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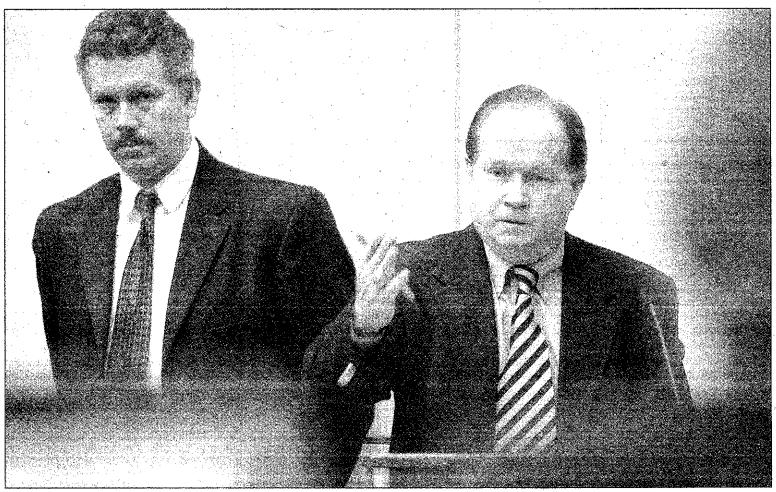
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Bob Johnson of Canton, right, presents traffic studies to the township board during a presentation by the Canton Citizens' Advisory Board, which opposed the sale of Fellows Creek Golf Course.

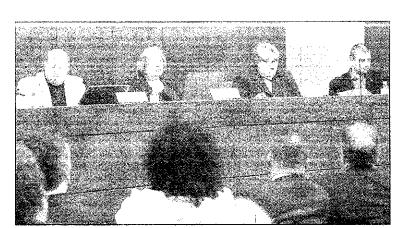
## No sale: Board decides to pass on Fellows Creek proposal

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A retail developer will have to take a mulligan and try to find a place for its project somewhere else – anywhere but at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Lormax Stern had proposed

buying 93 acres on the municipal golf course for \$17 million, in order to construct a lifestyle center, or high end, open air shopping center. But the Canton Township Board of Trustees unanimously agreed Tuesday that the township is not interested in selling.

"Fortunately, Canton is not being forced to sell any properties to meet our general fund budgets," said trustee Melissa McLaughlin. "A lifestyle center would be good in Canton. I just don't think Fellows Creek is the



Members of the Canton Township Board listen to public comments on the proposed sale of Fox Creek.

right fit."

As soon as the news of the possible sale went public at the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Feb. 22, Canton residents who live near the golf course began distributing petitions expressing their opposition to the sale. They began, under the direction of trustee Todd Caccamo, sending e-mails and letters to township officials and the media, and they were ultimately heard loud and

Some 60 residents showed up at the township board meeting Tuesday to present a pile of petitions and a PowerPoint presentation explaining why the sale would be bad for the community. They cited traffic, loss of open space, environmental issues and the detraction from Canton's retail core on Ford Road as reasons to ditch the proposal.

"Seldom does an issue galvanize the support of the community like the petition against the sale of Fellows Creek Golf Course," said Canton resident Joe Sabourin.

The township board agreed. "The good thing is we've heard how important this course is," McLaughlin said. "It became very evident to me that Canton

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## Yack makes film debut, touts a year of progress

The lights dimmed in the Village Theater and slick, funky music filled the room. And just like that, Township Supervisor Tom Yack appeared on the large movie screen.

'It was a very good-year. **Because of scores of** people behind the scenes

who make it look easy."

Tom Yack Township Supervisor

In super-hero fashion, the "movie Tom Yack" made a little girl's day when he handed her a lollipop, and foiled a fight between two "bad guys" in the movie. Though the movie

elicited chuckles from the audience — those who attended the State of the Township address at the theater Wednesday — Yack is not seeking a career on the big

screen. The movie, though creative and humorous, was shot to update the community on progress made around Canton in the last year. Instead of focusing on the effort of the "star" of the

movie, Yack focused on the people who work behind the scenes to make the township ran efficiently. "It was a very good year," he said. "Because of scores

of people behind the scenes who make it look easy." He started with the arts and culture and the progress the community has made.

Canton witnessed an explosion of the arts in 2005," Yack said. It was the first full year of operations at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and the first full year of the Cultural Arts Commission, which supports the theater and other cultural endeavors in the community.

During its first year, some 50,000 people attended the theater to view performances by national, regional and local performers.

The township also experienced healthy growth due to the work behind the scenes in the planning department, Yack said. Even though new home sales were down by 10 percent compared to 2004, Canton still is home to 1,500 new residences built in 2005. The township is now the 11th largest community in the state, Yack said.

Retail, commercial and industrial building was also strong in Canton last year.

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## Author looking for help in writing Canton's history

**BY KURT KUBAN** STAFF WRITER

Attention all Canton residents. If you have in your possession old photographs that depict an earlier era in the township's history, Jerry VanDusen would like to talk to you.

The former Canton resident, who currently resides in Plymouth Township, is in the midst of putting together a history of Canton Township for Arcadia Press, which is known for its series of books chronicling the local histories of communities throughout the United States. The books usually

include more than 200 photographs.

VanDusen, who has been working on the book for a couple months, hasn't had much luck finding old photographs for the book.

"I'm having some trouble with the photographs. I've been told I started this project about 50 years too late," said VanDusen, who has taught English at Wayne County Community College for more than 30 years. "I'm visiting as many farms as I can, looking for photos. The problem is there aren't many farms left."

VanDusen, who currently teaches at WCCC's Western Campus in Van Buren Township, has published three other books.

He said he became interested in his latest project because of all the recent development that has altered Canton's landscape from an agricultural community to one of the fastest growing suburbs in the region.

"Canton has changed dramatically," he said.

"You can see some of the remnants, but old Canton, as the old residents remember it, has disappeared. I think we need to capture it before it's too

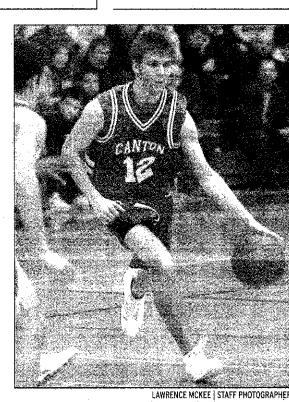
VanDusen, who considers

himself an amateur local historian, has been working with the Canton Historical Society on the project.

He said he is looking for any photographs that date back to the 1800s right up to the 1970s, when the township began developing. He is in particular need of photos depicting roads, agriculture and early businesses.

If you have any old photos that you are willing to share, contact VanDusen at (734) 905-5955 or e-mail him at gvandusen@comcast.net.

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Canton senior point guard Rob Eppler

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capably filled the role of floor general during the Chiefs' 52-51 thrilling overtime victory over Rochester Adams Tuesday night in Class A regional basketball play at Troy Athens. Canton (18-6) will tangle with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, a 57-55 winner over Pontiac Northern in Tuesday's other semifinal, tonight at 7 p.m. at Athens for the regional crown. For more on the story, see page C1.

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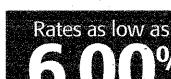
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## **Coming Sunday** on the PINK page

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## Radio station party

Local radio station, Magic 105.1, will be sponsoring it's "Magic Bowling Party" on Saturday, March 18 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton for Magic listeners and their families. The event will be hosted by many of Magic's personalities, including Cyndy Canty, Mitzi Miles and Linda Lanci, who will host the first bowling session from 1-3 p.m., and Jim Harper, Jim Paolucci, Mike Bradley and Fay Samona, who will host the second bowling session from 3-5 p.m.

Listeners will win a spot for themselves and three guests to attend one of the two bowling sessions. There will be door prizes and special contests, as well as food, soft drinks and fun for all.

You cannot buy tickets to this Magic event. You can listen to win tickets and also register to win tickets online at www.DetroitMagic.com.

WMGC-FM is owned and operated by Greater Media Detroit, a subsidiary of Greater Media, Inc., the parent company of 19 AM and FM radio stations in the Boston, Detroit. New Jersey and Philadelphia markets. For more information about the event, please contact Lindsay Warren at lwarren@greatermediadetroit.com, or call her at (248) 591-6866.

## Networking mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is participating in the "Breaking the Boundaries" event, which is a networking after hours mixer, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 22 at Burton Manor in Livonia. This event welcomes attendees from chambers all over southeastern Michigan.

"We are expecting 200-300 people to attend this year's mixer. At \$10 admission for members and \$15 for nonmembers, it's really an inexpensive way to help our members network outside of our own community," said Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei.

Participating chambers



include Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Redford, Southern Wayne County, Southfield, Wayne and Westland.

Featuring hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, prizes, and speed networking, this mixer promises many opportunities to promote your business in a fun and relaxed environment. To register for this event, you can visit the chamber's online event registration form at

www.cantonchamber.com/eve ntsform.asp. Breaking the boundaries is being sponsored and presented by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and West Suburban Area Council of Chambers (WSACC).

## Family social club

The public is invited to hear Lori Logeway of Room to Change, who will discuss suggestions for achieving a comfortable and functional home with items you already own and cherish at the Canton Newcomers April 5 meeting. The Newcomers is a social club always looking for new members.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Newcomers, please visit cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call (734) 737-0755.

## Christmas in Action

Christmas in Action (CIA) is looking for volunteers to participate in their April 29 action day to provide free home repairs and maintenance for elderly and low-income homeowners in Canton. Volunteer teams are needed for general home repair jobs, painting, and yard work. Individuals with special skills, such as plumbing, roofing, and drywall are especially needed.

CIA is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country that have been providing free home repairs since 1973. Last year Canton formed their own CIA chapter and with the combined efforts of more than 200 community volunteers, free repairs were done on seven homes. The repairs ranged from simple, but critical, plumbing and painting, to putting on a new roof, siding, windows, and pouring a new concrete driveway. All repair costs were sponsored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals.

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in April. To volunteer please contact Pat VanDusen at pvandusen@canton-mi.org or call CIA at (734) 844~8900. For more information on CIA visit christmasinactionwayne@com cast.net.

## Fundraising cookbook

United Home Health Services, a non-profit home care agency located in Canton, is sponsoring a cookbook sale as a fundraiser for its Patient Support Fund. There are 25 different mini- cookbooks to choose from with titles including From the Grill, A Taste of Italy, Five Ingredients or Less, and Crockery Cooking, just to name a few. There are also gift jar cookbooks available.

Each book contains between 136-155 recipes, has a laminated hardback cover for extra durability, and a built-in, selfstanding easel for easy recipe. viewing. They sell for just \$5.50 each.

The proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used for home care patients who cannot afford basic items such as food, clothing, and medications. It is also used for medical equipment such as walkers, tub benches, canes, and commodes for patients who need these devices but just cannot find the means. Finally, because of this fund, United is able to provide home care services to patients who lack medical insurance.

To purchase a cookbook or to make a donation, please contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

## Orchestra Canton

Orchestra Canton will present "Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites" on Sunday, April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The show features orchestral

music that has been featured in popular cartoons. Classical gems like Rossini's Barber of Seville (from Bugs Bunny in "Rabbit of Seville"), Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz (from in Daffy Duck "A Corny Concerto") and Edvard Grieg's "Morning Mood" from Peer Gynt (featured in countless cartoons) will be alongside theme music from cartoons like the Pink Panther, the Fiintstones and the Jetsons.

The Central Middle School Youth Choir, under director Janine Grady-Creedon, will be joining Orchestra Canton on the stage performing songs from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and Steven Spielberg's "An American Tail." Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Competition winner, Miranda Kalish, will also be joining the orchestra.

Tickets are \$20 for adults,



## **March madness**

Ken Bryson (right) was the winner of the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's raffle of a pair of tickets to the first two rounds of the 2006 NCAA tournament being held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 17 and 19. Mark Ott of the Kiwanis Club presented the tickets to Bryson, a sales representative of Crownlift Detroit.

\$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children and may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information on Orchestra Canton's second season please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

## Join the Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 898 in Canton is looking for young men and parents that enjoy NASCAR racing at Michigan International Speedway. The troop is holding three fundraiser clean-ups scheduled at the track this summer, but is in need of new scouts. There is no requirement of past Cub Scout experience to join the troop.

As a parent consider scouting as an investment in your son's future with the goal of him earning his Eagle Scout rank. For more information, contact Nelson Swanberg at (734) 397-8020.

## Rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual rummage sale and bake sale 5 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, March 31.

This year, the Army is offering tables for rent for any crafters or vendors who would like to showcase their wares. The cost of the tables is \$25, with all proceeds going to support The Salvation Army's . World Services, a program that places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances. The Plymouth

Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-5464.

## Fish fry

VFW Post 6695, located at 1426 S. Lilley in Plymouth, will have its annual fish fries every Friday evening through Lent, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, when corned beef and cabbage will be served. Dinners are served from 5-7 p.m. The all-you-can eat fish dinners cost \$8.

## 'Rally 4 Canton'

A team from this year's Leadership Canton class is hosting a road rally as their class project. Come join the fun. Tickets are available to participate in the rally (4-6 people per car, limit of 30 cars), to join the after-rally Finish Line Party, or to sponsor the event.

Rally 4 Canton is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, beginning at the Rotary Clocktower in Heritage Park. Prior registration is necessary. For more information or to register, visit www.rally4canton.com, or call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

Rally 4 Canton proceeds will benefit Growth Works, Inc. and The B.L.O.C.K., youth programs in Canton.

## Scholarship help

Parents and students in the Plymouth-Canton school district no longer have to physically visit their high school's counseling office for one of the most time-intensive processes for high school seniors: Identifying and applying for scholarships to help fund their college education.

District officials have now

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put that information on the district's Web site. Families can now visit the site, which currently lists 65 scholarships, any time of the day or night at http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/p ages/scholarshipsSmartURL.htm

## Breakfast help

Organizers of the annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools are looking for help for the breakfasts, scheduled at the respective schools 6 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

Officials are seeking assistance with donations of breakfast foods (egg casseroles, potato dishes, baked items, fruit bowls, etc.) and drinks (water, juice) or monetary donations to help purchase whatever the committee doesn't receive. They're also looking for people to help set up the day before, after school and then the morning of the breakfast to help serve the food. Anyone willing to help in any of these areas can contact Suzanne Zabowski (Salem High School) at sunique7@aol.com; Maryanne Turner (Canton High School), mdt89@comcast.net; or Mary Schultz (Plymouth High School), trixi1971@hotmail.com.

## Mom to Mom Sale

Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is having a MOM to MOM Sale on April 1, from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Moms have rented tables where they can sell children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items that their families have outgrown. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. There is a \$1 admission. For more information, please contact Pam at (734) 397-0819 or pamstoney@yahoo.com.

## Ladies Literary Club

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship fundraiser 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 8 at the First Congregational Church, located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne (Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue). The club will have a "second time around sale" and bake sale, featuring lots of good and "gently" used household items for sale. Baked goods will also be for sale. All proceeds from this sale go to the Frances Blain Hilts Scholarship Fund. The club awards two scholarsnips each year for nigher edu cation. Typically, one student from John Glenn and one student from Wayne Memorial receive scholarships. For more information about

donating contact Sue at (734) 641-9188, or Carol at (734) 728-7343.

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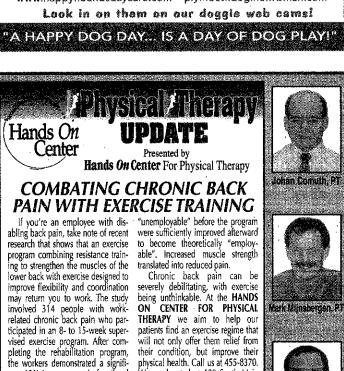
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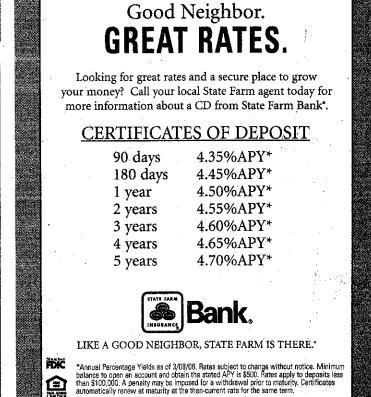
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# Art project attempts to bring fresh culture to Ford corridor

BY CAROL MARSHAL STAFF WRITER

Think about art, and what may come to mind is a quiet museum, where you have a chance to examine artistic creative efforts and ponder their meanings. Now do that at 40 miles an hour as you whiz past a statue on Ford Road in Canton.

That's what motorists will be doing later this spring as the first pieces of public art will be on display along Ford Road.

The Canton Downtown **Development Authority** approved a proposal from the township's Public Art Committee to fund a temporary outdoor sculpture exhibit. The display will include eight pieces of art in various locations along the township's busiest business corridor. The DDA also agreed to fund for \$25,000 one permanent sculpture to be placed at the corner of Canton Center and Ford. The DDA will contribute \$12,000 to fund the temporary art project, but the artists who create the works will still own them and will be able to sell them if they choose to do so, according to Ray VanHoeck, vice-chair of the Public Art Committee.

"This is a terrific partnership between the Canton Public Art Committee and the DDA," said Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz of the township's recreation divi-

VanHoeck agreed that once the township had identified culture and art as something that would benefit the community, a project such as the DDA project would be necessary.

"The question was, how do we manage a public art collection? How do we administer something like this in a logical way?" Van Hoeck said. The partnership seemed to be the way to accomplish that, he said.

But even then, the project has special requirements.

"Canton is kind of an odd community in that the art will have to be viewed and appreciated from an automobile, which is somewhat uncommon," he said. "But that's what we'll have."

After a period of one year, the temporary art project will be evaluated for its value to the community before the committee determines whether or not it should be continued.

The committee is introducing another new project this summer — Challenge 24 — in which 24 photographers will be invited to shoot 24 exposures in 24 hours. They can shoot anywhere, as long as it's within a 24-mile radius of Canton. The contest will take place during Liberty Fest, and

according to one of its coordinators, Ron DePentu, it's a way to bring new artists and fresh culture into Canton.

The photos will be judged, and the artist who produces the best group of 24 pictures will receive \$500. Second prize is \$250. Third is \$125. There is also a "purchase prize" for \$250 (the township will buy one of the photos for that price).

"The photographers don't have to be professionals," DePentu said. "And they don't have to be from Canton either."

"Because it's a 24 mile radius, there are so many things that can take place. I took part in this in Syracuse a few years ago. Some of the things that came back were surprising," he said. One photographer had shot photos at the airport, he said. Another tracked down a guitar maker in his studio. Some shot scenic photos, some shot photos of business. And one person shot pictures of people picking strawberries.

"It's just wide open for anything," he said.

For more information on Challenge 24, contact Ron DePentu at (734) 844-7828 or e-mail him at r.depentu@wowway.com.

