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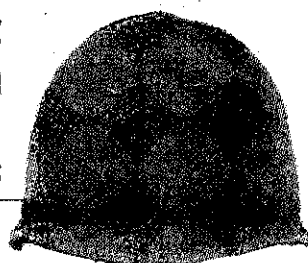
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## Getting drunken drivers off road a priority for St. Patrick's Day

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the days leading up to St. Patrick's Day, MADD has honored a Canton police officer for his efforts to nab intoxicated motorists and the Canton Police Department has continued its partnership with Wayne County to nab serious and repeat drunken drivers.

Canton officer Edward Johnson was honored Thursday at MADD's Annual Lifesavers Luncheon at the Burton Manor in Livonia.

"The Lifesavers Luncheon (celebrates) police officers who are committed to making our roadways safer by removing and arresting drunken drivers in our communities," said luncheon sponsor Terry Cochran, attorney and senior partner of Cochran, Foley & Associates, PC, of Livonia.

Johnson, who was nominated by officials within the township department, was recognized along with dozens of other officers from Westland, Wayne, Plymouth, Livonia and Inkster.

With MADD traditionally honoring a township officer



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Canton Township Officer Edward Johnson was recognized by MADD for his efforts to get drunken drivers off the road.

each year, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the organization's acknowledgement is appreciated.

"Absolutely," he said. "Particularly with something as important as drunk driving enforcement."

With Monday's informal holiday known for alcohol indulgence, Canton has continued

its participation in "Operation Last Call," an initiative through the Wayne County Sheriff's Department designed to track down and arrest some of the area's most serious drunken drivers.

During phase one of the project, 40 officers from a collection of area law enforcement agencies, began looking for repeat and other dangerous drunken drivers that failed to appear in court or had violated parole or probation.

During a press conference Friday, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said officials targeted nearly 200 people that have been charged with felony drunken driving, meaning they have been convicted of an alcohol related driving offense at least three times or have caused a serious injury accident while intoxicated.

"With one of the biggest drinking days of the year just around the corner, it is important that we take as many of these ticking time bombs as possible off the road before St. Patrick's Day celebrations begin," Evans said Friday.

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## Extra precautions key to preventing fires

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For many, the brand-new overhead sprinkler system would have sufficed in the area of fire protection, but Esther Strommer needed something more.

Strommer of Northville is the office coordinator for the new H&R Block office on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road. Having dealt with personal tragedies involving structural fires, including the death of her father in a house fire 30 years ago, Strommer said she wasn't content with the sprinkler system inside the new office, despite the fact that it met township standards.

"I wanted to take extra precautions for the employees," she said, referencing the two fire extinguishers she had installed in the front and rear of the office space.

John Oltman, a Canton Fire Department inspector, visited the seasonal business Thursday to offer a how-to session on using the extinguishers in the event of an emergency.

When mentioning the overhead system, Oltman praised Strommer for adding the extinguishers.

"It's great that you are going above and beyond," he said. "My job is to keep fires from happening so I enjoy this."

In addition to tidbits regarding maintenance, Oltman



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Canton Fire Inspector J. Oltman explains fire extinguisher use and certification to Esther Strommer and Anthony Pajak.

### CANTON'S FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES

One of the Canton Fire Department's best firefighting tools is prevention. The department offers the following fire prevention services:

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relayed the P.A.S.S. system: pull, aim, squeeze and sweep.

"I never knew that (acronym)," said H&R Block district manager Marie Lukosavich, whose son is a fire fighter in Ann Arbor. "I think this training is important for us. Fire safety should be important for everyone."

In addition to losing her

father in a fire, Strommer said a faulty furnace caused a blaze in her Detroit home in 1988.

"I'm very aware of the dangers and I'm cautious," she said. "If there was a fire here, we could get into trouble really quick because we have records here."

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Eric Bloom has been training five days a week preparing for his cross country ride.

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## Pedaling towards a cure

Cyclist to  
ride across  
country to  
help fund MS  
research

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eric Bloom can't cure his wife's multiple sclerosis but he can ride his bicycle from California to Georgia in an effort to help fight the disease.

Bloom, 58, of Canton is participating in Fast America South, a coast-to-coast bike ride offered by America By Bicycle. The ride will begin April 21 in Costa Mesa,

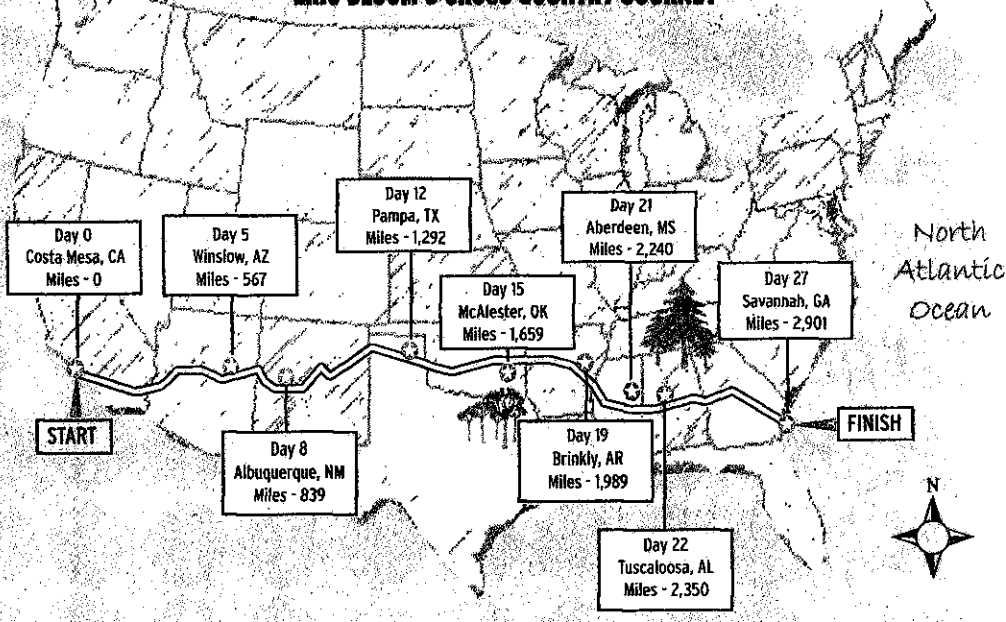
California and ends 29 days later in Savannah, Georgia.

With the combination of this project and another one, the Bike MS ride, Bloom has set a goal of raising \$3,000 for the National MS Society. His wife, Patricia, was diagnosed with MS in 1997.

"Although she is in remission, she continues to struggle with the effects of MS," Bloom

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### The C Club orientation

The C Club for Cancer Conquerors 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, for an orientation and "Principles to Live By" seminar at The C Club at 42180 Ford Road, Canton.

In addition, the C Club is offering its Reclaim, Reshape & Renew the New You workshop at the National Shrine of the Little Flower church in Royal Oak from 4-6 p.m.

The C Club's workshops are designed to help cancer conquerors and others affected by this life changing event to move forward.

To register, send an e-mail to info@theclub.org. The cost is free, but registration is required.

### 'Comedy Night' at Village Theater

If you are an inspiring comedians, you might be perfect for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on June 7. Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being sponsored by the Plymouth High School Football Booster club and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth High School football program. If you are interested in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbcglobal.net.

### Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner auction fundraiser on Friday, April 11 from 7 p.m.-midnight at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Margaritaville". Guests are invited to dress in costume for the event. The evening gives those in attendance networking possibilities and socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, open bar, entertainment, raffles, live and silent auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships range from \$2,500 to \$300 and are available for businesses looking to expand their exposure before, after and during the event. Sponsorships will include tickets to the event and a number of recognition mechanisms.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, visit the Chamber's Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com), complete sponsorship form, and fax to (734) 453-4503. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Lisa Lewis, events coordinator, at (734) 453-4040.

### Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life of Canton will be held at Heritage Park on May 17-18, and offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

This year marks 10 years for Relay For Life of Canton, featuring a new Fight Back Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on May 17. While the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have won the battle, the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to take action against cancer.

If you are interested in starting or joining a team, log on to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Canton page. If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to make a donation. For more information, call Jamie Chapman (248) 663-3419.

### John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information please visit the Web site [jghs88reunion.com](http://jghs88reunion.com).

### St. Michael registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton. The school offers preschool (3 year old) through sixth grade, including the half day Young Fives and full or half day kindergarten. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers, and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

### Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services



### Catholic scholar athletes

Canton's Isabelle McCormack and Plymouth's Jimmy Meadows, who both attend All Saints Catholic School in Canton, recently received the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Athletics' Winter Scholar Athlete Award. Recipients of the award are chosen based upon academic standing, character and citizenship. They are both 8th graders.

are offering an opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Personalized benches and brick pavers will be placed in a pathway around Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz Road.

By purchasing a permanent brick paver for yourself, your family, or a friend, you not only improve the appearance and functionality of Fellows Creek, but you also create a lasting legacy. Each paver is 4" x 8" in size and can include up to three lines of inscription with 14 characters per line, including spaces. Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100, and are 100 percent tax deductible.

The bench program offers a six-foot long bench with a 4" x 6" bronze plaque inscribed with up to four lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces. Bench plaques with your special message will be mounted directly onto your bench.

For more information, call (734) 728-1300.

### Calling all artists

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill and Canton Leisure Services are seeking artists for inclusion in a resource directory for consideration for possible future collaborations. All artistic media will be considered, including visual art, performing arts, and multimedia, such as painting and sculpture. All local artists within 30 miles of Canton are eligible for inclusion and will

be considered for future projects.

One of the goals of this new resource guide is to unearth talented artists in and around our community and to provide them with opportunities to present their work in Canton.

For more information, contact Jennifer Provenzano at (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

### Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton.

The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Heartland Hospice is offering a free series, "Adult Loss of a Parent", beginning March 27 through April 24. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard Road, Ste. 260, Ann Arbor, and is open to anyone. For more information on other support groups or to register, contact Christensen at (734) 973-1145.

### Rotary poker tournament

The Canton Rotary Club will host a poker tournament fund-raiser on March 29 at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, on Ridge Road north of Ford Road. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the game starts at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$50. Rebuses and add-ons are \$40 for the first hour. Prize money will be paid out to top eight players. After all payouts, all additional money will be used by the Rotary Club for service in the community.

For more information, contact Ken Beardsly at (734) 844-1901.

### Easter activities

The Easter Bunny Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 9-11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The brunch buffet will be open 9-10 a.m. and will include a complete pancake bar, breakfast pastries, juices, milk, and coffee. Each child will receive a photo with the Easter Bunny at no additional charge. Doors will open and seating will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Advance registration is required. Tickets for those 13 and above are \$12 each; children 4-12 are \$8 each; 3 and under with a high chair are \$5 each; 3 and under (no chair) are \$3 each. Space is limited, so register today by calling (734) 394-5460.

The Easter Eggtravaganza returns to its original home inside Heritage Park on Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., weather permitting. This free event will give children 11 and under a chance to hunt for eggs in Canton's Special Easter Egg Area. In addition to the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny will stop by for a special visit and some festive activities. You'll also be able to build your own Easter Buddy for a small fee of \$10-\$12. Please remember, this event is for Canton residents only.

And for those over 21 years of age, Canton Leisure Services is offering a unique twist with an Easter egg hunt just for adults. This exciting and eventful evening will take place on Thursday, March 20 from 7-11 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit on the Park. The evening will include a wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, a delectable chocolate fountain and a chance to win some great prizes after you enjoy a glow-in-the-dark

egg hunt in the park! For a complete list of prizes and sponsors, visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org). Registration is \$18 for residents and \$24 for non-residents.

For more information on all of these activities, visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Civitan's meeting

Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo will speak on the Canton quality of life and upcoming happenings at the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's dinner meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Atlantis Restaurant.

The Civitans are looking for new members and invite the public to attend this meeting. The Atlantis is located at 39500 Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. Cost of dinner is \$17 per person (choice from three entrees) and the cost is \$17 per person. Trustee Zarbo will speak at 7:30.

Please RSVP to (734) 459-1896 or [kturnq01@comcast.net](mailto:kturnq01@comcast.net)

The Civitans are committed to community service, gaining knowledge through personal and professional development, and fellowship. Some of their service projects include Special Olympics, Paws with a Cause, Camp Civitan for the developmentally disabled, Adopt-a-Highway, and many more. For a complete list and more information about the club, visit <http://www.civitan.net/plymouthmich>.

### Good Friday breakfast

The 33rd annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., March 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. Guest speaker at this community outreach program will be Chris McCaskin of Alcoholics for Christ. An all-you-can-eat breakfast is included. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under, and are available at the church office. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

### Family cruise preview

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a Family Cruise Preview at 6 p.m., March 18 at Summit on the Park - Grand Ballroom (46000 Summit Parkway). Bring the whole family. A fun, fact filled introduction to cruising. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by AAA and Royal Caribbean. There is no cost for the event. RSVP by March 14 by calling (734) 844-5030.

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# Sinking her teeth into a writing career

Local author's first book about vampires

BY KURT KUBAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was never much doubt about what Dakota Rebel wanted to do with her life. Shortly after the age of 10, the native of Jackson, Mich. knew she wanted to grow up and be a writer.

"I just kinda always knew I was supposed to be a writer," she says.

Rebel has written prolifically since she was a little girl. Over the years, she has written hundreds of stories, including several longer manuscripts, which she jokes will never fall under anyone's eyes. But slowly, she has grown into a much more confident writer, completing novels and shopping them around to publishers.

Now at the age of 27, Rebel, who moved to Canton about 10 years ago, is on the verge of her dream -- being able to write for a living. Just a couple weeks ago her first book became available through an online publisher called Total-e-Bound Publishing.

The e-book, which can be downloaded from the Total-e-Bound Web site (www.total-e-bound.com), is titled *Sweet Dreams*, and is about vampires, which you might say is one of Rebel's favorite subjects. In fact, just as there was never any doubt about her wanting to write for a living, Rebel never really had any doubt that she also wanted to write about vampires.

The book is about protagonist Veronica Duff, a vampire hunter with the U.S. Army, whose mother was killed by a rogue pack of vampires years earlier. The story makes a turn when Duff starts having dreams about a sexy vampire who claims to be in love with her. She tries to convince herself he's not real and the dreams are harmless.

When a second vampire joins the dreams and threatens her life, she's forced to admit that they are both very real and very



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Local author Dakota Rebel likes to spend time with her laptop writing at the Rusty Nail in Canton.

dangerous. The story follows as she must figure out how to eliminate both vampires.

Unlike many mainstreams vampire stories, *Sweet Dreams* doesn't exactly fall into the horror genre. That's because the other main element of Rebel's stories, and especially this book, is eroticism. Rebel says the category most associated with her book is "graphic romance" or "erotic romance." The term she likes to use is "smut erotica." Her characters just happen to be vampires.

"I don't know. There's just something about them. They are romantic and dangerous. A perfect combination," says Rebel.

As one might guess, Dakota Rebel is just a pseudonym, and not her real name. That is something she would like to keep private -- her 9-year-old daughter goes to school in Canton and her boyfriend is a local school teacher. She would rather neither of them have to answer questions about the graphic nature of her stories (she has also several stories published in Total-e-Bound anthologies).

"My daughter knows that I write, and she knows she can't read it. She's not certain why, but that it's an adult book," Rebel says.

Rebel said the audience for her genre of book are women between the age of 18 and 50.

"There is a surprisingly broad group of women that enjoys

## SWEET DREAMS

Author: Dakota Rebel, 27, of Canton

Publisher: Total-e-Bound Publishing

Cost: Typically between \$6-\$8 per download

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erotica," she said.

Rebel, who still has a day job, said she plans to stick with her publisher. She believes e-publishing could be the future of the industry. Plus, she is very happy with the company's editors, who she thinks have helped sharpen up her skills.

In fact, she is now writing more prolifically than ever, whipping out stories as fast as her fingers can type.

"One of the books I wrote in one day. If the idea is there and I can type fast enough, I can get it done quick," she said, noting *Sweet Dreams* took her about a week to write.

Rebel, who can often be found with her laptop computer typing away in the Rusty Nail (a long-time bar on Ford Road) has no doubt there will be more books in her future.

"The books are just flying out of me. I think I've found my niche," she said.

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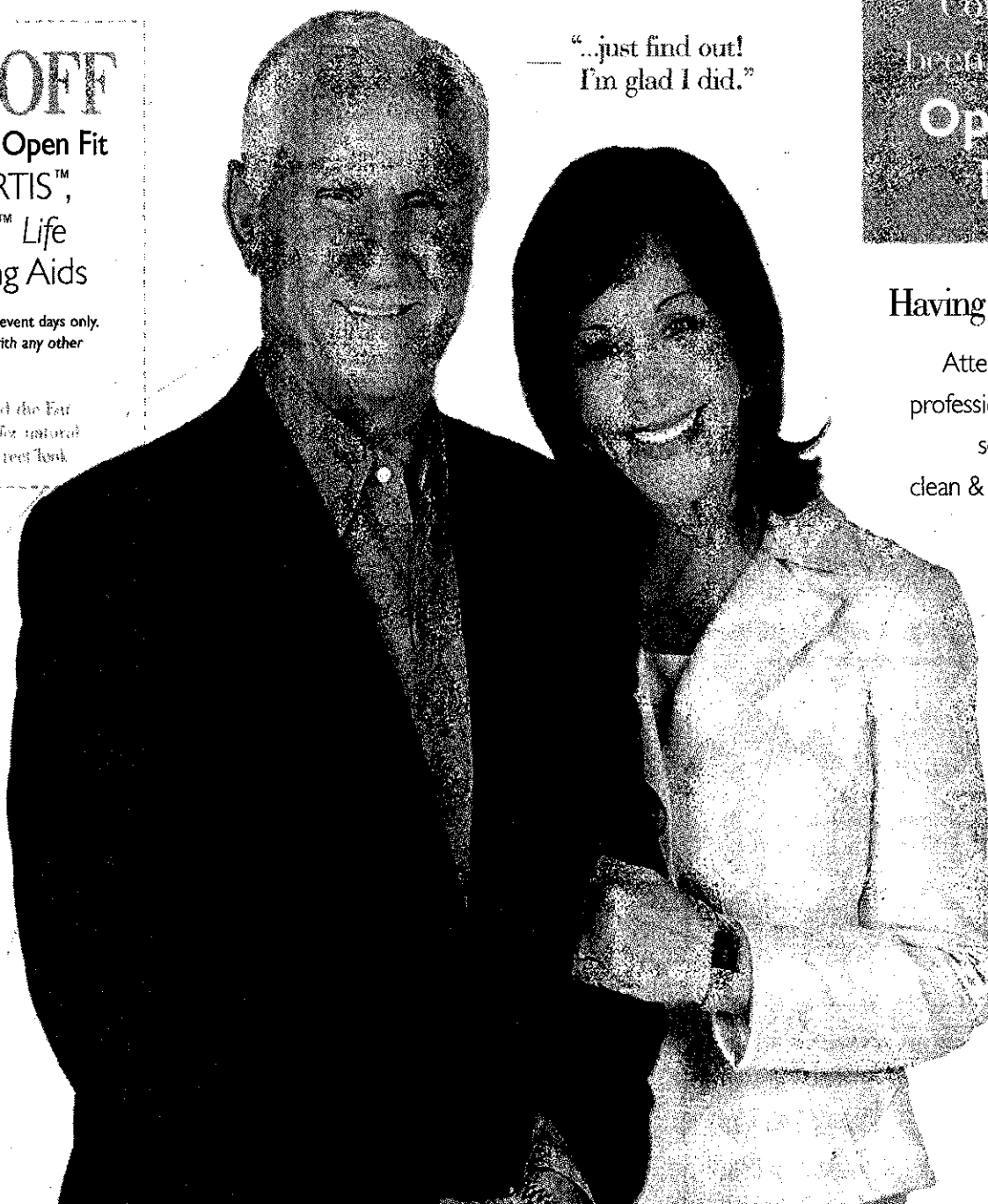
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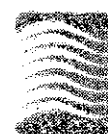
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said. "Since Pat was diagnosed, I figured this would be a good way to raise funds to help her and anyone else."

