the HEART for Women Act and help us save lives. We don't want to be No. 1 anymore!

> Susan Dubin West Bloomfield

Support Michigan

Our Michigan economy depends on the success of the American auto companies. The survival of your business, the survival of your job, the resale value of your home and the supply of jobs available for your kids after graduation, all depend on the success of Michigan's core industries - General Motors, Ford and their suppliers.

If you have bought a foreign vehicle, you have supported the economies of Japan, Germany, Korea, etc. You have sent Michigan jobs and Michigan wealth out of our country. Even if the foreign vehicle is built elsewhere in the U.S. – Michigan jobs go to that state and the profits for to a foreign company and economy. The lack of support for the Michigan auto companies is even forcing them to relocate operations and seek suppliers outside of our country.

Michigan residents who drive foreign vehicles are damaging their own economy and needlessly jeopardizing their own financial future. At the Detroit Auto Show, General Motors won Best Car of the Year and Best Truck of the Year. Our Michigan auto companies have products that can compete. When you buy or lease your next vehicle, support your own economy.

> **Jack Orava Bloomfield Hills**

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"We originally cooked together, but then one would say it needs to be hotter or needs more meat ... I cook with my hands, a pinch of this and eyeball that, if it feels right....'

Annette Horn, Native West owner who, with husband Ken, won a chili competition

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Removal of county-owned dam would improve fishery

n the early weeks of January, when the thermometer had readings below freezing, I went down to a spot I know on the Lower Rouge River in Canton with my fishing pole.

I just happened to be with Canton environmental engineer Bob Belair, who has led many of the township's efforts to clean up the Rouge River, and a photographer, which you might say is a fisherman's best friend — in this case, *Observer* staffer Bill Bresler.

I had told them both about the rainbow trout I caught a couple of years at this same spot. They, like many others I've told since then, were filled with doubt about the tale. Most

people just can't believe that trout, which only inhabit clean running streams, could survive in the Rouge River.

As fate would have it, I made my first cast, and a nice-looking rainbow trout hit my little spinner. With my companions looking on in disbelief, the 8- to 10-inch trout leapt from the water several times before I landed and released it. I cast my line out about 10 more times, landing one more rainbow and losing another that shook the hook lose. Fortunately, Bill was there to take some photos, so this wasn't just another fish tale.

Well, the story doesn't end there.

Kurt

Kuban

When I got back to the office, I e-mailed the photo to some people I know that are involved with Rouge River-related activities. You might say the photo kind of took on a life of its own from there. Within a couple of days, I received e-mails from a bunch of other people, including officials from Wayne County, wanting to know if it was really true. The next week, I went to a Canton Township board meeting, and Belair had put the photo in a Power Point presentation about how some of the township's environmental efforts are starting to pay off in a cleaner Rouge River. I've even heard a rumor that Tom Yack might mention it in his upcoming State of the Township address.

There is a specific reason that these trout are able to live, and it is in a pretty small area of the river. The spot just happens to possess the right conditions for their survival. Unfortunately, anglers probably aren't going to catch them elsewhere in Canton.

But I think this story tells a lot about the amount of interest that some people have about the ongoing restoration efforts of the Rouge River, particularly the recreation possibilities that it could offer. An improved fishery is certainly a major goal of not only Canton officials, but those from every community within the Rouge watershed, including Wayne County officials.

If county officials were really as serious as they say about improving the Rouge River fishery, particularly in the Lower Rouge River, they would get serious about removing the Lower's only dam, which is located under the Wayne Road bridge in the city of Wayne.

While it is a somewhat small dam, it creates a barrier for fish to move either upstream or downstream. In essence, it blocks fish that make their way up the river from the Detroit River from getting to smaller headwaters that exist in Canton and further upstream, which are vital breeding areas. Not many people know this, but the river does have a limited run of salmon and steelhead, but only the largest of these fish can get over the dam at Wayne Road. All other species of fish,

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including pike, bass and forage fish, can't get past the dam.

Many groups, including Friends of the Rouge and even officials with Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality, have advocated the removal of this dam for some time. The dam was built in 1913 and no longer serves any practical purpose. The DEQ doesn't even have it listed in its file of Michigan dams. And in the DNR's most recent fish survey of the Rouge watershed, biologists refer to the dam as "especially devastating, isolating the watershed from the Detroit River (and Lake Erie ecosystem).'

The time has come to remove this dam. The question is who should pay for its removal. Look no further than to its owner — Wayne County Parks. Unfortunately, I was at a recent

meeting of the Rouge River Remedial Action Committee (RRAC), which is also advocating the removal of the dam, and a Wayne County official said the county has no money for the project at this time. I had to scratch my head. What about the Wayne County Parks millage that county voters just re-approved for the third time in 2005? The 0.25-mill brings in about \$11 million per year.

I've always said that the parks millage money should be spent to improve Wayne County Parks properties, and not fund local projects like swimming pools and ice rinks in Detroit, skate parks in Wyandotte, a recreation center in Van Buren, or soccer fields in Wayne — as it has done in the past. Many political figures have also criticized the parks millage, most notably Yack, because it is seen as a way to reward political allies.

County officials say they have come up with a merit-based, point system on which projects will be funded, but there are always going to be complaints from communities that get left out.

In May, county officials will begin to deliberate about what projects should be funded through the millage during budget discussions. I'm hoping the removal of the Wayne Road dam is part of those discussions.

Most of the people I've spoken to said removing it would not be very costly, and the payback would be tremendous because it would improve the fishery throughout the entire Lower Rouge sub-watershed, which includes Canton, Wayne, Westland, Dearborn and other communities. The county also owns much park land along the Lower Rouge, and an improved fishery would create more recreational opportunities in the Lower Rouge Parkway.

If nothing else, the response to that photo of the rainbow trout I caught has told me there is a tremendous interest in fishing opportunities in the Rouge River. Hopefully, Wayne County Parks officials are listening.

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Bipartisan cooperation only way to find a solution for Iraq

he House of Representatives recently debated the Iraq war and cast a vote on a nonbinding resolution expressing opposition to President George Bush's new troop

strategy. I voted against this resolution. Here's why: The vast majority of Americans are of two minds when it

comes to Iraq. We want the war to end as soon as possible, but we want to be supportive of the brave men and women who are fighting for our country in Iraq. We want our troops to come home, but we want them to return in victory, not defeat.

The war has taken a wrong turn. Mistakes have been made and the status quo is not acceptable.



in the Iraqi government taking responsibility for the security of their country. The vast majority of Americans and their representatives in Congress agree with these, statements. We also need to acknowledge

We need a new direction in Iraq that results

representatives in Congress agree with these, statements. We also need to acknowledge that important things have been accomplished in Iraq.

Our military deposed one of the most brutal dictators the world has ever known. Saddam Hussein was a menace to his own

people and a threat to our friend and ally,

Israel. With Hussein gone, the Iraqis now have the opportunity to benefit from the freedom of democracy. It's time for them to seize this historic moment and forge ahead with democracy.

The war is unpopular, but those of us in elected office need to act responsibly and understand that the stakes are high for America.

With the election behind us, it's time for partisanship to end and for the statesmanship to begin.

Nonbinding resolutions that have no bearing on whether additional troops will be sent to Iraq are counterproductive. They will not bring our troops home quicker. And they will not defend our long-term national security interests in the Middle East.

The Democrat majority needs to work with Republicans and President Bush to find bipartisan solutions for Iraq. Our troops, who sacrifice so much, deserve no less.

I am offering my conditional support to the Bush plan to send additional troops to Iraq in hopes of ending the sectarian violence in Baghdad. It's time for the Iraqi government to step up to the plate. If we can help them do this with a troop surge, it might be the quickest and best way to secure a victory in Iraq and bring our troops home.

My support for the president's new Iraq plan is conditional, not carte blanche. My patience is growing thin with the war. We need to see real progress on the ground soon.

After the surge is complete and 90-120 days have passed, we will need to re-evaluate our options if progress has not been made.

Everything should be on the table at this point. But as we move forward, one thing is certain: Democrats, Republicans and the president must put America and our

soldiers first and leave the politics behind.

Bipartisan cooperation is the only way to solve the problem of Iraq.

Joe Knollenberg is the representative from Michigan's 9th Congressional District.

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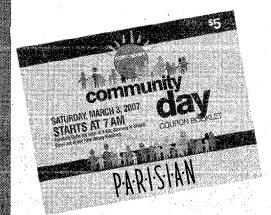
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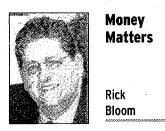
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Taxpayers should take advantage of tax refund

believe your goal should be to maximize your net worth, not lower taxes. However, I also believe it is not "more patriotic" to pay more in taxes than you have to. That being said, as we enter the tax preparation season for 2006, it is important to take advantage of every tax deduction available. There is one deduction that many people will qualify for, but will unfortunately fail to take - a refund based upon the Telephone Excise Tax.

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Last year, the government stopped collecting excise tax on long-distance calls. In addition, the government authorized a one-time refund of the excise tax for monies collected between March 2003 and August 2006. Unfortunately, according to the Internal Revenue Service, more than 10 million taxpayers who have already filed their returns have.



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not claimed this credit. My philosophy is you and I as taxpayers should take every deduction and credit available to us. Although the refund is not a substantial amount of money, it's still your money. If you're entitled to it, you ought to take it.

Basically, if you had long distance phone service between Feb. 28, 2003, and Aug. 1, 2006, you are entitled to claim the refund. There are two different ways for you to claim this refund. The first is to take the actual amount of the federal excise tax that you paid

between Feb. 28, 2003, and Aug. 1, 2006.

If you have your phone bills for that period of time, you can claim the refund by completing IRS Form 8913. If you are like most people, though, you do not save your telephone bills. But there is an alternative. The IRS has established a standard amount based upon the number of exemptions you. claim on your tax return. If you claim one exemption, you are entitled to a refund of \$30; two exemptions, a \$40 refund; three exemptions, a \$50 refund; and four exemptions, a \$60 refund.

To claim the refund based upon the standard amount if you file Form 1040, the refund will go on Line 71. If you file Form 1040A, the refund amount would go on Line 42, Line 9 if you file Form 1040EZ. Remember, you do

not have to itemize your deductions to claim this refund.

Unfortunately, our tax law is long, difficult and confusing. In addition, it is always changing. Therefore, you cannot assume that what you took as deductions last year will be the same deductions this year. Therefore, particularly for those who do not use a professional to help them prepare their tax returns, it is important to review some of the changes in the tax law that could affect you. I believe one excellent place to look at the tax law changes is the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov. As surprising as this may sound, the IRS Web site is easy to use and contains a wealth of information, including forms that you may need.

I recognize that many people who have refunds like to file

their tax returns as soon as they can, however, never forget that one of our goals in completing tax returns is not to hear later from the IRS. Therefore, I always encourage taxpayers to take their time when it comes to taxes to make sure their returns are accurate.

Over the years I've been asked whether a taxpayer increases their audit risk by filing an extension. The answer is no. There is no additional risk of an audit by filing an extension. Your audit risks increase if your returns are filed inaccurately or sloppily. Therefore, I always recommend that before you file your return, you check the mathematical accuracy and also make sure that your Social Security number is correct. One last note, never forget to sign your tax return. Too many taxpayers send in their returns unsigned.

When it comes to taxes. remember that they are complex and therefore if you do receive a notice from the IRS, do not assume that it is cor* rect. The IRS makes mistakes and it is known for sendingout many inaccurate statements. The key is not to ignore the IRS, but rather to review the letter and if the IRS is wrong, you need to reply and provide it the necessary information to correct the mistake. The worst thing you can do is ignore the IRS. I can guarantee you if you ignore it, it won't ignore you.

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Class helps caregivers in planning for future

Parents and caregivers can plan now to help ensure loved ones with developmental disabilities are cared for in the future during a special seminar called "After I'm Gone" on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Arc Detroit Building

the future.

The "After I'm Gone" Project is funded through a grant by the Detroit-Wayne **County Community Mental** Health Agency.

For convenience, two sessions are being offered. The afternoon session

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The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, Motor City's 104.3 FM WOMC, Dick * Purtan and Purtan's People joined forces for the 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon on Friday, Feb. 23, live from Oakland Mall. The 16-hour event raised \$2,398,783.00 to benefit The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program.

The Bed and Bread Club program brings food, shelter and

services to countless destitute people within our community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get back on their feet. The program shelters 1,700 every night and has four Bed and Bread trucks - mobile feeding units that go out each day and serve over 7,000 meals to men, women and children in need. The need this year has been greater than ever with Michigan's economic state and with recent bitter cold temperatures.

"We are overwhelmed by the enormous show of support we have seen not only this year, but throughout the 20 years of this radiothon," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "Over the years, we've faced enormous challenges and each time metro Detroiters' have stepped up to the challenge showing us how compassion-

ate they are. You will never know how much your kindness is appreciated."

In the 20 years since the radiothon's launch, over \$16 million has been raised for the Bed and Bread program. Last year's radiothon brought in an amazing \$1,808,440.

Donations to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program can still be made by calling 877-SAL-MICH or by visiting: www.salmich.org.



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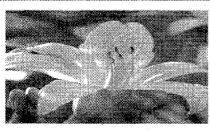
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VIRGINIA D. BEASON

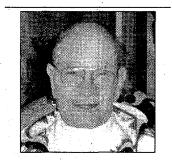
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Age 46 years, of Monroe, MI. passed February 24, 2007. Loving husband away suddenly, Friday, February 23, 2007 at 11:26 AM in the Emergency Room at Mercy Memorial Hospital Virginia was born February 12, 1961 in Garden City, MI. the daughter of David D. and Gladys C. (Reid) Walker. Virginia was a 1979 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, MI. On December 1, 1979 Virginia married Robert E. Beason at the Church of God in Westland, Sadly he preceded her in death on February 28, 1988. A homemaker and licensed cosmetologist, Virginia was employed by Denniston Cinema in Monroe for the past ten plus years. At one time Virginia also worked at La-Z-Boy in Monroe. Virginia was very involved in volunteering at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and Elementary School as well as St. Mary Catholic Central High School. She also enjoyed bowling. Being very family oriented, Virginia enjoyed decorating for the holidays and family gatherings. Virginia is survived by her loving children: Brian Daniel Beason of Monroe, MI. and Amy Marie Beason of Newton Falls, OH. Her beloved parents David D and Gladys C. Walker of Westland, MI. Her grandmother Neomi Reid of Whitmore Lake, MI. A brother David D. (Lynn) Walker of Westland, MI, two sisters: Cindy L. (Mike) Davis of Shelbyville, TN. and Beverly J. Morrison of Westland, MI. and three cherished grandchildren. In addition to her husband Robert. Virginia was preceded in death by her grandparents; Carl Reid and Sylus and Flora Walker and her inlaws Jack and Jean Beason. Visitation for Virginia will be held Monday from 2-8 PM and Tuesday from 1-8 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home, Monroe, MI where funeral services celebrating her life will be held Wednesday, February 28. 2007 at 1:00 PM. The Rev. Father Stephen Rooney Pastor of St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church will officiate. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park.

John N. "Johnny" Bergman Passed away February 25, 2007. Kinsey-Garett Funeral Home, Royal

Oak. 248-541-4400

JULIE M. CLARK February 23, 2007, age 42. Beloved wife of Edward. Loving mother of Jonathon and Sabrena. Dear daughter of Donna and James Scramlin. Loving sister of Polly, James, Shannon (Tony) and Mayme (Nick). Services were held from McCabe Funeral Home. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



JOHN F. GABEL of the late Joan. Dear father of Robert (Donna), Michael (Cecilia), Timothy (Amie), and Jennifer (James) Miller. Grandfather of Josie, Andy, Maggie Joan Gabel, Louis DuBose, Katie and Joey Miller. Memorial gathering Monday, 10:30 AM until time of service at 11 AM from St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster Road). Donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Griffin Funeral Home. 734-522-9400. **VIRGINIA B. JACOBSON**

Arrangements were made by L.J.

Virginia B. Jacobson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, died February 21, 2007 at Woodward Hills Nursing Center after a short ill-ness. Virginia Bryant Bergen was born in East Orange, New Jersey on March 3, 1928, the middle daughter of Elliot and Harriet (Trumbull) Bergen. She graduated from Gettysburg College in 1949, with a degree in French. In she married Denman Fridolf 1952. Jacobson, whom she first met at Gettysburg. They shared a great love in all their days together. The Jacobsons moved to Troy, Michigan in 1957. Mrs. Jacobson was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. She volunteered in the library at Harlan Elementary School, where she shared her life-long love for books. Jinny Jacobson was employed as a Sales Assistant at Katz Television for over 30 years, retiring in 2003 at the age of 77. Her friendships at Katz, and in the ad business, were many and abiding. Reading, big band music, and sports (her Tigers, Lions and Wolverines), were a few of her favorite things. Mrs. Jacobson was preceded in death by her husband, who died suddenly of heart failure at the age of 57. She is survived by her two sisters and their husbands. Mrs. Robert A. (Marion) Paterson and Mrs. Donald (June) Simonton; her two children, David and Karen; her son-inlaw Tony Barnes; and her grandchild, Christopher Jacobson Barnes. A memorial service will be held Monday, March 5th at 11:00am at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. The family will receive visitors there beginning at 10:00am. Gifts in memoriam may be sent to the Virginia Bergen Jacobson Memorial at Gettysburg College Music Depart-ment, 300 North Washington Street, #423, Gettysburg, PA 17325; or to the Fisher House Foundation, (www.fisherhouse.org), which provides free lodging for low-income families of patients receiving medical care at military and VA hospitals

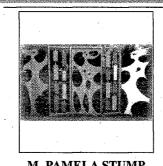


MARJORIE L. KIETZER

Age 85, February 27, 2007. wife of the late Herbert H. Mother of Kathleen (Richard) Kamp, Claudia James, Marjorie (Steven) Andreae and Elise (Robert) Zimmermann, Sister of Robert H. Lantz. Grandmother of Scott, Katie, Brian, Adam, Alison, Elizabeth, Stephen, Amy and the late Aaron Kamp. Great-grandmother of Nicholas, Gabriela and Cole, Private memorial service later. Tributes may be made to Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, 3911 Beaubien Blvd., Detroit, MI 48201.

DONALD WILLIAM ROBINSON

Age 60, died on February 24, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born on April 11, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to Katherine and the late Lauren Gerald Robinson. Mr. Robinson graduated from Seaholm High School. He later graduated from Denison University with a history major and Wayne State University Law School. Mr. Robinson specialized his practice in small business and family law. He always cared about his clients as people and was careful to write documents that were clearly stated and understandable. Mr. Robinson served in the army during the Vietnam Era. He was an Eagle Scout and served as a Boy Scout Leader and worked with the Indian Princesses. Mr. Robinson was very active in the community. He served as the Past President of the Mill Pond Homeowners Association, where he was close with his neighbors. He was a member of the Ribston Pippins, Sherlock Holmes Study Group. Mr. Robinson served many years on the Birmingham Historical Society where he was past president, chaired the Memorial Day Tea at the Allen House for many years, and was part of the group who worked to establish the Allen House as the Birmingham Historical Museum. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church his entire life and especially enjoyed acting as cashier at the bi-annual rummage sales. Mr. Robinson had a strong commitment to the Lighthouse of Oakland County where he served as a volunteer and he believed in the mission of Lighthouse and loved the people he worked with. Mr. Robinson was a great and witty writer, a talented cartoonist, and had a great memory for trivia. He loved playing chess, fishing with buddies, and especially enjoyed working on cars, which he started to do as a boy with his brother. Tom and continued to do with his friends, Ed, Roy, Dean, Tom, and Larry. Mr. Robinson was a great family member who was a support to all of his brothers and sisters and his beloved mother, Katherine and also to his wife, Karen's family in Florida. He was also a great friend who never lost touch with the people who were important to him. Mr. Robinson was adored by his wife, Karen and his children, Tom and Ann who were the center of his life as well as his dear friends. Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Thomas A. (Frances Carley) Robinson and Ann Caroline Robinson (Martin Blenkensopp); mother, Katherine Robinson; brothers, Thomas (Molly) and Gerald Robinson; sisters, Marjorie Robinson (Pete Wise) and Joan (Bryant) Heberlein. Mr. Robinson is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends. Funeral services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Clawson. Memorials appreciated to Lighthouse of Oakland County, 196 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, MI



M. PAMELA STUMP

Michigan Sculptor and Grosse Ile resident M. Pamela Stump, also known as Pamela Walsh, died Monday, February 19, 2007. Stump was born in Detroit in 1928, attended Kingswood School Cranbrook on a four-year scholarship, graduated from the University of Michigan with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in 1950-1951, and apprenunder sculptor Marshall ticed Fredericks. She founded the sculpture program for girls at Kingswood in 1969 and continued there as an awardwinning teacher until her retirement in 1990. Leaving her mark through art, Stump's bronze sculptures can be seen in public spaces throughout Michigan and around the world. Many others are in private collections. She also taught all mediums of art to students of all ages through the Saginaw Museum and countless other special programs. She was an advocate for civil rights and peace, and a women's right champion. During the Detroit riots she opened her home as a refuge for African American students at Oakland University. Pamela is survived by husband Lt. Col. Richard T. White and children Kimberly K. Walsh (John Penney) of Ferndale, Sara G. Munro of Lake Orion, John K. Walsh II (Allison) of Orchard Lake and grandchildren Joe, Emily, and Anna. Pamela is prede ceased by first husband Lt. Col David E. Walsh. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: "Cranbrook Schools" earmarked: "Pamela Stump" Sculpture Studio, "Office of Advancement, Cranbrook School, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801 or the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. A Memorial Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 25150 East River Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan at 2PM on Saturday, March 3, 2007. The family will welcome visitors before the service beginning at 1pm. Arrangements were in the care of Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester, Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



RELIGION CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The discussion examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Call (734) 425-5950, ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. 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.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eve witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, began 7 p.m. Feb. 21, and continues 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you? **Religious simulcast**

Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore speaks to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book Get Out of That Pit Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007. Morning Star Church is presenting a program in conjunction with the simulcast 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church, 28563 Pardo, Garden City. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. For more information or tickets, call (734) 367-3029. In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for everyone -- no matter how you act stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore shares the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope. Lent and Easter services In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April, 6 , an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-yearolds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org.