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## Drivers beware: M-14 work set to start

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Drivers who use M-14 as their primary route are bound to notice an increase in construction and traffic congestion this week as the M-14 reconstruction program gets under way.

By the end of March, they're really going to notice an impact

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, drivers this week – and running through late March – will notice lane closures between Haggerty and Napier. The major work then begins toward the end of the month, when two on-ramps and one offramp to Beck will be closed through late September.

The major change, though, will be the closure of east-bound M-14 starting the end of

March and running through early July. One lane of traffic in each direction will be open on westbound M-14.

It's all part of a \$37.8 million MDOT project to reconstruct M-14 from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line. Construction is set to run through November. The project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges, along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck.

Those ramps will be closed at various times, but MDOT officials said motorists will be able to exit M-14 at one or the other.

"We're going to work on the interchanges at Beck and Sheldon," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said, "but we won't work on them concurrently. Drivers will be able to use one

or the other, both getting on and off the freeway."

Westbound M-14 will close in early July through late September, with one lane of traffic in each direction being shifted onto the eastbound lanes. Once the Beck Road area is complete – MDOT estimates late September – M-14 will completely reopen and work at Sheldon will begin, with Sheldon exits being rerouted through November.

With traffic counts of up to 100,000 drivers using the route daily, construction zones are expected to make for a tough commute. But Morosi said the project is clearly necessary.

"Obviously, this is going to be a major impact," Morosi said. "But I think anyone who travels it realizes the need."

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## Canton fitness facility to cater to women

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Businessman Larry Bird has weighed more than 200 pounds in the past. A couple years ago, he decided to get healthy and shed much of the weight. Women would come into his store, Gabriala's on Main in downtown Plymouth, and ask how he'd kept the weight off, for more than three

"I picked up a keen interest in developing healthier lifestyles," said Bird, who's opening Fit Zone for Women at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton.

There will be a private grand opening Sunday, with the doors to the fitness facility

opening 9 a.m. Monday to the public.

Fit Zone for Women is a franchise operation. A friend of Bird's, Rick Romeo, who Bird had coached in wrestling at Divine Child High School in the 1980s, ended up going into the fitness business with Powerhouse Gym. Several years ago, Romeo said he would start a Fit Zone for Women.

There's a current Livonia location, with centers scheduled to open soon in Westland and Novi.

"It looks like they're a pretty good business model," said Bird, who's had a long interest in health issues.

His facility is geared to women age 30 and up. There will be group classes, circuit training with Nautilus equipment, and cardiac workouts with the bicycles, treadmills and ellipticals.

Bird, who's taken his weight off twice, is looking forward to his new business venture.

"I like helping others," he said. "It's still a coaching type of business, helping people find a healthier lifestyle."

Bird doesn't envision problems running his two businesses.

"When the store is busy, November and December, the fitness business starts to slow down."

The Web site is www.fitzone-forwomen.com, and the Canton phone number is (734) 927-9991.



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## New choice

## Wayne-Westland looks to add students with intra-county program

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has decided to open the doors to its elementary schools to students living outside the district.

The school board Monday evening approved an administration recommendation to accept enrollment in the district's kindergarten-fifthgrade program beginning with the 2006-07 school

"There will be room for a limited number of students based on the grade level number of seats not filled," Superintendent Greg Baracy told the school board. "This is an effort to maximize the efficiency of our buildings and raise revenue for the district so we will be able to maintain our programs for students."

The district hopes to raise much-needed revenue as well as stabilize its student enrollment with schools of choice and its recently approved an all-day kindergarten program.

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Wayne-Westland lost more than 200 students this year primarily at the elementary level. Some of that loss was to the neighboring Garden City Public Schools which

instituted an intra-county,

school of choice program two years ago to boost its enrollment.

The district's four middle schools and two high schools currently have full enrollment and are not included in the nonresident schools of choice. However, its alternative education program at the Tinkham Center is open to nonresidents.

Wayne-Westland has offered an internal schools of choice program for its kindergarten-eighth-grade enrollment for many years, and it won't be until after the elementary program's April registration deadline that school officials will have an idea of the number of empty seats in the its elementary schools.

"Once that's complete we'll have a better handle for applications for intra-county schools of choice," said Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman. "We have a committee developing the guidelines."

Trustee Cindy Schofield questioned what would happen in schools that may face an overcrowding situation.

"If we accept children from outside out boundaries and then have additional children move into the district, will those children be sent back to their district or will we have to hire another teacher?" she asked.

"The parent will have a choice of schools, but the district will assign the buildings," Sherman said. "If at count date, there's overcrowding, the first to have to change schools will be the person who is new to the school because of the intracounty program."

Baracy added that "once we accept these out-of-district students, they will be ours until they graduate."

"This program will require an annual resolution and whether or not we decide to continue doing it, these students will be ours," he said.

Trustee Steve Becher questioned what would happen if schools experienced an influx of new students in their area and was assured that "our students will get first priori-

"A child who applies from outside the (school) attendance boundaries won't be guaranteed that school," Sherman said. "We will ask for first, second and third choices and try to accommodate them."

She added that once a child is accepted, his or her siblings would have priority over other applicants.

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## Doggone it

## Hope for quick placement doesn't materialize for neglected dog

STAFF WRITER

What started out as a day of hope and promise for a dog named Duncan ended on a somber note. The possibly abused and neglected dog will remain in the care of the Michigan Humane Society awhile longer after he reacted negatively to newspaper.

We need to spend more time with him so we can figure out some of his personal traits," said Amy Popp, MHS media and marketing coordinator. "We need to re-evaluate him and have him spend time with one of our behaviorists."

Duncan, a 5-6-year-old possible cockapoo, became available for adoption Tuesday. At least four families were at the center before 10 a.m. hoping to take the dog home. They were attracted to him after seeing a report on Channel 7 News last

**FOUND AT SHELTER** 

Shelter manager Marcy Sieggreen found the dog tied to the surrender door of the Berman Center from Animal Care in Westland when she came to work on March 8.

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From a distance, she wasn't sure if it was one or two animals left there, but as she walked across the parking lot, she realized that the mass of fur was actually a very, very matted Duncan.

"We think he's a cockapoo," said Sieggreen, who called in a professional groomer to remove the matted fur that covered the dog's body and stretched out eight-10 inches from each of his paws. "Despite all the mats and the condition we found him in, he had no medical problems., no ear infections."

It took the groomer from Grooming By Nancy in Westland two days to remove the fur. Sieggreen estimates that five pounds of matted hair was removed.

"It was a very time-consuming process because we didn't

know what we'd find," she said. "Little by little, she shaved off the mats and cut the mats on his feet piece by piece. There was a lot of fecal matter and urine wrapped up in it."

Not knowing anything about Duncan other than he doesn't like loud noise and sudden movement - both are enough to make him shake - they were looking for a quiet, patient home.

'We want someone who will be able to work with him," she said Tuesday morning. "It's hard to predict the circumstances he came from. We're not even sure if he's house-broken."

The TV report generated phone calls to MHS at the Berman Center, After Duncan was neutered on Monday, he became available for adoption, and it was Alison Davis of West Bloomfield who was first in line. She was sure she and her husband and 9-year-old son could provide a good home for Duncan.

"I have a fairly quiet home,"

she assured shelter workers. "I saw him on TV and he was so adorable and obviously they want him to have the best home.

Sure that he was the dog for her family, Davis left the center shortly after 10 a.m., assuring workers she would be back with her son, so they could meet him and he could meet the dog.

She had a change of heart and called, saying she wouldn't return, said Popp. Her decision opened the door for Mera Pety to adopt Duncan.

"I like older dogs," she said. "I lost a dog three years ago. He was a greyhound we got from the race tracks. He was an older

## **RE-EVALUATION**.

Pety did take Duncan home, but his reaction to her picking up newspaper to clean up a mess he had made in the house prompted MHS workers to bring him back to the shelter for re-evaluation.

"Obviously, we want to do



Mera Pety of Lincoln Park (left) and Alison Davis of West Bloomfield were the first in line Tuesday morning to adopt Duncan at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

what we can for him," Popp said. "We had done the standard tests and he passed. Now we need to do more."

While Duncan was neglected, Sieggreen is glad that whomever had him brought him to the

"If someone gets to the point where they can't take care of the animal, they need to hand it off to someone who can," she said. "Obviously, it's good to have more information about the animal than we have about Duncan so we can get them into a loving home as quick as possible."

She also is appreciative of the interest in adopting Duncan. Those people who showed up to adopt him only to be disappointed heard about the other 50 dogs and cats currently available for adoption.

"If this isn't the right one, we have a lot of other animals available to go to good, loving homes," Sieggreen said.

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Veterans group signs

Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park becomes reality Monday as work begins on the \$550,000 project on city-owned property in front of Central Middle

The Memorial Park committee Tuesday signed a contract with restoration contractor Grunwell-Cashero Co. of Detroit to build the park honoring those in the Plymouth/Canton area who fought and died in every major conflict in U.S. history. Completion and ceremonies are being planned for the Fourth of July.

The project was made possible after a \$450,000 donation Veterans Memorial Foundation, which used the proceeds of the sale of its Main Street property, former home of the foundation and American Legion

Post 391. "This is something that's really been needed in this community for a long time," said Bob Zaetta of Plymouth Township, chairman of the committee and a former U.S. history teacher who spearheaded the drive in 1992 with his interest in the Civil War monument known as "The Lady," which currently resides in Riverside Cemetery. "It will be a center of pride for our community because we should

be proud of our veterans. "We've tried to make this a high-quality project, something that isn't going to require a lot of short-term maintenance," he added. "It will be built to last forever."

The 30-foot plaza will be

engraved pavers will be laid around the plaza, representing those in the Plymouth area who died in all the wars. Three flags — the American, the state of Michigan and the POW/MIA - will fly at the Along with the Civil War monument, at least four others are scattered throughout

the city: a memorial rock representing World War II veterans in front of the Wilcox House on city-owned property known as Veterans Memorial Park; a Korean/Vietnam memorial located in the same park; a monument to World War I veterans in front of Central; and a cannon representing the Spanish-Americ War in Cannon Park on Farmer Street.

"By the end of May, the pavers will start going in and you'll really start seeing the park come together," said Tony Sabo, partner at Grunwell-Cahsero, whose resume includes participation in constructing Campus Martius Park in Detroit and masonry and stone work at Greenfield

Village in Dearborn. "In June, all the landscaping will come in. And we'll have a big party on the Fourth of

Donations for the project and purchase of pavers are being collected by the **Canton Community** Foundation, which is using its designation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit to collect the money and allow for tax-deductible donations.

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## **PROPOSAL**

FROM PAGE A1

Township residents hold dear our leisure services programs and facilities." She added that support will be important as the township moves forward with fulfilling some of the items on Canton's leisure services master plan, which includes some \$3 million in upgrades and repairs at Fellows Creek.

The momentum created by the residents opposed to the sale opens the door to discuss improvements at Fellows Creek, according to trustee Todd LaJoy, who requested that Fellows Creek maintenance and upgrades be added to the agenda for the study session scheduled for March 21.

"You are a community committed to Canton Leisure Services. Thank you," LaJoy said, adding that just a month ago, the township board voted 6-1 in favor of the leisure services master plan (Caccamo was the sole dissenter).

**Township Supervisor Tom** Yack was also not in favor of the sale, but said the board is obligated to bring such offers out into the open for discussion. As part of the process, Lormax Stern's attorney Bryan Amann had been directed to meet with residents from the three condominium communities near the course, in order to see if some kind of compromise could be made, but it was clearly not going to be possible, he said.

He had received many emails and phone calls, and was stopped frequently as he shopped in Canton by people who were opposed to the sale of the course.

"We have the best leisure services facilities and programs anywhere," Yack said. "The last thing I would want to see is for that to change."

While Yack agreed with the substance of the message from residents who did not want the township to sell the course, he took issue with the style which defined some of the arguments against the proposal. Specifically, he took issue with personal attacks that surfaced in letters to the editor and on

"I think Washington and Lansing to some degree suffer from the politics of personal destruction," Yack said. "I hope we would never see that in Canton."

Caccamo's Web site.

Yack added that his own track record when it comes to

voting on leisure services has been consistently in favor of the township's support of its programs.

"Yours has not," he said to Caccamo.

Other trustees also took issue with the tone of dissent.

"In our community it has never been necessary to declare war," McLaughlin said. "I am offended at being accused of being a pawn of developers."

Trustee Karl Zarbo disagreed with residents who had stated that the lifestyle center was a "done deal" and that the township trustees had decided to sell off half the golf course.

"There was no done deal," he said. "Sometimes when you stop and ask government what they think, they'll tell you. I've never been asked."

Fellows Creek, built in the 1960s and purchased by the township in 1978, was paid off last year when the township paid the final \$170,000 on a 20-year bond. Since Canton bought the course, it expanded to 27 holes in 1985, the same year the clubhouse was built.

Topping the list of improvements needed in the near future is some \$80,000 worth of tree and stump removal atthe course, which was hit hard

Canton Township trustees Todd LaJoy, left, and Karl Zarbo both said they did not support the sale of Fellows Creek Golf Course.

by the emerald ash borer infestation. Also likely to be on the table for discussion will be a \$150,000 irrigation system and \$25,000 detention pond improvement.

Residents involved in the group opposing the sale collected more than 3,000 signa-

The petitions were presented at the township board Tuesday

evening, but were not turned in; Caccamo took the petitions home with him, and said he will photocopy them before turning over the originals to the township.

"Many individuals made me promise to make copies so they don't somehow get lost," said Caccamo.

Canton may yet see a lifestyle center built within its boundaries, according to Amann, who said that Lormax Stern is looking at four more properties - three of them in and Canton and one in another Wayne County community.

He would not specify where those properties are located.

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## YEAR

FROM PAGE A1

Notable was the announcement of Costco's upcoming location on Michigan Avenue. "Costco will create a large

anchor use on Michigan Avenue," said Yack, and will complement a 200,000square-foot retail development which will be located at Michigan Avenue and Beck.

"Canton was one of the leaders, once again, in adding value to the community," Yack said. "We added \$215 million last year, bringing the total to \$3.7 billion."

And of course, there was IKEA, which began construction at Ford and Haggerty, and is scheduled to open this summer and expected to bring

some two million visitors to Canton every year.

"That was the catalyst for the government, the Downtown Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce to come together to market the Canton community," Yack said.

Yack also updated the community on Canton Public Safety — the police department responded to some 30,979 calls for service last year and the fire department went on 5,048 runs.

The township's Leisure Services department also made great strides in the last year, Yack said, and is the only accredited leisure services department in the state and one of only 40 nationwide.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

## AROUND TOWN

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6, when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about "Information from Land Use Records.

A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details, call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. The program will be on "Brick Walls. How-To and Ways to Improve Your Research." The meeting will also feature a question-and-answer period on various subjects. For more information visit the W-h site at www.rootswee.lom/~mit/wegs/loricall

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## **DEATHS**

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Kathleen Andrushko Andrushko, 87, of Rochester Hills, died March 7.

Allen, 82, of Northville, died March 12.

Evelyn P. Axford Axford, 93, of Rochester, died Feb. 18.

Bobby D. Beale Beale, 73, of Lake Orion, died Feb. 22. Melissa R. Berels

Berels, 27, of New Baltimore, died Feb.

Scott R. Berels Berels, 27, of New Baltimore, died Feb. 16.

Edward A. Bevan Bevan, 76, of Rochester Hills, died

March 11.

Joan Bonomo Bonomo, 91, of Rochester Hills, died

Feb. 20. Barbara L. Bushnell

Bushnell, 62, died March 13. Ε

Richard A. Eckley Eckley, 47, of Roseville, died Feb. 21. Vernon Carl Elsenhardt

Eisenhardt, 77, of South Branch, formerly of Clarkston, died March 12.

Sharon K. Fulks

Fulks, 66, of Bruce Township, formerly of Shelby Township, died March 1.

Edward E. Hoskins

Hoskins, 93, of Milford Township, died March 5.

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## Seminary focuses on women

## Conference aims at women-to-women ministry

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Dr. Bruce Fong thinks that, in the rush to get women Involved in doing the ministering in the religious community, sometimes the idea of ministering to women gets overlooked.

And Fong, president of Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth Township, is hoping the seminary's third Women in THE WORD conference will go some distance toward changing that.

The conference, set for March 24-25 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, is designed to lead women "into an intimate, living relationship with Christ as they effectively handle the word of God."

"One of the things that gets overlooked is ministry to women," said Fong, who became the MTS president in 1999. "Women minister better to women in lots of ways. (The conference) focuses on helping women develop the skills in



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Williamson Garcia

communicating the Bible, not only what to say but how to say

The conference, this year themed is "Faithfully Loving His Own," focuses on what the Bible says about God's faithfulness and how women can reflect this as they minister to others. The conference will feature several main speakers and workshop leaders who lead and serve women's ministries both locally and nationally.

The conference will feature

three main speakers:

Rosalie de Rosset will lead the session on "God's Faithfulness to Us." de Rosset is a professor of literature, English and Biblical message preparation at Moody Bible School in Chicago, Seminary

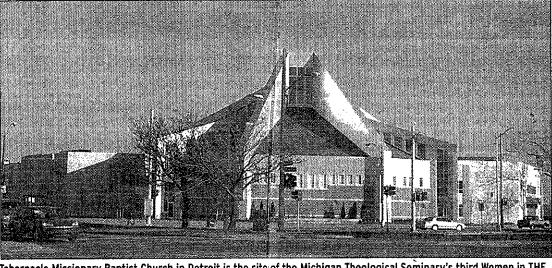
officials said de Rosset brings to listeners "an unusual blend of intellectual and spiritual depth and insight, combined with down-to-earth practicali-

The daughter of career missionaries, de Rosset was born and raised in Peru. She's been speaking at various churches, seminars and conferences for more than 20 years.

Beverly McCutcheon, an MTS graduate who lives in Ypsilanti with her husband, leads the discussion on "Our Personal Response to God." She has a personal stake in the conference, having been instrumental at the first two, and since she is the coordinator of women and girls' ministries at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, where the conference will be held.

McCutcheon said she wants to "present the Word of God lovingly and faithfully so it inspires and motivates the listener to pursue a closer walk with God and follow Him

more faithfully." "I think it's a great topic,"



Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit is the site of the Michigan Theological Seminary's third Women in THE WORD conference March 24-25.

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said McCutcheon, who obtained her Master of Divinity from MTS in 1991. "It tells us God has always loved us. It's hard for people to understand the concept of a loving God and the lengths He'll go to to reach out to us.

"Once we're connected with God, we see our responsibility toward reaching out to others.'