According to the National MS Society, MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. The advancement and severity of the condition is unpredictable and varies by individual.

Bloom, who retired from Ford Motor Company in 2007, began his MS fund raising efforts in 2004 when he joined "Team Ford" and participated in his first Bike MS ride, which is organized through the MS society.

"I decided that this was what I was going to do to help," he said, adding that he's been in training for the 2,900-mile Fast America South venture for months.

Patricia Bloom, 51, said living with MS has been challenging but that she's grateful to be in remission.

"When I was first diagnosed, I was crying and angry and thinking 'Why me?' But I have gone on to accept it and learn everything I can about MS," she said, while recalling the



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Eric Bloom and wife Patricia, who has MS, in their Canton home.

day she temporarily lost her eyesight and another day that she couldn't get out of bed. "Keeping active and having a positive frame of mind does wonders."

Patricia Bloom said she's proud of her husband raising money to fund research.

"The bike rides were something that he always aspired to do, so I told him to go for it," she said.

Eric Bloom raised \$880 for the MS society last year.

The Fast America South ride will cycle through nine states and includes 25 days of riding

nearly 120 miles per day and two rest days.

Bloom, who will complete the ride on May 17, will set out for the less-intense West Michigan Bike MS ride from May 31-June 1.

"Having the time to do this is one of the advantages of being retired," he said. "This is a cause that I believe in."

For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.nationalMSSociety.org/goto/Eric.Bloom](http://www.nationalMSSociety.org/goto/Eric.Bloom)

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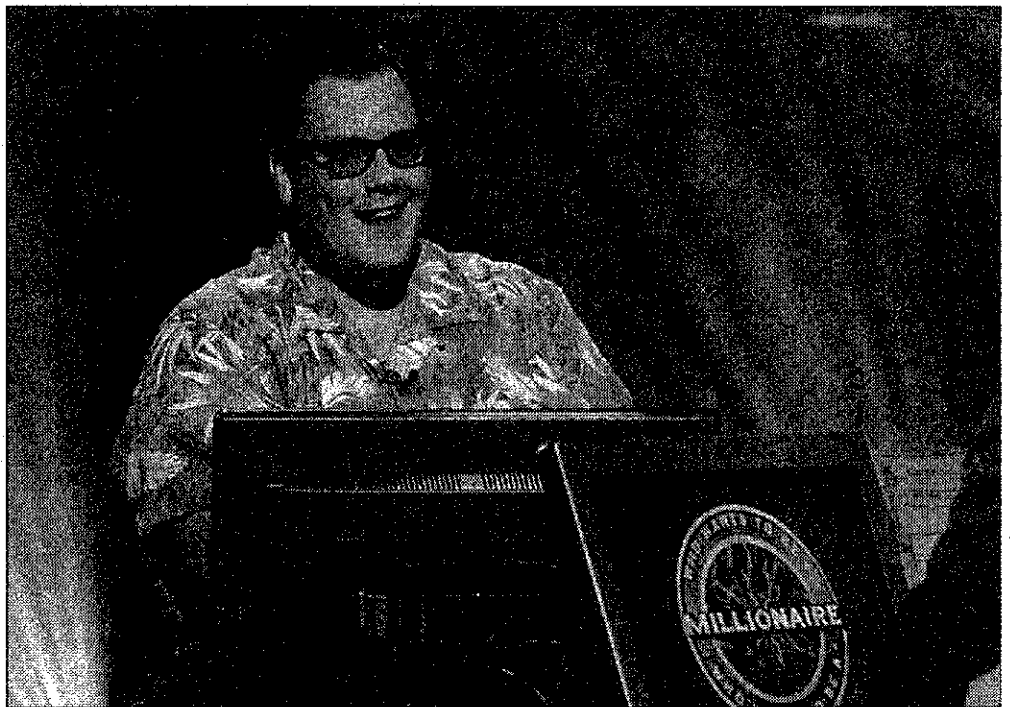


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Not quite a millionaire, but not bad

Former Canton resident Charlie Esser, 34, who currently lives in Newark, N.J., walked away with \$50,000 in winnings after appearing on the game show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" last week. On his \$100,000 question, he was asked "What is the international radio signal for an emergency that is not quite as severe as a 'Mayday'?" A) Tre-tre, B) Rel-rel, C) Ton-ton, D) Pan-pan." Out of lifelines and unsure of the answer, Esser decided to not take a guess and he walked away with the guaranteed \$50,000 that he had already won. By the way, the correct answer is "D."

Woman's home vandalized by ex-boyfriend

A Canton woman has reported that she believes her home was vandalized Monday by a man she has a Personal Protection Order against.

The woman, who had previously registered a truck with the man, said he contacted her in person while she was in Westland Monday and asked to visit her residence on the 46000 block of Geddes.

Later that day, the man called her home and asked if he could come over. She said she told him 'No' and about 10 minutes later, she heard a noise outside her door and called police.

Another man was at the residence at the time and said he saw a person matching the other's man description run from the property toward

COP CALLS

a newer model Dodge Ram that's believed to be the truck registered to the man and the woman.

The woman reported that a section of glass was removed from her door and that its handle was broken.

Man busted for drug pipes

A Canton police officer ticketed a man for possessing drug paraphernalia Tuesday after pulling him over for a routine traffic stop.

The officer was traveling behind the man as he was driving southbound on Lilley

Road and noticed an ornament hanging from his rearview mirror.

When he stopped the driver at Edinburg Drive, the officer informed him the object was an obstruction to his vision and asked to search his vehicle.

The man agreed to the search and the officer found two glass pipes in the glove box. The officer noted that the pipes smelled of burnt marijuana.

The driver admitted the pipes were used for drugs and he was issued a misdemeanor appearance violation for being in possession of the paraphernalia. He was also ticketed for vision obstruction. The pipes were confiscated.

Tiffany L. Parks

ON THE AGENDA

Canton Planning Commission

Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ Woodbridge Estates PDD amendment: Consider request to amend the PDD. Property is located south of Geddes Road and east of Denton Road.

SITE PLANS

■ Cherry Hill Gardens revisions: Consider site plan approval for developer instigated revisions. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road.  
■ Canton Corners revisions:

Consider site plan approval for developer instigated revisions.

Property is located at the southwest corner of Lilley and Ford roads.

NEW BUSINESS

■ Canton Corners East (Potbelly Sandwich Shop): Refer review of proposed developer instigated revision to staff. Property is located at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads.

■ Uptown Ridge mixed use development: Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Ridge Road.

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will meet for

a study session at 7 p.m., March 18 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

- Discussion on a prescribed burn
- 2007 Year in Review - Public Safety, Human Resources and Executive Director

Plymouth-Canton School Board

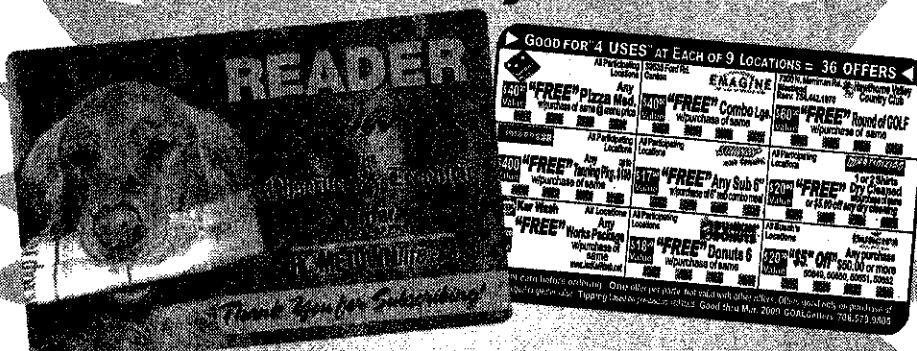
The school board will meet at 6 p.m., March 18 for an executive session for negotiations, and then at 8 p.m. for a special meeting on administrative non-renewal of contracts.

The board meets at the E.J. McClendon, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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Local manager earns Ray Kroc Award

Canton McDonald's restaurant manager Dianne Trosien was recently named a recipient of the Ray Kroc Award, a nationwide honor given to only the top 1 percent of McDonald's restaurant managers in the country.



Trosien

Named after McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, the award recognizes managers who are most successful in achieving superior results in the selected areas of performance — operational excellence, reinforcing McDonald's commitment to people and building the business.

"Winning the Ray Kroc Award is a wonderful acknowledgment for a 30-year career that I feel very passionate about," said Trosien. "As a restaurant manager, I am committed to instilling in my crew the importance of teamwork and customer service to ensure that they understand their role in delivering the McDonald's brand promise to our customers."

As a recipient of the Ray Kroc

Award, Trosien has received a prize package that includes a \$2,500 cash award, a Ray Kroc Award trophy and pin, and an all-expense paid trip to an awards banquet in Chicago.

"Dianne not only demonstrates operational expertise and a strong commitment to people, but she also shares it with every person she comes in contact with at McDonald's," said Kim Osinski, operations consultant, Canton McDonald's. "Her creative and innovative approach with crew, managers, leadership and, most importantly, the customers, reaffirms that Ray Kroc's vision in valuing people still lives strong."

New Montessori academy coming

Construction will begin this summer on Schoolhouse Montessori Academy's new facility at 1675 Haggerty, just north of Palmer.

The Canton Board of Trustees recently approved the project, positioning the Montessori school to expand from 10,000 square feet to 17,500. The new school will be a stand-alone facility, whereas the current location on North Canton Center

is part of an office complex.

"Parents are ecstatic about the move, and we're excited about having our own, permanent presence in the community," Academy Director Lisa Ahwal said. "We've served area families since 2000, and this project symbolizes our dedication to them. Our parents are strong believers in the Montessori approach, the quality of our teaching staff, and our tight-knit, welcoming culture. They value the tailored education their children receive and the challenge to grow academically and socially."

The school serves 188 students from toddlers through third grade. The new facility, set to open in June 2009 for Summer Discovery School, will accommodate an additional 100 students, adding infant care and extending through grade five.

"We appreciate the many local leaders who support us in the delivery of high-quality educational options," said Tyla Wells, founder and owner of Schoolhouse Montessori Academies. "We are committed to being a vibrant part of the community, giving area families excellent schools where children learn to be true leaders in a global economy."

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Crop for a Cure

An all day scrapbooking event, Crop for a Cure, will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch, dinner, beverages and snacks. Pay by March 20 and receive five free prize tickets for a raffle of scrapbooking and non-scrapbooking related merchandise. A Close to My Heart consultant will be on site with some cash-and-carry stock and limited supplies for purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable. First come, first serve. For more information, call orl Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or contact her by e-mail at dawn@comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the 2008 Michigan 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

## Mom2Mom sale

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom2Mom Sale, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 30, at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, just north of Schoolcraft. Tables are still available by calling Jean at (734) 261-2161 or (248) 615-1080. There will be a large item room, with furniture and baby equipment and a bake sale and hot dogs for sale to benefit the YMCA. Admission is \$1. Strollers are allowed after 3 p.m.

## Special-needs play sessions

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Lekotek Program offers unique play sessions, toy loans and a play library of nearly 2000 toys for children with developmental disabilities. Children through 12 years of age can enjoy play activities led by a certified Lekotek play leader who will introduce toys and play ideas to the child while encouraging him or her to take charge of their play and interact with others. Play sessions are always centered on the child with a developmental disability and focus on the child's play abilities while keeping the child's enjoyment as the primary goal. Parents, siblings, caregivers and friends are invited and encouraged to join in the fun! For more information, please contact Lana Richardson, Lekotek Play Leader/Special Projects Assistant, at (313) 532-8524 or visit us on the web www.thearcnw.org.

## Call for choreographers

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet is searching for choreographers from throughout Michigan to showcase their original pieces in the second annual Dance Michigan performance. AACB seeks all types of dance styles from classical ballet to modern dance set to music from Classical composers to Top Forty and every-

## Hearing Hemingway

The Plymouth District Library was recently awarded a Michigan Humanities Council grant to participate in The Great Michigan Read, a one-book, one-state reading initiative. In partnership with other local organizations, a number of programs will take place this spring. The Great Michigan Read seeks to increase the reading of literature by focusing on 'The Nick Adams Stories' by Ernest Hemingway. These stories are a coming of age tale inspired by the author's boyhood experiences in Northern Michigan. Plymouth joins more than 100 communities participating in The Great Michigan Read. Additional information is available at www.greatmichiganread.org.



thing in between. The performance will take place on Saturday, April 19, at the Saline High School Ellen Ewing Center for the Performing Arts, featuring an 1,100-seat auditorium with full-fly tower, green room, scene shop and dressing rooms. For more information on participating in the show-case or sponsoring Dance Michigan visit www.annarbortivciballet.com or contact Mary Combi at (734) 668-8066 or mcombi@comcast.net

## Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and

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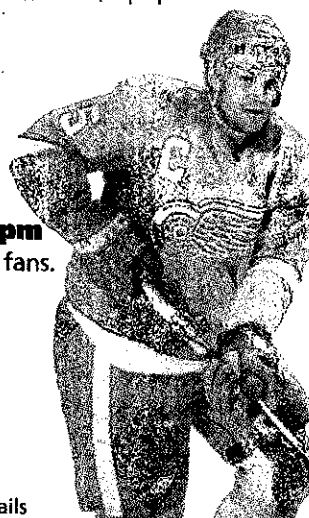
## Wings vs. Blue Jackets

**Thursday, April 3, 7:30 pm**  
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## Wings vs. Blackhawks

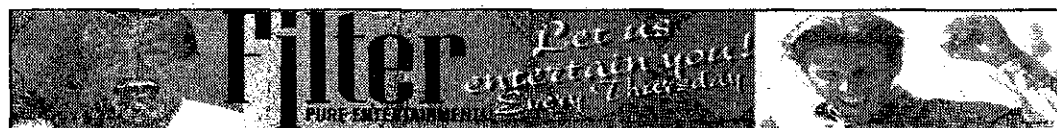
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## Have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels of WRIF

Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are back for a second season of Dining with the Stars.

This month's lucky winner will have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike* show on WRIF-FM (101.1).

To enter the contest, tell us in 100 words or less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Trudi Daniels. E-mail your entry to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by midnight Saturday, March 22.

Daniels, the recipient of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certified open water scuba diver just back from sunny Mexico.

Her favorite music?

"I still love Stevie Ray (Vaughan) — he's immortal — the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and, of course, my iPod is crammed with AC/DC! Favorite new album is *Stadium Arcadium* and best new song, *Worldwide Suicide*," Daniels said.

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In addition, Buddy's will make a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels name.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

## International investments should be 20 percent of portfolio

**Dear Rick: I presently use a financial adviser and I am not sure he is doing a good job. My accounts are down substantially this year. My present portfolio has less than 5 percent in international investments. Do you think this is enough? I am a long-term, moderate risk investor.**



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It is not surprising that your accounts are down this year. The market — since last October — has been difficult and it's not surprising your account has taken a hit. Just because your account is lower than it was at the beginning of the year doesn't mean your adviser is doing a bad job.

However, I do believe your exposure in international investments is a little light.

We do not live in an American economy, we live in a world economy. Ford and General Motors, cross country borders like you and I cross city lines. In fact, last year General Motors sold more cars abroad than they did in the United States. Ford has more employees abroad than

they do here. We live in an ever-changing world and I believe for an investor to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio, he or she must have a significant amount of international exposure. My recommendation is at least 20 percent in international investments. It is important to diversify into different asset classes, large companies, both growth and value; small companies, growth and value; international real estate and emerging market funds.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for investors to have well-balanced and diversified portfolios. This is a strategy that will be successful over the long run.

**Dear Rick: I am a relatively new investor. My question to you is I just received a proxy statement from one of the mutual funds. My gut instinct is just to throw it away. What do you think?**

I recognize that proxy statements can be confusing and seem somewhat meaningless, however, they are not. It is first important to understand why companies send out proxy statements. As a shareholder in a mutual fund you are a part owner of the fund. Because of that you have rights as to how that mutual fund is managed. Therefore,

when you receive a proxy statement it is seeking your vote on certain aspects of how the business of the mutual fund is handled. A proxy statement can be to approve the actions of the board of directors, to elect members of the board or even to raise fees. I believe that you can learn a lot about your mutual fund by reading the proxy statement.

For the average individual it is difficult to analyze and understand some of the issues that are being voted upon.

However, one issue that is important to understand is whether the mutual fund company is trying to raise fees. My general view is that whenever a mutual fund company wants to raise fees the answer is no. Unless the mutual fund company can provide a compelling reason I will always vote against higher fees. Too many mutual fund companies want to raise fees in order to pad their pockets and not to improve the return to their investors.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.



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## Professor to discuss art history

With the help of a grant from the Livonia Arts Commission, VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia), is hosting an art history event with Richard Rubinfeld 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd. The public is invited.

Rubinfeld will be presenting art history in a humorous way to make it fun and interactive with the audience.

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est to artists, but to anyone interested in art. It could be a wonderful introduction to art history for the novice, or a fun-filled evening for all.

Rubinfeld received his bachelor of arts in fine art from Hofstra University in 1970, his master's in history of art at Ohio State University in 1972, and a doctorate from the Latter Institution in 1985.

Since 1986, he has been a professor of art at Eastern Michigan University where he teaches courses on modern and

contemporary art, Renaissance art, and the history of photography.

Active in the university's studies abroad program, he has taught classes in France, Italy, Spain, England, and Greece.

In May 2007, he was co-leader of a study tour in Paris. Funded by an Andrew Mellon grant in 1990, he was a contributor to Duncan Phillips: The Eye of a Collector, the first major catalogue for the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.

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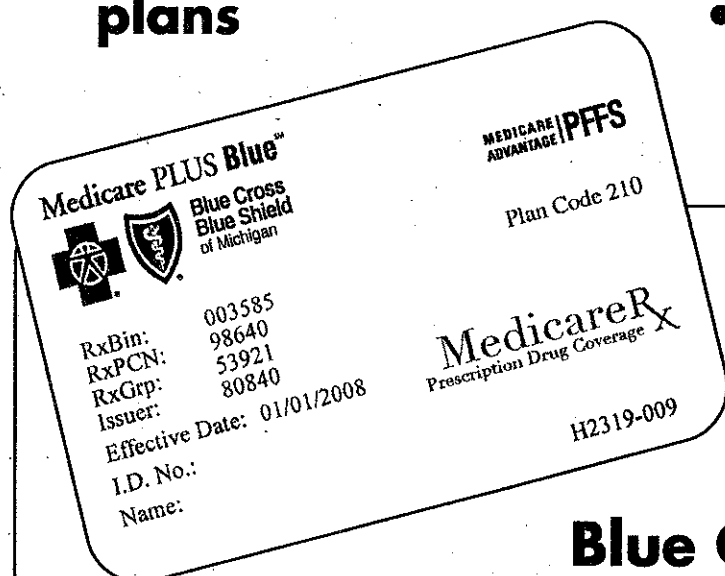
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# Independent 'mad at both parties' challenges McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ted McAvoy is mad at both major political parties.