4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, call (313) 937-0970, and March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3437.

Church drama

Television and film actor Frank Runyeon performs in The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, and March 7-28; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5, noon Good Friday, April 6, and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, and Easter Sunday, April 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 278-5755. **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 email to

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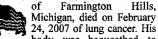
Lenten concerts 12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m., at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Runnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 whiting, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

Church women united

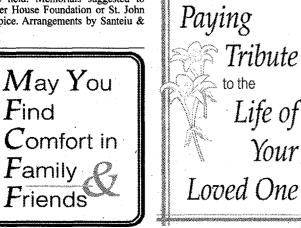
JOSEPH W. COLOMBATTO JR.



body was bequeathed to Wayne State University. He was born July 5, 1928 in Chicago, IL to Joseph Colombatto Sr. and Valeria Sygutis. He moved to Detroit, MI at the age of 12, and attended Cooley High School. He graduated from the College of Engineering at the University of Detroit in 1950, and was drafted into the Army to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD to work on the computers, ORDVAC, ENIAC, etc.. He mar-ried "Mickey" (Doris Hoover) in December, 1950 at St. Brigid's Church in Detroit. He is survived by four children, Kathleen (Barry) Ackerman in Sebastopol, CA: Michael (Mary Ivory) in Chicago, IL; Carol (Bob) Atkins in Athens, TN; and Susan (Richard) Smith in Cape Coral, FL; as well as two grandchildren, Fawn Colombatto and Zachary Smith. He has two sisters, Dorothea, (deceased), and Valerie (James) Brown of New Mexico. Joe worked for Clark Control for many years and then for other firms as a sales engineer. Retirement found him doing real estate for about five years and then he was a volunteer at the Farmington Hills Library and the Costic Senior Center; teaching computer classes for several years. He also was a lector for years at the church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at St. Fabian's Church at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., with a memorial mass following at 10:30 a.m., Sat. March 3rd. In lieu of flowers, please send gifts to the St. Fabian Church, the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Rd., or the Michigan Cancer Society.

EDWARD H. DAVID

Age 82, February 24, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary and the late Lucille. Dear father of Priscilla, Roland Michele (Fionnbar) (Cynthia), AcMonagle, Mary Jo David (Gary Hicks), Eileen (Robert) David-Lange Nicole (Stephen) Schneider and Christopher (Eric Cohen). Loving grandfather of 13, great-grandfather of six. Stepfather of Melvin, Michael, Mary Ann and Marlene Hill. Services were held. Memorials suggested to Fisher House Foundation or St. John Hospice. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.



DOROTHY JANE

NORRIS JENSEN Born February 11, 1920 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, raised in Rockford, Illinois, lived in Birmingham, Michigan and ultimately, Vero Beach, died peacefully surrounded by some of her family on February 18 at Florida Baptist Retirement Center Vero Beach, Florida where she had been a resident for seven years. Dorothy's entire focus throughout her life was centered on her family, home and her many friends in Rockford, Birmingham, and Vero Beach. Her talents seemed endless: an expert seamstress who could copy designer dresses, needlepoint, knitting, gardening, music, dancing, cooking, and decorating – all achieved with mastery and grace. Her instant smiles and twinkle welcomed friends and strangers alike She was a member of the Rockford Country Club, Junior 48343-0508 League of Rockford and Birmingham, Village Women's club in The Community House, Birmingham, Oakland Hills Country Club, The John's Island Club, IRMC Auxiliary and member of the first Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and Community Church in Vero Beach. She was predeceased by E.C. "Clem" Jensen, her husband of 58 years, in 1999. She is survived by her four children, David Jensen of Birmingham MI, Chris Loftus and Cathy Dusseau of Vero Beach, FL and Jim Jensen of Benicia, CA. She was also the beloved Grammie" to Meredith Rivers Burkitt, David River, Kate Dusseau Whitney, Matthew Rivers, Scott Jensen, Lindsay Dusseau and 3 precious great grandchildren, Sam, Luke and Joe. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent in celebration of her life to Florida Baptist Retirement Center 1006 33rd Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. The family extends their deepest gratitude for the love, care and support of their mother these past years by the incredible staff of Florida Baptist. There will be a Memorial Service in the Grace Chapel of The Community Church of Vero Beach on Sunday February 24 at 11:00 am. A guest book may be signed at www.seawindsfh.com/obit.php



THOMAS N. CARMODY

Age 76, of Plymouth, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. He was Born on March 4, 1930 in Detroit, to parents Donald and Ada Carmody.He later moved to the Plymouth Community in 1949. Mr. Carmody was Owner of CF Sales in Plymouth, where they specilized in packaging design. Some of his many accomplishments in life were; that he served on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, for which he was a Charter Member. An accomplished pilot, flying gave him great joy. He served on the Advisory Committee, at the Mettetal Airport in Plymouth. He was responsible for the many improvements we see today, at the Mettetal Airport. He was very proud to serve as a recent past President of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his presidency he served on the public relations board. Survived by his wife Betty, the love his life for past 52 years. His loving children; Debbi Carmody, Cindy (Chris) Cavanaugh, Tom (Susan) Carmody, and Philip Carmody.Also survived by his daughter Michelle. Loving grandfather of Cortney (Rob)Persign, Mary (Mason) Goeman, Patric, Colin, Austin, Kayla, and Chelsea Carmody. Great grandfather of Caitlyn, Hunter, Liam, Caleb, Cody. Brother of Jean (Fred) Walker, Donald(Virginia)Carmody, and Partick Carmody. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth Saturday 11:00am. Visitation Thursday 4-9pm and Friday 1-9pm.Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.



DORIS M. REHBURG

February 23, 2007 Age 77. Beloved wife of Millard H. Dear mother of Michele Rehburg, Carroll Elder (Palen) and William Mark Rehburg Suzanne). Grandmother of Kahill Smith, William A. and Kellie Smith. Rehburg. Sister of Russell Duncan. Services have been held. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500

View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LEWIS "RUSS" GIBSON

Age 69, of Punta Gorda, Florida, died February 23, 2007. Russ was born in Pineville, KY on May 31, 1937, the son of the late Roy Lee and Daisy Mae Gibson. Russ retired in 1994 after a 20-year career with the Florida Department of Transportation. Russ is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Carol, twin sons, Russell of Sanford. FL; Roy of Sanibel, FL; sister Wanda Abner of Pineville, KY and their extended families. He was preceded in death by siblings Sherman and Laura Ruby. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Russ may be made to TideWell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.



IN MEMORY OF JOSHUA SWANSON 10/27/97-3/1/2006 "JOSHUA'S SONG"

Dedicated to my adopted brother who has Down Syndrome by Sara Swanson A tiny boy Two years old Eyes of brown Heart of gold Eyes look Not seeing God's fingerprints Upon his being He laughs His eyes dance His shirt doesn't quite match his pants Dreams, windy days Kites that fly An angel's standing By my side PROTECT HIM This is my prayer From thoughtless words From cruel stares For now... He's sweetly unaware Donations to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society graciously accepted: www.LLS.org

Tenebrae

An evening of reflection and hope, Song of the Shadows is an inspiring and prayerful musical piece commemorating the passion of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, with the choirs of St. Damian and St. Edith parishes and orchestral ensemble 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to offset production costs. Call (734) 464-1222.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or

mmatsko@twmi.rr.com. Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service. The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent -March 4, at St. Stephen of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 7731940; March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral,18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569Meets for World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

Lenten retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18, \$10 for students, faculty and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is With Mary on the way of the Cross presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to cmws@madonna.edu. by Feb. 27. Walkin registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

Effective Black Parenting

Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt, created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American parenting scholars 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and March 17, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield, north of Eight Mile, Southfield. One day seminar is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. RSVP required. For information, call (313) 869-4728. Child care not available. Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school, resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs, achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage. Church phone is (248) 569-2972.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with Rev. C. Allen Kannapell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 4 The Most Beautiful Person Who Ever Lived; March 11 Unreligious; March 18 Uninteruptible, Always Available; March 25 Unafraid; April 1 The Crucified God, and April 8 The Unconquered, at

Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit www.hischurch.us.

Carnival night

Family fun 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's/family Passover concert featuring the award winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for nonmembers, \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

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Clergy conference

Facing End of Life with Compassion, a clergy conference featuring presentations by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end-of-life care and breakout sessions 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization; breakfast and lunch included. For more information and to register for Compassion Sabbath 2007, call 1-888-440-7325.

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that begin 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/.

Book fair

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

Biblical perspectives on health

A seminar exploring how the principles hidden in the ancient Scriptures are only now being confirmed by recent scientific research 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. The program concludes with a delicious meal based on these health principles. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

Interfaith dialogue

Deadline for registration is March 12. Journey toward Peace with Christians, Jews & Muslims: An Interfaith Dialogue takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Roseanau Room, Andrew Mazzara Administrative Services & Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen, on the campus of Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Cost \$15. Call (313) 317-1500 to register or obtain a flyer.

Register online at www.hfcc.edu/CL2. Seminar

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar, Being Joyful in Tough Times, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at 3118 Greenfield Road, Royal Oak. Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full, Coping With Our Hurts, Changing Bitterness to Joy, and Curing Our Hurts. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

Lenten symposium

The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at www.holytrinityapostolate.com. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

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Organ concert

Featuring Tom Trenney 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. There is no charge for the organ concert, but a freewill offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Trenney is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He won the First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation last vear.

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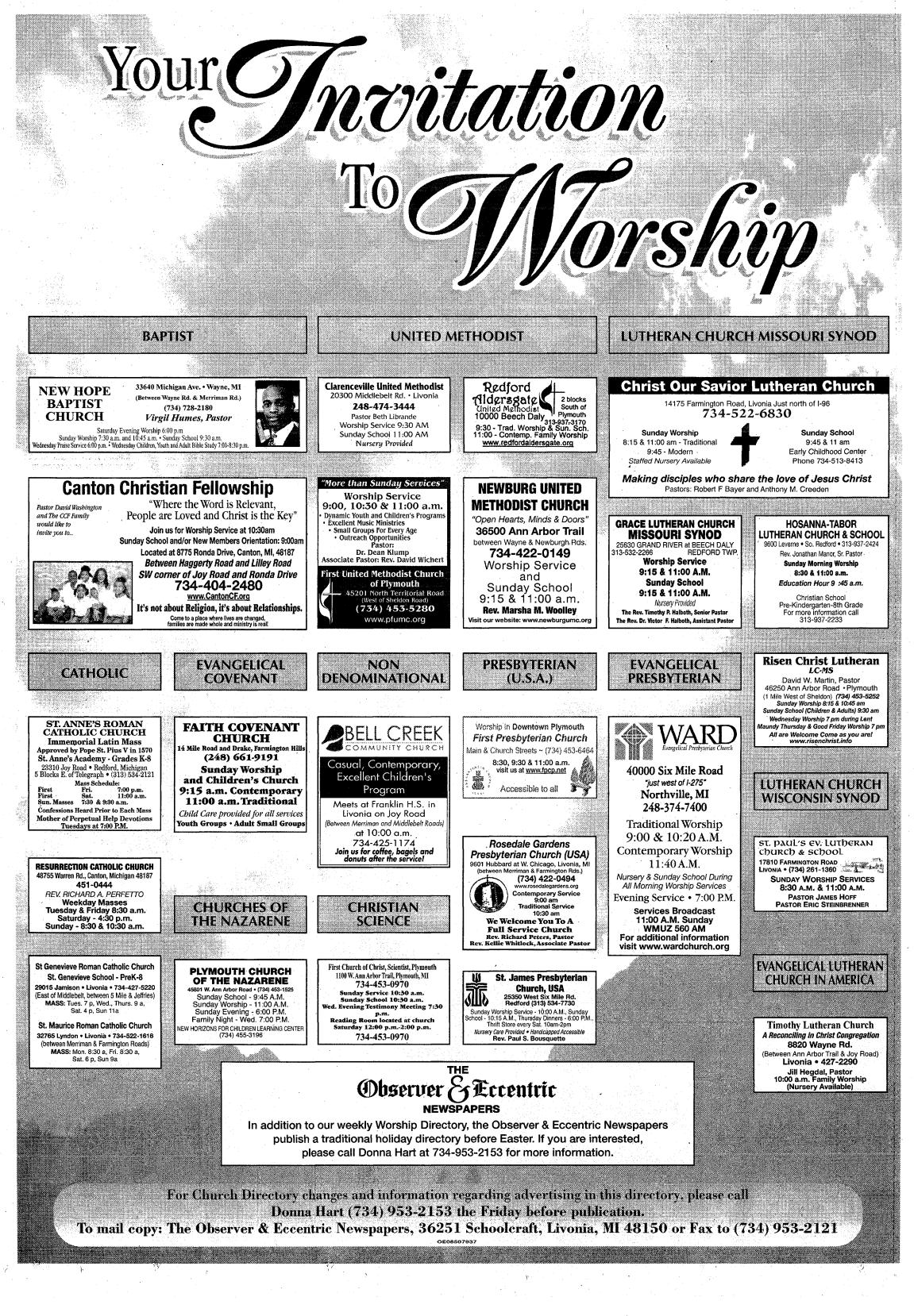
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TobyMac concert

On his Portable Sounds Tour 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Northridge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$22 reserved, \$18 groups of 15 plus. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.startticketsplus.com. Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch, Building 429 and Family Force 5.

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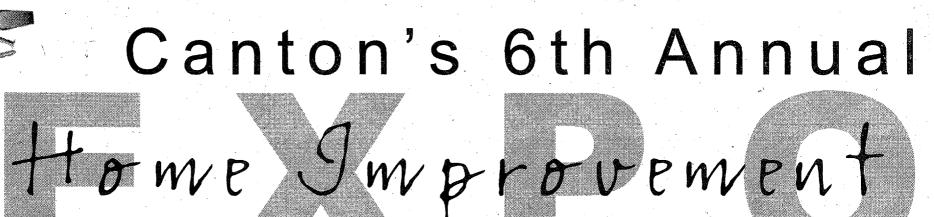
J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth) luncheon get together for fellowship and fun. Everyone 50-plus years young is welcome 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 16, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Please bring a luncheon dish to share and join us.



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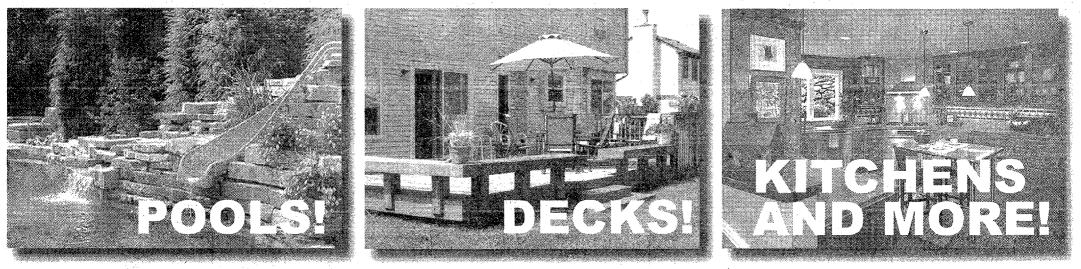


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2007 WLAA hoop final

Canton takes down Northville, 50-40

Sharma's 23 points lead Chiefs to first league title in 11 years

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If you compared this season's trio of Canton-Northville basketball showdowns to a three-course meal, then Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game was the dessert. And how sweet it was for the

Chiefs. Canton erased the less-thanappetizing memory of a pair of previous setbacks by harnessing the Mustangs, 50-40, before a large and jacked-up crowd in the

Plymouth High School gymnasium. The Chiefs improved to 14-6 while Northville slipped to 18-2 heading into next week's Class A District tournament at Cantón. It was just the third loss for the Mustangs over the past two seasons.

Junior forward Neil Sharma engineered the Chiefs' first WLAA league title since 1996 by pouring in 23 points, eight of which came during a momentum-seizing Canton run mid-way through the third quarter.

Within a two-minute span, the fearless 6-4 sharp-shooter hit nothing but net on two triples and a break-away layup to turn a nipand-tuck battle into a 36-26 Chief cushion.

"That was definitely the key point in the game for us because I think it put a little doubt in Northville's minds," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, referring to Sharma's hot streak. "I don't think they've been behind much all year, especially in the second half. Getting a lead like we were able to do did a lot for our confidence. More than anything, it proved to the kids that they could play with Northville."

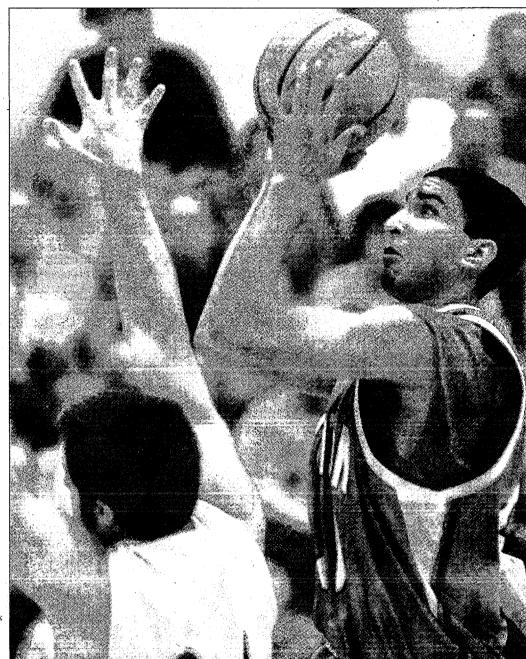
The most-glaring feat the Chiefs were able to accomplish Wednesday that they weren't able to do in the first two meetings was solve the Mustangs' menacing zone defense, which held Canton under 40 points in the two earlier games.

"The key tonight was that we finally figured out how to break their zone," said Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon, who contributed four points, three rebounds, two steals and baselineto-baseline hustle. "They have a really good zone with all those tall guys, but we finally figured out how to get the ball inside. We added a couple of new plays in practice this week, and they worked."

Paye said his team's ability to bury a few jumpers helped, too.

"We were hoping to get someone hot on the perimeter to bring their zone out a little bit and open up the inside, and Neil was able to do that for us," he said: "Once they came out of their zone in the second half, they did a great job trapping us to get back into it, but we took care of the ball and hit our free throws.

As usual, Northville All-League performer Alvin Storrs got his points — 25 to be exact. But Canton's defense — led by Langdon, Josh Butler, Ryan Waidmann and





Canton's Neil Sharma (right), who scored a team-high 23 points, takes the ball to the basket during Wednesday night's Western Lakes championship game against Northville.

Olech honored

Kim Olech, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, earned honorable mention honors on the All-MIAA women's basketball team following a stellar freshman season for Adrian.

A center, Olech led the Bulldogs in scoring (9.5 points per game) and rebounding (8.8). She scored in double figures 12 times and had three double-doubles. Olech also registered a team-high 35 blocks.

Adrian finished 2006-07 campaign at 9-16 overall and 3-13 in the MIAA.

Michigan Lacrosse grand opening

Michigan Lacrosse, the area's one-stop lacrosse store located on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township, will be holding a grand opening celebration Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Along with free give-aways and a raffie drawing, the day will feature the following schedule of events:

■ 10 a.m. - Lacrosse coaching clinic headed by international coach and referee Rick Szelma; ■ 11 a.m. - "Offense for

the Beginner" clinic led by PCS varsity lacrosse coach

■ noon - "Shooting" clinic offered by Novi Catholic Central lacrosse coach

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Five local wrestlers earn trip to D1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Palace will be the next stop for five local wrestlers thanks to performances at Saturday's Division 1 Individual Regional tournament that were fit for a king.

Four Canton grapplers — freshman Donnie Watkins (103 pounds), sophomore Carl Lucke (112), senior Corey Phillips (140) and senior Donnie Laramie (285) along with Plymouth 112-pounder Ben Kosmalski all qualified for the DI individual state finals March 8-10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills with top-four finishes at Saturday's Regional competition at Novi

High School.

Phillips will carry an amazing 52-0 record into the Palace after he captured his third consecutive Regional title by ousting Westland John Glenn's Jim Wood, 10-3, in the championship match. Phillips advanced to the final by pinning Monroe's Kelly Poupard in 2:13 and upending Belleville's Steve Coak, 8-5 in the semis.

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"Corey had his first close match in a while in the semis, but the outcome was never really in question," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It was actually good for Corey to be in a close match because he needed to be pushed a little. Coak is a good, strong wrestler." Phillips has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the state at 140 the entire season, said Randolph. Phillips has shared the top spot with Rockford's J.J. Johnson, who he may get to face in the state final. Ironically, Phillips and Johnson will be teammates next year at Eastern Michigan University.

Canton's two Donnies — Laramie and Watkins — also captured Regional titles on Saturday, giving the Chiefs a school-record three.

Laramie opened with a 9-4 decision over Temperance-Bedford's Alex Pavlika before pinning Dearborn Fordson's Youssef Doulani in 1:59 in the semifinal round. He then made short work of Lincoln Park's Sean Lathrup with another sub-twominute pin in the first-place bout.

"Donnie was phenomenal all day," said Randolph. "That's the best he's wrestled all year. Five of the top eight heavyweights in the state were at this Regional, which says a lot about Donnie's performance."

Watkins became the first-ever Canton freshman to earn a Regional title by dominating Wayne Memorial's Chad Dunn, 7-0, in the championship contest. He advanced to the final by pinning Wyandotte Roosevelt's Leon Shannon in 1:24 in the opening round before dismantling

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Salem Rocks baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day – the first from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, Tshirts and a snack.

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or send an e-mail to: pcmyers@hotmail.com.

Story ideas welcomed

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy?

Or do you have a interesting sports-related hobby or job? If so, contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so he can let the community know about it in a feature story. To contact Wright, call

him at (734) 953-2108; or e-mail him at ewright@hometownlife.co

Ignition boots Philly, 22-12

The Detroit Ignition defeated the Philadelphia KiXX, 22-12, at Compuware Sports Arena on Sunday.

The win improved the Ignition's record to 13-9 while the KiXX slipped to 13-8. The Ignition is now within onehalf game of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings.

The game-winning goal, a two-pointer, was registered by defender Droo Callahan at the 2:19 mark of the final quarter of play.