Allison Williamson Garcia leads the talk about "Faithfully Loving Others." Garcia, who lives in Mobile, Ala., with her husband Richard, is a recording artist who began her solo ministry in 1993. She has partnered with several ministries, including Precepts Ministries, the Brooklyn Tabernacle. Urban Alternative, Women of Faith Conference and the Billy Graham Evangelstic

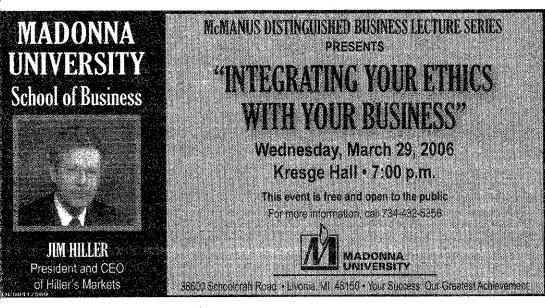
One goal of the conference, organizers said, is to promote diversity. McCutcheon said she isn't happy with the reputation Detroit has as a community that is not segregated. She thinks holding the conference in the city, and focusing on women, can help bring about change. "I believe women can change that, but they can't change it without God," McCutcheon said. "Women have always made a difference in God's economy. They've always fostered change."

While Fong wants the conference to focus on relationships with Christ, he said a byproduct of the conference could be an increase in diversi-

ty awareness.

"When people realize they love Christ, they see they have so much in common," Fong said. "We're focusing everything on getting everyone to that one person - Christ."

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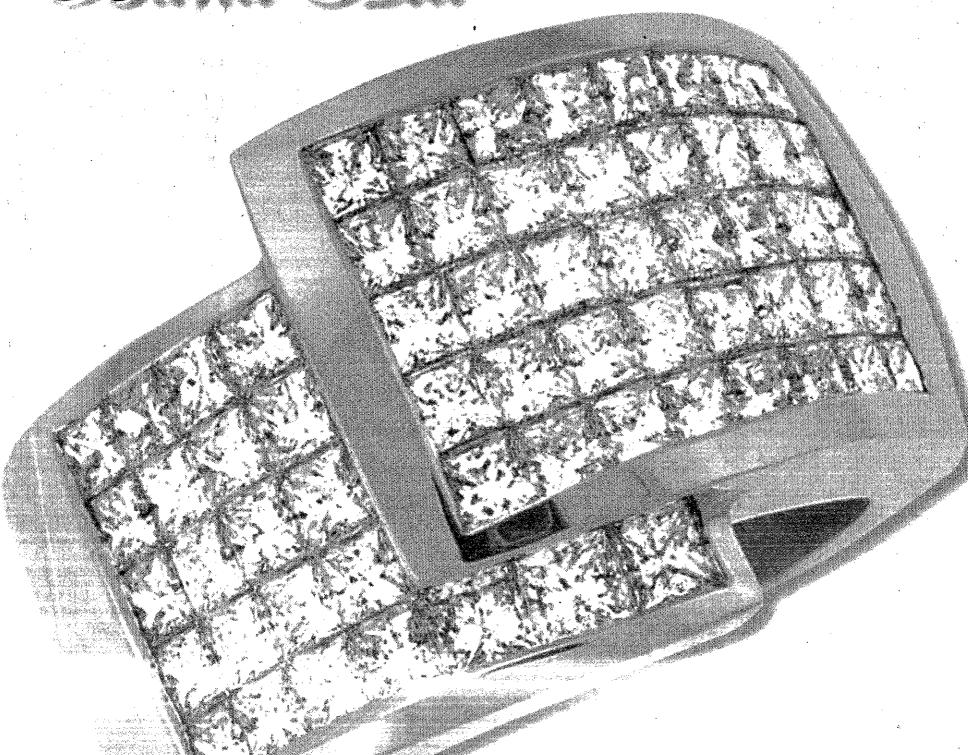
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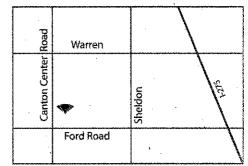


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**OUR VIEWS** 

## **Board made** right choice

When a developer waves \$17 million in your face, it would be foolish not to listen to what they have to say. That's the situation Canton officials found themselves in when developer Lormax Stern made an offer last month to purchase much of Fellows Creek Golf Course and turn it into a high-end shopping center.

But township officials found out that some things are worth more than money. It was clear by the public reaction that this community values the municipal golf course and the quality of life it provides more than the benefits of another shopping center, even one that promised to bring in some of the highest-end stores in the township.

The opposition was vocal, and township officials were vilified even though they never took a position on the proposal one way or the other. Most of the opposition came from owners of the condominiums recently constructed along the north end of the course, which is understandable. These people bought into the "golf community" concept, and expected the golf course to be a part of that equation, particularly because the township worked hand-in-hand with the condo developer to move two holes to accommodate the development.

The opponents showed up in force at the Tuesday Board of Trustees meeting and brought along the petitions they collected, which included about 3,000 signatures of people opposing the sale. The writing was on the wall, so to speak, and the board decided to kill the idea, and even directed Leisure Services staff to start looking into making needed improvements at the course.

The public reaction sent a clear message to township officials how strongly the community feels about maintaining recreational opportunities, as well as preserving what open space is left in Canton. To their credit, board members made the right decision. They also had a responsibility to at least let the community consider the offer. The democratic process worked in this case.

Now it will be up to the public to support the improvements that need to be made at Fellows Creek to keep it a viable golf course. Those improvements include replacing the irrigation system, renovating the clubhouse and eventually moving a couple of holes that are too close to roadways. According to the Leisure Services master plan, which was approved last month, the course needs \$1.2 million in immediate repairs, and ultimately about \$3 million.

Yes, that is a lot of money, but this episode has proven the investment is worth it.

Legislature must act

on SBT alternative

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has stirred the pot with his petition drive for a ballot proposal to repeal the Single Business Tax in October 2007, two

years before it is scheduled to expire. The SBT has become the chosen whipping post for Michigan's faltering economy. A chorus of Republicans and Democrats have raised their voices against the SBT, but there is little agreement on how to replace the \$1.9 billion in revenue that the tax brings to our already financially challenged state government. That's about 20 per-

cent of the state's general fund. Last week, the House Tax Policy Committee approved a bill to end the SBT by 2007 without offering an alternative tax. The full House is expected to vote this week. The vote was along party lines, with all Republicans supporting it and all Democrats opposed.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she will veto any legislation that does not include an alternative tax.

Ironically, the SBT was passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. William Milliken in 1977 to simplify taxes and stabilize the state's revenue stream. It replaced seven business taxes. While the SBT is the second highest business tax in the country, Michigan ranks in the middle among states in overall taxes on business. The biggest tax burden for businesses is property taxes, while the SBT represents only 14 percent of total business tax. Twenty-five percent of Michigan businesses do not pay the SBT.

It is the duty of the state Legislature to wrestle with this problem and find an acceptable tax alternative that will help stimulate the economy without shifting the burden of taxation on those less able to pay. We believe members need to act now, before an initiative is placed on the ballot that will eliminate the tax without a clear direction on how to retain some of that lost revenue.



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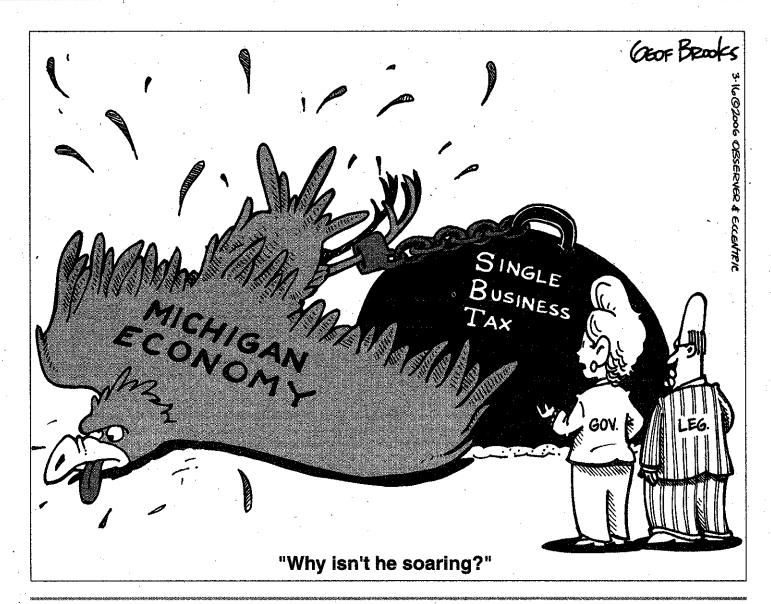
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## **LETTERS**

## **Enough is enough**

I am writing this letter in disgust having just learned of the plan to demolish Fellows Creek Golf Course. Is the goal of Canton's local government officials to knock down every mature tree in the township by the end of their terms? What purpose would a strip mall serve here? Is it to ensure that all Canton residents are within a 45-second drive of a video rental or drugstore? Maybe the goal is to create a traffic mess at Lotz and Palmer similar to the one on Ford Road and (insert crossroad of your choice).

I think we've reached the point where we no longer need further development, wouldn't you agree? Not one, but two Home Depots, a Lowe's (wouldn't want to have to drive to the Westland Lowe's five minutes away), Meijer, two Krogers, Farmer Jack, Holiday Market, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Kohl's, Target and countless drugstores and restaurants. Enough is enough already! I think residents have more than enough places to shop and

Seeing what has been done in Canton the last 10 years makes me sick. What's wrong with providing a golf course where Canton residents can play for a reasonable fee? So what if it doesn't turn a profit? Can't it be supported by the taxes from all the gross OVER-development in this township over the years. Please use some common sense and kill this plan. I suggest you get in your vehicles and take a drive around Canton and pay attention to what is already established. I'm sure you'll find that the residents are not deprived of any retail services. What we are lacking is open space and a local government who can say "No" to any development proposal. Again, enough is enough!

Bob Kujawski

## Canton

Canton Township should not sell Fellows Creek Golf Course to put in a high-end strip mall. We don't need anymore retail in Canton. There's already too many empty stores on Ford Road. Fill those up first. There's too much traffic on Ford Road and soon on Michigan Avenue. Stop now! Save some "green areas." Fellows Creek has affordable golfing for all those interested. Don't take that away.

Tom Grzeskowiak

Canton

## Leave course alone

Don't sell Fellows

I have lived in this area for over 35 years. Over four years ago, I moved from Sheldon and Cherry Hill to the Preserve of Fellows Creek. I did this because Canton west of I-275 had become unbearable to travel. If I go to the stores at all, I take the north/south roads to avoid Ford Road. Ever since our board has allowed IKEA to build here every merchant imaginable wants to have a

store in Canton. When do we draw the

Are we going to sell our souls to the devil next? This developer has no concern for the nearby residents or they would have never considered this piece of land. This area of Canton is the forgotten side. Who lives there? Nobody cares, unless someone has \$17 million. This developer wants to straighten one of the only windy roads that I know of in Canton (that a developer did not create). They want to re-route Fellows Creek. My condo backs up to that creek in the area known as a urban wildlife sanctuary.

Those of you not familiar with this area, please drive down Lotz Road from Palmer to Michigan. It's a nice start to your morning. Try picturing what the board is about to approve for that site. A 600,000-square-foot complex (that's the size of Wonderland Mall). I shudder to think.

I am not a golfer but I enjoy the open space. Open space that everyone can see, not just the residents on Pheasant Run Golf Course. Don't get me wrong - they are paying for their great location. Not all of us have that kind of money. The board has let Fellows Creek Golf Course go. The Links developer was allowed to move some of the course holes for his complex. That did not help the number of golfers for Fellows Creek last year, but on the weekends they seemed to always have a tournament going. The clubhouse is busy with weddings, showers and parties. Some of our residents cannot afford to have parties at the Summit.

So, board member, what are you going to do? Sell your soul to the highest bidder or stand up for the Canton residents?

Paulette Klimczak

Canton

## We need more parks

It appears Tom Yack and his cronies in office have forgotten the people they were elected to represent. Even now, you cannot drive down Ford Road due to intense traffic, and that is only to get worse in the coming months. Now he wants to sell off a valuable recreational asset that is utilized by the township residents for a measly \$17 million. The township needs more parks and recreation areas for its ever-growing population. Money is secondary. Once this area is paved over, it will be lost to the citizens for eternity.

David A. Carson

## Canton

I live in the Fifth Brookside Village subdivision off of Palmer, directly across from Fellows Creek.

Sale would be a shame

Tom Yack, Mr. Recreation ... I think not. It would be a shame to sell the Fellows Creek Golf Course to open up "a lifestyle center." Anyone who drives by Fellows Creek in the warm months knows how much this 27-hole golf course is used. The course is even filled in the

winter months with people sledding, snowboarding, and cross country skiing. With the obesity rates of children and adults on the rise, it would seem foolish to take away a place that offers some kind of physical activity (Fellows Creek is one the few courses you can still walk) to children and adults alike. It is also a more affordable course than some others in the area.

In terms of the life center being a "high-end outdoor mall," I thought that Cherry Hill Village was supposed to be the high end area of Canton? We should be less concerned about how many "high end" shopping areas we have and look at what kind of opportunities we are offering our children.

Just a few weeks ago, there was discussion of changing which elementary school our subdivision would be assigned to. Currently, our kids attend Eriksson Elementary on Haggerty, south of Ford Road. Eriksson is becoming increasingly crowded (imagine that, more houses, more kids). One of the proposed solutions was assigning our subdivision to Fiegel Elementary on Joy Road north of Ford Road. If Mr. Recreation is looking for something to do with the land where Fellows Creek is located, perhaps the township should look to working with the school board and build another elementary school so that 6-year-olds that live in one of the southernmost neighborhoods don't have to be bused north of Ford Road to attend school.

Although our house does not sit on the golf course, we moved to this end of Canton to be away from all of the retail traffic. I cannot imagine how the people that live on the course must feel. As a board member of our homeowners association, I would ask Mr. Bryan Amann to include the Fifth Brookside Subdivision off of Palmer on his list to talk to. Our homes are not directly on the course but nonetheless the decision will impact the quality of life for our homeowners.

> Stephanie Gooden Canton

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## Center for Michigan's goal is | War on terror climate promotes to set agenda for recovery

ichigan is in a profound state of crisis. And a few of us are finally are trying something new in an effort to do something about it. I'll explain more soon, but first, here's a hard look at reality. Most people don't yet realize how serious our situation is.

Basic manufacturing, the traditional core of our economy, is hemorrhaging jobs - jobs that will never return. Our largest employers - Ford, General Motors and much of the automotive supply chain — are losing market share and money. Some, like Delphi, are flirting with bankruptcy.

The city of Detroit and the Detroit public schools are on the brink of insolvency. Our unem-

ployment rate tops the nation, month after month.

And our family income has plummeted.

Today's economic crisis is quite different from the periodic tough times we've faced in the past. It's the result of uncontrollable changes in the way the world economy works. This has been aggravated in the case of the auto industry by a cost and labor-man-

agement business model that simply can no longer be sustained in the era of the global village.

Power

Nobody who understands what is going on thinks this crisis can be resolved simply by an upturn in auto sales. Instead, the state needs to adopt a farreaching and broadly acceptable economic policy agenda to help us get through our time of troubles, and to set in place the groundwork for a better economy and a brighter future for us and our families.

Sadly, however, Michigan's political system has proven largely paralyzed, preoccupied with partisan squabbles, and unable or unwilling to develop comprehensive solutions to our problems.

How come? Simply, Michigan politics today are dysfunctional for three reasons:

First, partisanship. The coming election is succeeding in bringing out the worst in everybody. The Republican-dominated Legislature is hell-bent on making sure nothing happens to help the state that Gov. Jennifer Granholm can claim credit for, regardless of what happens to the rest of us in Michigan. Yet the governor's office isn't much better. When not consumed by political paranoia, it is fixated on micromanaging the various departments of state government for Granholm's political advantage.

Second, ideologues. Traditionally, Michigan politics depended on moderate civic leadership that, when all was said and done, would work across the partisan divide to develop and implement practical solutions to problems. But over the past decade, ideologues - particularly of the hard right, but also the semi-socialist left — have hijacked the political system.

Third, well-funded single interests, coupled with term limits. Aggressive and wealthy interest groups

buy "face time" with legislators through their campaign contributions. And term-limited lawmakers lack the experience, information and perspective to resist.

Moreover, knowing they'll soon be booted out of their present positions, they've got their eyes fixed on the next job they want to run for. What that means is that holding the hand out for campaign contributions has become Lansing's most highly developed reflex.

The overall result is a growing alienation between most voters, who occupy the middle of the road, and an increasingly partisan and ideological political class. This has contributed to the public perception that at our time of crisis our political system is essentially broken.

What we're getting these days from our political leaders is an odd combination of harsh rhetoric and failure to do anything other than pussyfoot around our greatest problems. This helps nobody.

So some of us have decided to do something about it. We're starting a "think-and-do tank," which we call The Center for Michigan.

You can learn much more about the Center at www.thecenterformichigan.net Briefly, however, it will have two basic missions that feed upon and reinforce each other. It will assist in developing a broadly acceptable, high-impact, practical strategic agenda for the rebirth of our economy. And it will work to make our politics more civil, less ideological and more effective by re-energizing Michigan's bipartisan civic leadership and countless thousands of moderate grass-roots voters.

The Center will have a definite stance in the sensible center. It will be non-ideological, muscularly moderate and anything but weak. The Center is not interested in fighting the battles of the past — management vs. labor, city vs. suburb, white vs. black, east side vs. west side. Instead, it is aimed at rallying moderates who have brains, courage and backbone.

The Center's first initiative was a conference held this week, co-sponsored with the Center for State, Local and Urban Politics at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

A cross-section of Michigan's civic, business and labor leadership gathered to consider "Where Do We Go From Here?" in attempting to develop a broadly acceptable economic agenda for the state.

As one of the founders of The Center, I am saddened and appalled at the economic disintegration of what was once — and can and should be again - one of the most beautiful, rich and successful states in the union. Our situation is dire and brings to mind the famous observation that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com. He is also chairman of The Center for Michigan. For more information go to www.thecenterformichigan.net

# increased anti-Arab rhetoric

don't know whether to be angry or amused with the current rhetoric about the Dubai deal. It seems that hidden hatred against Arabs has become a competitive sport, especially among politicians who are vying for our support. Even enlightened people like Sens. Hilary Clinton and Charles Schumer are going out of their way to discredit companies simply because they have an "Arab" name.

In the name of security, it has become fashionable to spout hate rhetoric against Arabs in America. Even in cities with large Arab populations, hate speech is promoted and supported by politicians from both sides of the political spectrum and the media. Bellicose rhetoric

streams out of Washington and the national media on a daily basis, proclaiming that "we are engaged in a war on terror" and that "our safety as Americans is in danger." We have stopped distinguishing between good and bad Arabs. or between our allies who are helping us with our "war on terror" and those individuals who are attacking us.

The "war on terror" has become a motto not only for hate groups who dislike anyone who is different, but also for mainstream Americans who now believe that the Arabs and Muslims are a homogeneous group of fanatics who are bent on destroying America.