"I think they've failed the American people," he said. "We prop them up after they have failed. Political parties maintain their own agendas, not ours."

That's why McAvoy is running as an independent in the contest for the 11th District Congressional seat. Incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter is seeking a fourth term. Former Novi City Manager Ed Kreiwall and Tom Spencer, a minister and Air Force veteran, are competing for the Democratic nomination.

McAvoy, 30, who works in private security, was inspired by the longshot run of Texas Congressman Ron Paul in the Republican presidential primaries. McAvoy saw Paul in a rally last October and became involved in his campaign.

"What he said made sense about our economy and our foreign policy," McAvoy said. "What really set me in tone to get involved in politics was seeing so many young people there and they were as inspired as I was."

McAvoy, who served in the U.S. Army, said he is opposed to the war in Iraq and McCotter's foreign policy positions.

## AT A GLANCE

**Candidate:** Ted McAvoy  
**Age:** 30  
**Party:** Independent  
**Residence:** Highland  
**Occupation:** Private security in a hospital  
**Marital status:** Divorced, father of 4-year-old daughter  
**Education:** Huron Valley High School  
**Military Service:** 8 years, U.S. Army and Army Reserve  
**Web site:** www.tedmcavoyforcongress.com

"He supports our foreign policy, the war, maintaining our empire, deployments in Kosovo, Bosnia," McAvoy said. "When you see a man say it's OK to spend all these billions of dollars on people overseas, then turn around and oppose sCHIP. I didn't agree with everything in sCHIP but fundamentally I thought it was the right thing to do at this time in our history."

McCotter voted against expanding coverage when the state Children's Health Insurance Program came up for renewal last year.

McAvoy said he served in Kosovo during Bill Clinton's administration and said a short term mission there has stretched into years of

involvement.

"I think for many years we had global influence that was positive. We were viewed as positive," he said. "We've passed over the threshold where we are trying to force people to live how we want them to live. Once you do that you lose credibility and that's what we are doing in all these nations."

He said the United States would be better off providing an example to the world and helping countries in need. He said Cuba is an example of diplomatic failure.

"I don't think we should do anything to help the regime down there, but does anyone seriously think that if we had free trade, with our influence on their economy, that he (Fidel Castro) would have stayed in power all these years," he said.

McAvoy said he shares some of Ron Paul's libertarian views, but not all.

"With Ron Paul, I agree with what he says on the federal level. States should be deciding a lot of these issues themselves and shouldn't be dictated to by Washington," McAvoy said. "We have a few differences. I think the government has an obligation to educate. Children are our future. That's something I'll stand by forever."

For McAvoy the No. 1 issue for Michigan is "unfair trade

practices."

"I think a lot of these politicians who are saying your old jobs are gone and get a new one are wrong. That job was here for 70 years, why is it not here now," he said. "If we attack these unfair trade policies, it will come back."

He said raising taxes is not the answer, but he is opposed to making the Bush tax cuts permanent when they expire.

"It's unfair. The only way I would support a tax increase or decrease is if it's fair," he said.

"It's hard to say how you would vote or not because of the way legislation is written. In the current form, no, I wouldn't support it."

On immigration, McAvoy said it is a pressing issue. He said he supports a program that would bring forward people to be documented and issued short-term work visas. He said he is opposed to allowing illegal aliens to become citizens, but he also opposes rounding up people and deporting them, which he said would be impractical.

On health care, McAvoy said he is opposed to a government health program but favors some government assistance to low-income families to pay for private health insurance.

McAvoy realizes his chances of being elected are slim.



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Ted McAvoy is running as an independent for the 11th Congressional seat.

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# Wayne-Westland district investigates possible bond request

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials will begin researching the possibility of a bond proposal for next year after getting the go-ahead from the school board Monday evening to do due diligence.

The board resolution opens the door for Superintendent Greg Baracy to work with the district's architect, bond counsel, construction manager, technology designer and financial adviser in preparing an application for preliminary qualification to submit to the state Department of the Treasury.

"The district is in the position of having a window of opportunity to replace a small part of the bonded debt and restructuring the 1998 bonds," Baracy told the board. "This resolution would let us continue to conduct further inquiries and do due diligence. We could then come back with a proposal for replacement of the 1998 bond and the amount that fell off."

In question is .34 mill which will drop off this year as the amount needed to pay off the \$108 million bond decreases. The bond will be paid off by 2020, however, by refinancing that bond for a longer period of time and replacing the .34 mill, the district could issue a \$50 million bond at "almost no

cost to citizens," Baracy said.

According to Baracy, the impetus for the request comes from parents who have asked if the district can do more improvements at their schools. He added that air conditioning has been parents' No. 1 request.

"Many of our schools were built in the 1950s when air conditioning wasn't a priority," he said. "Air conditioning and parking are two issues we hear a lot about. Back then they didn't make parking lots for 400 cars."

Baracy added that initially a citizens committee had recommended \$250 million in projects, which was pared down to the \$108 million bond request.

"Significant things were eliminated and air conditioning was one of them," he said. "That was 10 years ago."

"I remember being on the bond committee, we looked at the needs and found them overwhelming," said board President Skip Monit. "There were real basic things we needed to deal with, we couldn't go for the extras."

Baracy said it will take a year to prepare a bond proposal and the request will depend on residents.

"If we're going to do anything, we're going to have to do it ourselves," he said. "The state will not fund these kinds of capital projects. They have to be funded by the district."

# Company offers rides to those who drink too much

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With St. Patrick's Day looming a day away, or even if you just plan a night out that includes drinking, finding an alternative way home could save you thousands of dollars associated with a drunk driving ticket, not to mention your professional license and job.

"Society, from the standpoint of the legal system, is approaching zero tolerance and is not willing anymore to turn the other way," said Tom Proctor, 49, of Bloomfield Hills, who last year at this time founded The Designate, which employs a tag team of drivers to take both you and your car home after a night of too much liquor. "The need for our service has increased, and the acceptance of using the service is increasing."

The Designate recently started offering the service in western Wayne County, including in Canton.

Larry Cook of Canton Township, who is a

territory area manager for The Designate, explains the service.

"We drive the customers in their own personal vehicles and park it in the driveway so they don't have the hassle of getting a taxi ride home and then trying to find a ride back to the bar or restaurant the next day to get their car," said Cook, 49.

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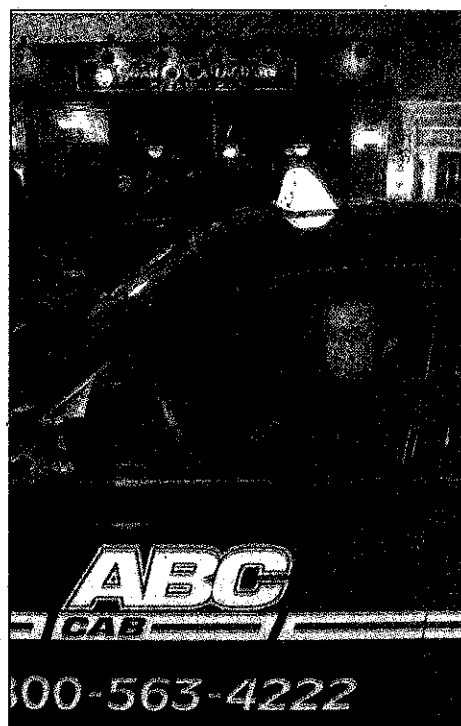
and after their shift. The cost of most runs is between \$40-\$60, according to Cook.

"Basically, the fee structure is about how much it would cost you to take a taxi cab home and a taxi ride back to your car the next day," Cook said. "We seem to see a marked increase in the number of runs in the Plymouth-Canton area."

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Cab driver Richard Roy of Canton sits in front of Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth.

## DRINKING

FROM PAGE A1

"Clearly, these are people who have thumbed their nose at the court system and whose history strongly indicates they would be over celebrating this weekend."

Among those individuals recently arrested in a two-day warrant sweep was Dion Cook of Canton for failing to appear on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

Michael Sweet, 37, of Livonia was also picked up. Sweet failed to appear in court on his

third drunken driving conviction. Sweet has been arrested for alcohol related driving offenses in Canton, Chelsea and Detroit.

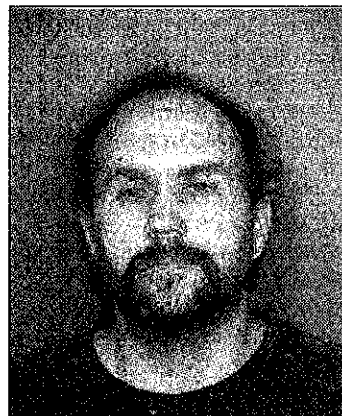
Westland residents Robert Malady, Tasha Martin and David Downs were targeted for probation violations and Kayla Daniels, William Golden, Daniel Brunet, Kevin Charley, Jason Puckett and William Germond were picked up for failure to appear in court on charges of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. It's the third offense for Puckett, Germond, Martin and Downs.

While Canton typically doesn't see a huge spike in drunk driving offenses around St. Patrick's Day, Santomauro said the project still has merit.

"It's a coordinated effort that rounds up (offenders) with outstanding warrants," he said.

Evans also applauded the program, which brings together officers from various police departments in the county.

"People are getting the message that if you don't own up to your responsibilities, sooner or later, an officer will come knocking on your door," he said.



Dion Cook of Canton was recently arrested in a two-day warrant sweep for failing to appear on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

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# OPINION

## OUR VIEWS

# St. Pat's Day, Holy Week have rare convergence

Sure, it's a fine mess we have this year.

St. Patrick won't be celebrated on his revered day, March 17, at least not with a Mass in a Roman Catholic Church.

This year St. Patrick's Day falls during Holy Week, a time set aside in the church calendar to prepare for Easter, the highest holy day of the year. The last time this happened was 1940 and it won't happen again, praise be, until 2160.

Several events were rescheduled. Most Holy Trinity Church, the mother church of Detroit's Irish community in Corktown, held a Mass March 14. In Ireland, Dublin held its celebration March 15.

St. Patrick, bishop that he was, would surely understand.

The Detroit Archdiocese reminded those who chose to celebrate March 14 that they'd be doing so without the usual corned beef, as Catholics must refrain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. There was no such prohibition against having a Guinness, however.

Of course, Holy Week will not deter all celebrations. The Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade will march down Michigan Avenue today, which is also Palm Sunday.

Though it's a rare convergence, the coming together of these two days seems appropriate.

Both St. Patrick's Day and Palm Sunday are celebrations of sincere religious beliefs. Christianity has been a foundation for the Irish in Ireland and throughout the world for more than 1,500 years. Palm Sunday, for all Christians, is the beginning of Jesus' last days with his entry into Jerusalem.

It is a time of contemplation on the meaning of faith, suffering, death and rebirth. The Irish have a close relationship with all those subjects.

## A missed opportunity

The lesson in your editorial "There's a lesson to be learned in Johnson episode" is well taken, but there's a larger lesson from this episode, and that is this: When you are in public office, don't ever miss an opportunity to quickly acknowledge your mistakes, and build better relations.

After Catherine Johnson's remarks, there was an outpouring of letters and e-mails from the Indian community to Tom Yack and other township officials, asking them to ask Ms. Johnson to apologize and make amends. At that point we were willing to forgive and move on once Johnson showed remorse and good faith effort to heal the hurt.

Anyone can make a mistake, but one should be quick to acknowledge a mistake and make profuse apologies to diffuse the situation. An apology is not a sign of weakness, rather it is a sign of strength and self-confidence.

It would have been the simplest job for Johnson to write a letter of apology in the *Observer*, and maybe visit the Hindu temple a couple of times and address the congregation there to mend relations. That would have earned her lasting goodwill among the Hindus. But she stubbornly refused to even acknowledge her mistake even after repeated letters from us.

A turtle makes progress only when it sticks its neck out. Johnson stuck her neck out, and was given a golden opportunity to make progress in Indian-American relations. But she chose to ignore the opportunity and withdrew into her shell.

Raghu Raghunathan  
Canton

## Stand up against McCotter

When George Bush took

office, he complained that oil was at \$31/barrel from the Clinton administration. In George Bush's 8-year tenure, he and his Republican followers in Congress, including Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, have raised our oil prices to \$110/barrel. My son-in-law is a truck driver and for every \$0.10 raise in diesel fuel, 1000 trucking companies are now closing their doors. This is all happening while oil companies are enjoying more tax breaks and obscene record profits.

McCotter, as the *Observer* stated, also obviously gerrymandered the districts before he ran for Congress, making it difficult for other parties to run against him — he denies it because he is McCotter.

Newspapers, like the *Observer*, practice the unspoken rule, that the incumbent is the one they endorse, unless they've broken a major law publicly. The Democratic Party (DNC) needs to quit looking for candidates based on their ability to raise millions and help those progressive candidates that will strongly take a stand and say no more.

So *Observer*, don't discount candidates just because they haven't been backed by millions of dollars in funding. DNC, you need to help candidates that will fight this administration and McCotter. We need to stand up against oil companies raping our pockets, and for political finance reform, media reform and 'business as usual' reform in the DNC. We need to stand up and say that we can vote in a candidate that will change the mess that McCotter and his cronies have gotten us into. If you are mad as hell and want to change this, you need to vote Republican rubber stampers, like Thaddeus McCotter out. Help out the candidates running against him right away — we can change this.

## LETTERS

P. Pondell  
Canton

## Editorial misleading

The opinion of your article ("Don't misplace blame for bad news on taxes," *Observer*, March 6) that the voters are responsible for their property tax increases even though home values have gone down is not correct, misleading and does not tell the whole story because a few important facts have been left out:

1. Proposal A amended the Michigan Constitution to require that property is to be assessed at 50 percent of the usual selling price, known as True Cash Value.

2. Taxable value of a property can increase only if it is lower than assessed value.

These facts are confusing and your article just compounds the confusion. So let's clarify them in terms that people can understand. The people of Michigan should expect that their assessed property values are to be a reflection of actual sales prices from comparable neighborhood homes. So, based on the decline of actual home sales prices over the last two years, assessed values should have dropped to or below their taxable value.

When the taxable value is no longer greater than the assessed value, the inflation rate or 5 percent, whichever is lower, is not allowed to be applied. When the tax rate is not applied, the taxable value cannot be increased and your taxes should not go up.

This is what the voters approved and they expect our Legislators and assessing process to apply these rules fairly. But this is not happening. Assessments in past years have increased at much higher levels than what you can sell your house for and have not come down to actual sales levels as we have experienced in the last two years.

i.e., record drops in home prices and record levels of foreclosures.

The assessing process is further unfairly applied against the property owners in two additional ways: 1. Foreclosure home sales are omitted from the assessment process. Why? I don't know ... but I do know that foreclosures are a true indicator of home sales in my neighborhood and across Michigan. 2. The assessor will tell you that a new "2003 assessment book" is now being used to assess older homes as if they were built in 2003. I don't understand this either, but I do know that if my home was built in 1980 and I put a coat of paint on it ... my home is still 28 years old and not 5 years old.

WE voted for fair interpretation and implementation of Proposal A, but we are not getting what we voted for. This is not a "quirk of the state's tax system" that voters approved. Our state, county and local government have found ways to circumvent the intent of the Prop A and the voter, to apply unfair assessment practices to fuel their bloated out-of-control budgets.

If you don't believe this, consider the Plymouth Township trustees voting themselves an exorbitant raise when jobs are leaving the state and the community, young people are leaving the state to find jobs, income taxes increases are forced upon us by out of control irresponsible legislators, in addition to the record drop in home sales prices.

These outrageous salary increases and out-of-control spending are indicative of this state's fiscal dysfunction and drives the necessity for unfair creative tax increases. Voters did not inflict this property tax rip-off on themselves!

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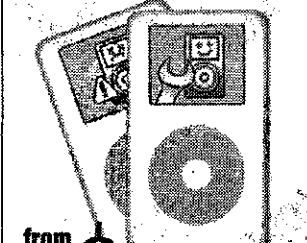
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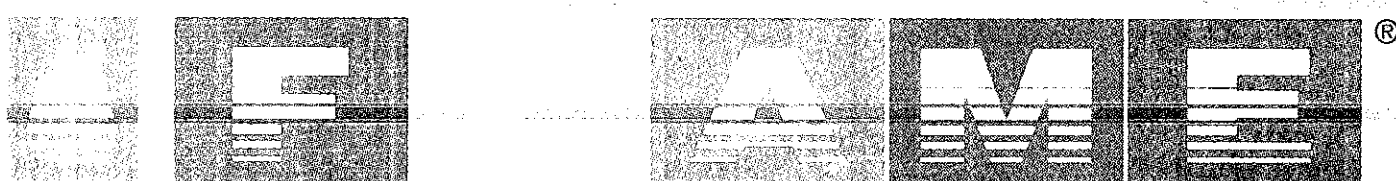
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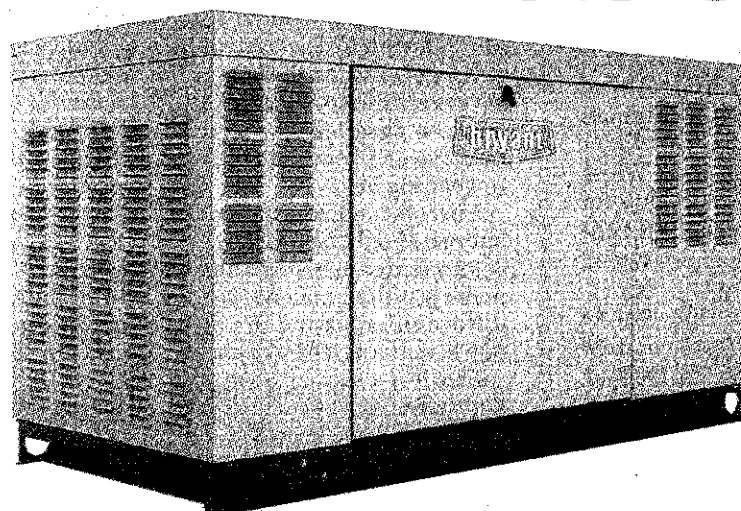
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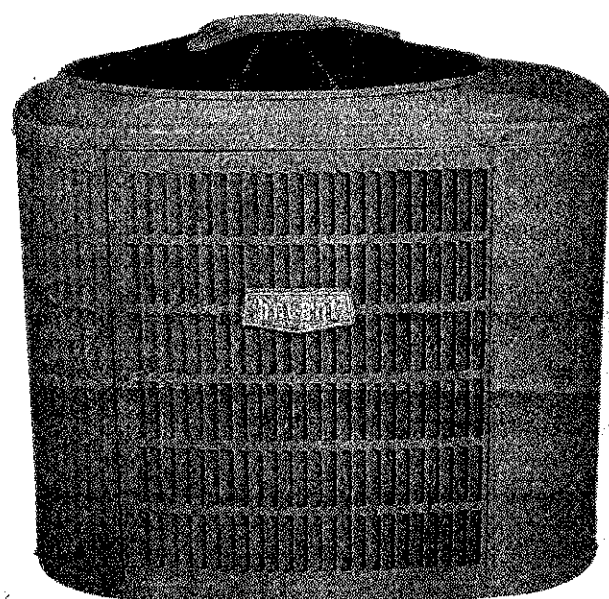
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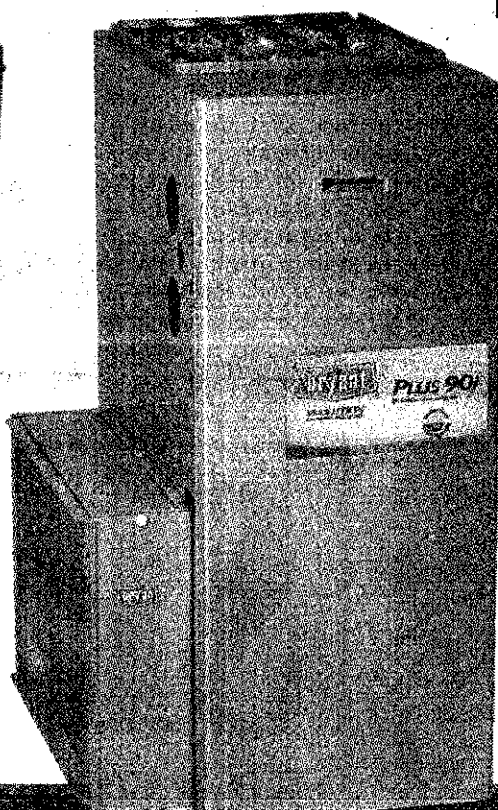
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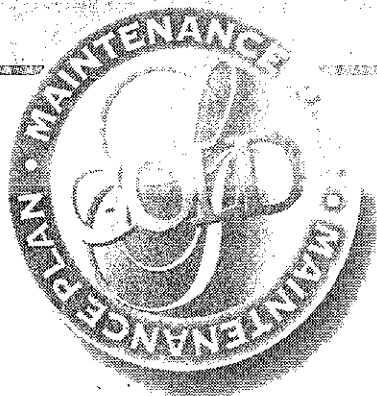
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## Ignition 18, Orlando 2



Detroit Ignition forward Hewerton cocks his leg seconds before scoring his 16th goal of the season Friday night against Orlando. Hewerton scored a hat trick in the Ignition's 18-2 victory.