Callahan put up his biggest offensive numbers of the season as the Eastern Michigan University graduate tallied three two-point goals to lead the firstyear club to victory. The win moved the Ignition into sole possession of second place in the League standings.

This weekend will feature a homeand-home series against the Milwaukee Wave (11-11) with the first game being played at Compuware Sports Arena on Friday.

The Ignition and the Wave have split their four matchups during the 2006-07 campaign, including a 17-14 (OT) Ignition victory the last time they met on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Both contests can be heard live via Webcast at www.milwaukeewave.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Courtney Seiler has been one of the top defensive players in the Western Lakes Activities Association the past two years. She's also an outstanding student (3.79 grade-point average).

Seiler digs her role as libero

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Courtney Seiler's official position on the Salem volleyball team is that of "libero," an all-important back row-only player who rarely leaves the court and always thinks defense first.

Unofficially, she's the Rocks' "missile defuser," the player who has the unenviable task of putting her arms or fists between an opponent's laserlike hits and the floor.

"It really doesn't hurt," Seiler explained, when asked about her up-close-and-personal meetings with speeding volleyballs. "I guess when you've done it for a few years like I have, you get used to it."

Last week during the Rocks' disappointing — but thrilling — five-game setback to stateranked Livonia Churchill, the senior regularly put her slender arms in the path of hits that rocketed off the palms of



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college-bound Chargers Lauren Krupsky and Kyndra Abron, who hit the ball so hard that it often bounces several rows into the stands after it impacts the floor.

MOMENTUM TURNER

While the Rocks' dynamic front-row hitters rightfully attract much of the highly successful team's spotlight, Seiler excels in the back-row shadows, turning potential kills into momentum-swaying digs. During last weekend's

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Short-handed goals costly to Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For the first 25 minutes of Tuesday night's pre-regional hockey game against Northville, Salem was the windshield. For the final 20 minutes, it was

the bug.

After cruising to a 4-2 lead on Kris Brant's goal with 4:30 left in the second period, the Rocks vielded six unanswered goals the last three of which were short-handed - and their hopes for a productive post-season were splatted by an 8-4 setback to the Mustangs in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The loss ended the Rocks' sea-

son at 7-16-2.

"We lost Tony Garbarino to an injury mid-way through the second period and that hurt us because he was one of the big

reasons we were able to take the lead," said Salem coach Fred Feiler "Give Northville credit they kept coming at us and they fed off our power play. They got to more loose pucks than we did and they capitalized when they got the puck on their stick.

"It's tough to recover when you give up three short-handed goals like we did."

After Northville jumped to a 1-O lead on Ross Riehl's lamplighter 3:16 into the game, the Rocks rebounded to take a 2-1 advantage thanks to goals from Aaron Markwell (3:49 mark of the first) and Nathan Werda (12:52 of the second).

Northville, which will take on South Lyon in tonight's 7:30 preregional final, knotted the game at 2-all on Matthew Kreagher's goal just three seconds after Salem was whistled for a penalty.

Markwell's second net-finder of the night on a power play with 8:06 left in the second put Salem up, 3-2. Brant assisted. Just under four minutes later, the Rocks seemingly put a stranglehold on the momentum when Brant scored from Joel Cheesman and Markwell to make it 4-2.

"When our guys come to play, we can play with anybody," said Feiler, referring to the opening 25 minutes. "We're certainly not an elite team, but we have some talented players. Our biggest problem all season has been mistakes, and that's what hurt us after we got the lead."

Northville evened things up at 4-all heading into the second intermission on goals from Steven Dawson and Brandon Wales.

Salem nearly regained the lead

2:19 into the third, but Cheesman was denied from the doorstep by Northville net-minder Kyle Petty.

Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall answered with three slick saves within a 20-second span one minute later.

The Mustangs grabbed the lead for good with 9:23 to play when Karl Ziomek redirected Dawson's blue-line shot past Aspenwall.

Northville closed the scoring with short-handed goals from Wales, Riehl and Timothy Hohl.

"We had some new guys join our team this year as seniors and it was a great group of kids to work with," said Feiler, summing up the Rocks' season. "When they came to play and were focused, they played well."

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South Lyon icers take bite out of Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

A bad omen for Canton's hockey team blared from the sound system of the Plymouth Cultural Center prior to the Chiefs' pre-regional semifinal contest against the South Lyon Lions Tuesday night.

The pre-game musical selection was the soundtrack from "The Lion King."

Once the music stopped, the Lions skated past the Chiefs, 10-2, in a game that was stopped after two periods due

On Saturday night, Chris

of the third period snapped a

Whalers defeated the Oshawa

Generals, 6-5, in an Ontario

Hockey League game played

Compuware Sports Arena.

straight game and improved to

The Whalers won their fourth

5-5 tie and the Plymouth

before 3,099 at the

Terry's power play goal at 13:14

to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

The winners dominated throughout, finding the back of the net on 10 of their 24 shots.

It didn't take long for South Lyon to pounce on the Chiefs as it scored on its first two shots: Richard Weisenberger's high, hard slapshot from the left face-off circle 1:05 into the game and Briggs Davis's chip shot from in front less than two minutes later.

J.P. LaFontaine pumped some life into a potential Chief comeback when he corralled a

43-14-1-2, good for 89 points.

Plymouth has won 11 straight

Arena and has the best home

record in the OHL at 24-4-0-2.

Oshawa is now 27-25-2-4,

Terry scored twice as the

game's third star and now has 19

goals on the season. Tom Sestito

scored twice for the Whalers and

good for 60 points.

loose puck at the blue line then beat South Lyon net-minder Anthony Johnson to make it 2-1 with five minutes left in the first period. d

However, the Lions countered just 17 seconds later when Michael Lince lit the lamp to make it 3-1.

South Lyon closed out the period with three more goals, one each from Ryan Tubbs, Mitchell Swanson and Chadwick Wright.

Sophomore defenseman Ryan May cut the Chiefs' deficit to 6-2 3:27 into the second period scoring off assists from Trent Taylor and Jordan Emery. However, like it did earlier, South Lyon struck back just 44 seconds later on Swanson's second goal of the night that extended his team's advantage to 7-2.

shortened victory with secondperiod markers from Ryan Carusi, Tubbs and Lince.

Junior Kevan Swanberg and sophomore Zane Birchler split time in net for the Chiefs. Johnson recorded eight saves for the Lions.

The Lions iced the mercy-

ing to the NAIA Division II National Tournament after being knocked off by Cornerstone 71-56 Monday night in the WHAC

> Tournament championship game. Madonna (16-17) shot only

The Madonna University

up one game short of advanc-

women's basketball team came

27 percent (18-of-68) in the contest, including only 25 percent (6-of-24) from beyond the arc. The Golden Eagles (22-10), who earned an automatic bid to the national tournament, held MU's leading scorer Martina Franklin (Redford Union) to only nine points in the contest.

The loss also marks the end of the collegiate basketball careers for Crusader seniors Lindsay Klemmer (Plymouth Salem) and Diane Foley. Klemmer scored 10 points and collected three rebounds in her

Klemmer bows out in Crusaders' final game final appearance.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Madonna was led by freshman guard Stephanie Piotrowski who scored 14 points, including 12 from beyond the arc.

Franklin led all players on the boards with 15 rebounds in the loss.

On Saturday, the Crusaders advanced to the WHAC title game with a 72-70 win over No. 18 Davenport.

Sparking MU to the victory were Franklin (26 points) and sophomore guard and Plymouth Salem alum Alyssa Guerin (17 points).

Contributing 14 points for the Crusaders was junior forward Caryn Inman.

Davenport (25-7) was led by WHAC Player of the Year Jeanette Woodberry, who scored 19 points - but only two in the first half, when Madonna built a 35-26 margin.

Terry powers the Whalers past Oshawa leads Plymouth with 38 goals. First star Daniel Ryder also scored twice for Plymouth and games at the Compuware Sports now has 37 goals on the season (24 with Peterborough and now

13 in 20 games for Plymouth after being acquired in a trade). Igor Gongalsky (17) scored

twice for Oshawa, while James DeLory (4), John Tavares (league leading 59th) and Brett MacLean

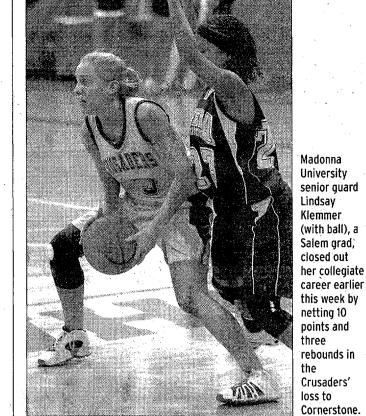
(38th) scored singles. Plymouth outshot Oshawa, 55-

33, in the game. Plymouth plays in Kitchener Friday and returns home Saturday at 7:05 p.m. against Sarnia. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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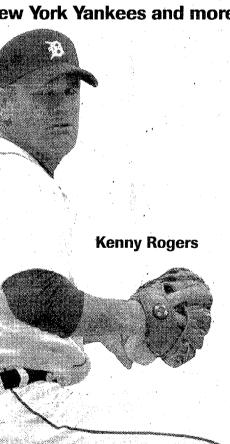
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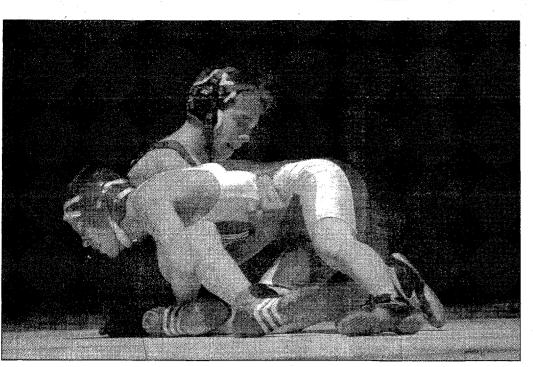


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LOCAL SPORTS



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Canton's Carl Lucke, pictured above in a match earlier this season, was one of four Chiefs to advance to next week's Division 1 individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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Fordson's Mahydain Nasser, 16-6. in the semis.

"We knew Donnie would have a good year this year, but for a freshman, he's gone above and beyond our expectations," said Randolph. "It will be a tough road for him at the state meet, but it will be a tough road for everybody."

Lucke advanced to the Palace by placing third at 112.

He lost his opener, 10-4 to Belleville's Justin Fleeson, but battled all the way back by pinning Garden City's Dustin Ashley (5:32), decisioning Belleville's Chris Schneider, 8-3, and nipping Kosmalski, 3-2. "Carl had a tremendous day,"

said Randolph, "Kosmalski beat him, 6-3, earlier in the year, so that was a nice win for Carl."

Kosmalski overcame a firstround pin by rebounding with 6-0 win over Livonia Franklin's Jared Pieknik and a 7-6 triumph over Novi's Justin Pullin. Even though he dropped a onepoint decision to Lucke. Kosmalski's fourth-place showing was good enough for a ticket to Auburn Hills.

Five local wrestlers -Salem's Nick Steiger (125), Kevin Hayter (135) and Jeremy Epley(152) — and Canton's Steve Cox (125) and Brent Winekoff (130) battled hard, but were unsuccessful in their bids to make the state finals.

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Ignition to offer dance clinic

The Detroit Ignition has announced that High Velocity Sports will be the official location of the 2007 Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic on Saturday, March 31.

Participants will learn dance techniques from members of the Ignition's official dance team, "The Spark." High Velocity Sports is located at 46255 Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The clinic will be divided into two separate groups. Dancers between the ages 13 and 18 will participate in the clinic from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., while dancers between the ages of 7 and 12 will take part from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We are excited to offer the opportunity for area youth to have the chance to train and

CHIEFS

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Steve Paye - held Storrs' supporting cast to just 15.

Butler added eight points for Canton, which also received solid contribution from Waidmann (six points and five rebounds) and Paye (six rebounds).

The Mustangs went 0-for-13 from beyond the three-point arc.

Northville surged to an 11-6 first-quarter lead before Canton rebounded to grab a 24-21 advantage at the half.

After David Burke's layup brought Northville to within 26-25 with 6:50 left in the third quarter, the Sharma-led Chiefs reeled off a 10-1 spurt and never trailed again.

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perform with southeastern Michigan's newest and hottest dance team, The Spark," stated Detroit Ignition Manager of Marketing Services Lindsey Gamrod. "Our team will be bringing a lot of energy and excitement to this event. It is going to be a lot of fun and I am greatly looking forward to the game-night performance on April 1."

All dance clinic participants will learn a dynamic hip-hop jazz routine that will be performed during halftime at Compuware Sports Arena when the Ignition hosts the Chicago Storm on Sunday, April 1. Game time is slated for 4:35 p.m. and will be broadcast live on Comcast Local.

Participants will learn new skills and techniques within

their skill set. The clinic is available to kids of all skill levels, gymnasts, cheer, dance, y and pom teams, but participants must be between 7 and 18 years of age.

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The cost for the higher age group is \$55 per participant; the cost for the younger participants is \$40. The entry fee includes lunch.

Each 2007 Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic participant will receive a ticket to attend the Ignition-Storm game as part of the package. Additional tickets may be purchased for friends and family at the discount price of \$17.

Those interested should visit www.detroitignition.com to download the registration form; or call (888) 436-GOAL for more information.

If Canton can get by Salem in Monday night's District tournament opener, the Mustangs and Chiefs will renew their rivalry in a semifinal game set for Wednesday night.

W.L. CENTRAL 63, JOHN GLENN 52: On Wednesday in the WLAA third-fourth contest, the Vikings (12-8) were led by Joe Marshall's 16 points and Brandon Joseff's 15.

- The Rockets were paced by Keshawn Martin (15 points) and Austin Anderson (13).
- Central led 29-25 at the half and 42-37 with eight minutes to play.

The Vikings were 7-of-10 from the free throw line; Glenn went 1-for-2 from the stripe.

Glenn trailed just 49-45 with 3:44 left thanks to a three-point play from Dorian Prather, however, the winners reeled off an 11-2 run to seal the deal.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2007 for the following:

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES -WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS HANFORD ROAD

For the design and construction staking for new mater main improvements along the south side of Hanford Road (Ridge to Napier) for 5,000 lineal feet of 12-inch; water main replacements from an 8-inch to a 12-inch water main along a portion of the west and east sides of Belleville Road beginning at Michigan Avenue heading south for 2,800 lineal feet to Yost Road and replacement of a 12-inch water main along the west side of Canton Center Road (Palmer to Geddes) for 5,400 lineal feet.

Proposals may be picked up at the 2nd Floor, Engineering Services at the above address.

submitted in a sealed envelope must h

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TESTING

Saturday, March 3, 2007 through Wednesday, March 7, 2007

The Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works (DPW) will be testing the temporary water service connections that were installed as part of the Sheldon Road Underpass Project. The water service connections to be tested were recently installed to provide temporary water service to the City of Plymouth. Temporary water service to the City of Plymouth is scheduled to occur in the Spring of 2007 to allow for the removal and replacement of the 36" Detroit water main in Sheldon Road. The purpose of the test is to ensure the City of Plymouth will receive adequate water service through the temporary connections.

Testing will occur for five (5) consecutive days beginning Saturday, March 3, 2007 and ending Wednesday, March 7, 2007. During this time, Township residents may observe minor changes in water

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 17, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Organizational Meeting --

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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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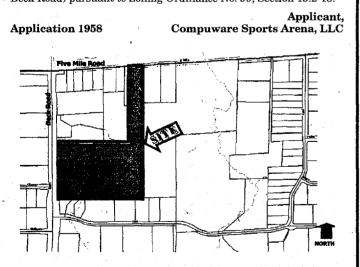
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	Request Renewal of a Special Land Use
	Approval
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, March 21, 2007
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall,

y, March 21, 2007 Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application from Compuware Sports Arena requesting renewal of Special Land Use Approval for a Drive In Movie Theater in an Industrial District (IND), on Tax ID R-78-010-99-0006-700, (property address is 14900 Beck Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-13.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-010-99-0006-700. Property address is 14900 Beck Road.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings, hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

> **KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY** PLANNING COMMISSION

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changes are not uncommon or hazardous to your health and will be temporary should they occur.
For questions or concerns, Township residents may contact the DPW during the test period at the following phone numbers:
March 3, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM: (734) 414-1443 March 5 – March 7, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (734) 414-1443
On March 3 after 4:30 PM, March 4 and during non-business hours on March 5-7, call the Plymouth Township Communication/

Dispatch at (734) 354-3248. Publish: February 25 & March 1, 2007

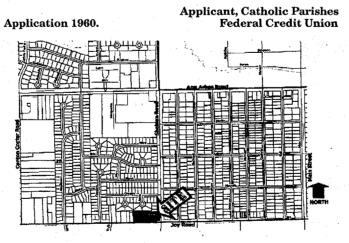
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Wednesday, March 21, 2007 7.00 PM Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Credit Union Branch Office is an Office Service District (OS), on Tax ID R-78-058-99-0046-001; R-78-058-0047-001; R-78-058-0048-001, (property is directly east of 44600 Joy Road), pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 10.2 - 2.



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(No Appointments)

Monday, March 12, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Saturday, March 17, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 13th after 5:00p.m.and Saturday, March 17th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

> TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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Sealed proposals will be received for the installation of a Soil Vapor Extraction System by Plymouth Charter Township as Owner and representative for the Plymouth Charter Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, until 2:00 P.M. Official Local Time, on Friday, March 16, 2007 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

The services will include:

Project Administration

Extraction Well Installation

Mobilization/Demobilization

SVE Power Installation

SVE System Rental and O&M Services

Non-Hazardous Water Disposal

A mandatory site walk-through will be held Monday, March 12. 2007 at 10:00 A.M. Official Local Time at the Plymouth Township Fire Station No. 2, 41212 Wilcox Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Specifications may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Copies may be obtained at the office of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after Monday, March 5, 2007 by making a deposit of \$25.00 for each set, which will not be refunded. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

> Marilyn Massengill. Clerk Signed:

> > OE085

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LOCAL SPORTS

WHAT'S A LIBERO?

The libero, which was introduced by the MHSAA prior to the 2005-06 season, is a player specialized in defensive skills. The libero must wear a contrasting jersey color from her teammates and cannot block or attack the ball when it is entirely above net height. When the ball is not in play, the libero can replace any back-row player, without prior notice to the officials. This replacement does not count against the substitution limit each team is allowed per set," although the libero may be replaced only by the player whom they replaced.

SOURCE: Wikipedia Web site.

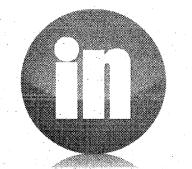


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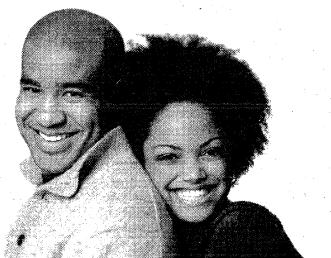
Courtney Seiler is pictured doing what she does best – playing defense for the Salem volleyball team.

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SEILER

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Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, she registered 52 digs against some of the top front-row players in the area.

"I love getting the big digs because it takes away the other team's glory at least for a second or two," said Seiler.

SECRET TO HER SUCCESS

While the crowd is watching the offensive team set up its plays, Seiler is trying to figure out where on the court the soon-to-be-approaching missile-disguised-as-a-volleyball is going to land.

"First, I have to watch the ball closely and see how they're setting up the play," she said. "Then I watch how the hitter is approaching her swing. If she's coming to the net at an angle, it will probably be a cross-court hit. Otherwise, it will be straight on. The more you play, the better you get at it."

EARLY START

Seiler's been playing since sixth grade, which explains her high skill level.

"I have an older sister (Kelly), who played a lot of volleyball and was pretty good at it, so she kind of introduced the sport to me," said Seiler. "We'd go out in the back yard a lot and hit the ball back and forth.

"I like the sport because a team has to have a lot of different skills to be successful and everyone - even if it's a diverse group - has to work together in order to do well." In addition to her stellar

high school career, Seiler has been playing highly competitive club volleyball since the ninth grade. For the past two years she has toiled for the "M" Juniors, an elite team that competes in tournaments throughout the United States. Seiler's travelogue has included stops in Texas, Atlanta and Florida, just to name a few spots.

POSITION CHANGE

Seiler was primarily a setter during her freshman and sophomore years at Salem. But she made the smooth transition to libero once current setter Jansan Falcusan came on the scene last year.

"Courtney has been a big reason for our success the past two years," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She's so valuable because she can play pretty much every position. "A couple of times when

Jansan has been out this year, we moved her to setter and she did a phenomenal job."

Seiler is the perfect model of a successful high school student-athlete. Along with her lofty on-the-court skills, she carries a 3.79 grade-point average and is an active member of the National Honor Society.

"I'm not sure where I'm going to go to college yet, but I'm thinking about going to Western Michigan and trying to walk on to their volleyball," team she said. "Youngstown State is an option, too.

"I'm going to really miss high school volleyball when it's over. I've made a lot of good friends and I've had a lot of fun."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A (Friday, March 2) at LIVONIA CHURCHILL First round: (A) Salem vs. (B) South Lyon, 4 p.m.; (C) Northville vs. (D) Plymouth, 4 p.m. Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Canton vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m. Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at West Bloomfield vs. Southfield district champion.) MMHSGHL Tournament Saturday March 3 1st-round games begin at Eddie Edgar ice Arena GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, March 3 **Division 1 Regional Meet**

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at Plymouth H.S., 9 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, March 1 (NJCAA-Region 12-District H Playoffs) Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland CC (Ohio) at OCC-Highland Lakes, 1 p.m ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, March 2 Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3 Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Sunday, March 4 Whaters vs. Mississauga Ice Dogs at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Friday, March 2 Det. Innition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m. Sunday, March 4

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Canton third at WLAA boys swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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Saturday's finals of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim meet reaffirmed what everyone suspected all season long -Northville and Livonia Stevenson remain the class of the league.

Northville garnered its third WLAA title in a row by scoring a team-high 671 points, while Stevenson was runner-up with 564.

Canton finished a distant third with 360.5, while Walled Lake Northern and host Salem placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with 334 and 261.5. Livonia Churchill placed sixth with 192. (See complete results.)