Теггу

Ahwal

The "war on terror" climate has created skewed political and civic spaces. The space for dissent and opposition is shrinking, while the space to hate "Arabs and Muslims" is expanding. It has become our patriotic duty to proclaim our opposition to anything Arab or Muslim.

Radio and TV talk shows are now joined by mainstream media who question anything Arab or Muslim. Radio talk and TV shows are replete with comments such as "We should bomb the Middle East and then America will be safe" or "These Arabs should just go back to where they came from." Arab Americans and Muslims are under siege in the United States. We live in a prison, the prison of being the "other" targets of hate. This prison has reduced the space within which we are able to freely exercise our constitutional rights to be different, to voice dissent and to have an identity that is rooted in our ethnic, linguistic and religious histories.

With the exception of civil rights organizations such as the ACLU, political, civic, corporate, religious, media and other ethnic organizations have either supported or promoted the suppression of Arab and Muslim rights in this country. Tolerance and bigotry give way to loathing and anxiety. People are now advocating the violation of both civil rights and civil liberties of Arab and Muslims

This has a chilling effect on the Arab and Muslim communities in our country. According to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination organization, since Sept. 11, 2001, there have

■ More than 700 violent incidents targeting Arab Americans.

■ More than 80 cases of illegal and discriminatory removal of innocent passengers from aircraft after boarding based on the passenger's perceived ethnicity.

■ More than 800 cases of employment discrimination against Arabs and Arab Americans.

Defamation against Arabs and Muslims, particularly attacks on Islam as a faith.

Adding insult to injury, our government with the majority of Americans cheering their efforts has created secret detentions, hearing and deportations of Muslims and Arabs. An alien registration has been created based on national origin and ethnicity, which monitors and spies on innocent Arabs and Muslims. Through our fear, loathing and anxiety, we have allowed our government to prematurely invade and occupy Iraq, killing more than 2,100 of our young soldiers and injuring thousands of others.

As horrific as the damage to the Arabic and Muslim communities is, it pales next to the damage we are creating for ourselves. Our country, the bastion of openness, constitutional freedom and human rights, is creating a cultural apartheid and polarization. We now divide our society into "us vs. them."

We decided to lump all Arabs together after the actions of a few who perpetrated terror on our society. If a society is to be defined by the actions of a few, why wasn't our community defined by its upstanding citizens: Mohamed ElBaradie, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency and winner of the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize; Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of the U.S. Central Command in Iraq; Dr. Elias Zerhouni, the director of the National Institutes of Health; Sen. John Sununu; or Sheriff Michael Bouchard of Oakland Country. The list goes on, yet we hear little of these upstanding Arabs and Muslims who work to stem terror on a daily basis.

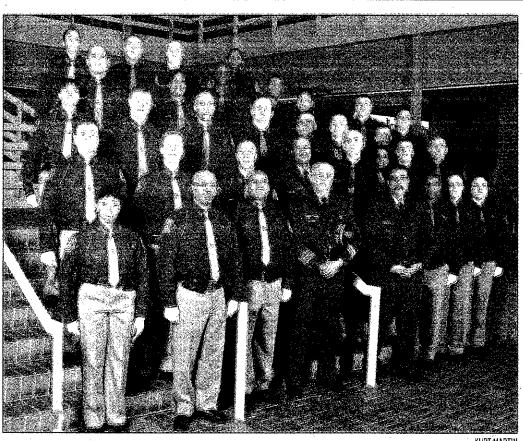
During this difficult time, I am always reminded of the eloquent words of Pastor Martin Niemoller: "First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I, did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."

None of us are exempt from bigotry. History has shown that bigotry is expensive. We need to stop it before we all pay the price.

Terry Ahwal lives in Canton







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## Sheriff swears new deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans (front row-center) is surrounded by members of his command staff and graduates of the Sheriff's Training Academy Class of February 2006. On Friday, Feb. 24, Evans swore in these 30 new deputies who successfully completed 17 rigorous weeks of training. Now that they are sworn officers, these men and women will have the opportunity to leave their jail positions in favor of one of the Sheriff Office's many specialty units.

## Friends of Rouge holds Rescue kickoff

The Friends of the Rouge will hold its Rouge Rescue 2006 Site Coordinator Kick-Off meeting 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 23, as the University of Michigan Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center, Room 119, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

The non-profit environmental organization, Friends of the Rouge, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. They are encouraging citizens in all of the 48 communities in the Rouge River watershed to participate in Rouge Rescue on June 3, 2006.

"We really want to celebrate our volunteers' efforts over the past 20 years and thought how much better can it get than to have a project going on in each of our 48 communities! - So if

anyone out there in the watershed is reading this and wants to take on a site, they could attend this kick off, it's going to be great" said Kathy Milberg, development coordinator for Friends of the Rouge. Some of the activities being planned at sites this year will include trash and debris removal, invasive species removal, woody debris management, native species plant installations, nature walks, bird box building, trail revitalization, storm drain marking, and many others.

Carolyne McCaughey, executive director for Friends of the Rouge, said she hopes to get as many communities as possible

involved. "We believe the more participation we get on Rouge Rescue Day, the more it will encourage

future stewardship for this

wonderful natural resource," she said. "In addition, as we get more and more communities involved we will show a prime example of how partnering and collaborative efforts can be successful."

In 1986, the Rouge River was designated by the federal government as one of the major polluters of the Great

Friends of the Rouge was incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)3 organization in order to assist in the Rouge River Project by conducting public outreach programs and educating local citizens about our watershed and the impact that their actions have on its health.

For information, go to the Web site www.therouge.org. To join, contact the organization by March 22.

# Counties will meet on key area issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Representatives from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit will sit down for a powwow this month to talk about those issues that affect the population of the region as a whole.

The Tri-County Summit will meet at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile Road, starting with a press conference at 11:45 a.m. March 20. The event is not open to the public.

Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Senior Analyst-Sheryl Mitchell said the summit will center around three areas of interest to the threecounties and the City of Detroit: Mental health, infra-

structure and transportation. Mental health, she said, is something the entire region\_\_\_ has to come to terms with.

"They're going to look at emergency response planning," Mitchell said. "In an emergency, people can miss their medications and not be able to

cope with the situation."

Another issue germane to the topic is jail overcrowding, something the region is struggling with. She said the summit will discuss what options communities have for dealing with mental illness outside of a jail environment.

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation will head up a talk on traffic and road issues and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments will discuss sprawl and its effects on infrastructure. She said the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department will likely be discussed.

'It's going to be roads, water. sewer and their increasing costs," Mitchell said. "With the older cities and their aging infrastructures, water is definitely part of that."

Wayne County Commission Chairwoman Jewel Ware said committees have been meeting over the past few months to identify those areas where the communities have similar (or identical) challenges in meeting their constitutionally-mandated duties. Finding common ground on those duties will

make everyone's jobs easier. "This is a great opportunity to find ways to work together," Ware said.

What won't be on the docket? at the summit are some of the more divisive issues between the counties, or more accurately, between the counties and Detroit. Oakland County Commission Chairman Bill Bullard Jr. said those talks should come later.

"We're hoping to start a dialog to enable us to address the common issues with the three counties and the city, not deal with the contentious issues like Cobo," he said. "We've chosen issues where we have common ground."

Bullard said the summit, which has not met since 1999, is something they're trying to put back together and the weightier issues will have to wait. Later, when everyone is more accustomed to a regular dialog, some of the harder issues can get time on the floor.

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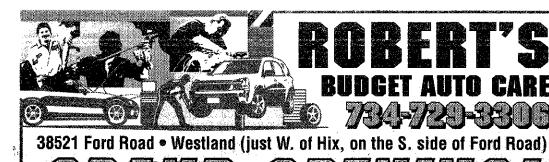
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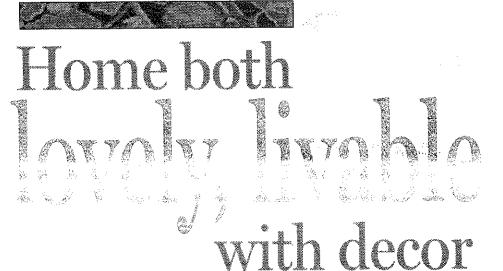
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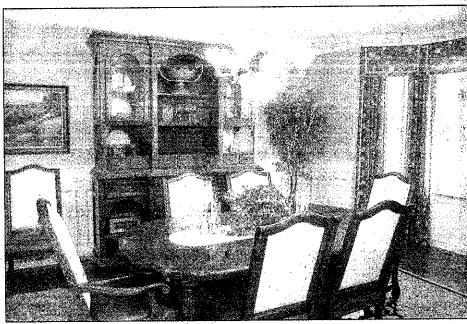
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Livonia interior designer Karen Wilmering added a custom wool rug under a round table in the kitchen area of the Flowers' home. Colors in the rug are throughout the house, including in the window treatments. The treatments were placed above the windows in the kitchen to add length to them.





In the dining room, chair seats are leather and the table is distressed maple. Spills or scratches by youngsters aren't a problem. A smaller console was fastened to an opposite wall so it couldn't be tipped over and hurt a child.

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

racticality was important to Glen and Lori Flowers when they decorated their Novi residence. The couple appreciate fine art and furnishings. And the house, with its ceilings that reach almost 20 feet high, presents a spacious canvas.

But Glen and Lori also wanted durability with the beauty because of their three children, ages 11, 6 and 2. This home wasn't going to have a do-not-touch atmosphere.

"I like to *live* in my house," Lori said.

The family has lived in the home since 2002. Recently Glen and Lori moved their living room furniture to the

basement and hired Karen Wilmering of About Interiors in Livonia.

"You do want to be able to el comfortable," said Wilmering, an adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University and Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches interior design courses.

Last week Wilmering and the couple showed examples on the first floor of how loveliness and livability comfortably combine in a home.

The rooms also blend Old World and contemporary design elements.

## **RUGS AND WINDOWS**

The Brazilian cherry wood Glen and Lori Flowers are comfortable in their beautiful Novi floor is covered in places by

area rugs from The Ghiordes home. Knot and Jasmine Oriental Rugs & Furniture, both at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

A hexagonal, 100 percent wool rug was custom-made by Davis and Davis of Tennessee. This is under a round table in the kitchen area.

"I love the round table for us to gather around," Glen said. Spills aren't noticeable in the large, leafy pattern of the rug, which Lori has found to be easy to clean.

Wool is so easy to maintain," Wilmering said. "You can get the beauty of a rug and not be afraid of it." Colors in the rug are picked up in various rooms, such as

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## Choosing right PDA or smartphone just got easier

ecently, several people have approached me about replacing their PDAs. In some cases it was due to hardware

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failure: A battery that would no longer hold a charge, a broken power button, or whatever.

A few people wanted to ditch their PDAs in favor of a smartphone. Makes sense to me: I'm increasingly annoyed by having to carry and care for two separate devices.

Let's talk about that the Palm Treo 650

option first. In my opinion, there are only two smartphones worth considering: (palm.com) and Sprint PPC-6700

The year-old, widely adored Treo 650 runs Palm's oh-so-friendly operating system, making it the easier of the two models to learn and use.

It's also much easier to operate one-handed, which is crucial when you're tooling down the highway trying to navigate screens or dial a number.

The Treo's best feature: A physical switch that instantly toggles the phone into silent mode. Every phone on the planet should

Here's what I don't like: The tiny kevboard, non-standard headphone jack, surprisingly poor volume, and low-resolution camera. Plus, it lacks Wi-Fi, which is disappointing.

Still, for \$299 (with a two-year service agreement and \$100 mail-in rebate), the Treo 650 offers an affordable mix of PDA and phone features.

The Sprint PPC-6700 costs quite a bit more (\$449.99), but it features a larger screen, a better camera, a bigger and more usable keyboard (which slides out from underneath the device - pretty cool), and more robust wireless capa-

Specifically, it has Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and Sprint's high-speed EV-DO network. The latter makes it possible to surf the Web and fetch e-mail at near-DSL speeds. Even better, you can connect the phone to your PC and use it as a wireless modem.

However, although the PPC-6700 wins the feature battle, it loses the phone war. You need two hands to dial

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Symposium

A spring gardening symposium will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle Isle,\_\_\_

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Members of the Belle isle Botanical Society, Association of **Professional Gardeners** and Friends of Belle Isle can pre-register for \$25. Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, March 28.

Details of the schedule and registration forms. are available online under "links" at www.bib society.org. Registration can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548.

Seating is limited. Preregistration is strongly recommended.

Attendance can be used for master gardener credits.

All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at. the conservatory.

The symposium will 4 & feature lectures on nine: different topics, from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees.

Jane Taylor will be among the presenters. She is best known in Michigan for the children's gardens at Michigan State University.

Nancy Lindley, coowner of Great Lakes Roses and author of Roses of Michigan, will walk listeners through her seven steps to suc cess with roses. Joe Sulak of The Greening of Detroit will describe maintenance procedures that can ensure the health of trees.

Gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag will pre view the newest tools on the market. Senior instructor Sue Grubbalof the Michigan School of Gardening will offer simple tricks for keeping your garden picture perfect.

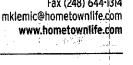
· Giancario Guzman, cochair of the Detroit Agriculture Network, Will explain how his group uses gardening to promote good health through exercise and healthy eating. Karen Sierzega will talk about landscaping.

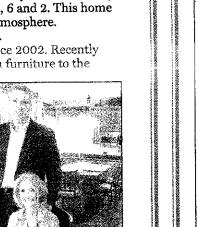
Kathy Browne of Canton, the Wayne County Master Gardener of the Year in 2004, will discuss the pros and cons of raised beds.

Heidi Cook of Liberty Street Gardens in Farmington will lecture on selecting, planting and tending container gardens. She will also con duct demonstrations throughout the day.

A number of vendors will have pots available, and Meiring Greenhouse from Carleton and Eastern Market will have cool-weather plants for sale. Attendees may buy. plants and pots and take them to Cook for help with arrangements.

Chef Joe of Joe Dietz Food will prepare fruit smoothies to order, saf ads and barbecue sandwiches throughout the day for purchase. Coffee and tea by Starbucks and rolls will be complimentary at morning registra tion.





## 8 Months of Color

The Village Gardeneers of Lathrup Village will host a special program, 8 Months of Color, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building at 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696.

Author and columnist Janet Macunovich, founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and co-founder of the Practical Gardening Institute, will present the program on how to choose perennials, bulbs, trees, vines and shrubs to maximize the color in your garden.

She will focus on how to combine plants by height and week of peak color to give you a succession of bloom or fantastic foliage from early spring through late fall. Macunovich will also sign her book, 8 Months of Color.

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Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments, and a raffle for gardening gifts, will be featured. Admission is free for Village

## **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Gardeneers members, Requested guest contribution, \$3. Call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings and weekends, or (313) 442-8460 weekdays.

## Garden classes

Schoolcraft College offers gardening classes. The schedule includes Design Your Outdoor World, beginning Saturday, March 25 (tuition is \$85), and Perennial Gardening, beginning Wednesday, March 29 (\$75). Award-winning landscape architect Merritt Wolson will be the instructor. Registration is required. Call (734) 462-4448.

## Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit, in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, conducts a free, educational nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center. The program includes a guest speaker, fun craft project, snack and book giveaway. It is open to the public, and groups are welcome. For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040. The last event this spring will take

place June 17. The programs will

#### Windowsill herbs

Home gardening courses offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning include Windowsill Herb Gardening, Tuesday, March 21, at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive. Learn how to grow delicious and fresh herbs in your own kitchen. Cost is \$26 for Dearborn School District residents, \$29 for non-residents, all materials included.

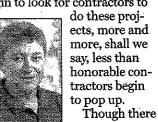
To register, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

## Watch out for these kinds of contractors

🛚 t seems like no matter whom I talk to in the new home business, they all have one thing to say. Sales are slow.

It's true that when the economy is soft people often choose remodeling and upgrading the home they own rather than making the investment in a new

As more and more people begin to look for contractors to



Ask Dad

> Harry Jachym

are many more fine contractors than poor ones, there are still too many who give all a bad name. More important to you is that these bad contractors

can cost you lots of money and cause hazardous situations in your home. The first thing I tell people when choosing a contractor is to trust your instincts. If this person doesn't feel 100 percent right, don't hire them. Our state licenses contractors

and has laws on the books to help keep you safe from these problem contractors. Yet no matter what the state does they will still show up.

It's best to be proactive in choosing a contractor for a particular job. Watch out for a contractor:

■ Who won't or can't show you copies of their license and insurance, in particular liability and workman's compensation. Michigan requires contractors to be licensed for all but the smallest jobs.

If the employer isn't adequately insured, you may find yourself responsible for damage or injuries occurring on your property.

Who wants payments made out to them for products and materials rather than the company supplying them. Under Michigan law a lien can be placed on your property if the supplier isn't paid for the materials they supply.

## If the contractor isn't licensed or didn't follow the proper procedure, you can find yourself responsible for the cost of the materials.

Though Michigan has a construction lien recovery act in place, if the contractor isn't licensed or didn't follow the proper procedure, you can find yourself responsible for the cost of the materials.

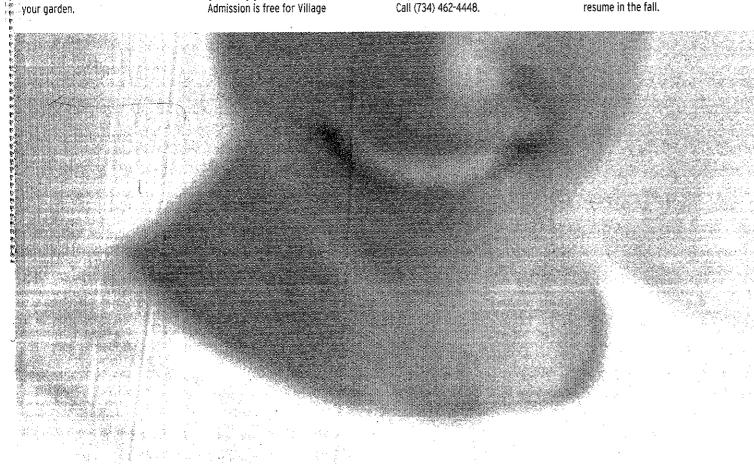
■ Who asks to be paid up front or for work that hasn't been done yet. Be especially leery of those who ask for this but don't offer a contract.