### FLIPPIN' GOOD

Hewerton's dazzling play leads MISL-leading Detroit over Sharks

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wearing the color of money, the Detroit Ignition played as good as gold Friday night against visiting Orlando.

Sporting its once-a-year green threads in the spirit of fast-approaching St. Patrick's Day, the normally red-clad Ignition submerged the Sharks, 18-2, behind an offensive onslaught led by Hewerton (hat trick) and a sterling defensive effort anchored by back-up goalie Tomer Chencinski.

Detroit's sixth-straight victory improved its record to 18-7 and vaulted it into first place — at least temporarily — ahead of 17-7 Milwaukee.

The Wave can forge another first-place tie Sunday afternoon when it hosts New Jersey.

Detroit's next game is March 22 at California.

"Sometimes you can look at a team's record (Orlando entered the game with a 3-24 mark) and get a little sloppy, but I thought we did a good job of finishing and we defended well, for the

most part," said Detroit coach Bob Lilley.

"These kinds of games are tough to play sometimes when the other team has nothing to lose. One thing I'll point out to our forwards during our tape session is that we can't give the ball away like we were doing tonight. If you do that against good teams in the playoffs, they'll make you pay."

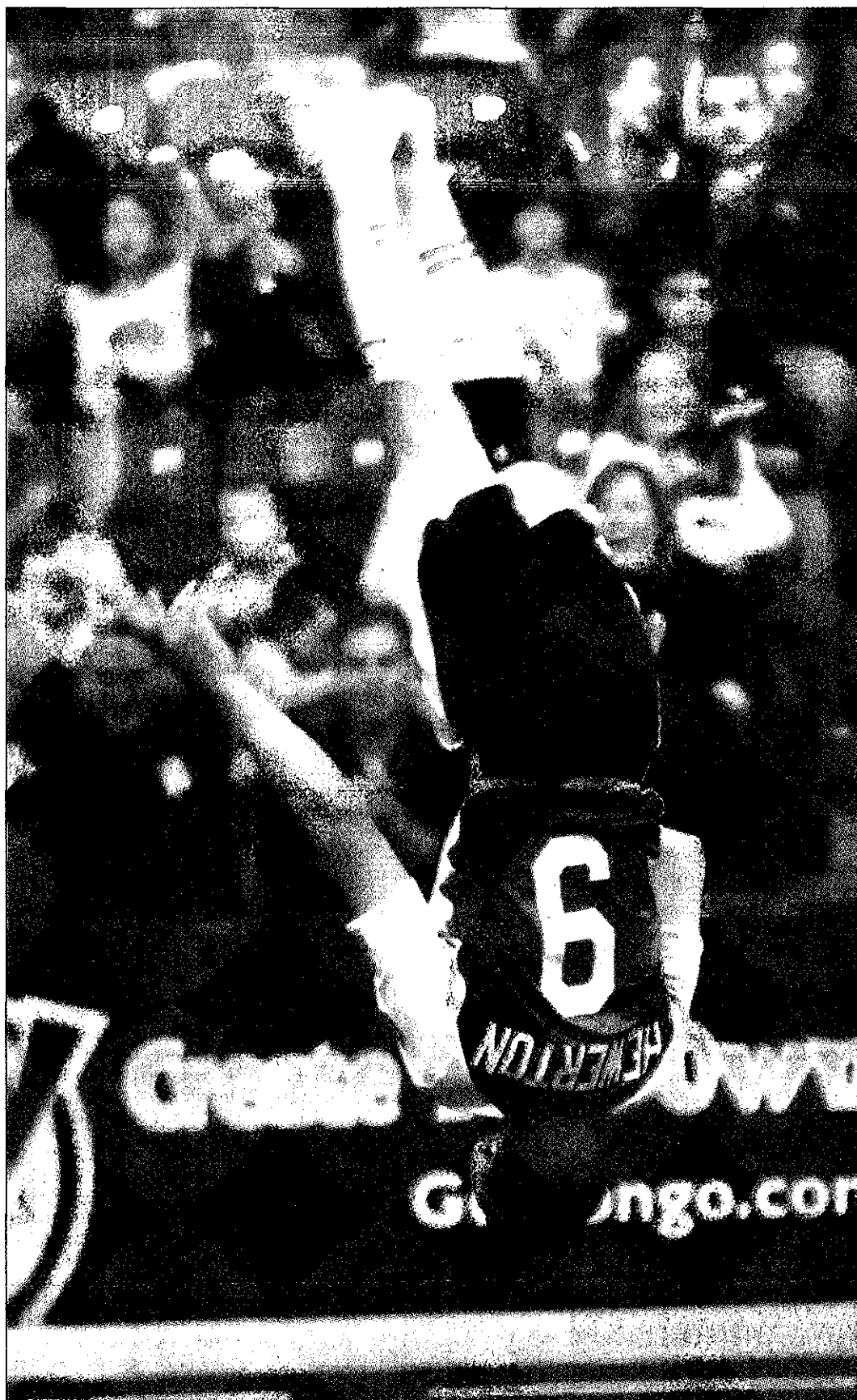
The Sharks actually bit first Friday, grabbing a 2-0 lead on Miodrag Djerisilo's goal 15 seconds into the contest, but the wound proved to be only superficial.

Jamar Beasley deadlocked the contest at 2-all when his hard shot from a few feet inside the three-point line dinged the cross-bar before dropping just beyond the goal-line.

Detroit grabbed the lead for good 5:35 later when Ze Roberto stuffed in his own rebound past Orlando net-minder Antonio Iriarte.

Sandwiched between the two Detroit goals were a pair of sen-

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hewerton celebrates one of his three goals Friday night with a crowd-pleasing 360-degree flip.

#### AND DOWN THE STRETCH THEY COME...

The final few weeks of the 2007-08 Major Indoor Soccer League season promise to be exciting as three teams are within two games of first place. Following are the front-runners' remaining schedules:

■ **Detroit Ignition (18-7):** March 22 - @ California; March 28 - New Jersey; March 30 - @ Milwaukee; April 4 - Milwaukee; April 5 - @ Baltimore.

■ **Milwaukee Wave (17-7):** March 16 - New Jersey; March 23 - @ Orlando; March 29 - @ Philadelphia; March 30 - Detroit; April 4 - @ Detroit; April 5 - Monterrey.

■ **Baltimore Blast (15-9):** March 16 - @ California; March 22 - @ Chicago; March 27 - @ Monterrey; March 29 - Chicago; April 4 - @ New Jersey; April 5 - Detroit.

## Greyhounds outshoot Whalers, 5-2

Dustin Jeffrey and Brandon Biggers both tallied two goals to lead Sault Ste. Marie to a 5-2 victory over the visiting Plymouth Whalers Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 4,657 at the Steelback Centre.

Jeffrey, who also notched a pair of assists, earned the nod as the game's first star.

The loss dropped the Whalers' record to 34-28-2-3 heading into Saturday's home contest against Sarnia (results will be posted on [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) Monday night).

The Greyhounds struck first when Biggers lit the lamp with a short-hander at the 4:22 mark of the first period.

Joe McCann knotted things up at 1-all just over five minutes later off an assist from Patrick Lee.

The Soo then took charge with three unanswered net-finders to make it 4-1 before Brett Bellemore stopped the bleeding for Plymouth with a power-play goal 4:37 into the third period.

Kyle Gajewski earned the victory in net by stopping 28 shots. Matt Hackett and Kyle Jendra shared time between the pipes for the Whalers.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amy Coleman, a senior at Canton High School, recently finished a stellar four-year high school hockey career with the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

## Coleman earns high marks for dedication and defense

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amy Coleman gave the popular hockey term "stay-at-home defenseman" a refreshing new twist back in November.

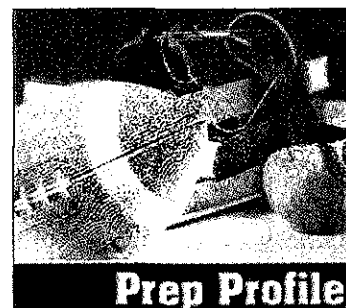
When several of her teammates from the defending state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team opted to play for a travel team prior to the 2007-08 campaign, Coleman — one of the team's most dependable defensemen — chose to stay home, so to speak, and finish her prep hockey career where it started.

Although the decision didn't result in a net-ful of victories — the young and inexperienced team finished 5-14 — it was one that garnered a ton of respect from those who matter the most to the personable senior captain.

"Amy was a great leader for this team this year," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "She's very dependable — one of those girls you can always count on to help in whatever way she can."

"She's a very committed person. When some of the other girls from last year's team left, she helped recruit new players from the schools."

"We started a new award this



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year call the 'Inspirational Leader' award and Amy won the first one. It was well-deserved."

#### Not even tempted

Like her departed teammates — many of whom made up the core of last year's title team — Coleman said she received offers from travel teams last fall, but changing uniforms didn't enter her mind.

"This team is part of my family," she said, when asked why she decided to stay. "Being around the team since the very beginning, I knew and respected the hard work everyone put into making the Penguins what they are today. I owed it to those people who fought to get this team going to stay with it."

"There was no way I could walk out on them and I couldn't give

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## Sidelines

### Randolph honored

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph was recently named a Division 1 "Regional Coach of the Year" by the Michigan Wrestling Association. It is the third time in the past four years Randolph has received the honor.

Under Randolph's guidance, the Chiefs racked up several accolades this season, including championship efforts at the Observerland Tournament, the Western Lakes Activities Association Wrestling Championships as well as District and Regional titles.

The Chiefs advanced to the state wrestling finals in Battle Creek for the second time in three seasons and also sent six wrestlers to the Division 1 individual state meet.

### Schmitt nominated for DAC award

Canton senior swimmer Allison Schmitt is one of 12 finalists for the Detroit Athletic Club's Michigan High School Athlete of the Year.

Last fall, Schmitt capped a spectacular high school swimming career by placing first in a pair of events at the Division 1 state championship meet.

She will compete for a spot on the 2008 USA Olympic Team in July.

Winners of the award will be announced during the annual Dodge National Athletic Awards, which will be held at the DAC on May 12.

The honor is awarded not only for athletic ability, but also for the academic and humanitarian efforts of high school student athletes.

### Baseball showcase

Precision Baseball in Canton will host a ShowcaseU camp on Monday, March 24, for high school baseball players 14 years old and older.

For a \$175 fee, ShowcaseU develops a profile for each player that includes video of the athlete in action, a person bio, photos, game stats, camp evaluation and more.

College coaches can then search for players that fit their program's needs on [www.showcaseu.com](http://www.showcaseu.com).

A three-hour block of time has been set aside for pitchers and catchers from 1-4 p.m. Position players will go from 4-7 p.m.

Registration is limited to 25 players per session.

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Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.



# Grapplers get a firm grip on competition

## FIRST-TEAM

**ANTHONY PAVLICH, 103, WESTLAND GLENN:** The sophomore posted a 52-4 overall record en route to a third-place finish at the Division 1 state meet after winning the district and finishing runner-up at the regional.

Pavlich also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title, along with the Observerland, Troy and Garden City invitational.

"He is the type of young man that you can build a program around," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We never had to asked him to do the extra. He is self-motivated to be a champion and I'm sure his third-place finish will fuel him to work even harder to accomplish his goals. We look forward to the next couple of years with Anthony."

Pavlich is 88-19 overall at Glenn in his two years.

**JARED PIEKNIK, 112, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The senior, who finished 50-11, placed eighth in the Division 1 finals after finishing runner-up at the regional and winning the district.

He was also the WLAA champion, as well as the Livonia Public Schools (repeating) and Berkley invitational.

For his career, Pieknik finished 128-46 overall.

"Jared was the cornerstone of our light-weights for the past couple of years," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of the four-year letter winner and two-time scholar-athlete. "He is one of the hardest workers in the room and one of the most dedicated kids I've ever coached."

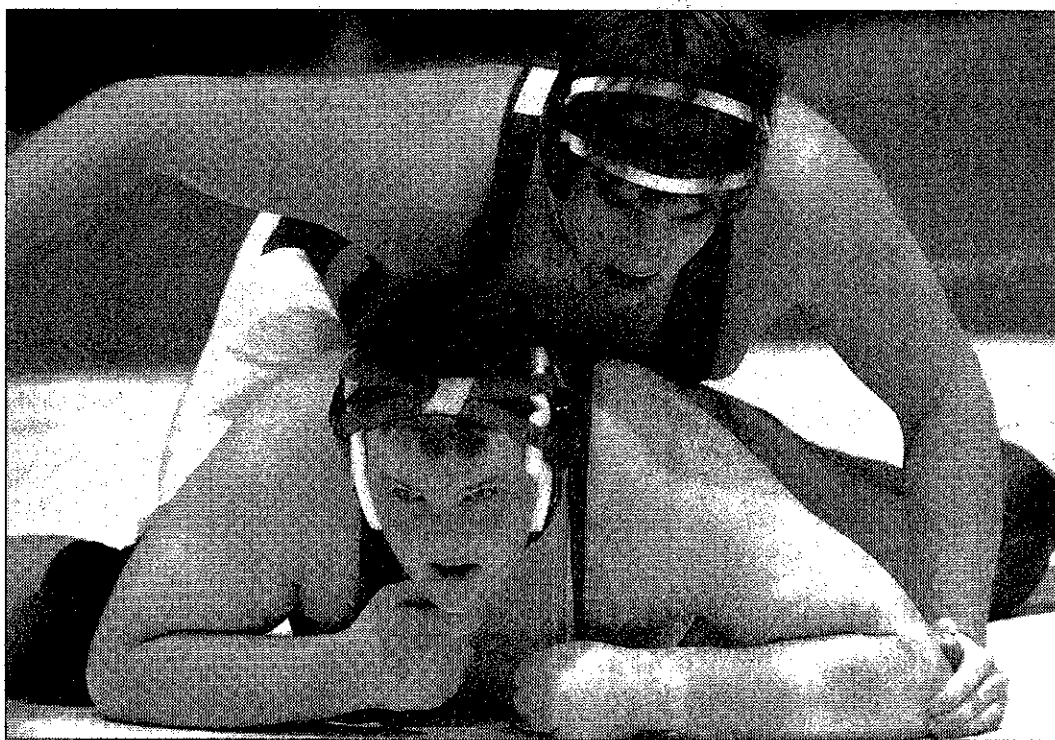
"We will definitely miss his leadership and dedication to the team. Younger wrestlers can learn a lot about what can be accomplished with hard work."

**CARL LUCKE, 119, CANTON:** The junior missed qualifying for his second straight Division 1 individual state meet by one point. Lucke was one of the catalysts of the Chiefs' super-successful season that included their second appearance in the Division 1 team state meet in the past three years.

"Carl had a very solid year," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He's one of those kids that keeps going after you on the mat. He's relentless. Carl worked hard all season and came within one point of making to the individual state meet."

**JEREMIAH AUSTIN, 125, WESTLAND GLENN:** The Division 1 state runner-up finished 53-2 his senior year and is 114-27 overall in three seasons.

Austin captured the district, was runner-up at the regional and earned the WLAA title. He also captured



TOM HOFFMEYER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden City's Adam Love (top), trying to control Franklin's Mike Modes at Observerland, earned first-team All-Observer honors.

invitational titles at Garden City, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Troy and Observerland.

"The reason I coach is for young men like Jeremiah," Polk said. "It's always fun to send him out on the mat. I'm sure his drive and dedication will bring him many successes in life."

**DONNIE WATKINS, 125, CANTON:** The sophomore wasn't fazed by moving up three weight classes. Following a state-qualifying effort at 103 as a freshman, he returned this year and placed sixth at 125. His overall record was 44-12.

"Donnie had a great year," said Randolph. "He made some great adjustments after moving up from 103 and wrestled at a high level all season."

**JARED STEPHENS, 130, WESTLAND GLENN:** The junior posted an impressive 47-9 record this season as he placed fifth in Division 1.

Stephens, a two-time state qualifier, is 150-37 overall. He is the first Glenn freshman wrestler ever to qualify for the state meet.

The Observerland and Troy champion also added a third at the regional and was runner-up in the WLAA.

"Jared is one of those guys that is always a character, but he has grown as a person and wrestler this season," Polk said. "If he works hard in the summer I do feel he can be a contender

for a title next year."

**STEVE COX, 135, CANTON:** The senior captain capped an amazing season by placing fifth at last week's individual state meet. Cox finished his final prep season with a 50-6 record.

"Steve never stops when he's out on the mat, no matter what," said Randolph. "His nickname is 'Scraper' because he keeps coming at you."

**BRENT WINEKOFF, 140, CANTON:** The sophomore placed seventh at last week's individual state meet and closed the year with a stunning 50-6 record.

"Brent was a dominant wrestler all year," said Randolph. "He's an extremely hard worker and the other kids on the team look to him for leadership."

**RAZ MARKOSIAN, 145, LIV. STEVENSON:** The junior was a state qualifier while posting a 39-17 season mark.

He was fourth at the regional, third at the district and runner-up in the Western Lakes meet.