Northville captured five events, including two relays, in a meet where 18 places are scored

Brody Blickle figured in four firsts to lead the Mustangs, including individual wins in the 50-yard freestyle (22.05) and 100 backstroke (54.27). He also was a member of Northville's first-place 200and 400 freestyle relay teams. Northville's other victory came from Chris Keady in the 200 freestyle (1:43.32).

"We figured 600 (points) was the magic number," Northville coach Richie Bennetts said. "On Thursday (the prelims), we swam really well and that set us up today for the finals. Everything clicked even though Stevenson made a big run, but we got ourselves up enough so they couldn't catch up.'

Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker was pleased with his team's showing despite settling for second.

"I thought we both swam really good," the seventh-year coach said. "We had a lot of lifetime bests. I thought our senior captain Jeff Pauza had a good day as did Sam Loria. And Kyle Hermann also made



Canton's Jon Templeton, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, placed eighth in the 50-yard freestyle at Saturday's WLAA conference meet.

two state cuts (100 and 200 freestyle). They (Northville) just had more horses. That's why they're number two in the state."

Senior Matt Carlson enjoyed an exceptional afternoon for Canton, winning both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM. His time of 1:59.06 in the 200 IM set a school record.

"We expected Matt to do well in the 100 breast, but I didn't expect him to go as fast as he did in the 200 IM," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "He knocked almost three seconds off his time from the preliminaries, which is great."

Canton registered personalbest times in approximately 88 percent of the events, a statistic that pleased Weber, who praised the efforts of Chris Marinica, Robert Blaesser, Richard Zhang, Ross Schwarz, Kevin Karlinski, Jon Templeton and Chris McGinnis.

"I was very happy with how we swam," he said. "It was an exciting day, especially for Matt."

Seventh-place Plymouth

(147 points) was led by Mike Conger, who touched third in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 IM.

Salem, which placed fifth with 261.5 points, was paced by senior captain Nick Leone (fifth in the 200 freestyle), Stan Chen (second in the 100 breaststroke), and Matt Underhill (fourth in the 500 freestyle).

Stevenson individual winners included junior Robert Luke, 100 butterfly (53.97); senior Travis Hatt, 100 freestyle (48.04); Jeff Pauza, 500 freestyle (4:43.84).

The Spartans' 200 medley relay team of Luke, Joey Wingett, Hatt and Michael Cruce also emerged victorious in 1:39.78

The 1-meter diving champion was Westland John Glenn senior Jon Whitt, who scored 347.00 points.

Meanwhile, both Stevenson and Northville hope to make waves at the Division I state meet, March 9-10, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Last year, Stevenson edged

out Northville for third place

overall by 1.5 points. "Top five again in the state would be a good finish," Shoemaker said. "We have more kids going to the state meet, which is good.

"We have three big horses who could finish in the top eight and our top two relays could land us in the top five." Although Birmingham

Brother Rice is the odds-on favorite to win the Division I state title, Bennetts is confident his team can make waves.

"We'll see how it all shakes out," the Northville coach said. "We hope to be in the running. If we swim the way we're capable, maybe we can push them if for some reason they don't swim as well. But there are other teams like Zeeland, Grand Haven, ourselves and Stevenson.

"We hope this meet (WLAA) sets us up well. We had five additional state cuts and now we have nine, so we hopes this gives us added confidence."

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SWIM RESULTS

WLAA BOYS SWIMMING MEET Saturday at Salem OVERALL RESULTS: 1. Northville, 671; 2.

Livonia Stevenson, 564: 3, Canton, 360,50: 4. W.L. Northern, 334; 5. Salem, 261.5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 192; 7. Plymouth, 147; 8. W.L. Western, 127.5; 9. W.L. Central; 10. Westland John Glenn, 90; 11. Livonia Franklin, 84; 12. Wayne Memorial, 78.5. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-yard medley relay (A-Final): 1. Livonia Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Travis Hatt, Michael Cruce), 1:39.78; 2. Northville, 1:40.55; 3. W.L. Northern, 1:43.64; 4. Salem, 1:44.60; 5. Canton, 1:45.06; 6. Plymouth, 1:48.97; (B-Final): 7. W.L. Central, 1:50.81; 8. Wayne, 1:52.20; 9. W.L. Western, 1:54.61; 10. John Glenn, 2:00.40; 11. Churchill, 2:03.60; 12. Franklin, 2:04.21. 200 freestyle (A-Final): 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:43.32; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:45.36; 3. John Bardsley (N), 1:47.39; 4. Kyle Hermann (LS), 1:49.68; 5. Nick Leone (S), 1:50.03; 6. Drew Randall (LC), 1:50.33; (B-Final): Ross Schwarz (C), 1:51.73; 8. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:53.17; 9. John Blickle (N), 1:54.68; 10. Richard Zhang (C), 1:55.37; 11. Clay Malloure (N), 1:55.44; 12. Sam Loria (LS), 1:58.23; (C-Final): 13. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 1:55.91; 14. Paul Coldren (WLN), 1:57.98; 15. Brad Nedrow (WLC), 1:59.51; 16. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:59.69: 17. Chris Behler (LS), 1:59.87: 18. Jake Keeler (LC), 2:00.36. 200 IM (A-Final): 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:59.06; 2. Will Blickle (N), 2:00.79; 3. Greg Sheppard (N), 2:03.78; 4. Mike Conger (P), 2:04.87; 5. Michael Cruce (LS), 2:05.81; 6. Joe Kargula (N), 2:06.89; (B-Final): 7. Colin Smith (N), 2:08.00; 8. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:09.86; 9. Scott Geverink (LS), 2:10.62; 10. Nick Anthony (LF), 2:10.85; 11. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:11.50; 12. David Olson (S), 2:14.04; (C-Final): 13. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:09.59; 14. Ben Lamerand (LC), 2:14.23; 15. Aaron Marecki (LS), 2:14.30; 16. Ben Schonek (N), 2:15.00; 17. Nathan Spala (S), 2:15.15; 18. Brendan Schoff (LS), 2:16.92 50 freestyle (A-Final): 1. Brody Blickle (N), 22.05; 2. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 22.38; 3. Travis Hatt (LS), 22.43; 4. Chris Culkin (N), 22.71; 5. Kyle Adams (N), 22.89; 6. Dimitry Bugrimov (WLW), 23.02; (B-Final): 7. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 23.08; 8. Jon Templeton (C), 23.11; 9. Chris Marinica (C), 23.30; 10. (tie) Chris Marinica (C) and Jason Williams (S), 23.42; 12. Mark Gordon (LC), 23.80; (C-Final): 13. Jim Mammano (N), 23.75; 14. Jon Babb (S), 23.94; 15. Patrick Keady (N), 24.31; 16. (tie) Jordan Holland (WM) and Shane Rauss (WLW), 24.37; 18. Chris Wilson (P), 24.77

1-meter diving: 1. Jon Whitt (JG), 347.00; 2. Will Fankell (N), 336.15; 3. Stephen Kruse (N), 321.05; 4. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 292.75; 5. Chris McGinnis (C), 284.35; 6. Jason Mahakian (WLW), 261.05. 100 butterfly (A-Final): 1. Robert Luke (LS), 53.97; 2. Eric Erdos (WLN), 54.81; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 54.95; 4. Michael Cruce (LS), 56.10; 5. Chris Marinica (C), 57.00; 6. Riley Cole (WLN), 58.08; (B-Final): 7. Nick Anthony (LF), 57.08; 8. Scott Geverink (LS), 57.43; 9. Brad Nedrow (WLC), 57.60; 10. Stan Chen (S), 58.76; 11. Clay Malloure (N), 1:00.24; 12. Jake Lane (N), 1:00.44; (C-Final): 13. Ben Lamerand (LC), 58.84; 14. David Olson (S),

1:00.82; 15. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:01.73; 16. Nate Lunn (N), 1:01.95; 17. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:01.97; 18. Paul Snyder (P), 1:03.21. 100 freestyle (A-Final): 1. Travis Hatt (LS), 48.04; 2. Chris Keady (N), 48.43; 3. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 49.08; 4. Chris Culkin (N), 49.31; 5. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 49.62; 6. Drew Randall (LC), 49.65; (B-Final): 7. Kyle Hermann (LS), 50.24; 8. Kyle Adams (N), 50.38; 9. Nick Leone (S), 50.43; 10. Jon Templeton (C), 50.66; 11. Dimitry Bugrimov (WLW), 50.77; 12. Jim Mammano (N), 50.95; (C-Final): 13. Sam Loria (LS), 51.89; 14. Patrick Keady (N), 52.80; 15. Jon Babb (S), 52.83; 16. Steve Jones (LC), 52.85; 17. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 52.96; 18. Jared Diebel (LS), 53.05.

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500 freestyle (A-Final): 1. Jeff Pauza (LS), 4:43.84; 2. John Bardsley (N), 4:51.86; 3. Will Blickle (N), 4:56.61; 4. Matt Underhill (S), 5:00.52; 5. Ross Schwarz (C), 5:02.87; 6. John Blickle (N), 5:09.21; **(B-Final):** 7. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 5:05.09; 8. Joey Wingett (LS), 5:09.00; 9. Charles Turlo (LS), 5:09.05; 10. Paul Coldren (WLN), 5:13.97; 11 Ben Schonek (N), 5:15.87; 12. Aaron Marecki (LS), 5:22.73; (C-Final): 13. Richard Zhang (C), 5:17.12; 14. John Loria (LS), 5:19.58; 15. Daniel Schoff (LS), 5:20.50; 16. Jordna Gorzalski (C), 5:24.60; 17. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:35.51; 18. Mike Wilson (WLC), 5:58.79. 200 freestyle relay (A-Final): 1. Northville (Brody Blickle, Kyle Adams, Jim Mammano, Chris Culkin), 1:29.67; 2. Stevenson, 1:30.41; Churchill, 1:31.59; 4. W.L. Northern, 1:31.97 Canton, 1:32.34; 6. Salem, 1:34.80; (B-Final): 7. Plymouth, 1:36.64; 8. W.L. Western, 1:37.29; 9. John Glenn, 1:37.82; 10. Franklin, 1:39.47; 11. W.L. Central, 1:40.39; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1:46.39.

100 backstroke (A-Final): 1. Brody Blickle (N), 54.27; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 54.82; 3. Mike Conger (P), 57.03; 4. Robert Blaesser (C), 58.49; 5. Greg Sheppard (N), 59.18; 6. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 59.27; (B-Final): 7. Bryan Bielecki (LS), 59.89; 8. Matt Underhill (S), 1:00.89; 9. Colin Smith (N), 1:01.35; 10. Brendan Schoff (LS), 1:01.56; 11. Nate Lunn (N), 1:02.06: 12, Riley Cole (WLN), 1:02.48: (C-Final): 13. Evan Cole (WLN), 1:02.33: 14. Jimmy Vayis (LS), 1:02.76; 15. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:03.97; 16. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:04.38; 17. Jimmy Crabill (S), 1:04.71; 18. Alex Musto (WLN), 1:05.05.

100 breaststroke (A-Final): 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:02.21; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:03.60; 3. Joey Wingett (LS), 1:04.69; 4. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:05.30; 5. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:05.38; 6. Mark Gordon (LC), 1:06.71; (B-Final): 7. Erik Peterson (N), 1:07.65; 8. (tie) David Bladecki (LS) and John Loria (WLN), 1:07.67; 10. John Shaw (WLN), 1:07.70; 11. Morgen Hummel (WLN), 1:08.64; 12. Nathan Spala (S), 1:09.01; (C-Final): 13. Mike Wilson (WLC), 1:08.42; 14. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:09.04; 15. Kyle Dull (P), 1:10.42; 16. Russell McBain (C), 1:11.21; 17. (tie) Tony McLaughlin (P) and Dan Stoscup (P), 1:12.19.

400 freestyle relay (A-Final): 1. Northville (Brody Blickle, Will Blickle, Chris Culkin, Chris Keady), 3:16.78; 2. Stevenson, 3:20.96; 3. Canton, 3:23.75; 4. Salem, 3:25.60; 5. Churchill, 3:28.38; 6. W.L. Northern, 3:30.53; (B-Final): 7. Plymouth, 3:33.44; 8. W.L. Western, 3:35.06; 9. W.L. Central, 3:35.55; 10. Wayne Memorial, 3:42.31; 11. John Glenn, 3:43.30; 12. Franklin, 3:45.30.

Salem falls in semis of WLAA conference volleyball tourney

Stone, Davis lead Rock cagers

Junior forwards Grant tone and Ross Davis scored

hard to stop." Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "The second half we used the same three players and held him to eight. It was good team defense as far as hedging and helping out."

players on him (Knochel), he's and grabbed 15 rebounds Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville rolled to a 72-53 boys basketball win at Plymouth Christian. Junior DeCarlos McDonald chipped in with 18 points, while junior Lonnie Fairfax finished with 14 assists for Clarenceville (5-14).

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Five and counting.

That's the number of consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament titles for Livonia Churchill.

The state-ranked Chargers put it all together on Saturday, defeating Northville in the championship match, 25-20, 25-14, at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Churchill, which improved to 49-2-1 overall, reached the final with a 25-13, 25-22 victory over Livonia Stevenson following a 25-17, 25-18 quarterfinal triumph over Walled Lake Western.

The Chargers, now 49-2-1 overall, also finished undefeated in pool play with wins over Wayne Memorial (25-2, 25-10), Stevenson (25-17, 25-18) and Western (25-10, 25-9).

"Winning the conference championship is always a good thing," Churchill coach Marc Grenier said. "And thankfully we were all on the same page. Everybody played a role and did their job.

"We were able to execute the whole day, stay focused and get the job done."

Salem was the only local team to advance as far as the quarterfinals. The Rocks upended Westland John Glenn, 17-25, 25-15 and 15-11 before falling to the Mustangs, 23-25, 27-25 and 15-8 in an action-packed semifinalround match.

Salem notched preliminaryround victories over Plymouth (25-17, 25-13), John Glenn (25-19, 25-17) and Franklin (25-13, 25-18).

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Championship final: Livonia Churchill defeated

Semifinals: Churchill def, Livonia Stevenson,

25-13, 25-22; Northville def. Salem, 23:25, 27-

Quarterfinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake

Western, 25-10, 25-9, Northville def. Livonia

Franklin, 25-9, 25-21; Stevenson def. Walled

Lake Northern, 25-20, 25-18; Salem def.

ALL-WESTERN LAKES TEAMS

All-Conference: Joanna Foss and Krysta Cicala,

Westiand John Glenn, 17-25, 25-15, 15-11.

Northville, 25-20, 25-14.

"It was a great day until the semis," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We beat Northville in the first game and were leading the second game, 24-20, but we just couldn't finish it."

Leading the Rocks were Teresa Coppiellie (53 kills, 13 service aces and 22 digs), Courtney Seiler (52 digs), Lauren Kurtz (29 kills, 10 aces and 23 digs) and Nikki Mersch (12 kills and 2 digs). Statistics from Canton and Plymouth were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline. Churchill's top attacker once

against was 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky, who finished with 78 kills on the day. Kyndra Abron, a 6-1 junior, added 54 kills and seven blocks.

Senior libero Kelly Archer added 76 digs, served eight aces and serve-received at 95 percent. Junior defensive specialist Anna-Marie Gatt had 35 digs, eight aces and was 96 percent on serve-receive.

Other contributions came from setter Kelsey McKenzie, 116 assist-to-kills; Jordan Kerr, 27 digs; Sarah Button, eight kills, nine assists, five blocks and seven digs; Jaclyn Gribeck, five blocks; and recent JV call-up Lindsey Graciak, 20 digs with 88 percent serve-receive and 100 percent serving.

On Friday, Churchill begins it state tournament quest by hosting a competitive district which includes two of the WLAA's top four teams.

"We'll enjoy what we've been able to accomplish, but we know the teams in the district will get another crack at us and there's a bulls-eve on our backs." Grenier said. "We just have to continue to work hard this week in practice, stay humble and take care of business."

Spartans in final 4

Livonia Stevenson went 3-2 on the day and reached the semifinals of Saturday's WLAA tournament.

The Spartans, now 21-15-2 overall, lost both matches to rival Churchill (see above), but scored victories over Walled Lake Northern (25-20, 25-18), Wavne (25-9, 25-16) and Walled Lake Western (25-19, 25-21).

Hannah Diebel was the Spartans' top attacker with 30 kills on the day followed by Laura Khalil (23), Kelly Snitchler (19), Meg Iafrate (10) and Victoria Slavin (8).

Defensively, Jordan Pilut and Stephanie Labby recorded 25 and 23 digs, respectively. Setter Jill Flaugher also had 25 digs to go along with 74 assists and seven kills.

Mustangs oust Pats

WLAA runner-up Northville eliminated Livonia Franklin in the quarterfinals, 25-9, 25-21.

In pool play, Franklin lost to Salem (13-25, 21-25), defeated Plymouth (25-15, 25-23) and split with Westland John Glenn (24-26, 25-23).

Top performers for the Patriots, now 14-18-4 overall, included Liz Dempsey (33 kills), Laura Marshall (15 kills), Ashley Price (12 kills), setter Kelly Powers (65 assists) and Jenna Boettcher (seven aces).

"Liz had a great tournament offensively and defensively," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "She is the backbone of our team."

16 and 14 points, respectively, as Salem (10-10) clinched fifth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament with a 50-48 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-15)

Salem was able to overcome Stevenson Luke Knochel's game-high 25 points. The senior guard tallied 17 in the opening half, including four triples, to stake the Spartans to a 31-26 lead.

"We put three different

Knochel, who kept the Spartans close in the final quarter with a four-point play, had a three-point try for the win bounce off the rim as time expired.

CLARENCEVILLE 72, PCA 53: Jeremy Gainer, a 6-foot-3 10th-grader, scored 27 points

Senior guard Nick Garant also played a solid floor game and finished with seven points for the Trojans, who led 35-23 at halftime.

Trevor Zinn led the Eagles (**7-13**) with 10 points.

Roberts' heroics save Wildcats, 55-53

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth junior guard Brandon Roberts should consider joining the school's Drama Club.

He definitely has the credentials after his buzzerbeating three-point shot lifted the Wildcats to a thrilling 55-53 victory over Livonia Franklin Tuesday night in the Patriots' gym.

Roberts, whose late-game heroics have either won games for the Wildcats or sent them into overtime, released his dramatic shot with one second showing on the clock.

Roberts stole the hero's tag from Franklin's Tyler Canyock, who had given the Pats a 53-52 lead with 11 seconds left on an old-fashioned three-point play. The victory improved

Plymouth's regular seasonending record to 7-13. Hardluck Franklin dipped to 2-18.

"We didn't have any timeouts left after Canyock made his free throw," recalled Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We got the ball into Brandon's hands and we ran a screen for him. They funneled him to the corner, but he rose above their defenders and got the shot off. He's been making clutch shots like that all season for us."

Van Wagoner said the close-game experience they've received the past three games - the Wildcats lost in double overtime and overtime in the two games previous to Tuesday's should be beneficial during next week's Division 1 District tournament at Canton.

"Hopefully, these last three games have prepared us well in case we're in some close games in the tournament," Van Wagoner said. Plymouth led 16-13 after one quarter and extended its lead to 24-11 at one point in the second quarter before the Patriots surged back to take a 29-28 halftime lead. Plymouth led 44-38 with

eight minutes to play. Junior guard Dan Jeong

led all scorers with 20 points -18 of which were the result of six triples. Junior guard Myron Puryear added six points. Canyock paced the

Patriots with 18 points. Alex Reid chipped in with 11.

Franklin buried 13-of-20 free throws.

Plymouth was 5-of-7 from the stripe.

The Wildcats open the District tournament Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. against the winner of Monday night's Novi Catholic Central-Novi match-up.

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Northville: Kyndra Abron, Kelly Archer and Lauren Krupsky, Churchill; Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz, Salem: Liz Dempsey, Franklin; Jill Flaugher, Stevenson.

All-Lakes Division: Jansan Falcusan and Nikki Mersch, Salem: Anna-Marie Gatt, Churchill: Jordan Serra, Walled Lake Central: Jordan Pilut, Stevenson; Sandy Rambow and Melissa Stack, W.L. Northern; Virginia Butler and Kirstin Kirk, Westland John Glenn.

All-Western Division: Amanda Marquardt, Katie Moran, Kristen Ehehalt and Jackie Elder, Northville: Marie Martin, Canton: Sam DeYonker and Allie Lubanski, W.L. Western; Kelly Powers, Franklin.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lakes: Brittany Holbrook and Kija Colts, John Glenn; Sarah Button and Kelsey McKenzie, Churchill; Courtney Seiler, Katrina Cope and Kelly MacDonald, Salem; Stephanie Kramer, Stephanie Schultz and Sarah Blle. W.L. Centra: Brooke Burmeister and Laura Ford, W.L. Northern; Jamie Poundrs, Laura Khalil, Amber Sharp, Stevenson.