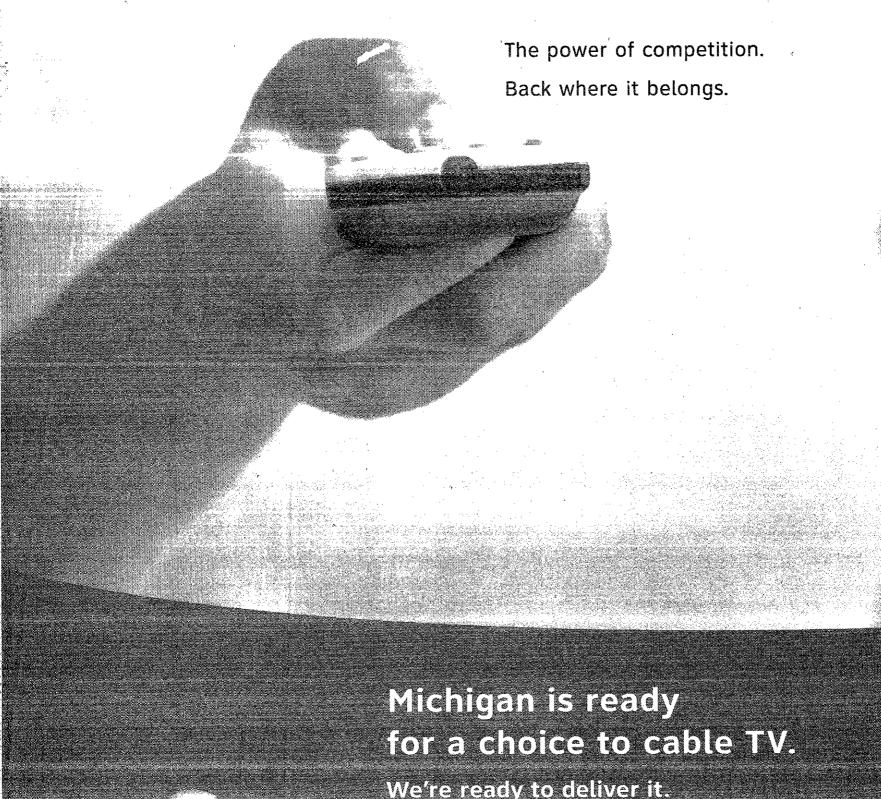
Who tries to talk you into buying things that you already have, such as appliances, etc. They may even try to scare you into buying these things by saying something like, "This or that could be dangerous. I can make you a good deal on a new one." Get another opinion.

Who has just kind of appeared out of thin air. Few if any references, no verifiable permanent address, a phone number that is a cellular phone.

Now, in all fairness, in our weak economy many laid-off workers turn to handiwork to help pay the bills, which doesn't make them unscrupulous. Furthermore, many contractors use a cellular as their business line. Just look at these people with caution. Good luck in finding the right

contractor. If you have any questions, don't forget to Ask Dad. Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.





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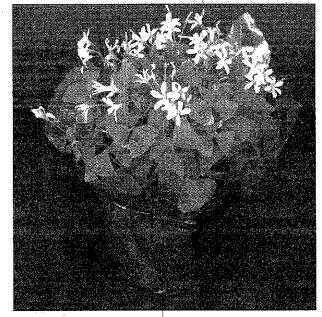
## **HOME CALENDAR**

Old World technique

Classes taught by professionals take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. Tuscan Villa and Stucco (March 21) will present an "Old World" technique of interior plaster and smooth rock. Learn how to create a popcorn effect to fill cracks and flaws permanently. Simple ways to create stucco finishes, and how to create an ultrasuede look, will also be taught. For registration information, call Troy Adult Education at (248) 823-5100, Rochester Adult Education at (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education at (248) 203-3800, Huntington Woods Adult Education at (248) 541-3030 or Royal Oak Adult Education at (248) 588-5050.

Art Van Furniture will present EQ3, a new line of sleek, flexible, affordable furniture, at its Royal Oak store, 32301 Woodward. The line will debut Saturday, March 18, at the store. The furnishings will be available later this spring online

Palliser Furniture, Canada's largest manufacturer of assembled household furniture, initiated the EQ3 concept in 2001. Sofas start at \$599 and accessories at



Go with green

Spice up your shamrock shenanigans with a bit o' Irish luck from Thrifty Florist, such as Oxalis (shamrock) plants, shown here, and green carnations. The plants and carnations are available now through Friday, March 17, at any of Thrifty Florist's 16 locations throughout metro Detroit and surrounding areas. Costs for the Oxalis are \$3.99 for a 4-1/2-inch plant, \$9.99 for a 6-inch plant. The green carnations are \$8.99 a dozen.

## **BROIDA**

at www.artvan.com.

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a number, and you're stuck with Sprint as a carrier - not necessarily a bad thing, but the Treo is available from all the majors. Ultimately, I'd say if your main concern is a good phone, go for the Treo. If you're more interested in data features, the PPC-6700 rocks.

Before you order either model, however, head to a store and get a demo. Check the size and weight, the readability of the screen, the comfort of the grip, and so on.

## PREFER A PDA?

As for PDAs, I recommend either the \$199 Palm Tungsten E2 or \$299 Palm TX. The latter comes close to PDA perfection, combining excellent features (including Wi-Fi!) and sexy design for a reasonable

The Tungsten E2 has a smaller screen and no Wi-Fi, but it's quite powerful otherwise. Like the TX, it can play videos and music, connect to Bluetooth devices, and open Microsoft Office documents.

If you're a bit more techsavvy and want even better multimedia features (like integration with Media Center PCs and instant compatibility with music-subscription services), consider the Dell Axim X51v (dell.com). It's currently selling for \$374, though Dell's prices fluctuate constantly.

It has an even better screen than the Palm TX and comes with a removable battery, a feature Palms sorely lack:

All the aforementioned PDAs have a feature that's long overdue: persistent memory. If the battery goes dead, you don't lose all your data. That should come as good news to those of you who never remember to sync with your

## DON'T FORGET THE EXTRAS

With your shiny new PDA or smartphone in hand, don't forget to load up with some cool software and accessories.

The \$299.95 TomTom Navigator 5 Bluetooth (tomtom.com), for instance, turns your device into full-fledged GPS navigation system. It comes with a Bluetooth GPS receiver and killer navigation software. I highly recommend

Love Sudoku? (Who doesn't? Even my 6-year-old plays it.) Available for both Palm OS and Windows Mobile devices. Astraware Sudoku (astraware.com) gives you an endless supply of puzzles - no eraser required. It sells for \$19.95. Finally, if you go the smartphone route, be sure to pick up SplashBlog (splashdata.com). With it you can upload photos and text to an online blog - great for instantly sharing vacation, new-baby, and other experiences with friends and family. Amazingly, the software is free, as is the splashblog.com account used to host your photos. If you want to go beyond the freebie account's 100-photo limit, it'll cost you a reasonable \$29.95 per year.

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in the painting hanging on a nearby wall. The artwork is a favorite of Lori's and was moved from another location.

The colors are also similar in the nearby window treatments by Hung Up on Drapes of Ann Arbor. These feature a floral and kitchen design on a black background.

In the kitchen, the treatments were placed above the windows to add height. The backsplash is tumbled marble and limestone in a creamy shade.

Black chairs around the table and around the kitchen island, and the granite countertops in the kitchen, complement each other.

## **WALLS AND FURNITURE**

The faux look on the dining room walls is by Tracey Van Hook Moses of Painted Preferences of Livonia, who painted walls throughout the house, upstairs and downstairs.

In the dining room, the artist gave the walls an aged leather look in beige, using a technique she developed. The same appearance is on the den walls in green.

The bottom of the dining room walls consists of drywall covered in coats of white, satiny paint, creating a look of aged wood. Crown molding is another classic, decorative element.

A handmade wool Oriental rug highlights the floor. The wood on the table and chairs is highly distressed maple; any mars or scratches wouldn't stand out. The chairs have dark brown, leather seats, another easy-to-clean feature.

One of the furniture pieces bought through Gorman's is an impressive cabinet along one

On the opposite wall is a mahogany console table with a red chinoiserie apron. Glen secured it to the wall with screws so it couldn't be tipped over and injure a child.

Another Oriental rug, this in pastel shades, is

In the powder room, a wooden cabinet houses the sink. Other Old World elements are the Oriental rug and the wall mirror behind an



The powder room features old world decor.

arched metal grating.

In the living room, furnishings are in a classic style, compared to the contemporary style in the kitchen area.

Pieces include a large, ornate mirror over the fireplace, a heavy coffee table, and plush sofas and chairs. Wooden and crushed velvet armchairs - the youngsters' favorite seats - are among other furniture in the room.

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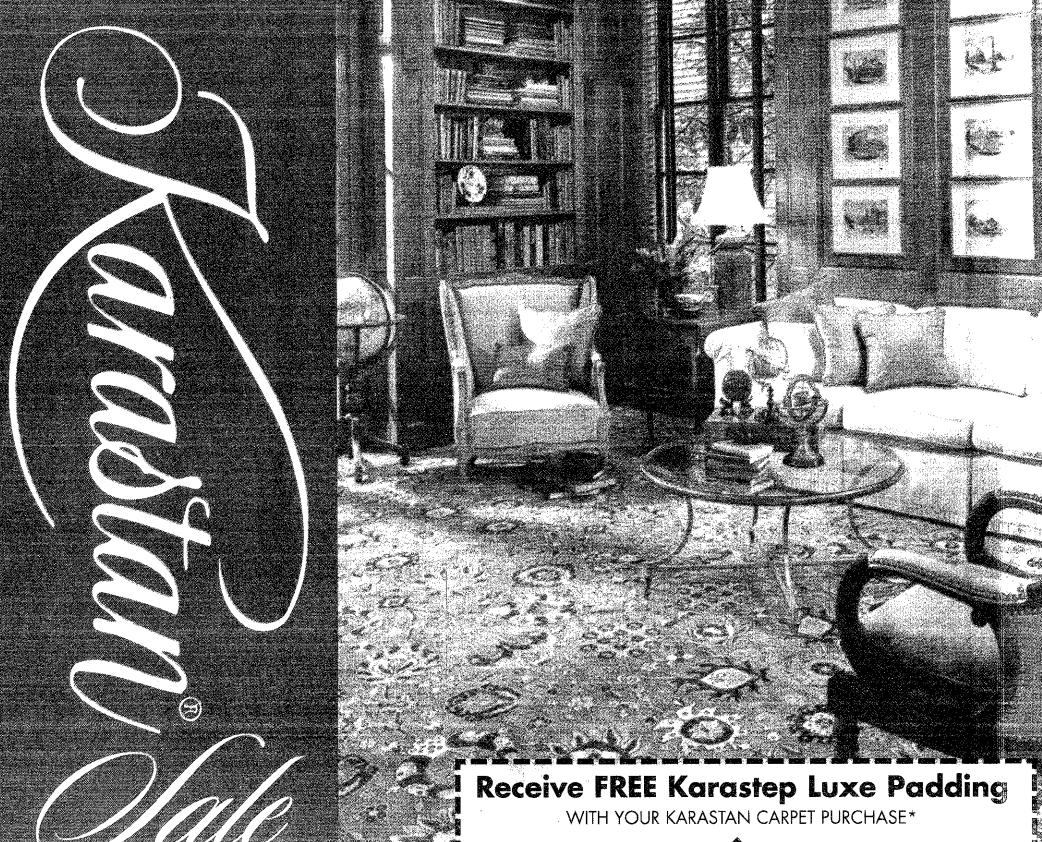
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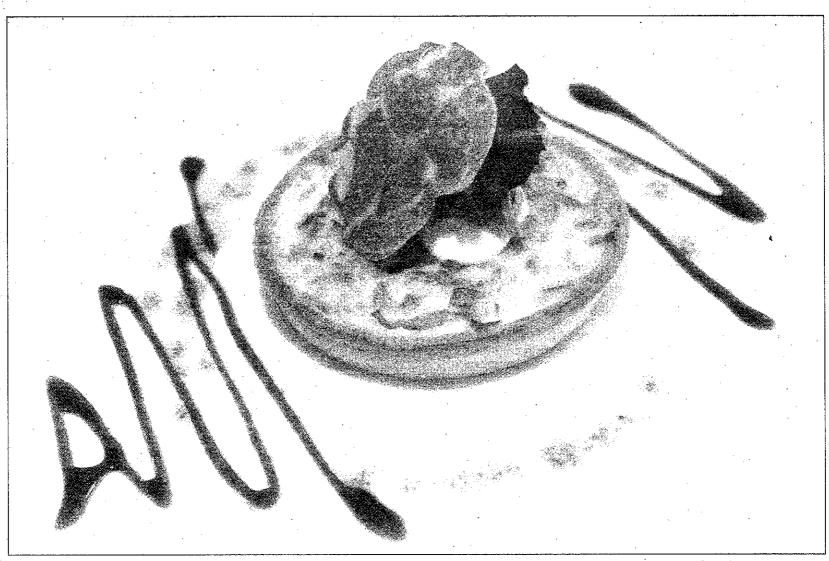
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# Chef remembers his homeland and Irish dishes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

J. Kieran Savage remembers simple dishes from his childhood in Ireland.

"My mother made bacon and cabbage," he remembers from his childhood in Ireland. "She'd soak the bacon in water to get the salt out, then she'd cook it up. That smell was wonderful.

Savage has watched the transformation of Irish cooking since his childhood. Today many Irish chefs are taking old ideas and revisiting them, as Savage did with his recipes.

"They're taking traditional Irish dishes and making them new," Savage said. "You have a filet mignon resting on champs (a potato dish made

with green onions and cream) with a red wine reduction. Please see related That's taking an old idea and recipes on B7. making it new.

"You used to see potato pancakes with maybe a topping on it, but now you see boxty with salmon and cabbage in the middle. It's nice to see."

## **GROOMING A CHEF**

Since that childhood, Savage attended the Rockwell cooking school in Tipperary. Savage worked for Marriott Hotels & Resorts for 20 years, in U.S. cities ranging from Chicago to San Diego. Savage also worked as a chef in Ireland and Warsaw, Poland.

Today Savage lives in Canton and is the executive chef at the Dearborn Inn. The Irish dishes he prepared for this story aren't on his menu at the Inn, but, he said, they are some of his Irish

Savage believes perceptions have changed regarding Irish food. "Fresh and natural is the best way to describe it," he says. "You use the products that are there, and everything that's available is local."

Irish chefs like to use a lot of pork, bacon, lamb and fresh fish, such as salmon, mackerel, sole and haddock. "When I worked in Ireland, we'd go down to the shore and pick mussels that were on the rocks," Savage said. "You couldn't get them any fresher than that."

Irish bacon is different from American bacon as it is taken from the pork loin, Savage said.

Today fish is prevalent along with lamb. Mutton is also popular there, a dish that is hard to find in the United States.

## CODDLE AND BOXTY

Basil oil and balsamic vinegar add a little flair to this leek and bacon tart.

For today's menu, Savage has prepared beef stew with Guinness, coddle (a bacon and sausage dish), soda bread, apple cake, boxty with smoked salmon, cabbage and bacon, a bacon and leek pie and the filet crusted with black sesame seeds, on champ with Cashel bleu cheese and a chiffonade of cabbage and a red wine reduction. That dish is garnished with a deep-fried piece of basil.

The plate of the bacon and leek pie will get a slight pour of basil oil and balsamic vinegar. Some of Savage's other favorites are

champ, colcannon and boxty. Savage said St. Patrick's Day in

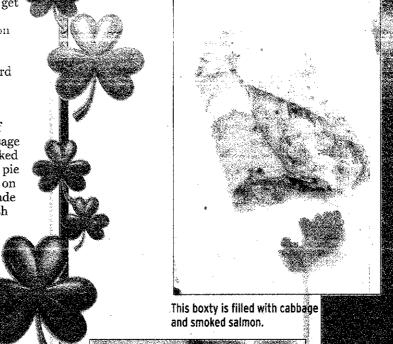
Ireland is "more of a church holiday." "The celebration is bigger here, but it's gotten better there (for celebrations) with the small towns having parades," Savage

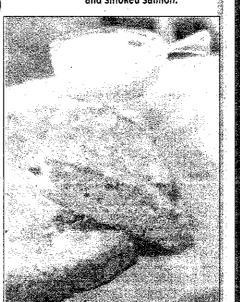
said. "We'll go out and celebrate, but it's not like it is here. "There's a little more reverence and patriotism. It's the one day in Lent that you are allowed to eat meat." (This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a

Friday. Christians traditionally abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, but Catholics received permission to consume meat that day this year.) What about corned beef and cabbage? Well, actually that's more of an American Irish dish

that grew in popularity as Irish immigrants

came to America and preserved meat for the journey, Savage said. As a child, Savage said he didn't have corned beef. "They called that spiced beef and my par-





ents never served that (for dinner)," Savage said. kabramcz@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2107

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The hearty and super-healthy green kale in this potato casserole makes it the right color for St. Patrick's Day.

## Potato dish is perfect for St. Patrick's Day meal

You don't have to be Irish to love potatoes, so St. Patrick's Day is a good time for Americans of any ethnic background to join in the celebration at meal time.

Apple

cake

makes for

delicious

dessert

on St. Patrick's

Many people think potatoes are fattening, but it's the way they are prepared that can make them high in calories. Americans eat more than 5 billion pounds of processed french fries every year and spend nearly \$4 billion on potato chips. Fat- and calorie-laden butter, sour cream and cheese are common companions for baked potatoes.

There are, however, plenty of delicious, lowfat recipes for potatoes. And, if you cook them without first peeling them, you'll retain the

nutrients found close to the skin.

Instead of frying potatoes in oil, coat them lightly with oil spray and oven roast them. Add flavor with turmeric, cumin and perhaps some cayenne pepper. (If you need to watch your sodium intake, using spices nicely compensates for a lack of salt.) Or use canola oil to lightly sauté thinly-sliced potatoes with thin slices of onion and bell pepper.

When buying potatoes, always choose those that are firm, relatively smooth and with a fresh-looking color. (Potatoes with a greenish tinge have been overexposed to light and will

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Colcannon is a traditional Irish mashed potato dish which may include scallion or onion, and cabbage or kale. But don't 🏃 think that's it for quaint regional names describing variations of potato dishes, according to the U.S. Potato Board and Potatoes - From Mash to Fries by Annie Nichols (Ryland, Peters & Small, London, 1998). Colcannon's cousins in other countries in the British Isles sport fun names including:

Clapshot. This is Scotland's version; it omits scallion and adds mashed rutabagas; chives or bacon fat may also be added.

■ Kailkenny is found in the Scottish Highlands; it adds cream to colcannon.

Rumbledethumps, from the Scottish Borders, features equal parts potatoes and cabbage that are thumped (mashed) then rumbled (mixed) with pepper and butter, topped with cheese, and broiled until brown.

Punchnep. In Wales, this is a combination of mashed turnips and potatoes, heaped into a mound and studded with hollows, which are filled with cream.

## **Essential Italian**

ing demonstration, ``Pasta 101,'' Giada de Laurentiis shared with food writers insights that carried a certain authori-

After all, she's the author of a cookbook, Everyday Italian (Potter, 2005, \$30) and she's host of the television show of the same hame on the Food Network. "I've eaten pasta all my life," she said, describing pasta as part of her family lifestyle. Two basic tips among comments on cooking pasta:

■ Drain pasta but don't rinse or add oil (unless you're making salad) or the sauce won't stick.