Markosian also placed runner-up at Auburn Hills Avondale, L'Anse Creuse, Novi-Detroit CC, Okemos and the Spartan Classic. He also took a fourth at Grand Blanc.

"Raz loves wrestling," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "He's always positive, never complains or makes excuses in the practice room. His hard

work was rewarded with a trip to the MHSAA finals where he fell three points shy of placing in the top eight in the state.

"I'm looking forward to next season and watching all his hard work pay off."

**STEPHEN KEMP, 152, LUTHER. WESTLAND:** The junior enjoyed a banner season going 51-5 overall en route to a fifth-place finish at the Division 4 state meet.

The district and regional champion reached the finals at every tournament was champion of the Metro Conference and Observerland Invitational. He also captured titles at Garden City and Dearborn Fordson (where he was MVP).

His career mark is 144-24 overall.

**JEREMY EPLEY, 160, SALEM:** The senior capped a stellar senior season with a 46-5 record and third-place showing in the Division 1 individual state meet. His overall career mark was 107-36. Epley earned seven tournament championships and three MVP awards.

"Jeremy is a no-nonsense wrestler in the practice room, which translated into a great competitor on the mat," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Jeremy's consistency in beating bigger, stronger wrestlers will be missed by his coaches and, hopefully, emulated by his younger teammates."

**ZIAD KHARBUSH, 160, LIV. STEVENSON:** Bound for Brown University, the senior carved an impressive 47-4 record while finishing fourth in the Division 1 state finals after a third at the regional and a runner-up finish in the district.

The Stevenson MVP also won Western Lakes meet, as well as titles at Grand Blanc, Avondale, L'Anse Creuse, Okemos and the Spartan Classic.

He is a four-year starter, two-year captain and two-time state qualifier. He was a district and regional champion in 2007 and posted a career mark of 135-43.

"Ziad is every coach's model student-athlete," Vaughan said. "During his four years on the varsity, he has earned numerous academic honors, provided volunteer service hours to youth organization and has been instrumental in rebuilding Stevenson wrestling."

"He capped his senior season placing fourth in a very deep 160-pound weight class. Ziad will continue to flourish academically and in wrestling as he goes off to Brown in the fall."

**DAN WOODALL, 171, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The senior finished the season with a school record 60 wins (with only four losses) as he captured fifth-place in Division 1.

Woodall also captured the district, regional and WLAA crowns, as well as Observerland, Franklin and the Livonia Public Schools titles.

He is a three-year letter winner and four-year scholar-athlete with career mark of 119-39.

"Dan has always been the guy to put the team first," Chiola said. "Even when he first starter, Dan would go whatever weight he needed to help out the team, even if it meant giving up weight or losing a lot of weight."

"When he became one of our best kids, his attitude didn't change. He led by example and the team and the coaches respected him. His humility and character are great examples to your young wrestlers."

**EMANUEL ONWUEMEKE, 189, LIV. STEVENSON:** The senior finished 32-13 overall and earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals at the Palace after placing third at the district and fourth at the regional.

Onwuemene also captured the Okemos Invitational, while adding seconds at WLAA meet, Avondale, L'Anse Creuse and Spartan Classic. He also took third at both Observerland and Novi-Detroit CC.

"Emanuel placed in every tournament he wrestled his senior season," Vaughan said. "He is a tremendous athlete with explosive power. Emanuel wrestled for two seasons (49-31 career mark) and qualified for the state meet. He's demonstrated that exemplary football skills translate into successful wrestling technique."

**MATT GREENMAN, 215, LIV. STEVENSON:** The junior finished the year with a 32-7 record highlighted by a first-place at the Western Lakes meet, along with titles at Grand Blanc, Okemos and the Spartan Classic.

Greenman was also runner-up at Observerland and Avondale, while taking a third at L'Anse Creuse.

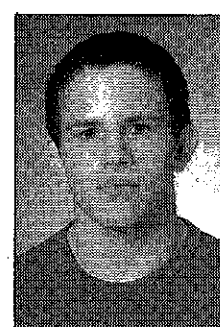
Greenman's career mark is 84-32.



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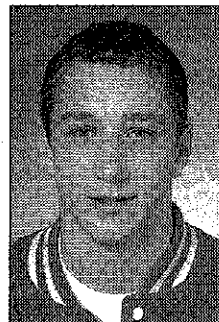
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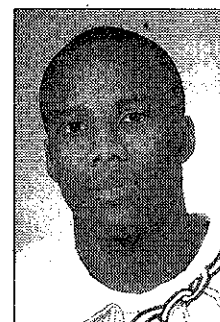
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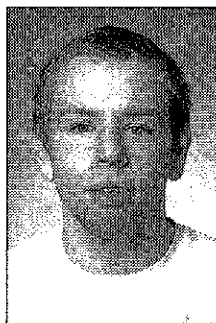
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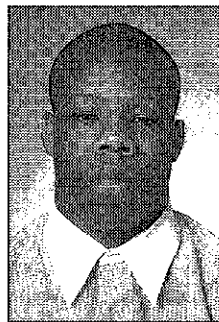
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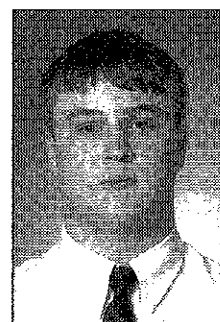
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**103 pounds:** 1. Anthony Pavlich, So. Westland; John Glenn; 2. Waheed Faraj, So. Canton; 3. Steve Iyoo, Ft. Livonia; Franklin; 4. Jared Pieknik, Sr., Franklin; 5. Michael Fobar, Jr., Livonia; Stevenson; 6. Chad Dunn, Sr., Wayne Memorial; 7. Justin Jacobsen, Jr., Franklin; 8. Steve D'Annunzio, Sr., Plymouth; 9. Jeremiah Austin, Sr., John Glenn; and Donnie Watkins, Sr., Canton; 10. Tom Myshock, Sr., Stevenson; 11. Kevin Bennett, Sr., Salem; 12. Jared Stephens, Jr., John Glenn; 13. Kevin Hayler, Sr., Salem; 14. Jeremy Epley, Jr., Canton; 15. Steve Cox, Sr., Canton; 16. Andrew Murray, Sr., Livonia; Churchill; 17. Justin Johnson, Sr., Garden City; 18. Brent Winekoff, So., Canton; 19. J.P. Gaffke, Sr., Churchill; 20. Brandon Smith, Sr., Franklin; 21. Raz Markosian, Jr., Stevenson; 22. Zaid Ammani, Jr., John Glenn; 23. Brianos Pallaska, Sr., Churchill; 24. Steve Kemp, Jr., Lutheran Westland; 25. Danoy Small, Sr., Churchill; and Brent Cetnar, Sr., Stevenson; 26. Elvin Ferreira, Jr., Franklin; 27. Jeremy Epley, Sr., Salem; and Ziad Kharbush, Sr., Stevenson; 28. Gary Lawrence, Sr., John Glenn; 29. Jon Stratz, Jr., Franklin; 30. Dan Woodall, Sr., Franklin; 31. Brian Ziemba, Sr., Churchill; 32. Rodger Kropp, Sr., Canton.

**189-1:** Emanuel Onwuemene, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Adam Powers, Sr., Canton; 3. Vince Baroffi, Sr., Plymouth; 4. Matt Greenman, Jr., Stevenson; 5. Dan Wanshon, Sr., Canton; 6. Anthony Pomerson, Sr., Plymouth; 7. Adam Love, Sr., Garden City; 8. Mark Parrish, Sr., Churchill; 9. (tie) Luke Konsitzke, Jr., Canton; and Austin Micallef, So., Stevenson.

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Bill Polk, John Glenn

### HONORABLE MENTION

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"Matthew has been a tough competitor for three years earning two trips to the regionals," Vaughan said. "Next season I expect him to take the next step and place at the MHSAA finals."

**ADAM LOVE, 285, GARDEN CITY:** The senior posted an impressive 40-7 mark on his way to a Division 1 state qualifying berth after placing runner-up in the regional.

The district and Mega Conference-White Division champion tied the school record for consecutive pins. He also captured the Fordson tournament and was undefeated in a pair of team tournaments.

Sporting a career record of 70-23, Love was also the Garden City Novice champ as a sophomore and won twice at the Woodhaven Invitational.

"Adam is a wonderful student, the type of kid every coach would want on his team," Garden City coach Aaron Davis said. "He's always willing to go the extra mile to improve and always wanting to learn with a work ethic

and determination few have, all while remaining extremely humble."

**BILL POLK, COACH OF THE YEAR, JOHN GLENN:** The eighth-year coach led the Rockets to a 22-8 dual-meet mark, while guiding three grapplers - Jeremiah Austin (125), second; Anthony Pavlich (103), third; and Jared Stephens (130), fifth - to medal finishes at the Division 1 state finals.

"We finished nicely with our three individuals, but fell short of our team goals again this year," Polk said. "This season was a roller coaster. We had several young wrestlers show that they can contribute and be effective in the varsity lineup."

"Austin, Stephens and Pavlich were the cornerstones of our team. We also had great leadership in Gary Lawrence (160), Dan McCall (140) and Zaid Ammani (145) as captains."

"I have mixed feelings about the overall season, but I definitely have some bright spots that I can focus on and build upon for next season."

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## IGNITION

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sational stops by Chencinski, who was making just his fourth start of the season.

"I thought Tomer played very well," said Lilley. "They pressured him some early on and he did well on his feet. Danny (Waltman) has had a great season, so he's our No. 1 guy, but it's nice to see Tomer play well because he's only an injury away from being the guy."

Detroit carried a 6-2 edge into the first-quarter break after Hewerton clothes-lined a missile to Kyt Selaipoulus, who one-timed the orange sphere past the over-matched Iriarte.

Hewerton (pronounced Ever-ton) put on a show in the second period when he scored twice to extend the Ignition's lead to 10-2. His second tally of the stanza with 3:16 left before halftime was struck so hard, Iriarte probably heard it before he saw it.

The Ignition sealed the deal in the third period with four two-pointers — two from Doug Rice, and one each from Ryan Mack and Hewerton.

Detroit's second goal of the period epitomized the Sharks' inaugural season. Orlando defender Anthony Santiago sent what appeared to be a soft pass back to Iriarte, but the ball eluded the goalie and rolled into the net for an own-goal.

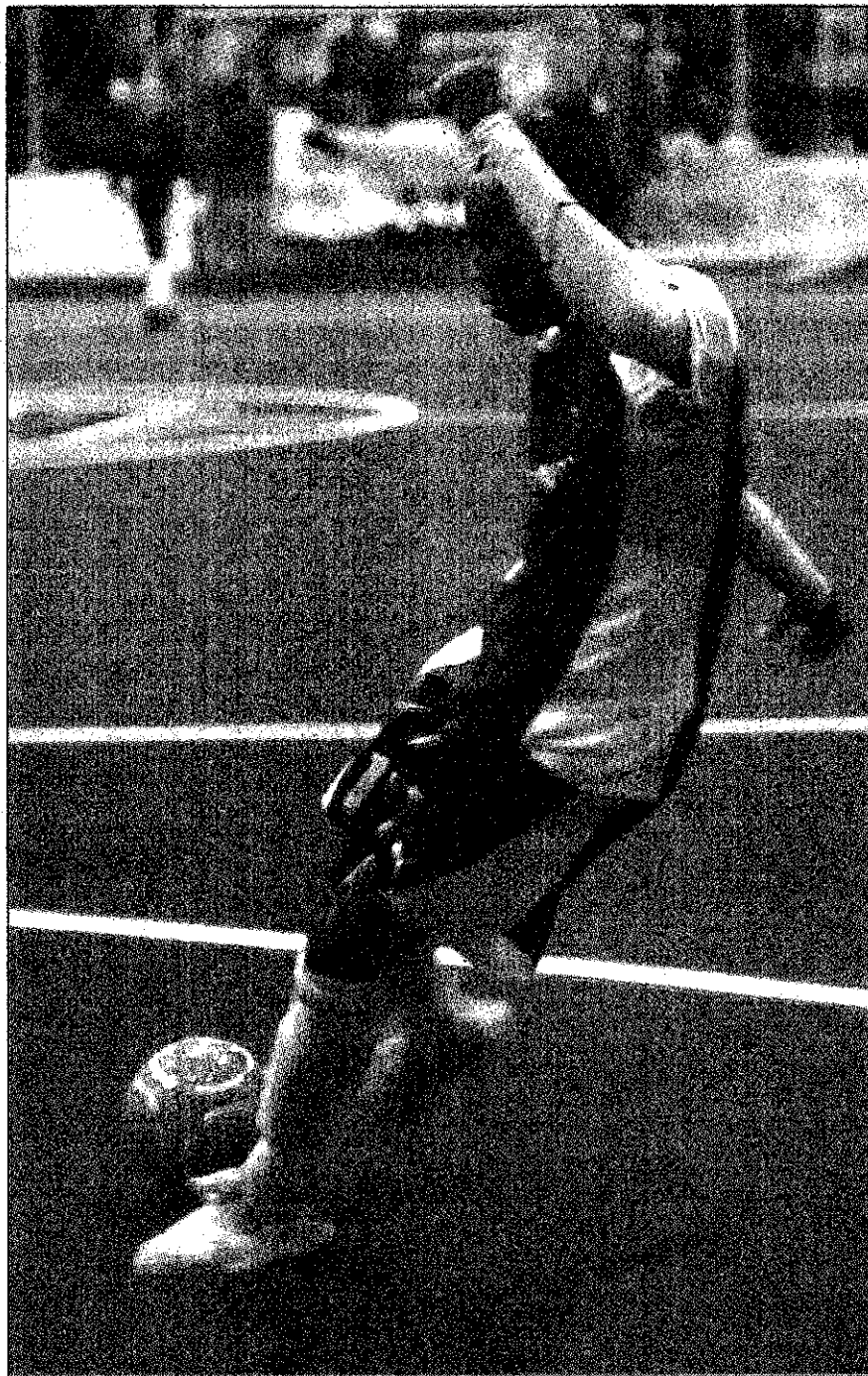
Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

"Orlando was pretty competitive game in and game out early in the year," Lilley said. "Now that we're in the later stages of the season, they've had some injuries plus they're out of the playoff chase, so they're struggling."

"The thing is, though, if they're level or leading after the first quarter, it does wonders for their confidence. That's why it was important we scored when we did in the first quarter," Detroit outshot Orlando, 34-17.

The Ignition's green jerseys were auctioned off to the highest bidders following the game.

"I like 'em, but I don't think we're going to change colors any time soon," Lilley quipped. "As long as we keep winning, I don't care what color we wear."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley had a goal and an assist in Friday night's 18-2 romp over Orlando.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program will hold its parents' meeting for the 2008 season at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the OLGC Church Social Hall, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

OLGC offers opportunities for boys in third through eighth grades to play football this fall. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are eligible.

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this meeting. A new registration will be in place for this season.

For further information, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935.

### Softball Showcase

The Paramount Scouting Bureau and National Scouting Report will host the Motor City Showcase Friday, July 4, as part of the Paramount Softball Showcase Series.

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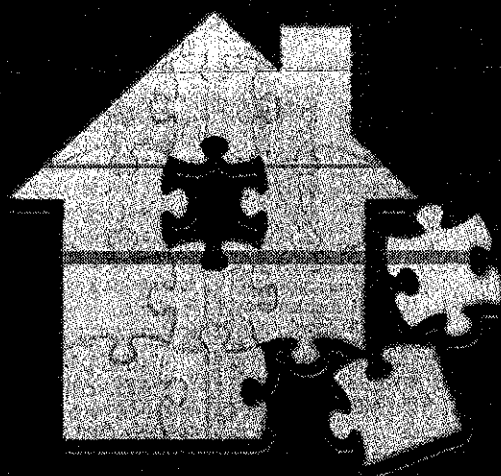
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# The war continues

## Post-traumatic stress disorder brings the horrors home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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It's still difficult for Paul Chute to dredge up long-buried memories of fighting in Honduras and The Philippines with the U.S. Air Force in the 1980s. He has to pause to think about the time he was startled from sleep by the click of an M-16 as one of the men in his squad jumped up in the middle of the night after a python crawled into his bed.

"From that point on I started having flashbacks and very difficult issues, but didn't know it was PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) but knew something was wrong," said Chute. "I was having a lot of trouble with sudden, loud noises. Smells started to send me into times of being in the jungle, that mildew smell, that wetness that is constant in the jungle."

It was the beginning of a long journey back for Chute who's since become a psychotherapist interested in helping other veterans. More and more military men and women are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with mental health issues. Chute would like to start a support group to help those suffering from PTSD.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, about 30 percent of men and women who served in Vietnam experience PTSD. Estimates for veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq with PTSD range up to 20 percent.

### BACK IN JUNGLE

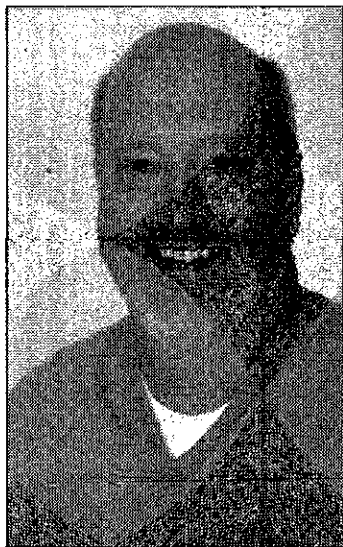
For Chute it wasn't until his return home to Garden City that another incident made it clear he was suffer-



ing from PTSD. He had been discharged from the service in early 1988 and was about to celebrate his first Fourth of July as a civilian at a fireworks display. The loud noises took him back to the jungle.

"My buddies tried to talk me out from underneath the car. After that I didn't do anything even though I needed help," said Chute. "I started drinking more. I worked at the post office carrying mail to pay the bills. Every night I was in the bar right after work. That kept it at bay. My first wife didn't notice because she was in law school. I didn't get professional help until I went to grad school in 1991 at University of Michigan. We were talking and learning about the mental health issues of PTSD."

Chute went through about five years of treatment, but found it difficult to talk to a therapist who wasn't a veteran.



Paul Chute

"It's very trauma fixated, being able to put yourself back in the moment then processing the trauma," said Chute, who has a psychotherapy practice in Farmington Hills with his

wife, Ellen. "I know as a therapist that trauma become stored memories and we sever our basic ties. It's not something we call on every day until a significant trigger occurs like the fireworks for me."

"You have symptoms of sleeplessness, anxiety, depression, isolation/withdrawal. You just don't want to be around anybody. It's the most disconcerting feeling to reconnect in the civilian world. I felt so out of place coming back home to a very close group of friends I grew up with, just sitting with them and talking and almost feeling there's nothing in common."

Chute's seen patient after patient with the same symptoms. Some find relief in as little as six months, some take as long as four years.

"There was a certain hyper vigilance for me. For my patients now it is super hyper

vigilance, always on the edge," said Chute. "I see an intense withdrawal. To soothe that I'm also seeing substance abuse, a lot of drinking, lots of abuse of prescription meds."

The form of treatment Chute uses to help his patients is known as eye movement desensitization and reprocessing. EMDR was developed in 1987 by psychologist Francine Shapiro after she noticed eye movements could help reduce the recurrence of disturbing thoughts.