Western: Allison Holmes and Elise Fleishaker, Northville; Olivia LaFortune, Wayne Memorial; Paige Partenio, Kelsey Guiliani and Carly Zeitlin, W.L. Western: Jenna Boettcher, Andrea McCall, Ashley Price; Clare Baptist, Rachel Heaton, Chelsey Quinlan, Brittany Hengesh, Plymouth; Kacy Moran, Jordn Kielty, Hannah Mills and Joellen Heldt, Canton,

2007 WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Alvin Storrs, 6-1 Sr. G, Northville; Luke Knochel, 5-9 Sr. G, Livonia Stevenson: Rvan Waidmann, 6-7 Sr. F. Canton; Earl Hardison, 6-1 Jr. G, John Glenn; Grant Stone, 6-4, Jr. F, Salem; Mike Lee, 5-9 Jr. G., Wayne Memorial. COACH OF THE YEAR: Dan Young, John

ALL-LAKES: Stefan Marken, 6-3 Jr. G, John Glenn; Keshawn Martin, 6-0 Jr. G, John Glenn; Cody Rzeznik, 6-3 Jr. F, W.L. Central; Matt Guldan, 6-4 Sr. F, W.L. Central; Chris

Mulcahy, 5-10 Sr. G, Stevenson; Ryan Rosenick, 6-2 Jr. F, Churchill; Ryan Bahnmiller, 6-4 Sr. G/F, W.L. Northern. ALL-WESTERN: Bret Spencer, 6-3 Sr. F. Northville: Dan Kirkpatrick, 6-5 Jr. F. Northville; Neil Sharma, 6-4 Jr. F. Canton; Josh Butler, 5-11 Sr. G, Canton; John Hill, 6-

Langdon; Wayne - Jeremy Lovelady, Robert

2 Jr. F, Wayne; Quinton Cooper, 6-2 Soph. F, W.L. Western; Brandon Roberts, 6-0 Jr. G, HONORABLE MENTION: Northville - Mike Rogers, David Burke; Canton - Eric Tim Ferenc. Thornton, Devarone Jackson, Ryan

Woodson; W.L. Western - Eddie Vushaj, Sean Armstrong; Plymouth - Jake Hager, Dan Jeong; Franklin - Tyler Canyock, Alex Reid, Gary Cobb, Matt Mills, Andy Ring; John Glenn - Rob Jones, Austin Anderson; W.L. Central - Joe Marshall, Bryan Peterson, Brandon Joseff; Salem - Ross Davis, Dan Cassidy; Stevenson - Derek Severson, Nate Wilson, Ryan Aneed; Churchill - Brad Evans, Ryan Whittum; W.L. Northern - Robert Johnson, Steve Knurick,

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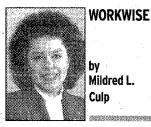


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'BLIND SPOTS' AND OVERLOOKED OPPORTUNITIES



If you're overlooking work-related opportunities, several factors may be at play. "Blind Spots: Achieve

Success by Seeing What You Can't See" (Wiley, forthcoming, May, \$24.95), a book by Claudia Shelton, maintains that, if you're a high-achiever, your mindset may be the culprit: "you may be looking for what's wrong ... I prefer to think about (BEGIN ITAL)what is possible(END ITAL)."

Shelton describes five common situations that create blind spots:

- excessive reliance upon strengths;
- ingrained habits;
- negative expressions of stress;
- failure to read others accurately; and
 miscommunication.

But the problem might not be psychological or a result of communication failures. Robert Baron, Dean R. Wellington Professor of Management at the Lally School of Management & Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., indicates that if you can't see patterns, you may not recognize an opportunity. "We go through the world connecting the dots to make patterns," he says. "People see different things in different situations because their backgrounds are different. Some people come with the cognitive framework -- like a filter,"making the recognition possible. He points out that in viewing an auto accident, for example, a physician might pay attention to injury, an accountant to financial ramifications and an attorney to the person involved.

Erika Weinstein, president and cofounder of the executive search firm Stephen-Bradford Search in New York City, disagrees with "Blind Spots" and Baron. "It's not that most people overlook opportunities,"she maintains. "It's simply the case that they're not looking and that successful people don't have the time to indulge themselves to pursue other 'opportunities."

Distraction cuts through attentiveness. In fact, Baron says, it can be so powerful that "you could even be looking and still not paying attention. You might see opportunity, but not pursue it because you don't see the scope of it." In the search arena, Weinstein states that receptiveness depends upon timing and the manner in which opportunity is presented.

How common are blind spots in relation to opportunity? Baron states from the standpoint of an entrepreneur, "Probably, almost everyone misses a good opportunity now and then. The answer really depends on what one means by 'opportunity.' If you mean a good business opportunity a particular person could, perhaps, develop, then the percentage is still high." Entrepreneurs, he thinks, often have the opposite problem seeing opportunities that really aren't there. He advises that you investigate a pattern before going broke on an idea. Informal market research can provide the information you need. He illustrates this point by relating the story of a veterinarian who gathered the

opinions of clients in her practice as research for her small mobile pet fountain for cats, which tend not to drink enough water. It passed.

Weinstein quips, when asked about the numbers of people who miss opportunities, "I'm not sure, because if you're good, you're going to get calls about opportunities and if you're not, probably you're not missing many opportunities."

All is not lost if you're missing them. Baron says that people can be trained to develop the "mental framework by searching for patterns – like a file system we develop in our heads to process information – by being given a very wide range of experience."He states that an



Claudia Shelton, author of 'Blind Spots.'

airline pilot designed wheeled luggage after using carts for his own bags and realizing that passengers could benefit from something similar.

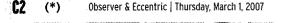
If your career is stalled for opportunity, consider the advice Weinstein offers. "Read industry trades and go on the Web. Look for companies going gangbuster, companies that are 'hot.""They should be seed-beds of opportunity. She also recommends consulting your network for a contact to an individual in the company. "This person," she adds, "can be your advocate and at the very least channel your information to the right person and/ or department." No blind spot there. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning

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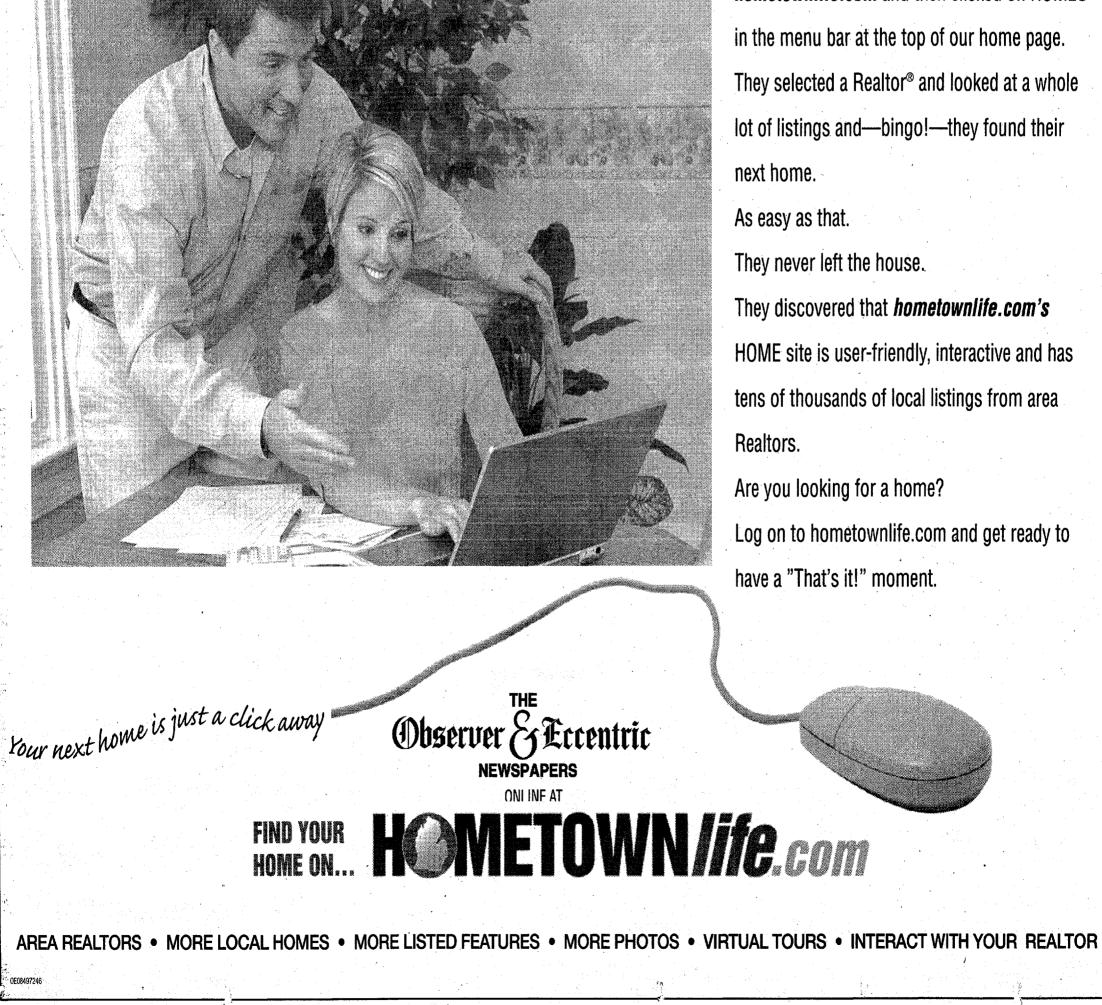
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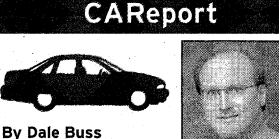


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Advertising Feature

by Dale Duss

Time was when automotive safety was synonymous with Volvo. Owners of the previous generation of boxy, Swedish-built cars might not have been able to brag about anything else. They weren't self-styling, horsepower-hawking BMW owners, or mileage-conscious Honda drivers, or even cargo-minded, minivan-driving soccer moms.

If you saw a Volvo on the road, you knew that among the things the driver was saying was: "I'm really concerned about the most important aspect of driving an automobile – safety. How about you?"

Volvo certainly has undergone a transformation in the last few years. Under Ford's ownership, the brand broadened its product line, developed more sophisticated styling, and generally entered the industry's mainstream. And in the process, its old focus on safety seemed to wane just a bit.

But these days at Volvo, safety is back. Not that it ever left as one of the brand's major distinctives, mind you, Now, however, Volvo has gone on the offensive again in terms of making the safety of its vehicles a major differentiator between it and other brands. Having ensured its survival as a vital brand no matter what happens to Ford Motor Co. per se, Volvo is back to proudly strutting its stuff as most protective line of vehicles on the road.

The 2007 Volvo S80 makes this reprioritization of safety abundantly clear. Marketed as "the luxury car that treats life like the greatest luxury of all," the S80 delivers a stunning variety of innovations in the safety sphere provided by the vehicle as well as in other aspects that buyers will surely appreciate with sticker prices that begin at \$38,700.

The niftiest new feature of the S80 is what Volvo calls a "blind-spot information system."



Both the S80 sedan and XC90 SUV are helping revive Volvo's brand DNA: safety first.

When a vehicle enters your blind spot on the driver's side, the vehicle senses its presence, and a red, six-inch-long light bar on the dash goes on. The sensor light stays on until the vehicle has moved out of your blind spot.

Here's an innovation that seems worth whatever was invested in it. Testing it deliberately several times, I found the sensor very accurate in telling me when there really was something to worry about in the next lane. Later on, using the "BSIS" routinely, there were a couple of times when I was very glad the sensor was ahead of me, because I was entertaining thoughts of switching lanes to the left – but the system advised me otherwise.

Similarly, the S80 tells you when it feels you are driving too close to the car in front of you at a certain speed. And – here's where Volvo moves way out to the edge! – inside, the car has a heartbeat sensor, which tells you on your key fob whether there's anyone left inside your car. For the many people who check the back seat of their car every time they get into it, on the one-in-amillion chance that there actually is an intruder inside, this feature will seem as practical as a steering wheel; for the rest of us, it's mainly a conversation piece.

That's not to say that the S80 is all about safety. It's a complete mid-luxury vehicle in every way. Exterior styling is crisp, and over the years the most prominent cue in the new Volvo styling regime – the sharp-radiused shoulders that go the length of the vehicle on each side – has grown on me. The car's big grill impresses as well, displaying the brand's diagonal sash with pride. And the huge taillights are another favorite touch.

The 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine on the S80 I drove was more than adequate, and is rated at an impressive 28 mpg on the highway, 19 in the city.

The 2007 XC90 also represents another significant step up for Volvo both in the safety derby and in the overall impressive nature of its lineup. In fact, the XC90 was one of only 13 vehicles earning Top Safety Pick awards for 2007 by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The XC90 features not only BSIS but also electronic stability control and many other safetyoriented touches, including side-curtain airbag protection for all three rows, anti-whiplash seats and an emergency communications system.

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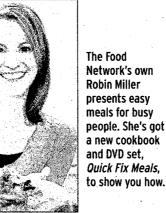
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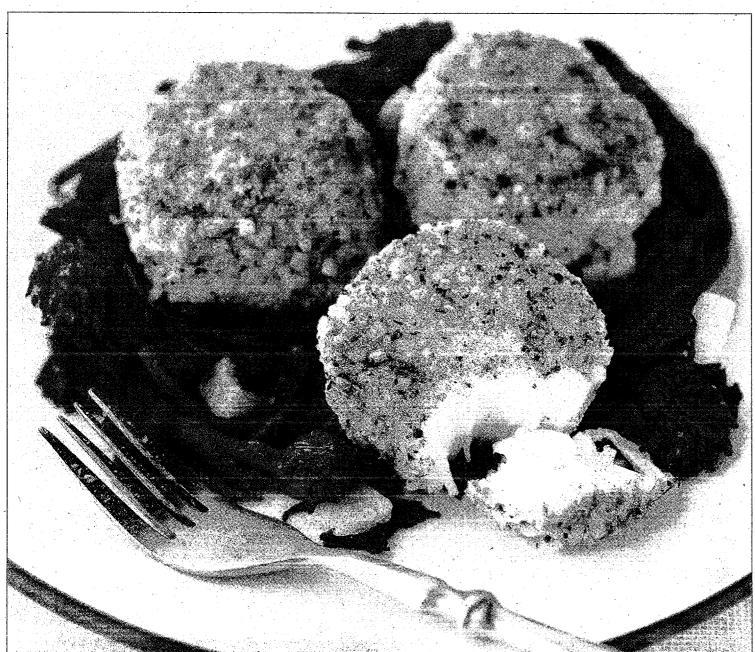
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Lemon and Herb Crusted Scallops make for a quick meal.

Tapping the sap Cranbrook hosts Maple **Breakfast & Festival**

> BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Collecting maple sap is a late winter ritual every year. The sap is created in maples that are warmed by the sunlight and warmer temperatures in the morning, followed by cool temperatures that fall below 32 degrees at night.

It is a patient process, as approximately 40 gallons of sap are needed to produce one gallon of syrup. Approximately 44,000 gallons of maple syrup were produced in Michigan in 2000; ranking the state seventh in the country for production of this sweet, rich sap, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science will celebrate that process at its 33rd Annual Maple Breakfast and Festival March 3 and 4. Kensington Metropark also has maple sugaring demonstrations scheduled at Maple's Sweet Story every weekend in March.

At Cranbrook, start with a hearty meal of pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and coffee and juice at the Institute. After breakfast. pay a visit to the sugar hut and learn about "all things maple," from identifying maple trees to tree tapping to discovering how to make maple syrup and candy. Candy and syrup also will be available for purchase in the Institute's Science Shop.

Advance reservations are required for the breakfast with seatings at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. The festival, sponsored by Whole Foods and REI, runs from 1-4 p.m. Breakfast admission includes all festival activities for the day. To make a reservation,

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Chef/instructors Mary Denning (left) and Jeffrey Click (far right), who teach at the Fifty-One O One Restaurant at Henry Ford Community College, will be creating a gourmet dessert for the Cookie Gala using Trefoils. Girl Scouts Olivia Jackson (second from left), Chloe Hill, Aurea Suvoy, Jennifer Sharpe, Emily Wallace, and Jasmine Dandridge stand with Denning and Click beneath an overhead mirror that reflects the boxes of cookies on the counter.

Sweet fund-raiser:



Try Robin Miller's recipe for a White Pizza with Pesto and Pine Nuts.

FOOD TIPS

Robin Miller packages prepared foods in an airtight container covered with plastic wrap and then foil, to lock in freshness. A few days before she plans to cook a meal using those prepared foods, she'll thaw them in the refrigerator - not the microwave.

Miller suggests planning meals two to three days ahead of time. And her book makes that easy. Her "In the Bag" meal kits detail how to prepare the ingredients for a full meal - from an elaborate dinner to a child's school lunch - so it's simple to toss together at a moment's notice.

Robin Miller's new cookbook is a 'Quick Fix'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Robin Miller knows a thing or two about juggling a busy schedule. In addition to being host of her popular Food Network show Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller, she's a wife, mother of two young boys, nutritionist and food journalist.

It seemed only natural that Miller should translate her knack for making mealtime easier into a new series of cookbooks. The first, Quick Fix Meals, is due in stores March 3. It features Miller's surefire strategy for prepping meals ahead to save time during the hectic work week.

Miller has come a long way in the kitchen. She never learned to cook until she was married. Then she spent a year teaching herself the tricks of the trade, which became the inspiration behind her first book, The Newlywed Cookbook.

"My life changed again when I had children," said Miller, speaking from her home in Phoenix. She no longer had the luxury of spending all after-

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Girl Scout cookies stand on their own in terms of taste and sweetness, a great little snack in the middle of the day or treat at the end of a meal.

Eight chefs are preparing to create desserts using the cookies at the 5th Annual Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit Cookie Gala Wednesday, March 7.

"It's kind of a natural thing," said Dianne Thomas, communications specialist for the Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit, about creating desserts with cookies. "What can you do with Girl Scout cookies? Embellish them."

And the chefs will do just that. Each is assigned a cookie to use: Paul Collis, pastry chef at Opus One in Detroit, will use the All Abouts vari-

ety of Girl Scout Cookies in his creative sweet treat.

Other chefs and the cookies they'll use are: the Roostertail's executive chef, Brian DeMeyer, Thin Mints; Sweet Lorraine's owner Lorraine Platman, and chefs Keith Vertz and Rick Venadam, Do-Si-Dos, and Mary Denning and Jeffrey Click of the Fifty-One O One at Henry Ford Community College, Trefoils. Other participating

chefs and restaurants are: Jeanine Henson and Bob Zagar, owners of Josephine Creperie & Bistro in Ferndale; Mark

What: Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit 5th Annual Cookie Gala When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at The Roostertail, 100 Marquette Drive in Detroit Early bird tickets: \$70 per person or two tickets for \$120. For reservations: Call (313) 972-4475, ext. 2239 For more information or to register online, visit www.gsofmd.org and click on Cookie Gala.

CREATIVE COOKIES

Kelley, Mosaic of Greektown in Detroit; Leanne Allen, Small Plates in Detroit, and Jennifer Miller, Shiraz in Bingham Farms. Also on the menu are hors d'oeuvres and auction fun. WXYZ TV's Glenda Lewis serves as the official "Cookie Diva" and mistress of ceremonies.

Honorary co-chairs are Debbie Dingell and Bill Laimbeer. General Motors is the presenting sponsor for the fund-raiser.

"Funds raised through the Gala benefit many of the Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit council efforts including financial aid, tutoring, diversity awareness, drug abuse and teen pregnancy prevention programs, volunteer training, leadership, creative arts, science and technology programs," Thomas said. "Gala proceeds also help us maintain reasonable prices for our troop programs and support the maintenance of our camp (Camp Innisfree in Howell - which incidentally features an Equestrian Center and ropes challenge courses)."

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Rick Broida will return March 8.

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Consumers see technology grow

ome magazines have written articles about the technology applied to test models of



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appliances in which life is made much easier for any homemaker. Traditional Home recently

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Appliance

Joe Gagnon

Michelle's favorite features is being able to push a button on her cell phone to keep the dryer operating until she can get home and hang up the clothes.

LG Electronics offers a handy Remote Monitoring System, a wallet-size device with a digital display that shows how much time is remaining on the washing and drying cycles.

The monitor plugs into any electrical outlet, allowing homeowners to track laundry if they're on a different level or area of the house. LG has also introduced the world's first steam-assisted washing machines. A steam generator infuses steam into the machine, allowing for superior cleaning, fewer wrinkles and better water conservation as compared to traditional machines. The SteamWasher can be used without water or detergent to reduce wrinkles and refresh clothing, or combined with a hot or warm water wash cycle.

I just recently purchased a new car and believe it or not, there is no ignition slot in the car. You just sit down, place your foot on the brake pedal and push a button on the consul. Heck, you don't even need to hit the button on your key gadget; it locks and unlocks the door automatically. This is America and we must all marvel at what is available to us today.

There are old guys like me who have a hard time subscribing to some of this new technology. Not because this stuff doesn't make perfect sense, but for reasons I would call "lack of common sense?

Take the car statement I just made. The sensor on the car knows that you have the car keys in your jacket pocket. Should you leave the keys in the car when you get out, a whole bunch of bells and whistles start going off telling you to remove the keys from the interior of the car. Now this really messes up a guy like me because I've always hidden an extra key on the outside of the car. This system of mine won't work anymore.

The piece on the clothes dryer where you can monitor how much time is left on the timer absolutely disgusts me. I don't mean to be so negative. but good God Almighty, I've been telling homeowners for near 50 years, "Don't ever leave your house while the clothes dryer is operating."

Every service technician in this country will tell you the same thing. The service guy or gal has been a witness to many dryer fires and in many cases, have prevented fires from happening. I have long waited the day when manufacturers would take responsibility for the design of a clothes dryer. To this day they add all sorts of features for the future, but they have yet to create a simple fire alarm and extinguishing device to save the property and lives of their customers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

COOKBOOK

noon in the kitchen. Miller found a way to make flavorful food her family would love, without being harried."

And it's all in the book.

Quick Fix Meals is written in Miller's friendly, conversational tone, giving readers a sense that they know her, that they're cooking together. She includes helpful hints by highlighting time-saving and storage tips and nutrition information, all meant to make life easier.

"I set it up so it depends on how much time you have," Miller said. For instance, when she has extra time, she'll cook double the amount of pasta, or chop, blanche and store fresh vegetables in her freezer to use later. The Quick Fix strategy makes good use of the freezer and refrigerator.

"Some of it is food science and some of it is trial and error," Miller said. But many of the recipes can be created by tossing in precooked meats, frozen vegetables or fruits, or adding sauces made in advance.

"Most things can be frozen," Miller said. She packages prepared foods in an airtight container covered with plastic wrap and then foil, to lock in freshness. A few days before she plans to cook a meal using those prepared foods, she'll thaw them in the refrigerator - not the microwave.

"Re-freezing never works," Miller said, adding that she sticks to single-portion sizes instead of wasting food.

Miller suggests planning meals two to three days ahead of time. And her book makes that easy. Her "In the Bag" meal kits detail how to prepare the ingredients for a

Quick Fix Meals also demonstrates how to "morph" meals, a method of transforming one main ingredient into several distinct dishes. For example, spend an hour and a half cooking up a citrus-glazed ham with roasted Mandarin oranges one night, and let those ingredients morph into a speedy new dish the next – like penne with ham, green beans and oregano; honey ham wraps with brie and papaya; or super cheesy Stove Top macaroni and cheese with ham.

full meal - from an elaborate dinner to a child's school lunch — so it's simple to toss together at a moment's notice. In about 30 minutes, it's possible to create Parmesancrusted chicken with sweet and hot mustard dip, or crab-stuffed zucchini boats.