■ Pasta water has flavor and starch, so reserve half a cup of it to use in: your sauce.

At the "Pasta 101" session, organized by Barilla, de Laurentiis also ran through her shortlist of staples to keep on your pantry shelf, items to help give your cooking real Italian flair. Included are:

Anchovies, olives and capers. "They are great? for doctoring things up, adding to a jarred sauce, for example."

Balsamic vinegar. "Try it on ice cream," she says.

Red-wine vinegar. Regular olive oil for cooking; extra-virgin olive oil for flavor, for when it's not going to be cooked.

■ Dried pasta.

■ Rice.

■ Different kinds of salt. ■ Dried herbs, especial-

ly the herbes de Provence blend. "You get it all in one container. It's originally French, but these are all herbs Italians use, too."

Sun-dried tomatoes. ■ Canned Italian tuna: (add tomato sauce and capers, heat).

Canned beans - especially chickpeas and can-

## Cookbook celebrates Irish pub grub

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) - Ease into a comfortable booth in an Irish pub. Settle your pint on the seasoned table in front of you, in mellow surroundings among antique bric-a-brac. Order some traditional Irish food to warm the damp out of your bones. It's only March, and St. Patrick's Day can be chilly.

On the other hand, you could stay home, browse through The Irish Pub Cookbook by Margaret M. Johnson (Chronicle Books, 2006, \$24.95), inhale the ambiance and cook up convincingly good pub grub in your own kitchen from any of the 80 or so recipes in her selection.

The book is a culinary celebration of pubs, a beloved national institution.

"These licensed premises part clubhouse, part town hall, part church - have served for years as venues for social events, sporting news, local gossips, music sessions, literary soirees, real estate deals. political debates, revolutionary plots, and, lest we forget, for knocking back a pint of Guinness or a 'ball of malt,' also known as a glass of whiskey," she writes.

Pub styles range from medieval to newly established, from Victorian Dublin with mahogany and mirrors to thatched country cottages. They are, Johnson says, "perhaps the best expressions of Irish life and culture and are true keepers of the spirit of the land." To say nothing of serving what has long been considered quintessential Irish food.

Johnson includes plenty of background and history along with her focus on the food. There's a sidebar on literary and musical pub crawls in Dublin, and profiles of individual pubs - and, of course, of the people who run them: Durty Nelly, and Dame Alice, among other famous publicans.

Along with other recent

commentators on the scene, Johnson confirms that you'll still find traditional countrystyle cooking in Ireland's pubs but also gastronomic surprises, some tasty changes, more cause for the high praise Irish food in general earns these

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days.
"I started to notice these changes a few years ago, especially in pubs in Dublin and the real foodie areas around Cork," Johnson said in an email exchange.

Johnson, food writer and author of *The New Irish Table* (Chronicle, 2003) and The Irish Heritage Cookbook (Chronicle, 1999) among other cookbooks, lives in New York City when she isn't visiting her ancestral home of Ireland.

This new book, illustrated with scene-setting color photographs shot by the author, and food photos made by Leigh Beish, samples a wide range of what you might find on current pub menus, from starters to desserts.

There's traditional fare: recipes for shepherd's pie and ploughman's lunch, Dublin coddle (a pork, potato and sausage stew), bacon-potato cakes. And there's finer fare: smoked salmon pate; caramelized onion and nettle tarts; white chocolate terrine.

Johnson suggested a ciderbraised chicken and cabbage dish for readers to try.

"I think it's kind of a surprise in that it has many traditional ingredients (carrots, cabbage, onion) but gets a new spin with the cider," she said. "The raisins also add an unexpected sweetness

"I also like this dish because it's easy to prepare in advance and bake later. It's great with any number of traditional potato recipes as well, ranging from mashed to potato cakes."

For dessert, bread-and-butter pudding is one of the most popular desserts served in Îreland, Johnson says. But recipes vary widely, and the whiskey-flavored one that follows is her personal favorite -"The hot whiskey sauce is a welcome alternative to the traditional custard sauce."

Next question: Do diners drink cider with the chicken dish? Johnson's answer: "You certainly could, although your readers would probably prefer a nice dry red or white wine with it."

She didn't think serving two drink-touched dishes at the same meal would be too much of a problem, since they don't contain large quantities of cider or whiskey, and in cooked dishes, they add flavor but evaporate.

Either or both would be fine, she said, "for a bit of St. Patrick's celebrating."

This chicken dish is cooked coq-au-vin style in a dry cider with a lively, crisp taste. Serve it with mashed potatoes.

The recipe was developed by Bulmers, the Irish hard-cider maker, for restaurants and pubs. Cider has long been a popular ingredient in European cuisines, especially among Celts, Bretons and Normans, Johnson points out. "Irish chefs love to use it, often as a substitute for wine, because of the unique flavor it imparts to sauces, meat, and

## CIDER-BRAISED CHICKEN AND CABBAGE

1/2 cup all-purpose flour Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Six 5- to 6-ounce bone-in chicken breast halves, skin on 1/4 cup olive oil 4 to 5 cloves garlic

3 carrots, peeled and thickly 1 large onion, thickly sliced 3 bay leaves

½ cup golden raisins 2 tablespoons minced fresh flatleaf parsley 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary

2 cups shredded Savoy cabbage 1 cup homemade chicken stock (recipe follows), or canned low-sodium chicken broth, or 1 chicken bouillon cube mixed with 1 cup boiling

1 cup dry Irish cider

Preheat the oven to 325º F.

Combine the flour, salt and pepper in a shallow bowl and dredge the chicken in it, shaking off the excess.

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm the oil. Add the chicken in batches and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, or until lightly browned. Transfer the chicken to a large ovenproof baking dish.

Tuck the garlic, carrots, onion and bay leaves in between the chicken pieces. Sprinkle with the raisins, parsley and rosemary. Place the cabbage on top, season with salt and pepper, and pour the stock or broth and cider over the meat and vegetables. Cover with foil and bake for 11/2 to 11/2 hours, or until the chicken is tender.

To serve, place a chicken breast in the center of each of six plates, and spoon the vegetables and sauce over the top.

Makes 6 servings.

## CHICKEN STOCK

1½ pounds chicken pieces (a combination of backs, wings and necks) and bones

6 cups cold water Tonion, chopped

1 leek (white part only), washed and chopped

1 carrot, peeled and chopped 1 celery stalk, chopped

1 teaspoon salt

I teaspoon black peppercorns I bouquet garni (a cheesecloth

bag containing 3 sprigs fresh flatleaf parsley, 1 sprig fresh thyme, and 1 bay leaf),

In a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat, combine the chicken pieces and bones and water. Bring to a boil and skim any foam that rises to the top. Reduce the heat to medium-low, skim again, and add the onion, leek, carrot, celery, salt, peppercorns and bouquet garni. Simmer, skimming occasionally, for 2 to 21/2 hours. Strain the stock through a finemesh sieve into a bowl and let cool. Refrigerate for several hours, remove the congealed fat, then cover and refrigerate for up to one week, or freeze for up to

three months. Makes about 5 cups.

## BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

WITH HOT WHISKEY SAUCE For the Pudding:

½ cup raisins 1/2 cup Irish whiskey 5 large eggs 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream 1 cup sugar ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

8 ounces (8 to 9 slices) firm white bread, crust left on 4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature

For the Hot Whiskey Sauce: ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter,

cut into pieces 1 cup sugar 6 tablespoons heavy (whipping)

## To make the Pudding:

1/4 cup Irish whiskey

In a small bowl, combine the raisins and whiskey and let soak for 1 hour. Butter a 9-inch square nonreactive baking dish.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla. Spread one side of each slice of bread with butter. Cut the slices in half diagonally and arrange half the bread in the bottom of the baking dish, overlapping the slices. Drain the raisins and sprinkle half over the bread. Repeat with the remaining bread and raisins. Pour the eggcream custard mixture over the bread and let it soak for 30 min-

Preheat the oven to 400° F. Place the baking dish in a large baking pan. Add enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the dish. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the pudding is set and the top is golden. Remove the baking dish from the water bath and let cool slightly on a wire rack.

To make the Whiskey Sauce: In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Whisk in the sugar, cream and whiskey. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 4 to 5 minutes, or until the sauce thickens. Serve the pudding warm with the upigkov eglion erzomiog ono each portion.

Makes 6 to 8 servings; about 1 cup of sauce.

have a bitter flavor, so any green areas should be cut away before cooking.) Avoid those with cuts, dark or soft spots, wrinkly or wilted skin, or an excessive number of eyes. Potatoes are best stored in a well-ventilated, dark, cool place (not the refrigerator). They should not be kept in plastic

This country-style potato casserole is perfect for St. Patrick's Day. The hearty and super-healthy green kale makes it the right color for the day.

## POTATO AND KALE CASSEROLE

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 tablespoon broth or water 2 cups cold fat-free milk 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 small onion, coarsely chopped 2 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups cooked kale, chopped\* 1 tablespoon chopped pecans (optional) 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg 1 large cooked potato (peeled or unpeeled), thinly sliced

1 tablespoon plain bread crumbs Preheat oven to 350°F, Lightly coat a medium-sized, shallow baking dish with cooking oil spray. Combine oil, broth and milk in a saucepan. Mix in flour until dissolved. Over medium heat, cook, stirring, about 5 minutes or until mixture boils and

thickens. Remove from heat. Lightly coat a skillet with cooking oil spray and heat over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, sauté 5 minutes, then transfer into the milk mixture. Stir in kale, half the pecans (if using), salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Spread a thin layer of the mixture on the bottom of baking dish, cover with a layer of potato slices, and continue alternating layers of potatoes and kale mix ture until both are used up. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and remaining nuts (if using). Bake until heated through and top is golden, about 30 minutes.

\*Frozen kale can be used. Thaw, drain and press out excess water before using.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 195 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than I g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 9 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 256 mg.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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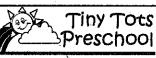
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## **IRISH RECIPES**

These recipes are courtesy of J. Kieran Savage, executive chef of the Dearborn Inn.

DUBLIN CODDLE

This utterly Irish dish combines bacon and sausages, two foods known since the earliest Irish literature, and is said to have been Jonathan Swift's favorite meal. (The author of Gulliver's Travels also was the dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral.) Leeks and oatmeal were originally used but potatoes and onion are popular nowadays.

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8/sinch thick ham or dry-cured

bacon slices 8 best-quality lean pork

sausages
4 large onions, thinly sliced
2 pounds potatoes, peeled and

6 tablespoons chopped fresh

parsley
Salt and ground black pepper

Cut the ham or bacon into large chunks and cook with the sausages in 2 pints and 5 cups boiling water for five minutes. Drain, but reserve the cooking liquor.

Put the meat into a pan or ovenproof dish with the onions, potatoes and the parsley. Season, and add just enough of the reserved cooking liquor to cover. Cover with a tight-fitting lid; lay a piece of buttered foil or baking parchment on top before putting on the lid.

Simmer gently over a low heat for about one hour, or until the liquid is reduced by half and all the ingredients are cooked but not mushy. Serve hot with the vegetables on top with the traditional accompaniments of fresh soda bread and a glass of stout. Makes four large or eight small portions.

Per portion: Calories, 432; protein, 20.6g; carbohydrates, 52g, of which are sugars 10.2g; fåt, 17.2g, of which saturated are 6.1g; cholesterol, 45mg; calcium, 83mg; fiber, 5.7g; sodium, 1.27g.

## LEEK AND BACON TART

This versatile tart soon becomes a favorite. While it makes a deliciously savory first course, it is equally suitable served in more generous proportions with a mixed leaf salad as a light main course for lunch or supper.

10 ounces or 2-½ cups plain (allpurpose) flour

Pinch of salt

6 ounces or 3/4 cup butter 2 egg yolks

2 egg yorks 1/2 tablespoon very cold water Lettuce leaves and tomato, to

garnisn

For the filling:

8 ounces streaky (fatty) bacon, diced

4 leeks, sliced

6 eggs 4 ounces or½ cup cream cheese

1 tablespoon mild mustard Pinch of cayenne pepper Salt and ground black pepper

Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl, and rub in the butter until it resembles fine bread crumbs. Add the egg yolks and just enough water to combine the dough. Alternatively, you can use a food processor. Wrap the dough in clear film (plastic wrap) and place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 400° F. Roll out the pastry thinly and use to line six to eight tartlet cases or a 11-inch tart dish. Remove any air pockets and prick the base with a fork. Line the pastry loosely with baking parchment, weigh down with baking beans and bake the pastry shell blind for 15-20 minutes, or until golden.

To make the filling, cook the bacon in a hot pan until crisp. Add the leeks and continue to cook for 3-4 minutes until just softening. Remove from the heat. In a bowl, beat the eggs, cream cheese, mustard, cayenne pepper and seasoning together, then add the leeks and bacon.

Remove the paper and beans from the tarlet or tart case, pour in the filling and bake for 35-40 minutes.

To serve, plate the tartlets on to individual serving plates or cut the tart into narrow wedges and serve warm. Makes 6-8 individual tartlets or serves eight to 10 as an appetizer.

Per portion: Cal., 487; protein, 15.4g; carboflydrates, 28.2g, of which are sugars 1.6g; fat, 35.7g, of which are saturated 19.1g; cholesterol, 265mg; calcium, 107mg; fiber, 2.1t; sodium, 681mg.

## **BOXTY POTATO PANCAKES**

Said to have originated during the Irish famine, these delicious pancakes use blended potatoes in the batter mix and can be made as thin or thick as you like. They are delicious served rolled around a hot savory filling such as cooked cabbage and chopped bacon bound in a light mustard sauce.

1 pound potatoes, peeled and chopped
2-3 ounces or ½ to ½ cup plain (all-purpose) flour
½ pint or ½ cup milk

¼ pint or¾ cup milk Salt to taste Pat of butter

Place the peeled and chopped potatoes in a blender or in the bowl of a food processor and process until the potato is thoroughly blended.

Add the flour and enough milk to the processed potato to give a dropping consistency, and add salt to taste. The milk and flour can be adjusted, depending on how thin you like your pancake. Heat a little butter on a griddle or cast-iron frying pan.

Pour about a quarter of the mixture into the pan – if the consistency is right it will spread evenly over the base. Cook over a medium heat for about 5 minutes on each side, depending on the thickness of the cake, serve rolled with the hot filling of your choice. Makes 4 pancakes.

Per pancake: Cal., 163; protein, 4.8g; carbohydrate, 30.9g, of which are sugars 2.7g; fat, 3.1g, of which are saturated 1.7g; cholesterol, 8mg; calcium, 69mg; fiber, 1.9g; sodium, 236mg.

## BEEF AND GUINNESS CASSEROLE

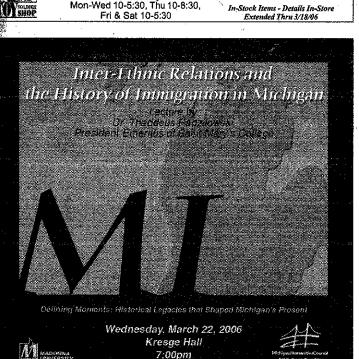
Stout and beef make natural partners and occur frequently in Irish cooking. This richly flavored version of a popular dish is suitable for any occasion, including informal entertaining. Serve with creamy well-buttered mashed potatoes.

tablespoons olive oil
 pounds stewing beef (such as rib steak or shoulder) cut into thin slices
 tonion, chopped

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2 celery sticks, sliced 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped ½ pint or 1-¼ cups well-reduced beef stock

4 pint or 3/2 cup Guinness
 2 ounces or 4/2 cup butter
 3 ounces streaky (fatty) bacon, trimmed and diced

4 ounces wild or cultivated mushrooms, guartered or sliced

2 ounces shallots or small onions, left whole 1 ounce or 4 cup plain (all-purpose) flour

Salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a pan and brown the meat. Transfer to a casserole. Sauté the vegetables for 5 minutes in the pan.

Add the vegetables to the meat, and add the garlic. Add the stock and the Guinness. Season. Cover the casserole and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 1-1/2 hours.

Remove the meat from the casserole and strain the cooking liquid and reserve. Discard the vegetables.

Clean the casserole and sauté the bacon, mushrooms and shallots or onions in the butter for 5-10 minutes. When the vegetables are tender, sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring, over a low heat for 2-3 minutes, then slowly blend in the reserved cooking liquid. Return the meat to the casserole, and reheat. Serve with mashed potatoes. Serves 4.

Per portion: Cal., 670; protein, 57.5g; carbohydrate, 14g, of which are sugars 7.3g; fat, 42g, of which are saturated 17.5g; cholesterol 169mg; calcium, 71mg; fiber, 3.7g; sodium, 478mg.

## IRISH APPLE CAKE

This moist cake-also known as Kerry Apple Cake in the south of the country – is perhaps best in autumn, when hone-grown apples are in season. It has a lovely crunchy top and can be served cold, as a cake, or warm with chilled cream or custard as a dessert.

Good pinch of salt
Pinch of ground cloves
Cup butter, at room tempera-

ture
3 or 4 cooking apples
½ cup superfine sugar

2 cups self-rising flour

2 eggs, beaten A little milk to mix Granulated sugar to sprinkle over

Preheat the oven to 375° F and butter an 8-inch cake tin (pan).

Sieve the flour, salt and ground cloves into a bowl. Cut in the butter and rub in until the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs. Peel and core the apples. Slice them thinly and add to the rubbed-in mixture with the sugar.

Mix in the eggs and enough milk to make a fairly stiff dough, then turn the mixture into the prepared pan and sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30-40 minutes, or until springy to the touch. Cool on a wire rack. When cold, store in an airtight tin until ready to serve. Makes 1 cake.

Per cake: Cal., 2315; protein, 37g; carbohydrate, 312.5g, of which sugars 145.3g; fat, 110.9g, of which saturates 64.1g; cholesterol, 702mg; calcium, 948mg; fibre, 10.7g; sodium, 1.68g.

## FILET OF BEEF WITH CASHEL BLEU CHEESE AND RED WINE REDUCTION

6 ounces filet of beef
1 ounce Cashel bleu cheese
4 ounces rosti potato (Swiss fried potato, similar to hash browns)
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook off beef until desired doneness.

Red wine reduction

Top with cashel bleu cheese and broil until bubbly.

Place rosti potato in center of bowl.

Place the filet on top of potato.
Drizzle sauce around inside of the bowl.

Red wine reduction: 1 cup of red wine reduced by four (to about% cup). Add demi glace, season to taste.

## Brown Irish Soda Bread

2 cups flour
2 cups whole wheat flour
4 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt 1-½ cups buttermilk 2 eggs

2 eggs 2 tablespoons melted butter

Mix all dry ingredients, then add the liquid. Place equally formed balls on sprayed, parchment lined sheetpan.

Flatten them and slash an "X" in the top.