"It helped me," said Chute. "EMDR uses a series of lights in a synchronized movement, trying to promote a rapid eye movement in a conscious state. When we REM in sleep that's the most deep state. With lights we're stimulating and reconnecting to these events, stored memories that need a trigger to reconnect to that in a safe, comfortable environment and

then process and work through it in a safe environment not necessarily to dredge those memories up or unknown incidents, but to unlock it."

Chute knows firsthand from working with patients that untreated PTSD can lead to divorce, substance abuse, intense withdrawal from society, anger, job loss or difficulty finding a job. But it's not always easy for a family to help a member suffering with PTSD. Chute suggests researching the disorder by Googling PTSD. The VA's National Center for PTSD Web site, (www.ncptsd.va.gov) is also a valuable source of information.

### FAMILY INTERVENTION

"These guys do not just voluntarily come to treatment. There's some kind of family intervention that brings the individuals to treatment," said Chute. "It's not just men. In Iraq women are taking a very active role. PTSD could show itself immediately, but it can show itself five years from now, 10, 15, 25, 50. When I did my internship working with a Korean War POW at the VA in Ann Arbor, he had raised his kids. Everything seemed to be fine then his wife died and on the way home from the funeral he was in an accident. It took 12 policemen to subdue this man. It can mask itself."

Today Chute continues to do well but is still sensitive to very loud, sudden, shrill noises. He remains in recovery and is actively involved with Alcoholics Anonymous and is not afraid to discuss the disorder.

"PTSD is not something to be afraid of. It is a normal emotional reaction to something that was a very difficult part of your life and it's OK to get help," said Chute. "If I could get enough men or women I'd like to start a group, because the group process among your peers would be the most therapeutic."

For more information about the PTSD support group Chute is starting, call (248) 737-4211.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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#### Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

#### Breast-feeding class

10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, March 17, at Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Classes for mother and baby taught by public health nurses, cover everything from pumping to starting solids and weaning (targets first year of breast-feeding). To register, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900, Ext. 84003.

#### The C Club

The C Club for Cancer Conquerors orientation and Principles to Live By seminar 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at The C Club at 42180 Ford Rd., east of Lilley, Canton. Free, registration required. Send e-mail to info@thecclub.org. Reclaim, Reshape & Renew the New You for Conquerors workshop 4-6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Shrine Conference Center, 29130 Woodward, Royal Oak. Cost \$20, includes signed copy of Me, Myself and Why? The Secrets to Navigating Change by Lisa Mininni, founder of The C Club. Visit www.thecclub.org, call (734) 223-3938, or send e-mail to info@excellerateassociates.com.

**Eat well, move well, think well** With Dr. James Kravis 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 Six mile, one block east of Beech Daly. Suggested donation is \$5 or 5 non-perishable pantry items. Proceeds benefit Redford Interfaith Relief. To reserve a seat, call (313) 537-8100.

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#### Art of aging

9th annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile, Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talks about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Cost \$18 for age 55 and older, includes sit-down lunch. To register, call Donna at (313) 577-2297. Hosted by Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology.

#### Sharing & Caring

Bone health and breast cancer treatment with Dr. Michael Stender, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

#### PLAY Project Level I Workshop

With Rick Solomon, M.D. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, for Family members of children with autism and education and health care professionals, at The Futures HealthCore Therapy Center, 3231 South Gully, Dearborn. Visit www.futurestherapycenter.com or call Dawn Ham-Kucharski at (734) 407-2500, Ext. 459.

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#### Low vision support group

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#### Self-defense class

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#### Bocce for Bucks

A fund-raiser for Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Featuring indoor bocce tournament play, Italian dinner fare, folks songs by the Italian American Cultural Society's Coro Italiano, silent auction and more. Prizes will be awarded to top teams. Tickets are Guest \$100; Patron \$150; and Benefactor \$200. Call (248) 967-9600 or visit www.vna.org.

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

#### Ovarian cancer

One-to-One Ovarian Cancer Support Group for women with ovarian cancer 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Beaumont Cancer Center, first floor classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 597-2710.

#### Cure gala

The 16th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala presented by the Join the American Diabetes Association 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Gala tickets \$200 per

person. For more information, contact Kelli Dobner at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6688 or kdobner@diabetes.org.

#### Sarcoidosis support

Meets 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Building first floor conference dining rooms A & B, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 545-0320.

#### Social for Teens/Young Adults

Teens and Young Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to chapterinfo@asaaoakland.org.

#### Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, the firm specializes in domestic/family law, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

#### Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One fund-raising for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC continues to April 17, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday to April 17, will have the opportunity to designate that one of the 10 chosen charities receive 25 percent of their bill. Any private function at Opus One through Sept. 30 can be designated as a Cuisine for a Cause event and 25 percent of the bill will be donated to JFCC. A celebratory wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn with a live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100, \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for wine-tasting or more information, call (313) 876-9237.

## Get your family moving to keep them in shape

**Kristine from Waterford e-mails concerned about her family. They all need to lose some weight. What can they do?**



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Kristine, eating right and exercise is critical for the whole family. I have three simple things you can do to help your family get fit.

The first thing is to create a family plan. Come up with a diet and exercise plan that will work for the whole family.

Next, get the kids involved in the cooking. Studies show kids are more likely to eat healthy foods when they are involved in the cooking.

Finally, get your family moving.

Find something you all enjoy like bike riding or walking and get out together and do it. Studies show fitness plans are more successful when you do them as a family.

**Doris from Ann Arbor e-mails that she has a family history of cardiovascular disease; what can she do to protect her heart?**

Doris, a new study found women can significantly cut their risk of having a heart attack by doing five things, which are eating right, exercising, maintaining a healthy weight, limit drinking alcohol and not smoking. Researchers discovered these five things by studying more than 24,000 women. They found the women who ate right and limited their alcohol lowered their risk of heart attack by 57 percent. But the women who did all five things lowered their risk of heart attack by a whopping 92 percent! There is no reason not to do these simple things. It could save your life.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



# Detroit area to be the hub of bowling action in 2008

As stated in the immediate past Ten Pin Alley column, the upcoming 2008 U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Championships are coming to our area April 10 through July 6, with 50,000 expected to participate.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

The bowling world is even more focused on metro Detroit this year as the 2008 USBC National Youth Open Championships will also be staged in our backyard as well.

It is open to all USBC youth bowlers regardless of age or average.

Meanwhile, the women's events are spread out over two and a half months, the youth competition is condensed into less than two weeks with events taking place at

several different bowling centers in the Detroit area.

The USBC Youth Open will be July 7-15 at Skore Lanes in Taylor. The USBC Gold competition follows July 5-11 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights; July 5-9, at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and Century Bowl in Waterford.

The USBC Pepsi Tournament will be July 14-16 at Sunnybrook, while the Adult/Youth tournament is slated for July 7-10 at Taylor Lanes in Taylor.

Attendance numbers are not yet available, but the events will draw youth bowlers from all over the USA.

The Pepsi tourney also draws bowlers from many other countries.

Many of the competitors will be here with their families and the numbers of total visitors combined with the women's tournament will be huge and the economic impact on this area will be like a much needed shot in the

arm. The women will be going for cash prizes, while the kids will be shooting for scholarship money only.

For local bowlers, these tournaments present an opportunity to bowl in top level competition without the added cost of travel.

The Detroit area certainly has enough talent in great numbers to enjoy the thrill of victory as many of our local bowlers, both women and youth are going to give it their best shot.

■ The regular Men's USBC Open championships are currently underway in Albuquerque, N.M. with the Detroit-area Lodge Lanes squad, led by Mitch Jabczynski, currently in first place in the team category with a total of 3,172 pins.

Mitch's teammates are Bob Jawor, Keith Runyan, Steve Szabina and John Gaines. They will have to wait it out until the tournament ends in July.

Of course, they were also lucky enough to be in a warm and sunny place while the rest of us enjoy this wintry weather.

I wonder if they make any of those bowling bags with ski runners instead of wheels, or at least interchangeable.

■ Oak Lanes in Westland was a perfect condition for Jerry Krupinski of Dearborn Heights as he recorded a series of 696, which is not bad for a 185 average bowler.

Mathematically speaking, he was 140 over average for the three games of 243-229-224 and that also adds up to an award from USBC for a 140 over-average series.

Nice going, Jerry, keep it up and the higher your average goes, the harder it will get to do it again.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by email at: tenpinalley@sbc-global.net



## Shark attack

The Plymouth Sharks U8 girls soccer team recently captured first place in the U8 Division 1 Winter 2 session at High Velocity Sports in Canton with a 6-1-1 record. The team consists of Morgan Abb, Julia Arapoff, Kara Hug, Deanna Hunt, Alyssa Knight, Gabriella Mazzuca, Olivia Pahl, Madelyn Rush, Chloe Russo, Alyssa Scott, Meghan Sullivan and Clara Wall. The team is coached by Gerry Hug and Terry Rush.

## COLEMAN

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up something I went so far with. Besides, the Penguins had a state championship to defend and I wasn't about to miss out on that."

### Late skater

Coleman didn't pull on her first official hockey jersey until the eighth grade when she skated for the Ann Arbor Cougars.

"I always thought it looked interesting and I wanted to try it out," she said. "I remember having a difficult time stopping in the beginning. My coach would always yell at me for not being aggressive enough, which is something I no longer have a problem with."

During each year of the Penguins' short existence, there has always been a Coleman on the roster.

Amy's older sister, Lauren, played on the inaugural team and her younger sister, Sarah — who played as a freshman this season — will carry on the Coleman tradition the next three seasons.

"Not only have the Penguins turned into my family," Amy Coleman noted, "but by family has turned into the Penguins."

### More than wins

Coleman said she learned some valuable lessons during the recently completed five-win season.

"Honestly, I thought it was going to be harder than it was," she said, referring to the mass exodus of top-notch Penguins. "We were left with a lot of first-year players, but after an undefeated season last year, it reminded me that winning isn't everything."

"We were forced to work out our problems rather than just cover them up with yet another win, which strengthened the team unity and made this year one of my favorites."

Coleman, who was named 2nd Team All-State last week, excels in the class room as well as the rink as she has compiled a spectacular 3.97 grade-point average.

Her future holds a promising collegiate stay at Michigan State University, where she plans on majoring in Elementary Physical Education.

"I chose that because I love being active and love to work with little kids," she said. "Being an elementary gym teacher wouldn't be a job at all — it would be a dream come true."

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering a unique opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Personalized benches and brick pavers will be placed in a pathway around Fellows Creek Golf Club, which is located at 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton. Each paver is 4-by-8 inches in size and can include up to three lines of inscription with 14 characters per line, including spaces.

Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100 and are 100 percent tax deductible.

The program was initiated by the Friends of Fellows Creek, a group of residents dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Proceeds from the program will go toward improvements at Fellows Creek.

For more information, call (734) 728-1300.

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## It's the love, not spanking, that matters

I wanted to write to you to let you know that not every parent that spansks their child is an abuser. I have NEVER abused my children even though I have spanked them. Maybe this is not correct to say now but I still believe that it's true. My children have all grown up to be fine people and I know that it's because they had parents that loved them enough to spank them when they needed it. I enjoy your articles each month but I just had to write this to let you know that I disagree with you on this point. Thank you.

Thank you for this letter. I appreciate the fact that you felt compelled to write and let me know your feelings on this subject. And I respect your opinion and have no doubt that you have been a wonderful and loving parent. However, let me address the points that you have raised.



Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

To begin, I agree that the successes that your children have made in life are a direct reflection of the kind of upbringing that they have experienced. If they were given a healthy dose of love, respect, and support then the odds of their personal success and

happiness are increased. I have no doubt that this was the case in your household. However, let's be clear, the love that you provided was the important factor and not the spankings that were administered.

As was discussed in last month's column, spanking, as a form of behavior management, is not all that effective as a means of promoting the positive qualities and traits that are essential to success and happiness. So, the happiness and success that your grown children enjoy can only be attributed to the support and guidance that were provided and not to the spankings that were given. I would guess that if they had never been spanked, they would have still turned out fine. On the other hand, if they were never given the positive time and interactions, their current lives would be much different.

Secondly, I do not agree with the notion that your children "needed" a spanking. I believe that the idea that needs to be promoted is that there are times in every person's life in which they, child or adult, need guidance or correction. The forms of this corrective action are varied and are highly dependent on the situation as well as the individual. Logic dictates that such a corrective measure will be selected on the basis of its effectiveness as well as its potential costs. As we have discussed in past columns, spanking falls short for both these criteria. As such, can a spanking ever be truly necessary? Finally, I respect your opinion and do not believe that you have abused your children by spanking them. I believe that you have always done what you have felt was best for your children. This includes spanking. However, my point is that there are so many other forms of behavior modification available that are not associated with the same amount of potential for misuse or come equipped with such a plethora of hidden costs.

My daughter is in the sixth grade and refuses to get her ears pierced. She would rather wear clip-ons than get the real thing. I don't understand this. I have waited for years to take her to do this and feel disappointed each time she gets to the store and backs out at the last minute. I feel like a failure as a mother. What will it take for me to get her to do this? I feel that this is a developmental milestone that she is not reaching. Am I wrong?

Relax. Your daughter will get her ears pierced if and when she's ready and not one minute before. It is not so unusual for kids to resist something that they feel pressured about. And there is little doubt that your daughter feels pressured to get this procedure done.

Why is this so important to you? Why do you put so much time and effort into this matter? From your letter, it almost sounds as if you are using this as some sort of measurement of your parenting or your daughter's maturity (a developmental milestone?). If she gets her ears pierced then you both pass but if she doesn't ... then what?

My guess is that your daughter is a wonderful young woman with many talents and qualities. I suggest that you focus more on these and less on the trivial ones such as how many holes are poked into her earlobes.

However, her reluctance to get pierced needs to be addressed calmly and with respect. Many girls, and boys, are concerned with the amount and intensity of pain associated with ear piercing. Her fears need to be heard and respected. Her decision needs to be solicited and respected. In short, her ears her decision. Respect it.

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions can be sent to [terrywilamowski@yahoo.com](mailto:terrywilamowski@yahoo.com).

## Painting of the shamrocks



Organizations like the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen turned Michigan Avenue green for the St. Patrick's Day Parade last year.

## St. Patrick's parade a half-century tradition

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

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ichael Riordan was just a boy when his mother, Bridget, and father, Jeremiah, shared fond stories of her uncle Father Patrick O'Sullivan, the pastor who led a small parade through the neighborhood surrounding St. Monica Catholic Church on Heyden Street in 1956. The St. Patrick's Day celebration began with Mass and ended with a party in the parish hall.

"My parents came to America (from County Kerry) in the early 1950s. Ireland's booming now, but back then there was nothing," said Riordan of Plymouth. "They were the typical immigrant story. My father worked for the gas company. My mother was a domestic. Everything was church- and faith-centered. They marched around the church there. Parades weren't a big deal. In Ireland it was always a holy day of obligation. Back then the Irish went to their parish priest for needs. In the late '40s and early '50s they always had celebrations with nice invitations, the Irish at St. Monica's on the edge of the Brightmoor area."

The church's parade was just the beginning of St. Patrick's Day celebrations to come. Each year the crowds grew and by 1959 the United Irish Societies gathered together their clubs and organizations to build upon the tradition, which originated in Detroit in the 1800s but disappeared after the turn of the century. The UIS parade was held in Dearborn and then moved to Detroit. Marchers made their

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The Court of St. Brigid (Chelsea O'Donnell, left, Kelley Carey and Queen Maura Mulcahy) and Maid of Erin Kate Bryan and her court (Megan Henahan and Brianna Devlin) march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit on March 16.



Sophia Urban of Livonia (left); Mary Riordan, Plymouth, and Maura Corrigan, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, attended last year's brunch presented by the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers before the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. The girls performed step dancing for the crowd.

## After a lifetime of writing, Garden City man publishes 1st novels

BY SUSAN ROSIEK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Falk grew up writing. At age 14, using an old Underwood typewriter, he and a friend would write short stories. Later he wrote for newspapers and radio, covering police beats in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Then it was writing for Goodyear and Chrysler in their public relations and consumer affairs departments.

Jim and Becky Falk moved to Garden City in 1969 where they raised six boys. Needless to say, family kept Falk busy. He put his writing on hold but never gave up on his

dream to write a novel. He played trumpet in concert and big bands throughout the metro area and for 17 years made the drive north to Interlochen Music Camp where five of his six sons attended.

Now at age 77, Falk has written and published two mystery novels. The first, *The Pen Pal Murders*, was released last month. The second, *The Sitting Duck*, will be in bookstores later this year.

**MURDER AND MAYHEM**  
*The Pen Pal Murders*, a thriller, features homemaker

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### THE FALK FILE



Jim Falk, 77, has published two mysteries.

four years in the Marines 1948 to 1952 during which he played football. It got him an athletic scholarship to Westminster College where he met his wife, Becky.

**Age:** 77  
**Hometown:** Has lived in Garden City since June 1969.  
**Education:** B.A. in journalism; M.A. in communications. Spent

**Career:** Newspapers, radio and public relations. Retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1981.  
**Family:** Wife Miriam (Becky) is a registered nurse (retired). Sons, Tim, Peter, Sam, Steve and Ben. Sam, Steve and Peter attended Garden City High School. Tim attended Cranbrook and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He works for Peter who owns a construction business. Sam graduated from Lawrence Tech, and is a partner in a cell phone company. Ben attended Catholic Central and graduated from U-M. He lives

and works in Brooklyn, N.Y. Steve graduated from Schoolcraft and works for Merck & Co. Inc., a global pharmaceutical company. Oldest son, Tom, died in 1969.  
**Music:** Played trumpet in metro area concert and big bands — including The Swing Shift, led by Detroit advertising executive Bill Brenneman. Also played with the Bob Hopkins Big Band. Falk studied music at Henry Ford Community College and played with a big band from the college which performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland in 1998.



# Learn more about SHAMROCKS art of swordplay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Prepare to buckle your swashes and enjoy a free swordplay and stunt demonstration on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Ring of Steel Action Theatre presents a series of vignettes featuring swordplay and stunts for all ages from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22, in the Student Theatre Arts Complex 1201 Kipke Road (behind Crisler Arena.)

Doors open at 9:45 a.m. with a display of armor, swords and stunt equipment. For more information, visit [www.ringofsteel.org](http://www.ringofsteel.org) or call (734) 320-1147, or [rostee@umich.edu](mailto:rostee@umich.edu).

"Part of it is to provide entertainment for community," said Ring of Steel member Heather MacFarland who lives in Grass Lake and works at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "We'd love to have more people to play with and join. A lot of times people who enjoy watching swordplay enjoy doing it. We have so much fun. We have to practice not smiling when we do it."

People of all ages love swordplay and their membership proves it. MacFarland is a 42-year-old mother of two children but kids as young as middle school enjoy the art of swordsmanship.

Established in 1989, Ring of Steel is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to developing and promoting the art of stage violence and stunt work.

Members teach classes, provides in-house workshops, choreograph shows, and perform for Renaissance festivals, Celtic fairs, sci-fi and fantasy conven-

tions, haunted houses, film, television, opera, birthdays, weddings, movie openings, business parties, and productions and events.

"We draw mostly from Ann Arbor but have people from other areas," said MacFarland. "They sometimes come in from Farmington, and our Maestro, Christopher Barbeau, choreographs for local high schools including West Bloomfield. Our performances are not only in Ann Arbor area. We'd travel for performances."