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cheese with ham.

It's all meant to encourage readers to think outside the box, when inside the kitchen. Rather than stick to a familiar repertoire of five tried-and-true recipes, she hopes these strategies inspire at-home cooks to try something new.

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And yes, Miller said her own freezer tends to be filled with fruits, vegetables and "banked meals" for her family, the baby-sitter, or whomever might be hungry.

Her book also includes "dinner express" options that sound downright gourmet including white pizza with basil, pesto and pine nuts, or coconut lime chicken with chilies. Add a "simple side" such as warm spinach salad with pancetta and gorgonzola, and an easy dessert, like the kid-friendly chocolate-dunked bananas with peanuts, and dinner is served.

On her Food Network show, Miller cooks with full-fat ingredients, but she noted that people can always assume it's fine to substitute lower-fat ingredients without compromising flavor.

"I always try to be cognizant of nutrition," Miller said. "It's in my blood. I don't try to push it on other people."

Miller said she knows she's achieved her goal when fans tell her that a certain recipe "saved my week."

She's out to offer more kitchen guidance March 10 when The Food Network airs a new prime-time special, Robin to the Rescue. In it, Miller visits people's homes to offer help in cooking, organizing a kitchen, sharing weight loss tips, even encouraging finicky children to eat.

For more information, visit www.foodnetwork.com.

BABY SPINACH, FENNEL AND GRAPEFRUIT SALAD WITH SHALLOT VINAIGRETTE

4 cups baby spinach leaves 1 fennel bulb, trimmed of any stalks or fronds and thinly sliced

1 cup grapefruit sections 1/2 cup reduced-sodium veg-

½ cup finely minced shallots 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Place the spinach, fennel and grapefruit in a large salad bowl. In a small bowl, whisk

together broth, shallots, parsley, oil, vinegar and Dijon. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour the vinaigrette over the salad just before serv-

sold in jars in the refrigerated section of the produce aisle. Also, make the dressing in a container or jar with a lid and, instead of whisking, just seal the container and shake until blended. Ingredient note: A native to the Mediterranean region, fennel is a beautiful vegetable that boasts green feathery leaves growing out of a round, white bulb. Greeks have long used fennel stalks and leaves for adding a licorice-like flavoring. The Romans not only

added fennel stalks to salads, they used both the stalks and seeds for medicinal purposes. Today, many use fennel as a digestive aid. Low in calories, fennel is also a good source of

Quick and easy: Total time: 10 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes Serves: 4

WHITE PIZZA WITH BASIL PESTO AND PINE NUTS

1 pound fresh or frozen pizza dough, thawed % cup prepared basil pesto 1½ cups shredded part skim mozzarella cheese ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese ¹/₃ cup pine nuts

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Punch dough down with fist, and transfer to a lightly floured surface (or cover your work surface with parchment paper to prevent sticking). Roll dough into an 18-inch circle using a rolling pin. Transfer dough to a large baking sheet

Quick and easy: Total time: 20 minutes Prep time: 10 minutes Walkaway time: 10 minutes.

BACON WRAPPED TURKEY BURGERS WITH BLUE CHEESE

SAUCE

Cooking spray 1¹/₄ pounds ground turkey breast 11/2 teaspoons poultry seasonina 8 slices regular bacon or turkey bacon ¼ cup low fat sour cream ¼ cup crumbled blue cheese 1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives 4 hamburger buns, preferably whole wheat

Coat a stove-top griddle or large skillet with cooking spray and set over mediumhigh heat.

In a large bowl, combine the turkey and poultry seasoning until thoroughly mixed, then shape into four patties, each inch thick Wran two slices of bacon around each burger, covering with outer edge (secure with a wooden toothpick if necessary). Place the burgers on the hot griddle and cook until cooked through, about five minutes per side.

CRUNCHY LEMON AND HERB CRUSTED SCALLOPS

- 4 cups oyster crackers (enough to yield one cup crushed)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

1¹/₂ teaspoons salt-free lemon and herb seasoning ½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

1¼ pounds sea scallops (about 12 scallops), patted dry

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons olive oil

Place the crackers in a large plastic bag and mash them into fine crumbs using a rolling pin, the flat side of a meat mallet, or the bottom of a heavy saucepan. Add the parsley, herb seasoning, salt, and cayenne and shake to combine.

In a separate plastic bag, combine the scallops and mustard. Seal the bag and squish around to coat the scallops with the mustard. Add the scallops to the cracker mixture, seal the bag and shake to

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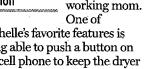
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Spread the pesto evenly to within¹/2 inch of edge. Sprinkle the mozzarella, parmesan and pine nuts evenly over the top.

Bake until the cheese melts and the crust is golden brown, about 10 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting slices.

Quick fix: Make two at a time. Slices can be wrapped in plastic and refrigerated for up to four days or frozen for up to three months. No need to thaw before reheating in a microwave.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the sour cream, blue cheese, and chives. Place burgers on buns and top with the blue cheese sauce.

coat evenly.

If you are stopping here: Refrigerate the scallops up to two days.

When you are ready to eat: Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Remove the scallops from the bag, place in the skillet, and cook until golden brown on the outside and opaque on the inside, about three minutes per side. Serves: 4

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Every year, as we approach the radiothon, we worry and fret and debate and prepare with one goal in mind - to exceed the previous year's total by one dollar (I told you I'm competitive). This year, thanks to you, we not only exceeded our previous total we stormed by it (Of course, all this does is increase my anxiety for the 2008 Radiothon - but that's grist for another column's mill).

If you were not able to participate - there is still time. Go to www.womc.com and click on 'donate now'. For \$120 you can feed one person for an entire year (only \$10 a month!). Of course, any and every penny helps. And remember, all the money stays right here in the Motor City.

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There are so many people who make a radiothon a such a huge success. From the caring, dedicated people at the Salvation Army to my radio cohorts known as Purtan's People to the staff and sponsors at WOMC – all play an integral part in making this event happen. But, despite all their hard work none of this could happen without you.

You are the one who picked up the phone or logged on to our Web site and gave your hard earned money to make the Motor City a better place to be.

For that I simply say – thank you.

(In case you're keeping score, it actually took me 520 words to get to that. Hey, I talk for a living...)

Listen to Dick Purtan every morning 5-10 a.m. on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

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Pairing wine with sushi

ver a scant few years, sushi has become commonplace in the United States. Now, given America's skyrocketing wine consumption, readers are asking, "What wines are best with sushi?'

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Attempting to make our response a definitive guide to the best wines with sushi, we took the pulse of one of America's renowned wine and food pairing chefs, John Ash, author of many superb

cookbooks, including the James Beard award-winning Cooking One on One. Ash is also one of four

founders of Sauvignon Republic Cellars, a California-based boutique winery focused on producing sauvignon blanc from the world's best regions for the variety, including California's Russian River Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand, and Stellenbosch, South Africa.

"The traditional beverage served with today's sushi," Ash says, "has usually been sake or light lagers and pale ales. Conventional wisdom among sushi aficionados is that wine is often too powerful and robust to complement sushi. This doesn't mean that there aren't wines that can work, but you must choose carefully. The mantra here is delicate!"

MATCHING FLAVORS

Ash counsels that a wine match for sushi must work with the salty, sweet, acid and peppery flavors (from wasabi served as a condiment). Very oaky, high-tannin wines are out. White wines are the best, but some reds can also be considered.

Because of their clean, brisk and high-acid profile without overbearing fruit, dry sparkling wines (brut-style) are good choices.

Rieslings and sauvignon blancs are great sushi matches. For rieslings, they can be either dry or semi-dry.



"Sauvignon blanc with its wild side and bright acid," Ash says, "is a good foil for vinegar in the rice. Unoaked or slightly oaked chardonnay can work, too. The goal is to avoid very ripe, oak-infused, high-alcohol chardonnays."

Delicately-flavored dry rosé wines made from grenache, syrah or pinot noir are exceptional complements.

A well-crafted Beaujolais, from a producer like Louis Jadot, that has been chilled ever so slightly is a sublime match for those opting for red wine.

Here again, an overly oaky, highly-extracted, high-alcohol red wine is not a good choice.

The broad range of sushi flavors created by fish, shellfish, vegetables, seaweeds and seasonings offers a challenge to getting the wine right. Dive in and experiment using the suggestions above and the recommendations in Wine Picks to learn which flavor matching best suits your sushi preferences.

MAKE YOUR OWN SUSHI

To aid inquisitive cooks entertaining with sushi, Geyser Peak Winery compiled a 12-page complete guide to hosting a "roll your own sushi party." To order the guide, log on to www.GeyserPeakWinery.com and click on the booklet image on the home page.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationallyrespected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by email at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Because of its exceptional versatility, we often choose Riesling to pair with sushi. Try:

2005 Shady Lane Cellars Sparkling Riesling, Leelanau Peninsula, Michigan \$20 2005 Shady Lane Cellars Semi-Dry, Leelanau Peninsula, Michigan \$14 2005 Mirassou semi-dry \$11 2005 Fetzer Valley Oaks German \$9, a blend of wines from the Mosel and Rheinhessen regions of Germany with 2.2 percent residual sugar to match spicier sushi rolls.

2005 Fetzer Valley Oaks California \$9 with 2.74 percent residual sugar. Also a good match with spicier sushi rolls. 2006 Wolf Blass Yellow Label South Australia \$12 2005 Clean Slate Mosel \$11, just off-dry 2006 Villa Maria Marlborough \$19, off dry To test your preference with Sauvignon Blanc, try: 2006 Geyser Peak \$12 2006 Kim Crawford Marlborough \$17 2005 Sauvignon Republic **Cellars Russian River Valley** \$18

2005 Matanzas Creek \$20 2005 Chalk Hill \$29

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

MAPLE FROM PAGE D1

call (248) 645-3245 or visit http://science.cranbrook.edu/.

The 33rd annual Maple Breakfast & Festival is for all ages and, if you choose not to attend the breakfast, free with regular museum admission. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable shoes, as most of the programs occur outdoors.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center offers a pancake breakfast, then guests can walk to the sugar bush to see how maple syrup is made. Breakfasts are served 9 a.m.-noon. The maple sugaring demonstrations are scheduled noon-3 p.m. Visitors can walk through the sugar bush, where several methods of collecting sap, including a Native American sugaring camp, are demonstrated.

to make a weekday group appointment, call Kensington Metropark at 1-800-477-3178 or $(248)\hat{6}85-1561.$

Regular museum admission For additional information or is \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children and seniors, free for

MAPLE SYRUP TIME

What: 33rd Annual Maple **Breakfast and Festival** Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, **Bloomfield Hills** When: March 3 and 4 Festival: 1-4 p.m. Breakfast seatings: 9, 10 and 11 a.m. (advance reservations required). Cost: Institute members, \$12, and their children, \$6; non-members are an additional \$4 per person. (Breakfast admission includes all festival activities for the day.) Festival is free with regular admission for those who do not wish to attend the breakfast.

Institute members. To make a reservation: call (248) 645-3245 or visit http://science.cranbrook.edu/.

What: Maple's Sweet Story When: Saturdays and Sundays, through March 31. Where: Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center, near Milford. (From western Wayne County, take I-96 to Milford Road exit. drive north to park entrance.) Pancake breakfasts: 9 a.m.noon, \$5 per person, \$3 for children 12 and under. Maple sugaring demonstrations: noon-3 p.m. Park admission: \$20 vehicle admission, \$12 for seniors (yearly pass). For information, call 1-800-477-3178 or (248) 685-1561.





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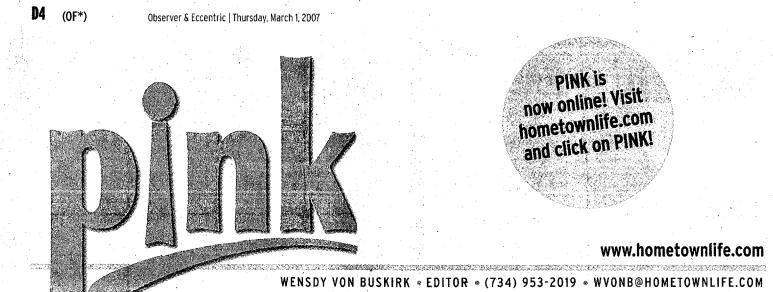
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Pink Collar Problems

Mistakes Women make in the Workforce

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

If you feel there's a 'glass ceiling' holding you down at work, look up.

You just might be surprised to see your own reflection staring back.

Entrepreneur Chris Flett says women in the workforce constantly make mistakes that prevent their own success.

"The glass ceiling may have been put in place by men, but it's been held there by women for the last 20 years," Flett says. "The greatest enemy to women in business are women.

By his own estimation, Flett has helped 2,000 women better themselves in business, and the Vancouver-based advisor is bringing his message to Motown next week.

The Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications will host Flett at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Shield's Pizzeria in Southfield.

During "What Men Don't Tell Women About Business," Flett says he plans to reveal secrets of the alpha male mind, and cover at least a dozen deadly sins women commit against themselves on a daily basis.

The 'Reality'

When Flett is asked for an example of how women undermine their power in the workforce, he points to "The Apprentice."

In the first season of the hit reality show, Donald Trump divided teams based on gender.

"The women smoked the men six times in a row," Flett says. "There were six women and only two men left. Trump had to merge the teams because he was embarrassed, and when he merged them, every woman jumped off their team to get to the men's teams.'

Then, they began to lose. Badly. In the end, all of them were sent packing.

When women try to play on the guy's team they always get beat," Flett said. So what are women doing wrong?

Excuses, **Excuses**

According to Flett, one common mistake is that women make too many excuses.

"If a woman is late, she'll come and give an explanation instead of just saying 'I'm sorry it won't happen again. Women give away too much too quickly," Flett says. "To men, excuses are for losers. An excuse is trying to explain whey we failed. We never fail and if we do we sweep it under the carpet."

Worse yet is when women blame family responsibilities. "Men end up saying 'I hate working with women who have children," Flett says.

Personal Problems

Women often get emotional over business, then confront people with their feelings.

What Men Don't **Tell Women About Business** When: 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7 Where: Shield's of Southfield, 25101 Telegraph Road Tickets: \$30 for WIC members and students; \$40 for nonmembers Information: Call (248) 652-1460

This makes men – along with other women - uncomfortable

"The interesting thing is men take things personally as well but we never show it. If a woman feels she's been wronged she wants to address it. If a man feels he has been wronged he quietly comes up with a plan b," Flett says. "If somebody says 'no' to me, I think 'I'll find someone else to do business with' – or I'll figure out how to get them fired."

The Deep-Six

Flett says women should not be blind to men's subversive - or submersive - tactics.

"When a woman gets pissed off she asks you what's going on. When a man gets pissed off he smiles, then torpedoes from underneath the water," Flett says. "Men attack women in business without women ever knowing it happened. Any woman who's been in her career longer than she thinks she should without



a promotion, she's been deepsixed and no one has the guts to tell her," Flett says.

The 'B' Word

According to Flett, there are five masks women wear in business, and one of them

starts with the letter 'B.' "That's where a woman overcompensates by being

aggressive to ensure no one will be aggressive with her," Flett said. "It undermines her position because she thinks she needs to be aggressive instead of talented. The truth is strong men love strong women. Weak men are afraid of strong women.

Flett says women will get ahead if they simply get real.

"Women don't need to play roles," he says. "They need to be authentically themselves. That's where their power lies. Women are horrifically powerful in business if they just allow themselves to be."

For more information, visit www.chrisflett.com, www.flettventures.com. or www.womcom.org.



Dana O'Neill, Geoffrey Horwitz, Daniel Kohn and Nikki Horn, all of West Bloomfield, preview spring fashions for Fashion Unleashed.

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fashion **Fashion Unleashed**

Detroit-area teens will model the hottest spring fashions at Fashion Unleashed 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. The benefit for Michigan Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will feature clothing from The Shirt Box, Guys N' Gals and Moosejaw, along with music by Audacity, dancing, a live auction and refreshments. "American Idol's" Kevin Covais will make an appearance, Tickets, \$10 for students; \$20 for adults, benefit BBYO. Call (248) 788-0700. **American Girl Fashion Show** The Junior League of Birmingham will host American Girl Fashion Shows March 2-4 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. More than 150 local models will present historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their dolls during the shows. The event also includes refreshments, party favors, door prizes and exclusive souvenirs. Not recommended for girls under age five. Tickets, \$35 benefit the JLB. Call (248) 203-9841 or visit www.jlweb.org/birmingham. Gem and Jewelry Show

The International Gem and Jewelry Show will visit the Southfield Municipal Complex and Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Hundreds of exhibitors will display precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, pearls, watches, estate jewelry and accessories. The show also will feature a new "Jewelry of the Stars" exhibition with treasures once

NM Beauty Week

Neiman Marcus Beauty Week is March 1-11. Visit for special deals and gift-with-purchase promotions at your favorite makeup counters. Spend \$85 or more and receive an exclusive vinyl tote, stocked with spring products from Fresh, Lancome, Kiehl's, Natura Bisse and more. Visit www.neimanmarcus.com.

Saks Beauty Week

Fall in love with beauty and fragrance as Saks Fifth Avenue hosts Beauty Week March 1-10. "Isn't It Romantic" features appearances from experts in the beauty industry. With a beauty purchase of \$100 or more, pick up a white patent bag filled with deluxe fragrances from Lanvin, Bill Blass and Donna Karan and more, along with treats like **Diorshow Mascara and Laura** Mercier Lip Glace. Call (248) 643-9000, extension 5242.

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Casino Royale Party The Women's Division for Project HOPE will host a Casino Royale -James Bond Party 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Oakland Hills Country Club. Festivities include casino games, food stations, drinks, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets, \$100-\$150, benefit Project HOPE Health Opportunities for People Everywhere. Call (248) 646-0289.

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Mommy Millionaire Dream of having it all? Get some tips from Kim Lavine, author of "Mommy Millionaire: How I Turned My Kitchen Table Idea Into a Million Dollars and How You Can Too!" Lavine will visit Borders Birmingham at 7 p.m. March 6 to discuss and sign her book. Call (248) 203-0005.

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Lush brings fresh skincare products

THREE STEPS TO LUSH LIFE

In the bath:

Try a Bath Bomb, like AvoBath or Big Blue, for fizzy soft water that's as fresh as the ocean. Bubble Bars, like Creamy Candy, create a foamy tub, while Bath Melts, like fruity You've Been Mangoed. leave skin milky smooth. For soft skin:

Best-sellers include Dream Cream moisturizer and Ocean Salt scrub for exfoliating dry skin. Remove makeup gently with Ultra Bland cream, and follow with a Breath of Fresh Air, a gentle toner.

Cleanse or soothe winter-worn faces with Angels on Bare Skin, or try Almond Kisses, a dewy fresh moisturizer.

Think sweets:

received many

named one of

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Candy Fluff dusting powder leaves a shimmer and sweetly scents skin. Brazened Honey mask has spicy scent that feels like sweet, like crushed flowers, when applied. Whip Stick can't be beat as a chocolatey alternative to dry lips.

By Stephanie A. Casola

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Curiosity inspired David Bembem to wander into Michigan's first Lush store Thursday afternoon. New to the Somerset Collection in Troy, the shop offers an inventive array of handmade soaps and skincare products made to delight the senses

"I thought it was a candy store," said Bembern, a Macomb Township resident.

It's a common mistake, according to Lush's Toney Steca. He said newcomers expect to find a candy store or a cheese factory.

It's no wonder, considering the wide array of products made with fresh ingredients. Positively cake-shaped Buttercreams are actually decadent moisturizing glycerine soaps, sometimes topped with chocolate shavings." They're situated next to colorful tubs of shower jellies, wiggly cleansers with names like Sweetie Pie.

Those already familiar with Lush stop in seeking hand-made products containing only organic fruits and vegetables, essential oils and safe synthetics.

Waterford, will go the distance to buy these products. She used to drive to Windsor to visit Lush.

"Everything smells so good," she said. "I like that there's no animal testing and it's all natural?

Since Jan. 9, there is no need to commute. Troy marks the first Michigan location, one of 33 stores in the United States.

Lush began as a joint venture in the 1970s between founders Mark Constantine and Liz Bennett, who customized fresh hair and skin products for their clientele in England. The company's long history included a thriving mail-order business, and in 1995, its first storefront opened in London. It took another eight years for Lush to reach the United States.

"We're like the produce section of the cosmetics industry," said Steca.

The products are so fresh, some require refrigeration. They are made with few or no preservatives. All Lush products include a sticker detailing who made the

Sex Bomb is a best-selling Lush product that will infuse bath water with the scent of jasmine and ylang ylang.

when it expires.

Depending on a customer's skin type and skincare needs, Lush employees will suggest the right combination of products to suit. "We'll customize your regimen," said Steca.

Some products are more expensive than others, depending on the ingredients. An \$83 bottle of Gorgeous facial moisturizer, Steca said, was originally formulated for Princess Diana, and is derived from pressed flowers.

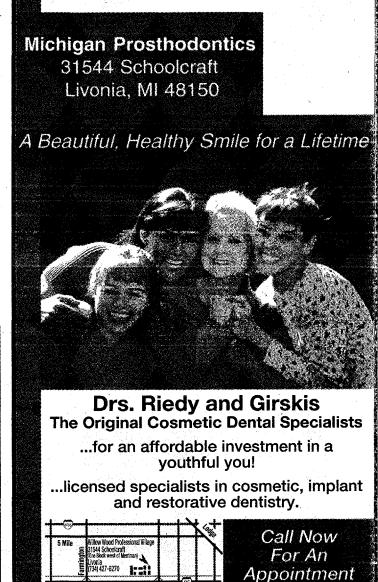
Indulge for less with a tub of Cupcake, a thick chocolatey facial mask for \$10.95. "We sell out of this one all the time," said Steca.

owned by Cate Blanchette, Farrah Fawcett, Angelina Jolie, Julianne Moore, Gwyneth Paltrow, Lucille Ball. Bing Crosby, Cher, Liberace, Zsa Zsa Gabor and more. Admission, \$7; children 16 and under free with adult. Visit www.intergem.com.