Bake at 350 F for 25-35 minutes or until bread sounds hol low when thumped on the bottom.

## WHITE IRISH SODA BREAD

5 pounds bread flour
1 pound, 8 ounces sugar
1 ounce baking soda
1 pound, 12 ounces raisins
1/2 quarts buttermilk
1 pound melted butter
5 whole eggs

Follow the instructions from above recipe.

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# Serve up this fresh green salad at St. Patrick's dinner

BY DANA JACOBI THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

If you think food that celebrates St. Patrick's Day means corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes, it's time to update your thinking about Irish cooking.

You may still find plenty of corned beef served with cabbage and potatoes, but you can also enjoy food that is modern and innovative.

Many Irish chefs are updating traditional dishes to make them more healthful, such as soda bread made with whole-wheat rather than refined flour, and Colcannon cooked potatoes and cabbage mashed together using little new potatoes, unpeeled, and steamed rather than boiled cabbage.

Always known for its marvelously fresh and high-quality ingredients, including shellfish and dairy products such as butter and fine cheeses, Ireland now also boasts enough fine chefs to generate reams of rave reviews. Some restaurants have received the prestigious Michelin stars that denote excellence.

Some of the innovative dishes of today's Irish cooks stay close to Irish tradition and remain simple. For example, you don't even need a recipe to make steamed and lightly-buttered turnips sprinkled with fresh mint, or serve salmon accompanied by sautéed scallions and chopped apple, garnished with sorrel and parsley. Tasting of spring, this dish offers lots of green, making it a suitable dish for St. Patrick's Day.

An accompaniment to that or another entrée for that day might be the following salad, which combines four green fruits and vegetables to represent all of Ireland, and pink grapefruit to represent the Orangemen. Topped with herbed croutons made from oatmeal bread, its dressing calls for clover honey. The honey might not come from four-leaf clovers, but hopefully, this dish will bring the luck of the Irish along with good taste

and nutrition.

EMERALD SALAD

1 slice oatmeal bread

Canola oil spray
12 Boston lettuce leaves
12 pink grapefruit sections
(fresh, jarred, or canned)

2 kiwi fruit, peeled and thinly sliced

12 thin avocado slices (1/2 medi-...)

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12 finely-sliced green bell pepper corings dr 1/2 cup grapefruit juice

2 tablespoons lime juice 54
1-2 tablespoons honey, preferably clover 48
1 tablespoons minced fresh mint 1-8
1 leaves, or according to taste 59

Salt and freshly-ground black pepper அச 11/2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Preheat oven to 350ºF.

To make croutons, coat one side of the bread with cooking pray. Sprinkle on the oreganory Bake on a rack in the center of the oven for 3 minutes, until the bread is dry and almost hard in the center. Let it sit 2 minutes, with a serrated knife, cut the bread into 1/2-inch cubes and the set aside.

On each of four salad plates, make a bed using 3 lettuce leaves. Place 3 grapefruit sections and 3 avocado slices in the center. Arrange kiwi slices in an overlapping ring around them. Place the 3 pepper rings over the grapefruit and avocado.

For the dressing, whisk together in a small bowl the grapefruit and lime juice, 1 tablespoon honey and mint. Whisk in the cil. Season dressing to taste with salt and pepper. Taste, and if too tart, add the remaining honey, as desired.

To serve, drizzle dressing over top of each salad. Sprinkle one fourth of the warm croutons over each and serve.

Makes 4 servings. (6 cups salad) Per serving: 159 calories 6 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 28 g. carbohydrate, 3 gr protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 42 mg. sodium.

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## This soda bread has raisins

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BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

. HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) - If you're like countless others who happily look forward to St. Patrick's Day, you prepare your celebration. You rummage through the closet in search of green clothing, decorate your home with shamrocks and leprechauns, and search for Irish recipes in your cookbooks.

Before you finish your menu, be sure to include soda bread. Sliced thick, slathered with butter, and served with other typical Irish foods, soda bread is a tasty contribution to festive St. Patrick's Day meals.

With a history spanning more than two centuries, soda bread is a traditional Irish specialty. The first loaf, consisting of little more than flour, baking soda, salt and sour milk, made its debut in the mid-1800s when baking soda found its way into Irish kitchens.

At the time, bread-making in rural Ireland was carried out domestically using minimal ingredients, equipment and finesse. Baking soda offered home cooks the opportunity to broaden their repertoire of

Providing a quick, convenient and reliable leavener, baking soda was simple to work with and easy to store. It also produced a better-tasting bread than what was originally avail-

able in the 19th century, and soda bread soon became a staple of the Irish diet.

Today, soda bread is enjoyed throughout the world. Many take pleasure in its tangy flavor, dressing it with butter and preserves for breakfast, eating it with cheese for a light snack - or serving it as an accompaniment to a celebratory feast.

Since it's a quick bread, it's simple to prepare. The ingredients come together in a matter of minutes and the loaf is ready to eat in under half an hour.

Soda bread can be made with a variety of flours, and can have differing flavors and textures from added dried fruits, herbs and seeds. The Culinary Institute of America's version, made with the addition of sugar, raisins and caraway seeds, uses white cake flour for a light, tender crumb.

"Like most baked goods, soda bread doesn't keep for long," John Reilly, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America, says. "If properly cooled, wrapped well in plastic, and stored at room temperature, it will maintain its quality for about two days."

To keep the bread moist and preserve its unique texture, some traditional recipes recommend wrapping freshly baked loaves in a clean tea towel while they cool.

When serving, divide the bread into quarters using the cròss on top of the loaf as a

guide. This characteristic marking, cut into the dough before baking, allows ample room for the loaf to expand in the oven and provides four pre-portioned sections, also known as "farls."

Legend suggests that the cross is sliced into the bread to scare away evil spirits.

The following recipe is from The Culinary Institute of America's Breakfasts and Brunches cookbook (Lebhar-Freidman, 2005, \$35).

## SODA BREAD

4 cups cake flour 2 tablespoons baking soda ½ cup sugar ¼teaspoon salt ¼ cup vegetable shortening 1 cup dark raisins 1 tablespoon caraway seeds 1 cup cold milk

Preheat the oven to 400° F. Prepare a baking sheet by spraying it lightly with cooking spray or lining it with parchment

Sift the flour, baking soda, sugar and salt together into a large bowl. Using a pastry cutter or two knives, cut the shortening into the dry ingredients until it resembles coarse meal. Add the raisins, caraway seeds and milk. Mix the dough until just combined; avoid overmixing as this will cause the dough to toughen.

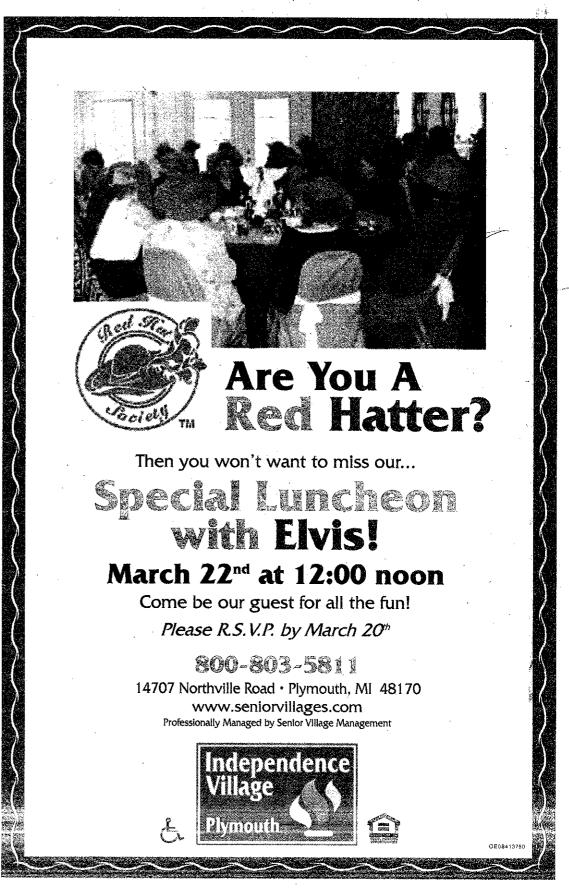
Turn the dough onto a lightly , floured surface and press into a ball. Form the dough into two equal loaves, or cut into 16 equal pieces to make rolls. Dust with flour and with a sharp knife lightly score an "X" across the top of each roll or loaf.

Bake the soda bread until it is lightly browned and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom, about 8 to 10 minutes for rolls

and 25 minutes for loaves. Wrap the bread in a tea towel directly you take it out of the oven. Cool the soda bread in the tea towel on a wire rack before serving.

It can be held at room temperature for up to two days or frozen for up to four weeks. Makes two loaves or 16 rolls. Nutrition information per 2.5-ounce

serving: 210 cal., 4 g pro., 41 g carbo,, 4 g fat, 520 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 1 g fiber. This recipe and more than 175 others are explained and illustrated in The Culinary institute of America's Breakfasts and Brunches cookbook (Lebhar-Freidman, 2005, \$35), available bookstores nationwide or at: http://www.ciachef.edu/enthusiasts/coo



#### Cut the fat in Colcannon chowder skillet. In electric blender, BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS In 3-quart saucepan, cover COLCANNON CHOWDER liquid until smooth, being potatoes with broth and water; 1 and/2 pounds (4 medium) ruscareful to hold blender lid add 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to

set potatoes, peeled and cut into3/4-inch chunks 14-ounce can nonfat, reducedsodium chicken broth 1 cup water

Salt 2 tablespoons canola oil 3 cups coarsely chopped green cabbage

% cup finely chopped onion 8 ounces smoked chicken or turkey sausage, sliced/4 inch thick

1 medium carrot, shredded ½ cup 1 percent milk (about)

boiling over high heat; reduce heat, cover and cook until potatoes are tender, 12 to 15 minutes. Set aside.

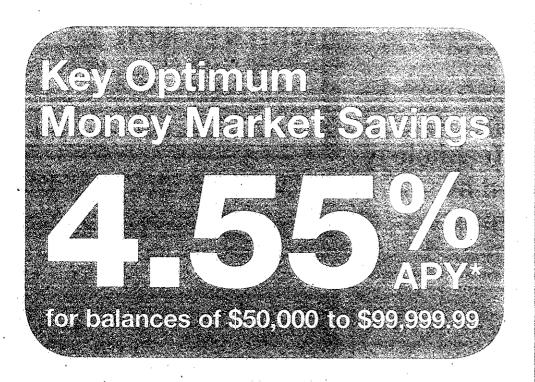
Meanwhile, heat oil in 10inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add cabbage and onion. Saute 10 minutes, tossing occasionally. Add sausage; continue to saute, about 10 minutes, tossing occasionally, until vegetables and sausage begin to brown. Add carrot; set aside. With slotted spoon, remove about 3/4 cup potato pieces and add to

blend remaining potatoes and down with kitchen towel; return to saucepan. Add contents of skillet; mix in enough milk for consistency desired. Heat to simmering. Season with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 main-dish servings (about 6 cups).

Nutrition information per serving: 357 cal., 15 g pro., 54 g carbo., 10 g fat, 24 mg chol., 587 mg sodium, 6 g fiber.

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**BRIDGES** – Skills turn opponents upside down

# Second to none

SPORIN

## Salem's Henderson caps high school wrestling career with state title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

After three grueling days of fighting off the strongest, most skillful 189-pound high school wrestlers in the state of Michigan, Salem's Jeremy Henderson finally succumbed to an unbeatable foe Saturday night as he stood on the top step of the awards podium in the Palace of Auburn Hills.

As it turned out, the only thing powerful enough to overcome Henderson during last week's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament was the emotion that flowed through him seconds after he made eye contact with members of his support crew, who were cheering robustly from the Palace stands as the senior was presented with the first-place medal for the 189-pound weight class.

"I didn't get emotional for myself," said Henderson, recalling the moment the tears of joy came streaming down his smiling face Saturday night. "I got emotional for everyone who helped me get to where I was - my teammates, my family, my coaches. I was fine until I looked up there and saw everybody. At that point, I realized I wouldn't have been up there without them and I was happy I could

win this for them. Henderson's feat was the first individual wrestling championship for a Salem athlete since Mike Goethe was crowned the D1 state champion at 130 pounds in 2002-03, Henderson's freshman season.

"Like all of our wrestlers, Jeremy came in his freshman year with no wrestling experience," remembered Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "He couldn't run' (due to a growthplate problem in his foot), so his conditioning wasn't real good. We stuck him in at 215 on the varsity by default.

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"He had a losing record that season (12-17), and he probably would have been better off wrestling JV so that he could have built up some confidence. But we didn't have anybody else at 215, so he stepped in and did what he could."

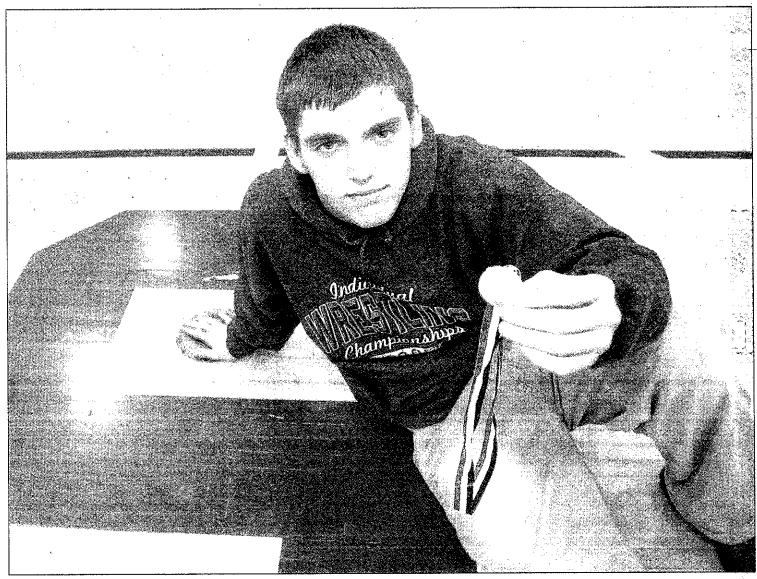
### STEADY RISE

As Henderson's weight steadily declined, his record and ability – steadily improved. After getting bumped down to 189 three weeks into his sophomore season, he finished 25-20. He followed that up with a promising junior season that ended with a 38-11 mark and seventh-place finish in the state

"I knew it was going to be tough my freshman year because I was going up against a lot of very big, very intense guys," Henderson said. "What was disappointing for me was my inconsistency. I'd beat a guy one time, then he'd heat me the next two. I didn't win a lot, but I gained a lot of

valuable experience." A pivotal point in Henderson's career came during the summer before his junior season when he spent

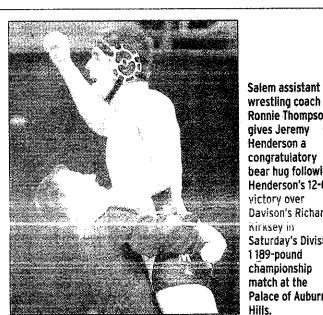
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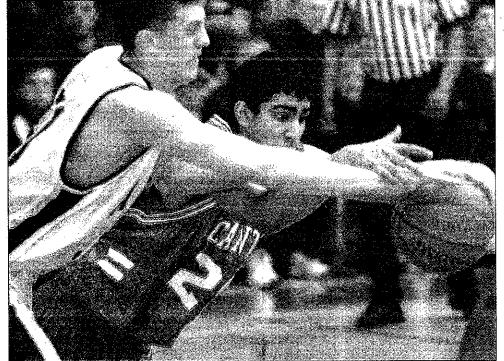
Salem senior Jeremy Henderson holds the gold medal he earned by placing first in the 189-pound weight class at last week's Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Henderson finished the season with a 39-2 record.

## THE HENDERSON FILE

- Name: Jeremy Henderson
- School: Salem
- **Sport:** Wrestling
- Academics: Has compiled a 3.5 grade point average.
- **Accomplishment:** On Saturday, Henderson became the first Salem wrestler to earn a Division 1 individual state wrestling crown since Mike Goethe placed first at 130 pounds in 2003. Henderson took gold in the 189-pound weight class.
- **B** Road to cold: Henderson advanced to the finals by upending East Lancing's Anthony Banks, Birmingham Brother Rice's Matt Shange and Lake Orion's Evan Gros. He shut out Davison's Richard Kirksey, 12-0, in the championship match.
- Family ties: Henderson was inspired to try wrestling after watching his older brother, Josh, compete for Salem. His dad, Steve, als wrestled in high school.



Ronnie Thompson gives Jeremy Henderson a congratulatory bear hug following Henderson's 12-0 victory over Davison's Richard Kirksey in Saturday's Division 1 189-pound championship match at the



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Canton's Neil Sharma (right) and Rochester Adams' Tyler Newsom go all out for a loose ball during Tuesday night's Class A Regional semifinal game at Troy Athens High School. The Chiefs outlasted the Highlanders, 52-51, in overtime to advance to tonight's Regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

## Sweet 16

## Canton advances to Regional final with 52-51 OT win

BY JIM TOTH

Big players make big plays and come away with big

Canton senior Andre Bridges achieved both feats within a 25-second span of overtime Tuesday night to help the Chiefs score a heart-stopping 52-51 victory over Rochester Adams in Class A regional boys basketball play at Troy Athens.

With the Chiefs trailing 50-48 and 39 seconds remaining, Bridges nailed a trey to put his team in front. He followed that with a steal and time out that resulted in teammate Andy Larsen sinking the decisive free throw and having the Chiefs live to play

"Bridges was big," Canton head coach Charlie Paye said. "He hit the shot that put us ahead by one. He's our go-to guy and he stepped up tonight.

The Chiefs looked like they would easily end matters in regulation, holding a 44-34 lead with 5:20 to play. But the Highlanders, like they have done all season, showed fight as they reeled off seven straight

points to get right back in.

Junior Jake Forhan was at the forefront of the Adams charge as he scored six points, including a long trey with 1:05 showing that pulled his teammates to within one at 45-44.

Following a couple misses from the free-throw line by Canton's Ryan Waidmann, the Highlanders were staring victory in the eye when junior Matt Niemiec stepped to the charity stripe for two opportunities with :06 showing. Niemiec made the first, but missed the second to force overtime.

In the extra session, Canton got a free throw from Waidmann for a one-point advantage, but the Highlanders responded with five straight for a 50-46 lead with 2:10 remaining. Bridges' three-pointer was sandwiched between three free throws from Larsen that moved the Chiefs in front 52-50.

Adams again had a chance for some last-second heroics, but again came up short when junior Justin Dawson could only split two free throws with two seconds to play.

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## PCS icers fall one win shy of title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The successful, season-long march of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins was halted Saturday night, but not before they reached the pinnacle game in Michigan high school girls hockey.