Kids, ages 8-12 and 12-18, can get in on the action at stunt camps June 23-27, July 21-25, and August 25-29, now in the third year at the U-M Athletic Campus in the Student Theatre Arts Complex. The daily sessions run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$275 for the first child, \$225 per additional child (family members only).

Sessions include basic and intermediate acrobatics with emphasis on tumbling, physical play and how to move. Jedi School features light saber and force use and techniques in swordplay and acting. Swordsmanship focuses on rapier and broadsword techniques of historical and modern swordplay suitable for characters such as knights, musketeers and pirates. Non-competitive, strong basic skills and safety are emphasized.

The camps are appropriate for all levels of physical skill. Kids need not be advanced gymnasts.

The camps are ideal for helping young actors to move and tumble, to express their bodies and become comfortable even sideways or upside-down. Alternative choices will be available for youngsters finding any activity too demanding.

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way down Woodward Avenue until 1985 when the route was changed to spotlight the Irish's historic Corktown area along Michigan Avenue.

### FAMILY TIES

On March 16, Riordan, his wife Meghan (Kennedy) and their children, Fiona Bridget, 4, Mary Augusta, 8, and Jeremiah Patrick, 9, attend Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township then head for a brunch put on by the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers before marching in the parade which steps off at 2 p.m. from Michigan Avenue and Sixth. Fiona and Mary kick up their heels step dancing at the 11 a.m. brunch at Carl's. The girls study at O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth.

Riordan is past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. He's also a member of the Knights of Equity, one of the 31 Irish organizations that have united as the UIS to put on the Detroit parade every year for the last half century.

Riordan had been attending and marching in the parade for more than 40 years. He looks forward to a number of activities leading up to the big day including the Painting of the Shamrocks on Michigan Avenue which was scheduled earlier this year so as not to coincide with Holy Week.

"St. Patrick did so much for the people of Ireland. It wasn't just bringing the Catholic faith," said Riordan. "Although the parade's for everybody. It's a lot of families, a lot of fun for kids. It's a big thrill."

### SOUND OF MUSIC

Mike Kelly of Livonia expects this year's parade to be the largest ever.



Michael Riordan of Plymouth and his children, Mary August and Jeremiah Patrick at last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Riordan has attended or marched in this major Irish event for more than 40 years.

He and co-chairman Joe Parsky have invited the Birmingham Celtic Pipes and Drums, Windsor Police Pipe and Drum Corps, Red Thistle Pipes and Drums as well as high school marching bands from Garden City, John Glenn (Westland) and Wayne Memorial.

Kelly leads off the parade with the Court of St. Brigid and Maid of Erin and her Court — young women of Irish

descent who were selected to receive scholarships and represent the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (Rose Kennedy Division) and the UIS in the parade and events throughout the year. Kate Bryan of Grosse Pointe is Maid of Erin.

Her court is Megan Henahan and Brianna Devlin, both of Livonia. Court of St. Brigid Queen is Maura Mulcahy of Plymouth, her court Chelsea O'Donnell of Ann Arbor and Kelly Carey of Livonia.

"Because it's the 50th we anticipate a huge crowd. We have the largest amount of pipe bands and marching organizations already signed, pipe bands from all over, color guards, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, Shrine Highlanders Pipe and Drums," said Kelly, whose wife, Maureen, marches with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians while daughters Colleen, 16, and Brigid, 15 carry a banner for the Court of St. Brigid.

"This is a great family day for everybody to get out and celebrate with their ancestors and what we've done for the city of Detroit building Corktown. It's a way of celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. Each of the organizations will be marching, family groups called Calling of the Clans, the O'Malleys, Larkins, Caren, Hanafin, Gleeson, McGovern, Buckley. The Irish Setter Club will be there, the Sons of the Auld Sod, the Irish Wheelchair Association. My favorite part is seeing everyone line up at the beginning of the parade and at the end looking at the people on both sides of Michigan Avenue enjoying themselves with their family and friends."

"Last year the crowd was the largest we ever had," said Dennis Hayes, UIS president. "It's a very widely attended parade of people from Ann Arbor to Port Huron. People from all communities are welcome. Everybody loves the Irish and the Irish love to have a good time. Don't miss the opportunity to come down."

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## FALK

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Diane Duval and newspaper crime reporter Marge Bennett. Duval's life is changed when her husband disappears and she becomes a target. The women team up and are confronted by a series of close calls all of which lead to an suspenseful climax.

Set in Pittsburgh — Falk's boyhood hometown — the novel offers up characters like police detectives Joe Spinaldo and Pete Zabala who help the two women unravel the mystery.

Falk says the characters and incidents are drawn in part from the poor, tough Pittsburgh neighborhood where he grew up.

"So many novels end up in

absurdity that my goal," Falk said, "is to write novels, other than science fiction, that no one would say 'that could never happen.'"

### HE KEEPS ON WRITING

Falk writes short stories as a member of a writers' group, Pen to Paper, in Tecumseh, Mich. Several of their stories have won awards a writing conferences. His short story, "A Christmas Miracle," appeared in the December 2007 issue of *The St. Anthony Messenger Magazine*.

Falk retired in 1981 as head of Chrysler Corp. Consumer Affairs Department, then worked in real estate for 12 years. He "retired" again in 1993. Becky also retired after 32 years as a pediatric nurse at Ann Arbor Hospital.

"We planned pretty wisely

and have enjoyed our leisure ... if that's what it can be called, because we are busy with a number of activities, sports, grandchildren, Becky with Meals on Wheels and a few other things. We are enjoying life," said Falk.

Falk is still a busy man. He writes about three hours a day.

"It makes no difference when I start," he said. "I just get to my basement office, turn on some nice music and try to close my ears to occasional noise from any of 10 grandchildren who love to visit. But the kids, my wife, and our dogs Beau, a yellow Lab and Dingo, an Australia cattle dog, are always welcome," said Falk.

Falk, who has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Westminster College in Pennsylvania and a master's in

communication, rhetoric and public address from Wayne State University, has some advice for aspiring writers.

"Don't waste time. If you want to write, write. Be enthusiastic no matter what, but still be realistic about your writing. If you are convinced of its worth, then write and never give up."

He added: "Avoid friends or relatives for opinions, they'll seldom tell you the truth. And above all, do not forsake spiritual help. That got me through a lot of times when I couldn't figure what should come next."

"The Pen Pal Murders" is available at any online bookseller and in most bookstores or from Sterling House Publisher ([sterlinghouse-bookstore.com](http://sterlinghouse-bookstore.com)) or by calling (888) 542-2665. Visit [www.jamesfalk.net](http://www.jamesfalk.net) for more information.

## "Ringing In Your Ears?"



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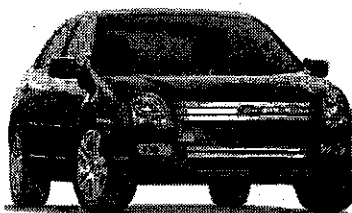
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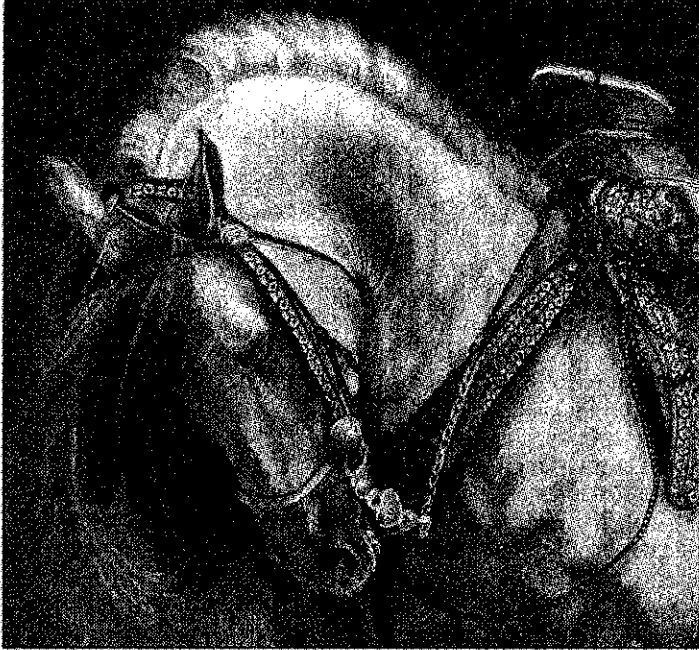


# Artifacts Art Club show continues through March

Artifacts Art Club recently announced the winners of the March exhibit at Livonia City Hall. Al Webber judged the multimedia show which continues in the lobby at City Hall through March.

Artifacts Art Club is composed of artists working at all levels and different media. The club's intention is to provide an atmosphere of camaraderie, education and peer support. Activities range from demonstrations, speakers and professional critiques to the sharing of member expertise. A yearly exhibition is held at Livonia City Hall. Excursions to galleries and art exhibits are often planned for members throughout the year. A newsletter keeps members up to date on club activities, art shows and workshops.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of February, March, April, September, and October at



Sherry Eid won first place in the Artifacts Art Club exhibition continuing through March at Livonia City Hall. The colored pencil work is titled Courser.

the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The May meeting will be on the third Tuesday.

Yearly dues are \$20. For more information, contact Sherry Eid at (734) 591-3094.

Eid took first place in the exhibit for her colored pencil portrait of a horse, *Courser*. Robert McDonnell won second prize for *Here's Looking at You, Kid* (colored pencil).

Third place went to Linda Lutze for *The Groom* (charcoal), honorable mention to Darrell Judy for *Brotherly Love* (modified pen and ink). Merit awards were won by

Barbara Rex for *Dry Spell* (photograph); Peggy Gray for *Jade*, a colored pencil; Mary Kehoe for a watercolor of an iris, and Darl Papple for *Vintage Hand Tools* (oil).

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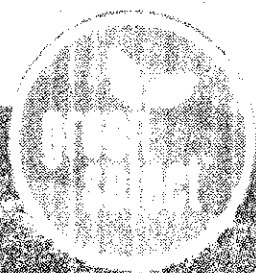
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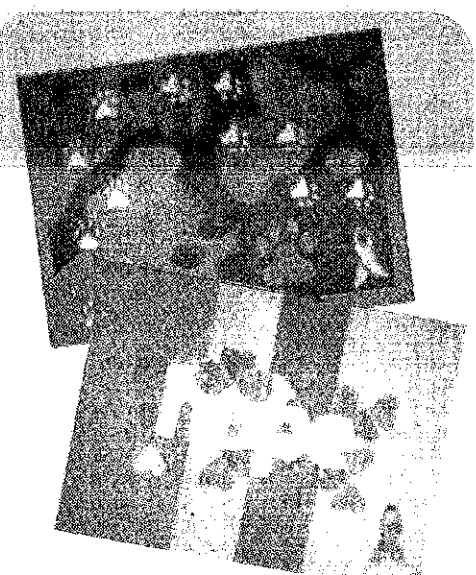
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## BIRTH

**Brooke Astoria McMann**

Jamie and Jason McMann of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Astoria McMann, on Jan. 10, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Peggy Driskell of Livonia, Mike Boisvenu of Farmington Hills and Tim and Sue McMann of Plymouth.

## ANNIVERSARY

**Attons celebrate 50th**

Jay and Bea (Wells) Atton of Nokomis, Fla., are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

They were married March 14, 1958, in Garden City. They lived in this area until 1987.

The Attons have seven children: Don Cowan, John Cowan, Bonnie Cowan Artrip, Thomas Atton, Carroll Atton, Patti Atton Gavin and Kelley Atton Heidt. They have 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jay Atton is retired from Ford Motor Co. Bea Atton is retired from Bob Owens Sports Cars in Garden City.

They had their first date at the races and still enjoy car

races today. They spend time bowling, camping, traveling and restoring old Fords.

An anniversary celebration with the children is planned for Nokomis, Fla.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Comben-Guideau**

Jim Comben and Kathleen Price of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate Comben, to Nathan Guideau, son of Charlie and Shawn Guideau of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University.

The future groom is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University.

A Sept. 20, 2008, wedding is planned for Mill Race Historical Village in Northville.

**Cavicchioli-Durow**

James and Kim Cavicchioli of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Elizabeth Cavicchioli, to Jeffrey Ross Durow, son of Arthur and Paula Durow of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. She has a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She works for the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Technical Assistance Center for the Skillman Foundation's Good Neighbor Initiative.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from



Michigan State University. He works as a youth ministry intern at Oak Point Church and at Martin and Osa.

A May, 2008, wedding is planned in Plymouth.

**Greco-Morrison**

Vic and Jackie Greco of DeBeque, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Greco of Palisade, Colo., to William Morrison of Dearborn Heights, son of Charles and Carol Morrison of Greer, S.C.

Kellie Greco has two children, Austen and Sage.

**Walkowicz-Topper**

Dennis and Jeanne Walkowicz of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Walkowicz of Redford, to Matthew Topper, son the late Edmund and Marilyn Topper.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in occupational therapy from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Grosse Pointe Schools.

The future groom received a bachelor's degree in history from Michigan State University and a master's degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College. He is employed by Huron Valley Schools.

A wedding and reception is planned for Crystal Mountain Golf and Ski Resort on Aug. 16, 2008.

**Rekuc-Sanchez**

Nancy Rekuc, formerly of Canton, and Jesse Sanchez of McAllen, Texas, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Edward and Irene Rekuc, who lived in Canton. She has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is the owner of Golden Key Muscular Therapy in McAllen, Texas.

The future groom is the son of Lucas and Carmen Sanchez of Eagle Pass, Texas.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from the University of Central Texas. He is a master at arms



in the U.S. Navy.

An April, 2008, wedding is planned for Livonia.

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**HARVEY L. RASCHKE**

September 21, 1921 - March 8, 2008 of Rochester Hills, formerly of Madison Heights. Age 86, died Saturday March 8, 2008 at Medilodge of Rochester Hills, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Harvey was born September 21, 1921 to the late Fred and Emma Raschke, and lived for 49 years in Madison Heights. He served in the US Army during WW II in the 103rd Infantry Division in France and Germany, and was a proud American and Member of VFW Post 9507 in Madison Heights. He married and was the loving husband for 52 years of the late Doris M. (Gugel) Raschke, who preceded him in death in 1999. Mr. Raschke retired after 35 years of service as Vice President and Chief Underwriter for Gleaner Life Insurance Society in Adrian Michigan. He held a Masters Degree in the field of life insurance underwriting, and was a Charter Life Underwriter (CLU) and Registered Health Underwriter (RHU). Mr. Raschke, always a true believer in physical fitness, was a member of The Madison Heights Senior Citizen Center, an avid bowler and golfer, and swam like a fish at his local health center. Mr. Raschke leaves to cherish his memory his only son/child Arthur L. (Linda) Raschke; Grandchildren Jenna L. Raschke, Michael G. (Alissa L. Spencer) Raschke, Jacqueline M. (John) McDermott; and his beautiful Great-granddaughter Macy Lyn McDermott. Harvey will also be sadly missed by his sister Evelyn Rugger of Clearwater FL; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Wally and Jenny Gugel of Chesterfield Township; and many Great Nephews, Great Grand Nephews, Nieces, Great Nieces, and Great Grand Nieces. The family would sincerely like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbors, the professional staff at American House, the staff at the OPC's Adult Daycare, Crittenton Hospital and Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cranbrook Hospice Care, and Pixley Funeral Home. The family could not have made it through this very difficult time without all your support and kindness for which they are eternally grateful. A private family memorial service will be held to honor his memory and interment will be at the Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorials may be made to: Cranbrook Hospice Care 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester. 248-651-9641

**IRENE H. CARRIER**

Age 87 of Farmington Hills, March 12, 2008. Lifetime member of St. Gerald Catholic Church. Beloved wife of the late William (2000). Loving mother of Mark (Cindy), and Cynthia (Frank) Remski. Cherished grandmother of William A. Carrier II, Angella Carrier, Cynthia Marie, Katherine, Christine, Frank Jr., Howard and Peter Remski. Dear sister of Mary Ann Bearden. Funeral Mass Monday, March 17th, 11:00 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd. (btwn 8-9 Mile Rds), Farmington. Visitation Sunday 1-8 PM with 4 PM Rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds, just N of Grand River), Downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. heeney-sundquist.com

**SERGE JOHN SEGUIN**

July 19, 1957-March 8, 2008. Beloved father of Jamie. Son of Therese and the late John F. Seguin. Brother to Susan (Michael) Hudson, John F. Seguin, III, Mary (Matt) Danko and uncle to 7 nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

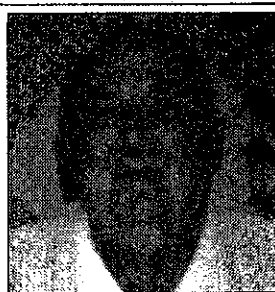
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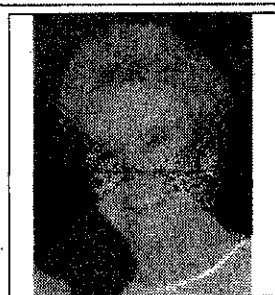
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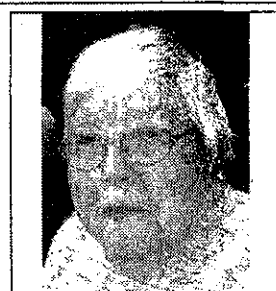
Age 70, March 7, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Lee, Brad, and Todd (Teresa) Arnold, and Becky (Kevin) Krupa, and their mother, Kay Arnold. Dear brother of Jayna Eckler and Betty Lampher. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Loving friend and companion of Lois Mize. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 10:30am at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 N. Sheldon Rd. His family suggests donations to the American Lung Association. Please sign Jimmy's online guestbook [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com)

**JOYCE A. NOWELS**

Age 73, March 12, 2008. Beloved wife of Wayne. Loving mother of Gayle Williamson, Barbara Sever (Ken), Ann Kennedy (Jim) and other mother of Christine Corrie (Jim) and Douglas Nowels (Tammie). Cherished grandmother of Michael Williamson, Tracy and Emily Sever, Aaron Corrie, Kendra, Katie, Kimberlee and Kyle Nowels; great-grandmother of Michael Williamson. Dear sister of Orvis Henke (Jean), Barbara Kelly (Dick) and the late Harold and Eric Henke. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. (in state 10:30 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington. Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. at: THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W/Farmington Rd.). [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

**ROBERTA ANN "BOBBIE" HARRISON**

October 29, 1941 - March 12, 2008. Of Plymouth. Cherished wife of the late H. L. Harrison. Beloved mother of William McGuffin, Allison (Kane) Wilson, Robert (Nikki) Harrison, Heidi (Jamie) Bungard, Heather (Jake) Dreaver, Amanda Harrison, Margaret Harrison and the late Jacob H. Harrison. Loving grandma to eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Precious sister to Connie (Lenny) Skotze, Barbara Ball, Judy (Emory) Smith and the late Janet Borgen. She will be greatly missed. Funeral service 2pm Monday at the Allen Park Chapel, Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Road (corner of Goddard). Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. [www.martenson.com](http://www.martenson.com)

**WILMA WAGNER**

Age 92, died March 13, 2008. She was a resident of the Plymouth community since 1987. She was actively involved with the Senior Citizens Group of Plymouth, as well as VFW Post 6695. Her family was most important to her and her greatest joy. She is survived by her children, Connie Wagner, Ward (Sharon) Wagner, and Dorothy (Samuel) Watson; her grandchildren, Donovan (Audrey) Watson, Teresa Watson, and Lois (Anthony) Wojciechowski; step-grandmother of Kevin, Kelly and Wayne, her great-grandson, Samuel Sedar Watson; her brother, Forrest (Mary) Whitney; and her daughter-in-law, Marge Wagner. She is preceded in death by her husband, Willis, whom she married in 1941, and her son, Richard. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting