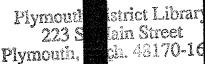
beauty **Estee Lauder Event** Estee Lauder Celebrity Makeup Artist Derek Miller will visit Parisian Laurel Park Place March 1-2. Derek will demonstrate new spring looks, along with tips and techniques to fit your lifestyle. Call (734) 953-7511 to book an appointment.

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard **Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills** will present "A Call to Wholeness," its 15th annual conference for women. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. March 17. The conference includes a continental breakfast, lunch and prize drawings. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, transitions, stress, finance, organizing your home and more. Keynote presenter Counselor Pam Micallef will discuss making change in your life. Registration is \$45. Call (248) 522-3642.

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Oscar contest gives us a few surprises

winner Alan Arkin.

Departed, for best pic-

ture and Cars for

best animated

instead of the win-

ning Happy Feet.

Since no one

guessed them all

right, and we still had

great prizes to give, winners

The following readers won

Carol Vogt, of Redford,

Vogt was one of few con-

testants who chose the cor-

rect foreign film: The Lives

of Others. She also correctly

predicted winners of Forest

Jennifer Hudson and Happy

Whitaker, Helen Mirren,

won movie passes for a year

were selected in a random

the following prizes:

to Emagine Theatres.

drawing.

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of readers entered our Oscar contest to predict the winners in 10 categories.

This year's Academy Awards seemed to surprise all movie buffs. And in our contest, no one predicted all the winners in our 10 specific categories.

Didn't everyone expect Pan's Labyrinth to win best foreign film rather than the less hyped The Lives of Others? Ninety-five percent of those who entered our contest predicted it that way.

The other local surprise was best supporting actor. The majority of our contestants predicted Eddie Murphy would take the statue home. Many others predicted Djimon Hounsou



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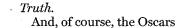
They've all won for best director: Francis Ford Coppola (from left), George Lucas, Martin Scorsese and Steven Speilberg at the 79th annual Academy Awards on Sunday.

"My favorite movie of the year was actually The Queen," Vogt said. "I took a random guess on The Lives Of Others.

Julie Brown, of Waterford, won tickets to Riverdance. She correctly chose several categories including winners Helen Mirren and Happy Feet.

Larry Bohner of Farmington Hills also won Riverdance tickets.

He correctly chose Forest Whitaker, Helen Mirren, Jennifer Hudson, Martin Scorsese and Inconvenient



went to: The Departed, best picture; Forest Whitaker, best actor; Helen Mirren, best actress; Jennifer Hudson, supporting actress; Alan Arkin, supporting actor; Happy Feet, best animated film; Martin Scorsese, best director; The Lives of Others, best foreign film; Inconvenient Truth, best documentary; and Little Miss Sunshine, best screen-

DIA to show Ansel Adams' photography

Celebrated photographer Ansel Adams captured the American landscape like no other artist. The Detroit Institute of Arts will present more than 100 of his black and white photographs, highlighting rare early works and sweep-

ing landscapes, in an exhibition from March 4 to May 27.

Fans will recognize his vision, from the vastness of the great American West to the simple beauty of a rose. Adams was an influential author, teacher, critic and promoter of photography as a fine art.

"The photographs in this exhibition showcase the artistry and technical ability that enabled Ansel Adams to take photography to a new level," said Graham W.J. Beal, DIA director. "While many people might have posters, calendars and other items that feature Adams' images, it is truly amazing to see his original photographs.

"It is an experience not to be missed." Tickets, including an audio tour and general admission, cost \$10 for adults, \$9 for adult groups of 20 or more, and \$5 for ages 5-17. Members are admitted free.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The museum is located at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For information, call (313) 833-7971.



Written by Richard Harris Contains Adult Content **Proudly Presented by** Spotlight Players With special arrangements by Samuel French at The Village Theater at therry Nil 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 Show Bales: Adults (19-59) \$18 February 23, 24, 25 Youth (18 and 1 6. S () March 2, 3*, 4*, 9, 10 Seniors (60 and 816 Groups (15+ people) \$15 Saturdays 8pm Buffet at 7pm Sundays: 2pm; Buffet at 1pm Buffet Performances \$40 hour prior to curta ickets Phone: 734-394-5460 In Person: 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI Box Office: 1 hour prior to any performance

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Enjoy a great day in

RYAN GUDENEAU

InZero cast and crew prepare to film a scene. The ongoing series is shown as part of the Mitten Movie Project.

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Camelia's Mexican Grill in Farmington Hills moved a stone's throw from the eatery's old location.

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Got no plans? Make some after you check out our expanded entertainment calendar of events.

For more stories and information on this weekend's events, visit the Filter Web site at www.hometownlife.com.





Writer and director Craig Brewer talks with actor Justin Timberlake on the set of 'Black Snake Moan.' Both men are from Tennessee where the movie was filmed.

BLACK SNAKE MOAN'

Director examines race, anxiety in the South

STAFF WRITER

Deep inside little Tennessee towns, where the humidity is high and blues musicians sing their souls out inside bars that music industry folks will never visit, is a way of life many northerners will never see or understand.

Whites and African-Americans live and work among each other aware of racism, but it's not necessarily discussed. Slavery issues, the Civil War and all its atrocities are still very alive in the

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Christina Ricci portrays Rae, a provocative Southern woman who uses her sexuality as her own means for survival, in "Black Snake Moan."

Steel pan man

Trinidad artist k-os makes his way to St. Andrew's

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Trinidad is the West Indies island where steel drums were created.

In 1938, a biscuit tin was the first. Just decades earlier, public drumming in Trinidad was illegal — slave "owners" realized slaves drummed as a way to send messages to one another.

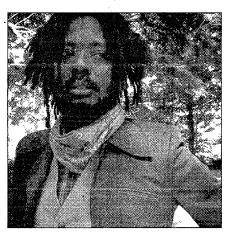
Today, the sounds of a steel drum are synonymous with the Caribbean. Music was used to pass messages

and, later, to celebrate. Music was and still is — important on the island of Trinidad.

It's imbedded in the soul of Trinidad-raised and now Torontobased artist k-os, a musician who blends positive lyrics and melodies into his music, which blends hip-hop, reggae, funk, rock, steel pan influences and other world sounds into his music. His name, k-os, is an acronym meaning Knowledge of Self.

On Friday, March 8, k-os performs with Gym Class Heroes at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

With the February release of his eclectic album Atlantis — Hymns for Disco (Virgin Records), the alternative artist is steadily making himself known in the United States with recent appearances on The Late Show with David Letterman, and on VH-1 Soul's Celebration of Black



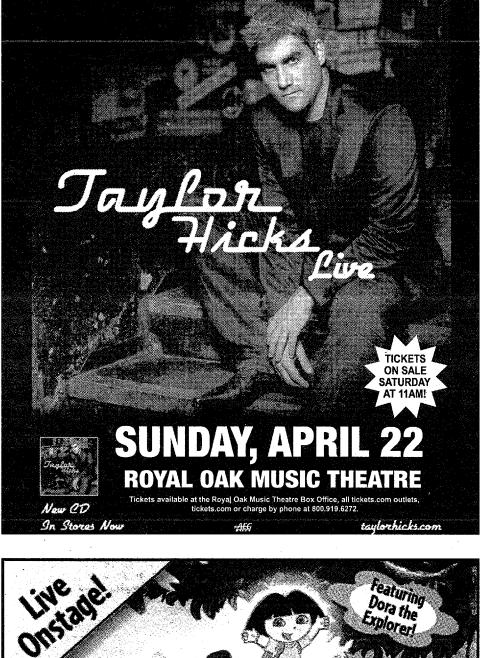
Trinidad artist k-os brings his hip hop sound, blended with reggae, to St. Andrew's Hall.

History Month.

On VH-1, a video for the uplifiting melodic song *Sunday Morning* debuted and is steadily climbing the playlist.

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Later this summer, k-os joins the Vans Warped Tour, the music festival and extreme sports festival that has helped launch careers of many artists such as Good Charlotte and My Chemical Romance.

"I think k-os is the perfect artist to appeal to anyone that is open-minded about music," said Warped Tour founder Kevin Lyman. "I could see him playing with anyone from Rancid to Talib Kweli and winning over their fans."

The musician's music is positive but not without controversy. k-os isn't afraid to

trash mainstream hip-hop and accuse those artists of superficiality. While some critics at times accuse him of being too positive, he was hailed by writers in

Billboard and *Rolling Stone* magazines. His influences are The Beatles, Stevie Wonder, A Tribe Called Quest and The Roots. Addressing the musical and spiritual breadth of his album, k-os said:

When an artist expresses their truth honestly and with a pure heart, they can end up speaking for a myriad of people. From a very specific experience can come a general understanding and healing."

The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$16. Visit www.k-osmusic.com for details.

"Mind-bending! Jim Carrey skillfully leads us

on a twisted trek with hair-raising jolts. A must-see movie."

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'Sophisticated hedonism' is Cirque 2007 party theme

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One of the most notable annual social events benefiting the Detroit Institute of Arts has a theme this year inspired by "sophisticated hedonism and outrageous energy of New

Are vou York City circa 1979." Cirque 2007, The Seventh Annual Masked Ball, scheduled for Saturday, March 3 at The Penthouse, 1001 Woodward, in downtown Detroit, will be presented by the Founders Junior Council, the young professionals auxiliary board for the DIA.

It's a black-tie event, and masks or other interesting "disguises" are strongly encouraged.

The party's energetic inspiration of 1979 New York begins immediately when guests arrive, party-planners say. There you'll be whisked up to the penthouse and presented with a panoramic view over Campus Martius and the wildness ensues.

"Cirque has become one of FJC's largest fund-raising events and one of the most notable social events in the city," said Amanda Moncur, FJC president. "Not only is this going to be an amazing night,

it serves as an important source of revenue for the DIA at large and proceeds

help support the exhibitions, educational programs and magnificent collections, to which museum-goers have all come to know and love." Masked attendees will groove to live music and sample foods from the swanky restaurants of Crave in Dearborn and Mosaic in Greektown. The event features a premium open bar and if

you're not feeling creative in advance, you can purchase masks at the door.

Tickets are available at www.foundersjuniorcouncil.org or by call (313) 833-6954. VIP tickets are \$100 and those guests receive access to an exclusive preparty from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with access to the main party. General admission tickets, with an arrival time of 8:30 p.m., are \$75 and include hors d'oeuvres and premium open bar.

Valet parking provided for all guests.

Lana Mini













RYAN GUDENEAU

Jonny Victor stars in the locally-produced sci-fi series InZero.

Behind the lens

Mitten Movie Project focuses on local film community

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER



Calling all local filmmakers. The Mitten Movie Project wants to hear from you.

The MMP is a collective of film visionaries with a

common goal — calling attention to the untapped potential Detroit, and Michigan, has to offer.

Jamie Sonderman, a Northville nativeturned-Detroiter, established the MMP to bring local filmmakers together, and to strengthen the creative community. On the first Tuesday of each month, the group hosts a film festival, consisting of locally-made feature films, shorts, animation and documentary pieces, all at Royal Oak's Main Art Theatre.

"It's like a State of the Union for the filmmaking community," said Sonderman.

The project began in 2005 as a way for local filmmakers to meet, have a place to show and see local work, and critique each others' projects. Initial screenings were hosted at the Emagine Theater in Novi. The first event brought out a crowd of 60 people.

"Now we pack the theaters," said Sonderman.

In May 2006, the MMP moved to its current, centralized Royal Oak location. Submissions continue to "trickle" in, Sonderman said. To be included in a Mitten Movie Festival screening, Sonderman said, the work must be "inspirational" and demonstrate passion for filmmaking. "Good quality is key," he said. While it's a showcase based on

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MITTEN MOVIE PROJECT

When: Tuesday, March 6 - The night begins with a director's reception at 6 p.m., followed by the screening at 7:30 p.m. and then an afterglow, immediately following at Cinq in Roval Oak.

What: This month's screening will include: InZerO Episode 11; Fate & Fortune; Immortality, and Friday Night King. Where: Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main Street,

Royal Oak **Tickets:** \$10 at the door or online at www.myspace.com/inzero.

Submissions: To participate in the Mitten Movie Project's ongoing festival, send a DVD, press kit and letter expressing interest to screen the movie to: MMP, 715 East Milwaukee, Detroit, MI 48202. Submission fees cost \$30, or \$20 for Michigan residents. Checks or money orders should be made out to Thought Collide. More information: Visit

www.myspace.com/mittenmovieproject.

Michigan talent, Sonderman will show films from other cities, even other countries, if it attains that certain caliber. The message is simple and spread to filmmakers near and far: "This is something you can do," he said.

That's a lesson he learned on his own, more than a decade ago.

Sonderman's interest in film can be traced back to a fateful effort in 1995 when he transformed his parents' garage into a movie set for a project called *The Empty Chair*. Though friends and family didn't initially understand his efforts, Sonderman gave it a shot. "I gotta see if I can do this," he said.

He entered — and then won — The American Film Institute's Visions of U.S. contest, judged by such industry icons as Francis Ford Coppola. Sonderman was also recognized as of the feature film *The*



Jamie Sonderman, creator of the Mitten Movie Project and writer of the Detroit Sci-Fi series *InZero*, hosts monthly screenings of locally made film and video at Royal Oak's Main Art Theater.

Passenger. It earned the 2006 Audience Award at the Planet Ant Film Festival.

Though he'd had a stint as an artist, Sonderman found film to be a much more collaborative effort, a medium that communicates. Soon enough, he was hooked.

Sonderman's futuristic Sci-fi series InZero has found a home within the monthly film festival. With 12 episodes now completed, the show brings audience members back. Set in a broken city where the population is being depleted, Sonderman said, *InZero* was inspired by filmmakers like Robert Rodriguez who started out by focusing on "what he already had."

Sonderman called it "a dream" to shoot on locations in and around Detroit. "There

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'Mitten' movies to see

The Mitten Movie Project's monthly film festival will screen the following on March 6:

INZERO

Creator Jamie Sonderman set this sci-fi series in a post-apocalyptic future, a place where the future of the human race is at stake. The population has been decimated and is now sterile. The story is centered on a courier in



RYAN GUDENEAU

A scene from InZero.

the middle of this struggle to survive. Episode 11, Dealbreaker will air March 6. Running time: 40 minutes.



'Fate & Fortune'

FATE & FORTUNE

Director Keith Jefferies explores the nature of coincidence and the futility of greed in this darkly funny modern parable. For more information, visit www.ascalonfilms.com. Running time: 15 minutes.

IMMORTALITY

Mike Madigan of Five Clover Films presents this dramatic short film entry starring Sonja Ribicki, Mare Costello, and David Durham. In it the battle has been fought, and the prize - everlasting life -- has been granted. The question remains, will Sarah's newfound powers change her? Learn more at www.fivecloverfilms.com.

Writer and

Running time: 4 minutes.



'Friday Night King'

film is produced by Tri Omega Productions. Watch the trailer at www.fridaynightking.com. Running time: 25 minutes.



This award-winning Observer & Eccentric photo features Rochester's quaint and walkable downtown.

Daytrippers shop, dine in Rochester

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Over the past two decades, the Rochester area has evolved from a sleepy suburban nook in northern Oakland County into an upscale community on the rise.

From a quaint and walkable downtown, to a hip shopping and entertainment destination, both Rochester and Rochester Hills draw favor among visitors and residents alike.

The luxurious Roval Park Hotel in downtown Rochester is sure to make a lasting impression on out-of-towners. The city's historic charm is just steps away.

SUPREME FOR SHOPPING

Wander along Main Street and you'll find sweet little shops like Angelique Boutique, Catching Fireflies, Shoetique and Sole Sisters. Find that one-of-a-kind gift, complete with a personalized card from Notations Stationary. Grab a friend and create a keepsake at The Painted Pot. Former Rochester resident Jennifer Checkley Dean said she "loves the downtown, small town feeling overall."

A short drive south on Rochester Road reveals a bevy of stores satisfying even the longest shopping lists.



The historic Rochester Elevator is another marker from the city's past.

Pier 1 Imports and Cost Plus World Market carry furniture and homegoods, while bookworms can whittle away the hours browsing the shelves at Borders or Barnes & Noble.

In recent years, the completely remodeled Village of Rochester Hills has grown into a premiere shopping spot thanks to popular retailers like

Pottery Barn, Williams-Sonoma, Banana Republic, J Crew and Ann Taylor, all anchored to the north by Parisian department store. "The Village of Rochester Hills has lots of great stores and restaurants, too," Dean said. Grab a latte at Starbucks and peruse the possibilities. Meet a friend for lunch at Bravo Cucina Italiana, or indulge in an ice cream treat at Maggie Moo's to relax after an afternoon buying spree.

BIKE, HIKE AND PLAY

Not all the recreational activities in the area cost money. Much of Rochester's charm and appeal can be found in its dedication to nature. Pick a sunny day to bike Paint Creek Trail north to Lake Orion. Or hike the trails at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve.

Children love to tackle the playscapes at Rochester Municipal Park, or watch the ducks swim peacefully in its ponds and rivers. Afterward, head east on University and take in storytime at the Rochester Library. Or find that perfect children's book at Halfway Down the Stairs Children's Bookshop.

PLEASE SEE ROCHESTER E11

Camelia's Mexican Grill

Restaurateurs tweak menu, move to new location



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Breaded Tilapia with salad and rice are accompanied by ranchero sauce and a lime margarita at Camelia's Mexican Grill in Farmington Hills.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

About 20 years ago, Camelia Flores packed lunches for her husband, Tony, before he went to work at General Motors.

On some days, the lunches might be tacos. On others, it might be burritos.

He walked into his job at a plant in Toledo. He'd enjoy his lunch, and soon, his coworkers smelled the wonderful lunches he was bringing. Soon, Flores was taking orders for lunches from co-workers.

Toledo became a GM Proving Ground – not for cars, but for Camelia.

The reaction was always the same from Tony's co-workers as he sometimes

brought as many as 200 burritos to them. "You need to open a restaurant,'" Tony

remembers them saying to him. "And that's how we got started."

Tony eventually retired in the early

1990s, and Camelia opened a Mexican carryout in Pontiac about 10 years ago, leaving her job as an administrative assistant, one that had her sitting at a

desk all day. "I didn't like that," she said.

Today, Camelia and Tony have turned another page in their lives as restaurateurs, as they've moved their eatery from their longtime location in a strip mall in the Regency Plaza and a stone's throw to its new spot in a standalone wilding.

building. With the move, the Floreses now can w Cinco de Mavo parties a little easier

throw Cinco de Mayo parties a little easier because the restaurant isn't sharing space with other tenants.

And with that move, she is tweaking the menu, too.

Among the new items are Mexican Kabobs, which consist of chicken with

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The salmon swims upstream for this one moment of glory.





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Zocated in historic Greektown, this Grand Ballroom is one of Detroit's hidden treasures. This fabulous venue is a landmark stage for an elegant wedding, bar/bat mitzvah or any other social occasion. The architecture of this century-old building features wood and marble pillars, twenty-two foot vaulted ceilings with dome skylights, and a circular balcony overlooking the main floor. Conveniently situated on the 8th floor of the International Center Building and adjacent to the Four Diamond Atheneum Suites Hotel, this dazzling room is a place your guests will adore as they gaze out on a panoramic view of the city. From sumptuous buffets to lavish cocktail parties and formal dinners, our dedicated event planners and culinary staff will make your special day "An Affair to Remember."





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sweet onions, portabella mushrooms, zucchini, red and green peppers served on a bed of white rice and salad. Weekend specials have been added, which includes Menudo (beef tripe soup with flour or corn tortillas), Caldo de Res (beef and vegetable soup served with Spanish rice and refried beans) and Canitas by the pound.

Camelia prides herself on authentic Mexican cuisine, which means it may take a little longer to get your food, because it isn't fast food. "We are authentic and everything is made to order," she said.

Four different tenants have occupied their current site in the last four years. But the Floreses aren't worried about any stigma attached to the new location.

"I felt confident because we've had a loyal clientele at Regency for the past five years," Camelia said. "We've got a lot of devoted customers."

Big sellers include chili rellenos (two battered poblano peppers stuffed with cheese, chicken or ground beef, topped with ranchero sauce), fajitas, enchiladas and Mexican kabobs.

They continue to add more authentic fare. They expect to add chicken molé to

CAMELIA'S MEXICAN GRILL

30685 W. 12 Mile Road (just west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 474-0902

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. **Meńu:** Authentic Mexican, with traditional fare such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos, etc., along with weekend specials like Menudo (beef tripe soup) and carnitas, lunch specials, \$6.99, dinners \$7.50-\$12.95. Lunch specials are \$6.99, and include a choice of two of the following: hard-shell corn tacos, soft-shell flour tacos, enchiladas suizas, burritos, tostadas, enchiladas, tamales and veggie burritos.

Vegetarian dishes: Yes. Restaurant: Non-smoking.

the menu in March. "As people get more experience with the food, the people come in and they aren't afraid to try new things," Tony said.

Special events include St. Patrick's Day with three-day weekend specials, staying open later until 11 p.m. Cinco de Mayo festivities (the weekend of May 5) include big tents and mariachi bands.

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Wine magazine honors The Lark

Wine Enthusiast magazine selected The Lark Restaurant's wine list for its "Award of Ultimate Distinction." A photo and article on the The Lark, the only Michigan restaurant to receive the award, appeared in the February issue of Wine Enthusiast.

"The Lark is one of only 29 restaurants in North America, out of thousands or applicants to be honored this year with our highest level of recognition. It represents (The Lark's) dedication to delivering the most wine-friendly experience for patrons," said Adam Strum, editor and publisher. To view the Lark's wine list, menu and learn more about owners Jim and Mary Lark, visit www.thelark.com.

Schoolcraft College hosts VisTaGala, The Art of Fine Dining, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the VisTaTech Center - DiPonio Room at the college's campus in Livonia.

VisTa Gala is described by the college as "a rare dining experience which celebrates our extraordinary Culinary Arts Department at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College."

Stroll through the state-ofthe-art instructional kitchens and meet the culinary instructors while tasting exceptional foods prepared for the event. The event helps support the Culinary Arts program. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$90 of which is a charitable contribution.

For more information, call (734) 462-4518.

Shoppers can take care of their sweet tooth with Twelve Oaks Mall's newest store, Nestlé Toll House Café.

Located on the Upper Level near Sears, the café serves homemade cookies, baked goods, smoothies, and a variety of caffeinated and non-caffeinated beverages. The store also offers personalized cookie cakes. Twelve Oaks Mall is located at 27500 Novi Road, just north of I-96. Contact the cafe at (248) 310-3418.



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ART EXHIBITS Detroit Institute of Arts

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 I and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-

7900, www.dia.org. **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, through April 29, 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 muse um in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature more than 30 objects from the creative design part nership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function. Lecture at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in the Museum Gallery. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.org

Shrinking Cities

Runs through April 1 at two locations: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills and The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit: Where: 4454 Woodward Ave. at Garfield, Detroit, Programs: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at MOCAD is a Lecture on City Planning Discussion: 9 p.m. Friday, March 2, at MOCAD, hear music by: His Name is Alive, Odd Clouds, plus Christopher Fachini's Rock Box Sound System; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Cranbrook graduate student studio tours and 7 p.m. at MOCAD see George Corsetti's film Poletown Lives (1982); 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Cranbrook, take in a lecture on Transforming Disposable Commodities into Sustainable Communities. For more informa tion, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

ART GALLERIES Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

Cranbrook Art Museum

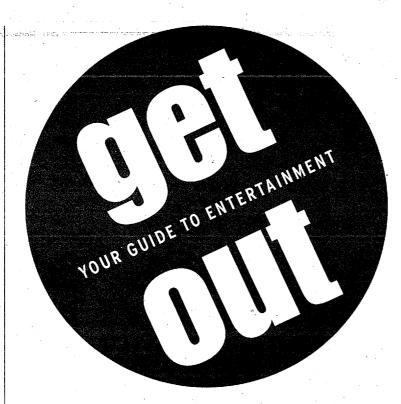
Shrinking Cities exhibit runs through April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs through April 1, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays. Lemberg Gallery

Urban Landscape with several artists, through March 10, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Yousuf Karsh photographs, through March 18; The

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Worker's Landscape, through March 18, Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing. (517) 355-7631. visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

- **Oakland University Art Gallery**
- Tergloba, exploring globalization's different aspects, artist's lecture with Dread Scott, 3 p.m. March 9 in Oakland Center Gold Rooms, opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 10, artists' panel 2 p.m. March 11, exhibit runs March 10-April 15, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouaq

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

- First Floor Gallery features Traveloque hy Mike Mackens, black and white photographs of artists' travels to Europe, Japan and elsewhere, opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 9, exhibit runs March 9-April 14;
- Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation. one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 9; Gallery Talk with the artist, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10; Hands-On Family Workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 17; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.newabic.org.

The Print Gallery

New Yorker magazine covers from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 10, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www.MonaLisaMania.com

River's Edge Gallery

- Kindred Spirits: A Showing of Works by the late Dr. Arnold Dreifuss and the late Jim Slack, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, through March 9, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.
- Sherrus Gallery

Meditations - In Black & White, photos by Jeff Milton, opening reception 6-9 p.m. March 2, through March 31, 109 N. Center, Northville,

- (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com **Sherry Washington Gallery**
- Moments and Movements II: New Drawings and Paintings from Chun Hui Pak, exhibition runs through April 14, 1274 Library (at Grand River), Detroit, RSVP at (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition through March 9; Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, opening reception 5



The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts will host a live radio

broadcast of jazz legend Stanley Clarke at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 3. The concert, part of the DTE Energy Smooth Jazz Series, broadcasts live on WVMV-FM (98.7) Smooth Jazz. Clark is known for his slap-funk technique and pioneered the use of new musical instruments like the piccolo bass. He's credited with being the first bassist to ever headline world tours and who can double on acoustic and electric bass. Tickets are \$40-\$62. Purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com, or (248) 645-6666.

p.m. March 12, lecture 7 p.m., runs March 12-April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

- Collecting Glass: The Early Years at UM Dearborn, studio art glass collection, March 16-May 11, public reception 5-7:30 p.m. April 20, Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, (313) 593-3592.
- University of Michigan Museum of Art Embracing Etonville contemporary photogra-
- phy runs through March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-UMMA.

ART, ETC.

Eastern Michigan University Graduate Student Art Show, March 5-30,



reception 4-6 p.m. March 5, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465

BLACK HISTORY

Southfield Public Library Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan, through March 10; Idlewild Today with Betty Boone. Michigan's director of cultural development, 6:30 p.m. March 6; 26300 Evergreen, www.sfldlib.org, (248) 796-4224.

CLASSICAL

Chopin's Complete Solo Works 7:30 p.m. March 6, 13, 20, 24, 27, 31, April 7. 10. 14, symposium with Jeffery Kallberg, 1:30 p.m. April 14, Britton Recital Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance, 1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, performances are free.

www.personal.umich.edu/~greene/chopin.htm ⊳

Eastern Michigan University Daniel Gilbert, clarinetist with Cleveland Orchestra, 6 p.m. March 11, free, Alexander Recital Hall (corner of Lowell and East Circle Drive, www.emich.edu/musicdance

Ohlsson Plays Mozart, March 2-3; Neeme Jarvi conducts Stra Tchaikovsky's Pathetique, March 22-24, all at 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com

Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. March 3, Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Principals Night Out with selections by principal players, \$17, (734) 421-1111 for information. Royal Oak Symphony

Spring concert, 8 p.m. March 9, Royal Oak High School, 1500 Lexington (at Crooks), \$7-\$10, (248) 988-6991, www.royaloakorchestra.org

University Musical Society

Midori on violin and Robert MacDonald on piano, 4 p.m. March 11; University Symphony Orchestra with Conductor Kenneth Kiesler, 8 p.m. March 19; Murray Perahia, 8 p.m. March 17, Orchestre Philharmonique De Radio France, 8 p.m. March 20, all at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, www.ums.org

CLUBS

The Buzz Bar Larry Fratangelo One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, John Arnold's Brokefunk, March 1,; The Gorilla Funk Mob. March 2: Band of Demons and Jameson, March 3: Thornetta

Davis, March 7; 546 E. Larned, Detroit (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com O-Zen Lounge

Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell.

Detroit's own Adult perform 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at The Majestic Theatre, along with special quests Great Lakes Myth Society and The Hard Lessons. Tickets \$20, visit www.majesticdetroi t.com for more information.

Wednesday: www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664. 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.

The Magic Bag

Paolo Nutini March 6, 22920 Woodward. Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Moose Preserve

16th annual Beach Bash, entertainment, drink

specials, games, giveaways, 43034 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 858-7688, www.moosepreserve.com Peabody's

Meri Slaven Trio, March 3, 34965 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-5222.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase Stephen Kruiser, March 1-3; Full Impact, March 8-10; Mike Green, March 15-17; Tom Mabe, March 22-24; Jackie Kashian, March 29-31; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Jon Reep, March 1-3; Greg Warren, March 8-10; Don Friesen, March 15-17; Scott Henry, March 22-24; Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevins, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedycastle.com.

The Second City

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DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective

Michigan Trilogy II Concert, 8 p.m. April 20, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$22 general, \$18 students and seniors, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$18-\$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Pkwy, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

SRO Productions

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel, 36060 Berg, Southfield, through March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$12, (248) 796-4645 for reservations.



ROCHESTER

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Complete a family-centered afternoon with lunch at Red Knapp's Dairy Bar. The U-shaped counter and menu of awardwinning hamburgers and milkshakes will transport you back in time at this popular diner.

OPT FOR EATING OUT

The dining options downtown range from simple fare, like Chicken Shack or Lipuma's Coney Island, to pubs like Mr. B's or the Irish-inspired Gus O'Connor's Public House. Topping the list are dateworthy options like Kruse & Muer on Main, Andiamo Osteria or Rochester Chop House & Oyster Bar.

Pizza lovers can choose takeout from Tower Pizza or toss in a bottle of wine and eat-in at Crust. Practice your chopstick skills at Take Sushi. Take in an afternoon tea at Sheila Teas. Satisfy a sweet tooth at Morley Candy Makers or order up an aweinspiring cake at Home Bakery.

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For a night on the town, 20-somethings opt for drinks and dancing at Main Street Billiards or live music at Rochester Mills Beer Co. or Hamlin Pub. Fieldstone Winery offers tastings and teaches groups to make their own wine. On a cold night, take in a movie at the Star Theater.

Revive with indulgent spa treatments at places like Secrets Salon and Spa or Stephen James Spa, both located in downtown Rochester.

If it's culture you seek, it's easy to find. From gallery crawls to art openings at the

SNAKE

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hearts of everyone there, said Craig Brewer, the writer and director of *Black Snake Moan*.

"They live and work side-by-side, just living and surviving ... they don't sit around at restaurants discussing racial (inequities) like they may do (in the north)," Brewer said recently from a suite inside Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.

"They" also refers to Brewer. He was raised and still lives in Tennessee; and with that fact his next statement is surprising.

"I'm still so intrigued by the South," Brewer said.

How many people can actually say they see mystery and feel intrigue in the climate where they grew up?

Take racial issues and mix in sex, panic attacks, hope, forgiveness, marriage, perseverance, drugs, and the blues and we've now hinted just a bit about Brewer's new film *Black Snake Moan* that opens tomorrow, March 3. Full reviews are embargoed until the official release date. Andiamo Osteria, 401 S. Main St., (248) 601-9300 Mr. B's Restaurant, 423 S. Main St., (248) 651-6534 Bravo Cucina Italiana, 286 N. Adams Rd., (248) 375-9644

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN

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and drug use; some violence

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Black Snake Moan stars Samuel L.

& Flow blew away audiences, industry

folk and media at Sundance a few years

Like Hustle & Flow, Black Snake Moan

is set in Tennessee and the story is about

the South, its people and the music that

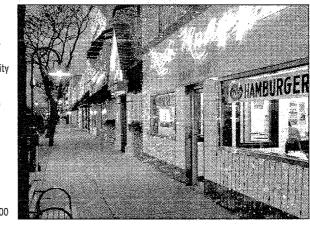
comes from it. With it. Brewer has made a

film that is already attracting controversy

Jackson and Christina Ricci. Brewer is the

writer/director whose first big film Hustle

Written and directed by: Craig Brewer



Downtown Rochester sparkled during its first Big Bright Light Show. Places like Red Knapps Dairy Bar draw in visitors year-round.

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Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 Walton Rd., (248) 645-6666. Meadow Brook Theatre, 207 Wilson Hall, Oakland University Campus, (248) 377-3300

A SEASONAL RETREAT

Summer also welcomes a Farmers Market and Movies in the Moonlight in Rochester. Come fall, the most popular spot by far is Yates Cider Mill, the place for fresh cider, doughnuts, apples and fudge. Don't miss annual festivals like Art and Apples in the park. The downtown streets are flooded with families by

just from its movie poster and trailer. "Old big black man chains young little white woman to his radiator," Brewer said. "That's going to make a lot of people really uncomfortable — just the race issue alone."

We're not going to give away everything about the captivity of Rae (Christina Ricci) by Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson), just know that *Black Snake Moan* is not one of those sadistic horror films that's trendy among Hollywood filmmakers these days. Not even close.

First of all Brewer isn't Hollywood. Despite his success, he's still a Southern man — lives and breathes it. He dresses like it with his baseball hat, plaid shirt and jeans. He still lives there, even though he could probably live in Malibu if he chose.

He's a writer first and director second, whose respect and intrigue for music and the South, can only be described by seeing his films.

The film title *Black Snake Moan* is a nod to blues singer and guitarist Blind Lemon Jefferson, one of the most popular blues singers of the 1920s. (Listen to it at www.artistdirect.com) And like Morley Candy Makers, 436 Main St., (248) 656-2590 Notations Fine Stationery, 407 Main St., (248) 651-8700 Old Navy, 1132 S. Rochester Rd., (248) 608-6919 Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., (248) 651-4110

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many great blues songs, it's about love and loss and you can interpret sexual undertones in it also, if that's where your mind goes.

In the film, however, the sexual context slaps you in the face, and there's no subtlety there. Lazarus is a bitter, lonely bluesman whose glory days seem behind him, who meets Rae — the wild, overtly sexual, party, trashy girl that everyone in town writes off as a mere hussy. Lazarus, who says he's a man of God, sees the devil inside her and decides he's the one made to save her from herself — by holding her captive in his home. It all happens while her anxiety-ridden boyfriend (Justin Timberlake) leaves for Iraq with his manhood to prove.

For Brewer himself, much of the movie is actually autobiographical. Despite the exaggerated sexuality of the film, it has strong points on marriage and tackles the life-altering effects of anxiety.

Read more about the movie and Brewer's unorthodox start in the film industry inside Filter online on Friday, March 3, at www.hometownlife.com.

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is every kind of landscape." From dilapidated buildings to historic sites like the Belle Isle Aquarium to beautiful new construction, locations can suit any need. Working with the Detroit Film Commission and Detroit Police officers, he said the city has been "very supportive."

The experience on *InZero* has encouraged Sonderman, and members of the MMP, to promote Detroit as the next American hot spot for film. "Everything is possible," he said. Sonderman began working on *InZero* after the MMP was in place. He's based the stories on his own experiences and interests, including an array of influences ranging from the Elizabethan Era to comic books.

A group of about 20 people work steadily on the show, though up to 300 have been involved. This spring *InZero* will be shot as a 2-hour pilot, and shopped around to networks and film festivals.

Both *InZero* and the project itself are gaining momentum. People who attend the monthly events tend to keep coming back, said Suzanne Janik, who handles publicity for MMP. From MySpace to word-of-mouth, the project is growing. Ryan Gudenau, a Macomb Township resident, became involved with the MMP while working on the sci-fi series. "I think its a great outlet," said Gudenau, for aspiring filmmakers.

Gudenau, like most of the cast, crew and creative teams involved in *InZero*, has taken on several roles. "None of us are here to make money," he said. "We're here to do what we love."

He's done everything from handle the lighting to design sets and scout locations. Gudenau is currently taking the reins as production designer of *InZero*.

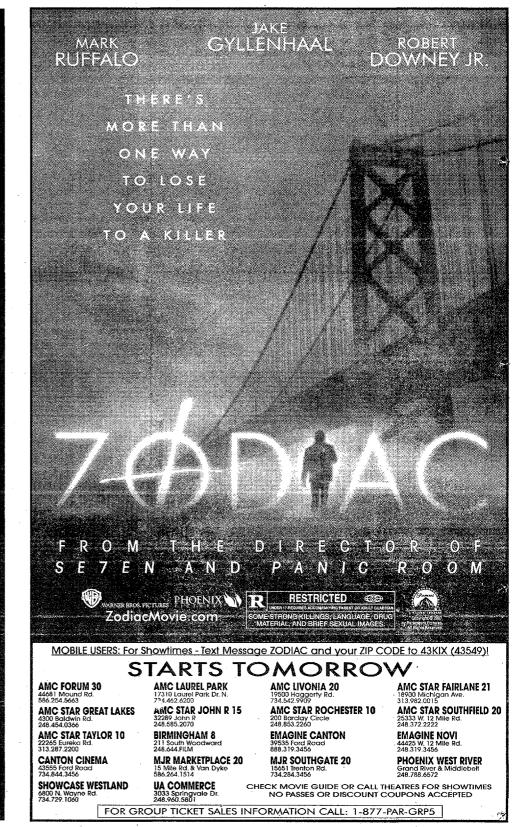
"I think the story is great," he said. "All of our lead actors have come a long way. They're good at bringing the story to life." Sonderman said that's what's "really great about T.V.," it allows characters to change and develop over time, and to deal with a variety of situations.

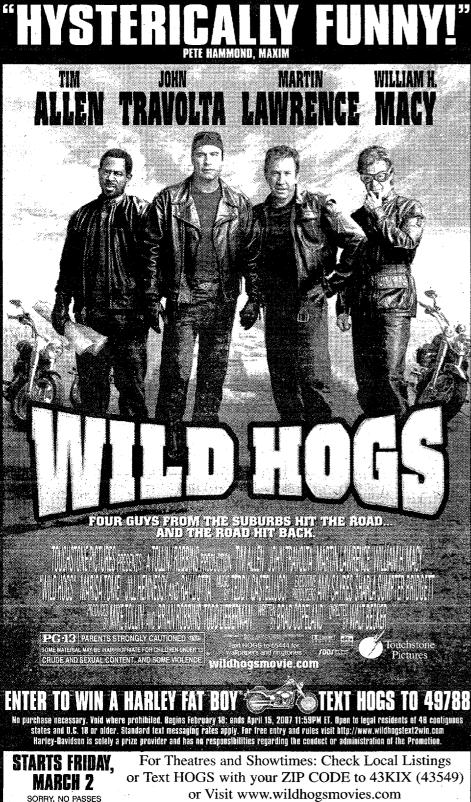
March 6 marks the premiere of the show's season finale, and Janik is expecting quite a crowd. From the director's reception beginning at 6 p.m. to the screening and an after-party at Cinq in Royal Oak, the public is welcome to attend.

Sonderman hopes the Mitten Movie Project will prove that moviemaking in Detroit is not only possible, it's on the rise.

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Today's brick options are far from mundane

(NewsUSA) — You might think of brick as just a small, dark red rectangular material, but it's no longer that onedimensional.

Today's brick manufacturers are changing the appearance of brick and offering new colors and textures, giving homeowners an infinite number of design possibilities.

For example, Atlanta-based Boral Bricks offers more than 150 styles of brick in reds, earth tones and pastels, as well as mortar in a variety of colors.

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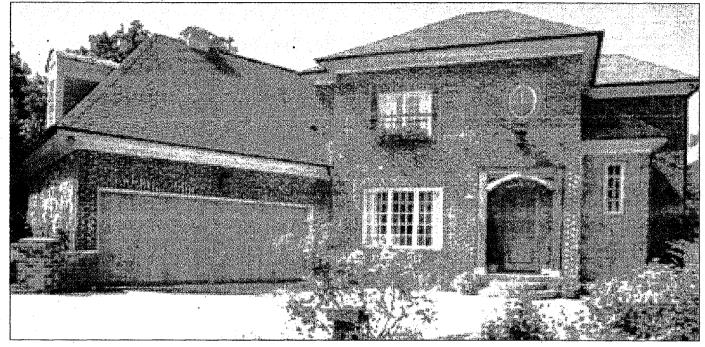
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trim and garage. For more information, visit Boral Bricks' Web site or call (800) 5-BORAL-5.

Masonry projects will be honored at banquet

BY GREG MULLIN STAFF WRITER

The 32nd annual Masonry Honor Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, May 10, at the Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia, located at

39000 Schoolcraft Road. This year the event will feature a television theme.

"This is one of our big events," said Kathy Brzys, event chair and a trustee on the executive board of the Masonry

Institute of Michigan. "We have three rooms — a cocktail, dinner and presentation room — all

tied into a TV theme." Tickets are available for the awards

banquet. The cost is \$180 per couple or \$90 per person. Reservations are required to attend and must be made by April 20. Sponsorships are being accepted for this self-funded event.

The banquet is sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan in coop-

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'This is one of our big events.'

Kathy Brzys trustee, Masonry Institute of Michigan

eration with AIA Michigan, a society of the American Institute of Architects.

The 2007 "M" Award for Excellence in Masonry Design will be presented to select AIA Michigan architectural firms.

"It's pretty prestigious," Brzys said. The Masonry Institute seeks to honor works of distinction by members of AIA Michigan and to bring public attention to outstanding buildings and projects designed by Michigan architects.

According to the MIM, "To qualify for entry, buildings must use masonry as the primary exterior material or the architect must show masonry was important in the solution of the design problem. Projects will be judged on the basis of excellence in design as well as the appropriate and innovative use of unit masonry construction laid in the traditional manner. Unit masonry includes brick, block, stone, and glass block bedded in mortar by masons."

Fifty-eight projects were submitted. The entries have been judged by the AIA society in San Antonio, Texas.

During the event, the "Great Performances Reception" will be held at 5:30 p.m. The "Food Networking" dinner is at 6:45 p.m. The "Primetime" program "Live from the MIM Studios" is at 8 p.m.

About 200-250 people attended last year's event, Brzys said. She said attendance could be larger for this year's event.

"We always hope for more," she said. "We have more entries this year than we've had in the past."

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Q. We need to get into a unit, on occasion, in the event of an emergency and am wondering if we have to get permission.

A. Most condo documents provide the right to the association entering a unit in the event of an emergency and to not be responsible for any damage incurred.



If there is an emergency such as a gas leak or a severe water leak, I would suggest that you not wait for the members permission to enter the unit before doing so and don't wait for the police to arrive or for a court order to be granted giving you permission to enter.

Instead, enter the member's unit and deal with the emergency and if you have the unit owner's key, use it to gain access. Associations have a right to protect their members and property in the event of an emergency and thus have the right to enter a member's unit without permission in an emergency situation particularly if your documents give you the right to do so.

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

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New home buying class

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property manager

Laurie Wood has joined Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., an office, retail and multi-family property management and development company in Birmingham as a property manager.

Wood, a Lapeer resident, had been a senior facilities manager for automotive and financial corporate clients at Trammell Crow Company in Auburn Hills. Her 21-year property and facility management career includes managing office and light industrial corporate and multi-tenant properties.

Wood is a member of the Building Owners and Managers Association and a licensed real estate broker in Michigan.

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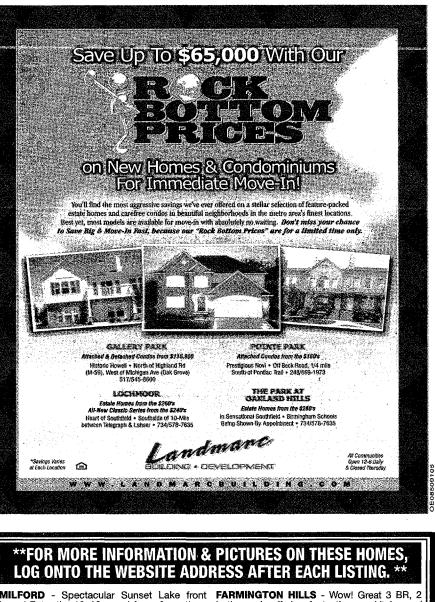
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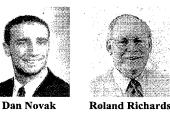
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