**Newburg United Methodist Church**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
(between Newburgh Rd. and Wayne Rd.)  
www.newburgumc.org  
**Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m.**  
(at Greenmead - 8 Mile & Newburgh Rd.)  
**Easter Sunday Festival Worship**  
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Easter Sunday - 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Kids craft at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday

**HOLY WEEK**  
at Rosedale Gardens  
PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 16  
9:00 a.m. Chapel Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata "Forsaken" with Narration and Full Orchestra  
MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, March 20  
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall  
GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, March 21  
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)-Chapel  
EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, March 23  
9:00 a.m. Chapel Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus", Childrens Choir, and Handbell Music  
**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church USA**  
9601 Hubbard at West Chicago  
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734.422.0494  
http://www.rosedalegardens.org

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
620 Romeo Street, Rochester  
stpaulsrochester.org 248.651.9361  
**Holy Week Services**  
Thursday, March 20  
7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Communion  
Good Friday, March 21  
12:30 p.m. Community Worship  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae, featuring the Mozart Requiem with choirs & orchestra  
Easter Sunday, March 23  
7 a.m. Sunrise Service (Praise Band)  
7:45-11 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
March 20 - Maundy Thursday  
with Holy Communion  
7 PM  
March 21 - Good Friday  
1 PM & 7 PM  
March 23 - Resurrection Sunday  
8:30 AM and 11 AM  
Starting March 30  
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**Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
39020 Five Mile Rd., Livonia  
734-464-0211  
[www.holytrinitylivonia.org](http://www.holytrinitylivonia.org)  
**Maundy Thursday - 7 pm**  
**Good Friday - noon and 7 pm**  
**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**7, 9 and 11 am**  
**Easter Brunch & Silent Auction**  
**7:30 to 10:30 am**

**Clarenceville  
United Methodist Church**  
20300 Middlebelt Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48152  
Pastor Beth Lbrande  
(248) 474-3444

**March 16 - Palm Sunday**  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Program

**March 20 - Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. - Communion Service

**March 21 - Good Friday**  
7:00 p.m.

**March 23 - Easter Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service & Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Easter Morning Service  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

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<p><b>MARCH 20</b> – MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM <b>TENEBAE</b>-Service of Darkness (Child care for infant through preschool)</p> <p><b>MARCH 21</b> – GOOD FRIDAY 12:15 PM <b>COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>MARCH 23</b> – EASTER SUNDAY 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> (Child care for infant through preschool)</p>	<p><b>FAITH COVENANT CHURCH</b></p> <p>14 Mile and Drake Roads Farmington Hills <b>WWW.4FCC.ORG</b></p>
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**ST. MAURICE CHURCH...32765 Lyndon St.**  
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 March 20...**HOLY THURSDAY**...St. Maurice Church  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p; Nightwatch until midnight  
 March 21...**GOOD FRIDAY**...St. Genevieve Church  
 Silent Reflection 12noon; Stations 12:30p; Good Friday Liturgy 1p;  
 1st Day of Divine Mercy Novena 3p; Private prayer until 6p  
 March 22...**HOLY SATURDAY**  
 Blessing of Easter Food:  
 St. Maurice Church 11:30a...St. Genevieve Church 1p  
**THE EASTER VIGIL**...St. Maurice Church 8p  
 March 23...**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
 St. Maurice Church 9a...St. Genevieve Church 9a & 11a

**First Baptist Church-Detroit**  
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*Melvin*

**SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday**, March 16 at 11:00 a.m.  
**Maundy Thursday**, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service  
**Good Friday**, March 21 at 12:00 noon - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23  
9:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. - Program in Fellowship Hall/Children's Choir  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

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**Palm Sunday & Easter**  
8:30 & 10:30 am

**Good Friday**  
Noon & 7 pm

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**Palm Sunday**-March 16th.....10:30 am  
*Worship Service with Holy Communion*

**Maundy Thursday**-March 20th.....7:00 pm  
*Worship Service with Holy Communion*

**Great Vigil of Easter**-March 22nd.....Sundown

**Easter Sunday**-March 23rd.....10:30 am  
*Worship Service with Holy Communion*  
*Deacon's Easter Morning Breakfast.....8:00-10:00 am*  
*\$2.00 person/\$5.00 family*

**First Baptist Church of Rochester**  
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**March 21 • 12:15pm**  
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**Sunday, March 23**  
**9:30am & 11:00am**  
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**Palm Sunday March 18**  
7:45 AM service at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia  
10 AM service at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia  
**Maundy Thursday March 20 7 PM**  
Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
**Good Friday March 21 7 PM**  
Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
**FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
March 23 Festive Communion Services  
7:45 AM at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia  
10 AM at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia  
For more information call 248-442-0422 [www.bischurch.us](http://www.bischurch.us)

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(313) 532-8655  
*Rev. Gregory Gibbons, Pastor*

<b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Good Friday Worship</b>	<b>1:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Easter Festival Service</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>

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Friday, March 21 – 7:00 p.m. .... Reflections of the Crucifixion  
Saturday, March 22 – 9 – 11:00 a.m. .... Family breakfast & Easter egg hunt  
Sunday, March 23 – 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. .... Easter Morning Celebration


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March 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Maundy Thursday**  
  
"Lord Is It I?"

**Easter Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
"The Littlest Donkey" Worship with  
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Starring Children & Full Choir  
& Youth



**Good Friday**  
**Community Services**  
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**1-3 pm**  
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**Good Friday – March 21**  
 Noon to 3pm  
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**Great Vigil of Easter – March 22**  
 6:00 pm (in the Chapel)

**Easter Sunday – March 23**  
 8 am Holy Communion  
 9:30 am Brass Prelude  
 10 am Festive Holy Communion  
*Reception & egg hunt follows*  
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer with Communion  
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**Sunrise Service**

**8:00 am**  
**Easter Breakfast**

**9:00 & 10:30 am**  
**Regular Services**


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**Antioch** Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3330 W. 13 Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
e-mail: antiochELCA@globalnet  
Website: www.antiochELCA.org  
248-426-7966

**Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday – March 20 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday – March 21 at 7:30 p.m.  
Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

*The Resurrection of our Lord*  
Sunday, March 23  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
25630 Grand River Ave. Redford, MI 48240  
(313)532-2266

***~Holy Week Worship~***

<b>Psalms Sunday, March 16</b> Worship Hours at 9:15 and 11:00 "Traditional Parade of Palms" by the Sunday School children Pastor Victor Halboch, Assistant Pastor will preach "Our Palm Sunday Heritage" With Holy Communion	<b>Good Friday, March 21</b> Worship at 1:00 pm and Tenebrae at 7:30 pm Pastor Victor Halboch, Assistant Pastor will preach "No Dead End" With Holy Communion
<b>Maundy Thursday, March 20</b> Worship at 11:00 am and 7:30 pm Pastor Timothy Thibodeau, Senior Pastor will preach "Take Eat, Take Drink" With Holy Communion	<b>Easter Sunday, March 23</b> Worship at 7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 am Pastor Timothy Thibodeau, Senior Pastor will preach "Seeing the Lord Alive"


*Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church*  
*Invites you to join us as we observe*

*Holy Week*

**Palm Sunday Worship Services**  
March 16  
Traditional – 9:00 am & 10:20 am  
Contemporary – 9:00 am  
Easter Concert – 7:00 pm  
Featuring the Chancel Choir and  
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Ensembles, Soloists, Handbells

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
March 20 – 7:30 pm  
**Good Friday Service**  
March 21 – Noon - 3:00 pm

**Easter Sunday Worship Services – March 23**  
Traditional – 7:45 am, 9:00 am & 10:20 am  
Contemporary – 9:00 am, 10:20 am

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**Maundy Thursday**  
March 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Good Friday**  
March 21 at 12:30 & 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae  
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Livonia, MI 48154  
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David W. Martin, Pastor  
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734.453.5252  
**Maundy Thursday**  
w/Communion 7 pm  
**Good Friday** 7 pm  
**Easter Sunday**  
8:15 & 10:45 am  
**Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:30 am**

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
Between Joy Road & Ann Arbor Trail  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Seder Meal & Worship  
6:00pm  
**Good Friday**  
Worship  
7:00 pm  
**Easter Sunday**  
Celebration & Worship  
10:00 am

**Shepherd King Lutheran Church**  
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**Holy Week Worship**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
March 20th • 7:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday, March 21st**  
Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
**Easter, March 23rd**  
Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
All Services Open To The Public

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
36520 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills  
Phone: (248) 848-1750  
Website: northcongregationalchurch.org  
**EASTER SUNDAY, March 23** 9:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship  
"His Resurrection, Our Life Abundant"  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** March 20, 7:15 p.m.  
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**Palm Sunday** March 16 • 8:00, 9:30 Traditional & 11:00 am Praise  
**Maundy Thursday** March 20 • 7:30 pm  
**Good Friday** March 21 • 12:15 pm & 7:30 pm  
(pre-service music begins at 12:00 & 7:15)  
**Easter Vigil** March 22 • 5:30 pm  
**Easter Sunday** March 23 • 8:00, 9:30 Traditional 11:00 am Praise

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WES)**  
17810 Farmington Road ~ Livonia, Michigan  
734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org  
**2008 Holy Week Worship Opportunities**  
Palm Sunday.....March 16th.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday.....March 20th.....7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Afternoon.....March 21st.....1:15 p.m.  
Good Friday Tenebrae.....March 21st.....7:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday.....March 23rd.....7:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Celebrate Jesus' victory with us!

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**Palm Sunday Morning 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.**  
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**Palm Sunday at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.**  
Rev. Jeff Nelson preaching

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:30 P.M.**  
Holy Week Services of Worship with Guest Preachers

**Maundy Thursday 6:00 & 8:00 P.M.**  
Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

**Good Friday Evening Vespers 7:00 P.M.**  
Scenes and Reflections from the Cross

**Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.**  
Deacon Carl Gladstone and our Youth

**Easter Morning 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.**  
Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

**Easter at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.**  
Rev. Jeff Nelson preaching

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**  
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
7 p.m. Tenebrae  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**  
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
Stripping of the Altar  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**  
Noon - 3 p.m.  
Good Friday Liturgy  
**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22**  
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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**3/20 HOLY THURSDAY:** Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.  
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight  
**3/21 GOOD FRIDAY:** Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.  
No Confessions today.  
**3/22 HOLY SATURDAY:** Confessions 9:00 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.  
Easter Vigil 11:00 p.m. with High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight.  
**3/23 EASTER SUNDAY:** Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 20**  
Communion Tenebrae Service @ 7:30 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY Community Services**  
12:15 p.m. at Faith Covenant Church  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Celebration of the Resurrection  
7:00 a.m. Lakeside Sunrise Service  
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# CATAPULTING INTO A NEW CAREER



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

If your career is losing its fizz and you don't know what to do, watch for clues. Consider the path of a group of men and women with these titles:

- bouncer, semi-truck driver and repo guy;

was it. While watching a television program called "Trauma - Life in the ER," Iversen felt an adrenaline rush and saw that he could help others in an exciting, challenging environment.

Rodney Bickford, B.S.B.A., B.S.N., R.N., now a professional staff nurse with open-heart and bypass patients at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Shadyside Hospital, was a corporate tax manager. He kept driving his sick parents for medical care and couldn't understand what medical people were telling him. "I stepped up and had to dumb it down so family understood," he says. Going to nursing school solved the problem.

Barbara Ganley, Ph.D., R.N., A.H.N.-B.C., director of the M.S.N. Program and associate professor, Department of Nursing, at Dominican University of California in San Rafael, worked as facilities manager at a Los Angeles computer hardware and software company. She applied for another job there and lost it to a person with an undergraduate degree. She started looking for a career with greater personal impact, no longer too timid to explore her dream -- nursing.

Psychiatric nurse Leo Sullivan, R.N., who works at the Veterans Administration in North Hampton, Mass., had had enough of railroad engineering after 20 years and wanted something that offered "more giving, less taking." His former wife had gone into nursing, and he was watching the Classifieds, "where there were always six columns for nurses."

He loves his work and is now studying for his M.S.N. at the online Walden University in Minneapolis.

Robin Riley, R.N.P., A.P.R.N.-B.C., family nurse practitioner at the Navajo Health Foundation in Ganado, Ariz., received a golden parachute when she left IBM, moved to Florida, where she managed vacation and long-term rental properties and, subsequently "played at being retired" after returning to Tennessee. "I missed doing something meaningful with other people who cared what they were doing," she says. The idea to become a nurse came from a friend. Riley entered Vanderbilt School of Nursing and first practiced at age 61.

## LOOKING BACK

Is a first career a mismatch or a waste for a career changer? Bickford, the former accountant, points out that "I was young, 17, and didn't really know what I wanted to do." Riley, the former marketer, says, "Absolutely not. I just seemed to keep reinventing myself." Ganley, the facilities manager, seemed to have come into her own. "I always wanted to be a nurse but never thought I was smart enough. I was from a Texas family and was expected to marry someone... and have babies. I went for an A.N. for short-term reinforcement." Sullivan, the former railroad engineer, has no regrets. "I don't think anyone should do anything for more than 20 years," he says, chuckling.

Iversen, the former bouncer and repo man, recalls



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Photo: Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Dean Colleen-Conway Welch (r) awards Robin Riley the 2007 Founder's Medal for her high G.P.A. and community service. Riley first became a nurse at age 61.

"taking great pleasure in my prior jobs, tossing a drunk out of a bar, breaking up a fight, getting into a scuffle myself, or busting an ignition lock in a car and getting shot at as I was speeding away. Now I take even greater pleasure in seeing a smile on someone that I just treated, or even a thank you for treating someone. My career in nursing now is definitely not about the money. I made more money in my other jobs, but the satisfaction from helping someone instead of hurting him either physically or financially can't be beat(en)."

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## Help Wanted-General 5000

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For Livonia dermatology office. Must have dermatology experience. Fax resume to: 734-464-0335 or email to: catline99@yahoo.com

## Help Wanted-Medical 5060

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

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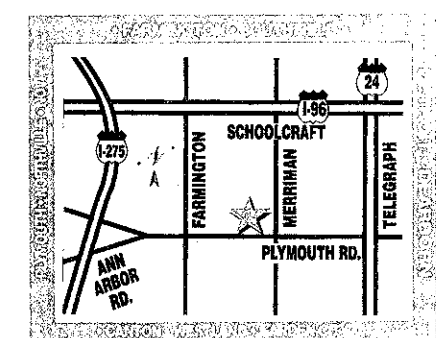
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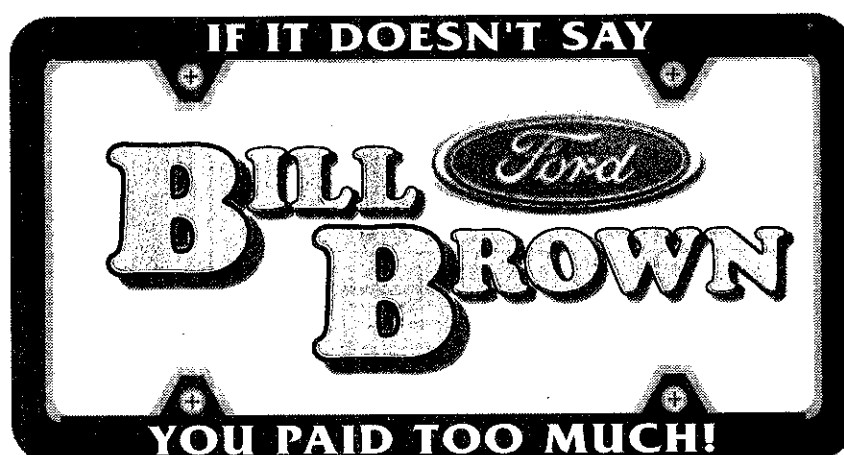
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## Good life is elementary in this dear Watson design

The Watson (406-07) is a duplex, but it is uniquely designed. It has colonial columns, with a porch on the second level. The Watson has a communal gathering room of 1,810 square feet. This area has been designed with a wet bar for use by all parties in the

home. There is also a loft area over the communal gathering room with two guest suites, opening onto the porch area, a bath, and an attic/storage area.

To the left of this unique area is a full home with a den, kitchen and nook area, a

vaulted living room, a workroom, utility, and a master suite. The entire area of Unit 1 is 2,166 square feet, which includes many amenities. The kitchen has a pantry and three skylights. These extend into the vaulted nook, which has a built-in hutch. In the living room, there is a gas fireplace with shelves running along the walls on each side. The bay window faces the front of the home. The den, next to the living room, has a full bath right off its doorway.

A large workroom has been designed that could act as an additional bedroom, if needed. It opens into the utility room with a pocket door. The master suite was designed with comfort in mind. There is a vanity table, twin sinks, and a large walk-in closet.

Both units have a three-car garage, one with a shop area, and one with a dog shower, and both with attics overhead. To the rear is a private patio with a privacy wall, specifically installed for the future placement of a spa.

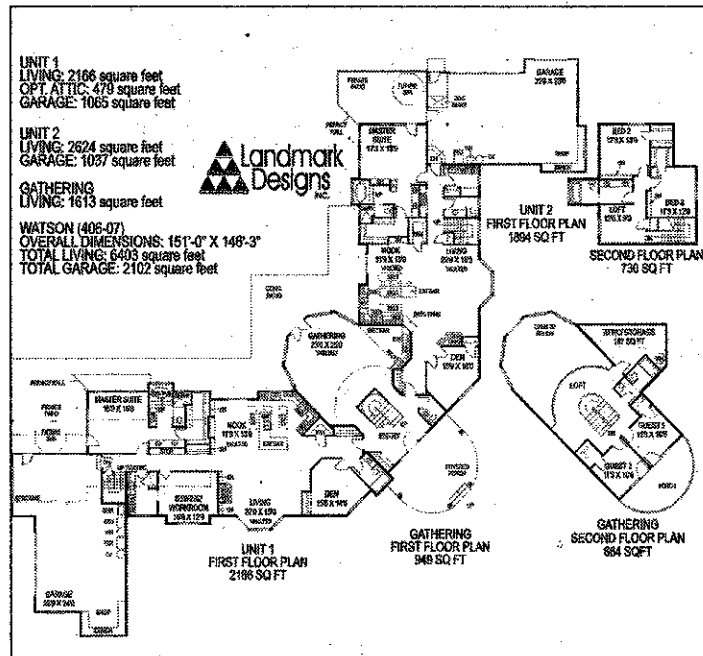


Unit 2 of this extraordinary home is to the right of the gathering room. It is designed very much like Unit 1. However, the pantry is located in a different area, the kitchen is shaped slightly different, and the living room is larger, eliminating the workroom, and adding stairs to the upstairs bedrooms and

loft which are located above the master bedroom.

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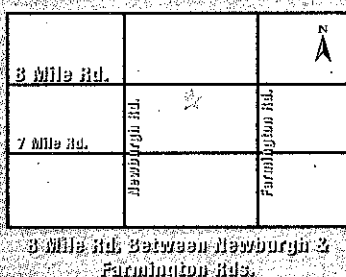
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