Grosse Pointe South upended the Penguins 5-1, in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's title game Saturday at Canton's Arctic Edge. Despite the setback, the runner-up Penguins were champions in coach Lori Callahan's book.

"They did a great job and worked hard all season," said Callahan, whose squad finished 19-3. "I think the girls

PLEASE SEE **PENGUINS**, C2



Plymouth-Canton-Salem senior forward Lisa Ealy brings the puck up ice during Saturday night's Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League championship game against Grosse Pointe South. Ealy scored the Penguins' only goal in their 5-1 setback to the Blue

## New rule could sink Penguins

What does the future hold for the highly successful Plymouth-Canton-Salem

girls hockey team? It's anybody's guess if a rumored rule revision that would force unified teams like PCS to break up next season becomes reality in the Michigan Metro High

School Girls Hockey League. "I've heard a few people talking about possibly splitting up the unified teams, but it's only talk at this point," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "If they did make us split into three teams — one for each of the schools — we couldn't field teams. As it stands now, we have three girls coming back from Plymouth, eight

from Salem and four from Canton, so we wouldn't have enough players. "I've looked into who will be coming in as freshmen next year and the numbers aren't there either."

Along with PCS, three others MMHSGHL teams are unified: Ann Arbor,

Walled Lake and Bloomfield. If they're trying to grow the league, it doesn't make sense to break up the unified teams," Callahan said. "I'm sure once it's looked at at the next league meet-

ing, reason will prevail."

## P-C LACROSSE NEWS

 Uniform pick-up for all PCS lacrosse team members will be Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School library. Participation and fundraiser fees must be paid before uniforms will be issued.

There will also be a mandatory parents meeting on March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School library.

## **DETROIT LIONS CAMP**

The Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is returning to Plymouth this summer following a successful stop in the area

The camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in mages; and

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downtown Plymouth. The camp, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14, will run daily from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Participants' skill levels can range from beginning to advanced. The camp is limited to the first 100 applicants.

The \$159 registration fee includes:

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- tion; A Lions camp T-shirt; Guest appearances from current and former Lion play-
- Chalk talk and video sessions;
- Skills contests and scrim-

■ The opportunity to earn week-long awards, including the Detroit Lions Leadership Award, Attitude Award, Extra Effort Award, Future Star Award and Consistency Award.

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The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

**BASEBALL CLINIC** 

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a Tshirt. For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pemmyers@hotmail.com.



Pictured above (from left) are the five senior members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins hockey team: Stephanie Murray, Sarah Skonieczny, Kelli Bargowski, Kristen Schwan and Lisa Ealy.

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## **PENGUINS**

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were a little drained after our triple-overtime win over Grosse Pointe North on Friday night. You always hate to lose, but being second is not too bad."

PCS has made significant strides in each of the past three seasons. In 2004, the Penguins were eliminated in the first round of the MMGHSHL playoffs and last year they advanced all the way to the semifinals before getting bumped by eventual champion Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The Penguins played a strong first period in the title match-up and led, 1-0, on Lisa Ealy's goal from Edra Burris at the 4:05 mark.

The Blue Devils knotted the game at 1-1 when Ali Morawski's lit the lamp one minute into the second period. South added two more second-period goals to take a 3-1 advantage into the final period.

"After they scored their first goal, we really weren't too concerned because we were playing well," Callahan said. "And even when it was 3-1 after the second period, we were in the same position we were in against North the night before, so we knew we could come

"But during the intermission, the girls looked tired. I could see it in their faces."

The Blue Devils salted the game away behind the strong play of goalie Carolyn Sweeney and two more goals.

"We had five power-plays that we weren't able to take advantage of," Callahan said. "I give South a lot of credit, though. They played

Moreovski was the game's brightest star-

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netting three goals.

"One of our primary goals was to try to slow Morawski down, but we weren't very effective at that," Callahan said.

The Penguins were one of the most-lauded teams when the All-State squad was announced Saturday night. Earning First-Team honors was senior defenseman Kelli Bargowski. Senior forward Stephanie Murray and sophomore goalie Kristie Kowalski were voted to the Second Team while Kristen Schwan and Katie Zimmerman received Honorable Mention accolades.

"A lot of new, young players came in this year with hockey experience and that really helped a lot," said Murray. "We all got along well right from the beginning of the season.

"We improved each of the past three years. My sophomore year, we got knocked out in the first round of the playoffs, last year we made it to the semifinals and this year we made it all the way to the finals."

Murray, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in February, was voted the team's "Hobie Baker Award" winner.

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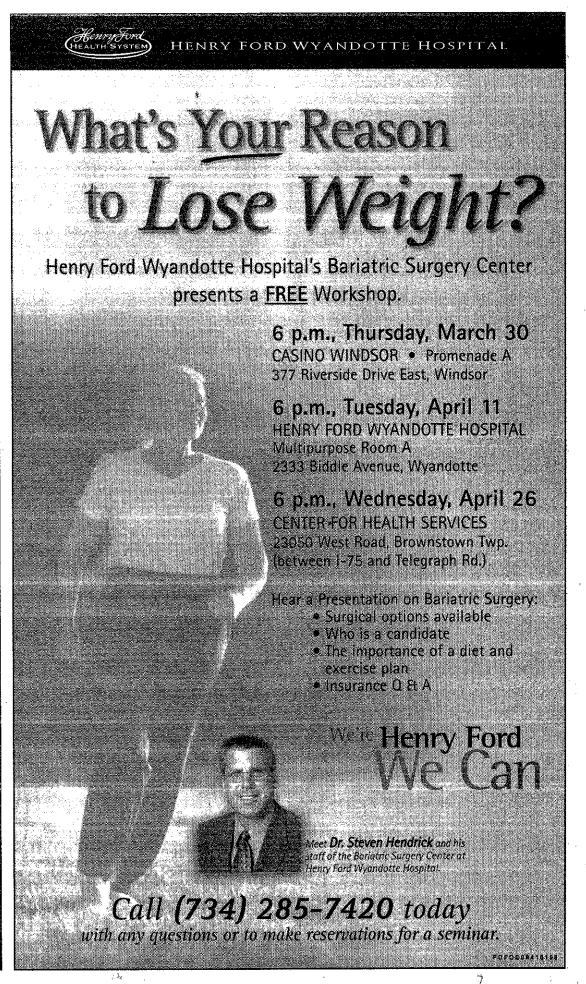
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28 life-changing days at the rugged J. Robinson Wrestling Camp, which is located on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

"The most important things I learned there were how to wrestle tired and how to wrestle aggressively, no matter how tired I was," Henderson said. "They taught us that if your mind doesn't stop, your body won't stop."

## **NEARLY FLAWLESS**

Henderson was virtually unstoppable this season, finish-

He opened the state tourney with a 4-2 decision over East Lansing's Anthony Banks followed by an 8-4 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice's Matt Shango.

He earned a berth in the title match by out-pointing Lake Orion's Evan Gros, 13-5. In the finals, he handled Davison freshman Richard Kirksey, 12-

"Jeremy doesn't have as much body tone as a lot of the kids he wrestled this year," Woochuk

## Jeremy Henderson was virtually unstoppable this season, finishing 39-2.

said. "They'd look at him before the match and smile, thinking they had it easy. But that was their mistake. Jeremy is so focused and his technique is superior. He was also pushed hard this year by his practice partner, Alex Smith. Alex really picked it up this year and that helped Jeremy.'

While Smith was instrumental in Henderson's crowning season, Salem's newest state champion directed the lion's share of the credit towards

"I was so glad I could do this for 'Wo," Henderson emphasized. "He's the one who always believed in me and told me that I was capable of doing this, even when I didn't think I

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## Chief grapplers enter school's record books; Mervyn 7th

STAFF WRITER

Canton's Konrad Konsitzke and Corey Phillips wrestled their way into the school's record books last week with All-State-caliber performances at the Division 1 individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Both Konsitzke, a 145-pound senior, and Phillips, a 130pound junior, placed third in their respective weight classes. The highest finish for a Chief prior to last week was a fourthplace showing, according to coach Casey Randolph.

The efforts earned both grapplers All-State recognition, which goes to the top eight finishers in each weight class.

Konsitzke capped a stellar four-year career at Canton with a 53-6 record and 131 victories. After winning his first two matches, Konsitzke fell to eventual state champion and University of Michigan recruit Anthony Biondo, 16-1.

He moved swiftly through the consolation bracket, downing Utica's Freddie Shuten, 4-1, and Alpena's Zane Stenz, 8-6, in the third-place bout.

"Konrad wrestled phenomenal all three days," said Randolph. "The kid he lost to, Biondo, is a three-time state champion and he's signed to wrestle for Michigan. "Konrad's goal was to become a state champion, but he fell just short.

"He was our leader all season. To win his final high school match was very special. Even though he's disappointed that he didn't win a state title, finishing third is a great accomplishment."

After rolling through his first two matches, Phillips was pinned by Utica Ford's Vinnie Colonna in the 130-pound semifinal match. The junior was leading, 5-2, mid-way through the second period when he fell victim to a lightning-quick move by Colonna.

Phillips bounced back in style by ousting Bay City Central's Brent Hair, 13-4, and Rockford's Mike DeBruyn, 13-8, in the drird-place match. He God for late to the second to the record and padded his school-



Canton 145-pound wrestler Konrad Konsitzke (top) earned a third-place showing at last week's Division 1 individual state wrestling meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Konsitzke finished with a 53-6 record and 131 career victories.

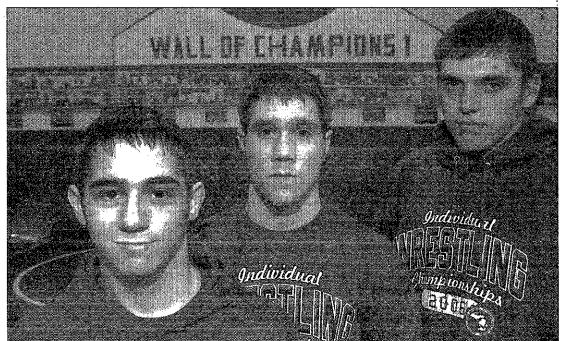
record win total to 156.

"Corey was winning pretty decisively against Colonna, but there was a scramble and he got caught," Randolph reflected. "It's frustrating because he was so close to the finals last year, too, losing 8-7.

"Corey had a great season. I'm not sure what weight he'll be at next year — he could go as high as 145 — but I know he'll do well wherever he ends up."

Salem senior Cory Mervyn also enjoyed a productive first trip to the state meet when he placed seventh at 125. After dropping his opening match, Mervyn battled back to All-State status with victories over Milford's Kyle Liddell (pin in 4:42), Walled Lake Northern's Josh Glesey (pin in 2:42) and a 10-8 overtime decision over Rockford's Phil Gorton.

Mervyn finished his senior season with a spectacular 33-11 ewright@nometownlife.com (734) 953-2108



Salem's wrestling team was represented at last week's Division I individual state wrestling tournament by (from left) Carry Marvyn, Jako Bennett and Jordmy Henderson. Marvyn carned All State honors by placing seventh in the 125-

## MHSAA L.P. DIVISION 1 WRESTLING RESULTS

L.P. DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS (March 9-11, Auburn Hills) 103 POUNDS - 1. Kyle Waldo (Rockford) d. Billy Curry (Milford) 4-0; 3. Ken Nelson (Redford Union) p. Brandon Shafer (Grand Ledge) 0:34; 5. Sean Turner (Monroe) d. Spencer Grzadzinski (Lake Orion) 11-10; 7. Todd Dean (Traverse City Central) d. Michael Napierai (Berkley) 16-15,

112 - 1. Alex Gorton (Rockford) d. John Cole (Wyandotte Roosevelt) 4-3 (201); 3. Zachery Stevens (Monroe) d. Ibrahim Abdulla (Dearborn Fordson) 3-2; 5. Bryan Rickard (Davison) d. Zach Johnson (Rockford) 13-0: 7. Grant Ankney (Holt) maj. dec. Doug Moore (Southfield) 22-12. 119 - 1. Matt Bain (Hartland) d.Jerry Boggess (Wyandotte Roosevelt) 7-5; 3. John Houseman (Grand Haven) d. James Fisher (Temperance-Bedford) 6-4; 5. Mike Searight (Waterford Mott) p. Andrew Roeser (Walled Lake Northern) 4:59; 7. Mike Maguire (Clarkston) d. Devlon Childress (Flint Central) 6-2.

125 - 1. Chad Vallone (Utica Eisenhower) d. Joel Trombly (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 4-3; 3. Jeff Shutich (Rockford) d. Mike Kessier (Bay City Western) 5-2: 5. D'mitri Lefear (Flint Northern) d. Jon Thomas (Troy) 7-0; 7. Cory Mervyn (Plymouth Salem) d. Phil Gorton (Rockford) 10-8 (OT).

130 – 1. Zak Burns (Davison) d. Vinnie Colonna (Utica Ford II) 14-7; 3. Corey Phillips (Plymouth Canton) d. Mike DeBruyn (Rockford) 13-8: 5.

Brent Hair (Bay City Central) d. Kyle Schank (Jenison) 14-6; 7. Jesse Bain (Hartland) d. Ross TerBeek (Grandville) 4-3.

135 - 1. Kevin Julien (Fraser) d. Kyle Kidder (Davison) 1-0 (20T); 3. Andrew Nadhir (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) maj. dec. Jon Bearden (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 16-8; 5. Michael Morfitt (Walled Lake Western) d. John Johnson (Rockford) 3-2; 7. Owen Wilkinson (Hartland) mai, dec. Dana Maynard (Holf) 11-1. 140 - 1. David Johnson (Jenison) d. Keenan Duffie (Davison) 3-2; 3. Ben Boudro (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) d. Alex Ortman

(Temperance-Bedford) 6-2; 5. Zach Shaw (Holt) d. Matt Stabley (Romeo) 12-9; 7. Alex Murray (Rockford) p. Austin Brown (Bay City Central) 145 ~ 1. Anthony Biondo (Clinton Township

Chippewa Valley) d. Dustin Anderson (Rockford) 9-3; 3. Konrad Konsitzke (Plymouth Canton) d. Zane Stenz (Alpena) 8-6; 5, Freddie Shuten (Utica) d. Zakk Sharron (Grandville) 6-4; 7. Jake Bohn (East Kentwood) d. Mark Caristo (South Lyon) 10-5.

152 - 1. Sean Dong (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) d. Anthony Mistretta (Warren Cousino) 6-2: 3. Ben Bennett (Rockford) p. Devon Jurczak (Clinton Township Chippewa Valley) 2:03; 5. Jeff Cole (Rockford) d.Diego Rodriguez (East Kentwood) 8-4; 7. Tommy Coleman (Saline) d. Bobby Chipelewski (Pinckney) 8-5. 160 - 1. Jon Reader (Davison) d. Blake Mesvn (Fraser) 19-5; 3. Chris Gruenberg (East Detroit)

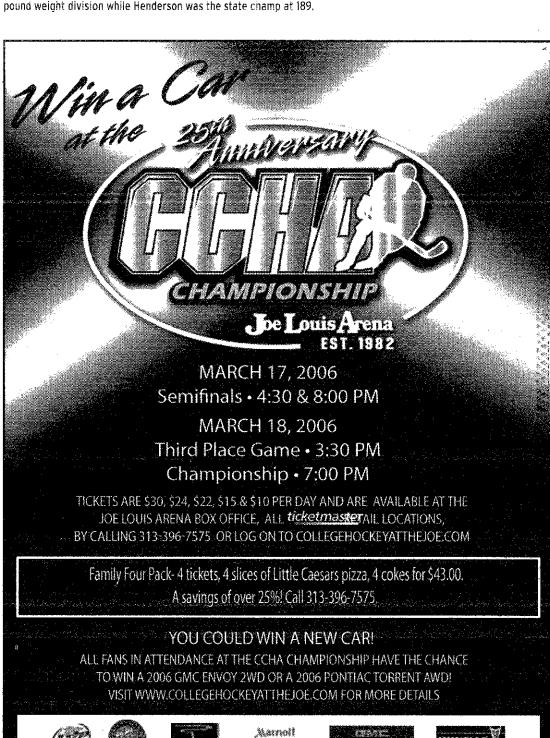
d. Darin Tims (Woodhaven) 9-0; 5. Pat Wright (Grand Ledge) d. Tommy Ellsworth (Clarkston) 7-1; 7. James French (Wyandotte Roosevelt) d.

Justin Root (Howell) 4-2. 171 - 1. Shawn Steckroth (Hartland) d. Jordan Richardson (Grandville) 3-0; 3. Josh McAllister (Clarkston) d. Alex Chandler (South Lyon) 4-3; 5. Mike Billings (Waterford Kettering) d. Nick Whitenburg (Temperance-Bedford) 4-2; 7. Matt VanDuinen (Hudsonville) d. Pat Thompson (Utica Eisenhower) 4-2.

189 - 1. Jeremy Henderson (Plymouth Salem) maj. dec. Richard Kirksey (Davison) 12-0; 3. Jade Heiserman (Temperance-Bedford) d. Zoran Lazar (West Bloomfield) 4-2: 5. Evan Gros (Lake Orion) d. Chris VanCamp (Livonia Franklin) 4-2; 7. Matt Shango (Birmingham Brother Rice) d. Nick Raimer (Jenison) 6-4

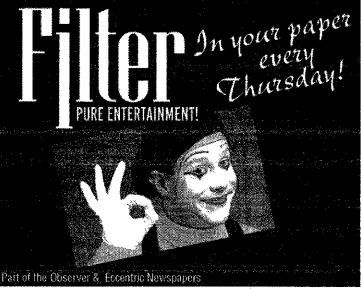
215 - 1. Chad Bleske (Romeo) d. Marc Shaw (Lincoln Park) 5-4; 3. Brett Correll (Utica Eisenhower) b. John Kinville (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) 2:43; 5. Marcus Tormoehlen (Temperance-Bedford) d. Derek Laird (Holland) 9-7; 7. Eric Davis (Southgate Anderson) d. John

Chandler (Roseville) 12-1. 275 - 1. Nick Anurak (Hartland) d. Alex Strachan (Brighton) 11-10; 3. Jeff Maddux (Monroe) d. Steve Herron (Clarkston) 10-2; 5. Aaron Robinson (Port Huron) d. Tony Phetdara (Holland West Ottawa) 5-2; 7. Jimmy Kinaia (Troy Athens) d. Shane Tobin (Lake Orion) 3-2.



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## **HOOPS**

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"If we get those opportunities, and those free throws, we win that game nine out of 10 times," Adams head coach John Hall said. "But it didn't happen tonight and that's the beauty of the tournament. You get one

Free throws sure make the difference this time of year," said Paye, whose club could knock down only 9-20 attempts in the win. "In districts we shot them well. For the year we only shot 60 percent and last week we shot them well. But not tonight."

Bridges paced Canton, which battled back from a 15-11 firstquarter deficit to lead 29-25 at halftime and 38-32 after three quarters, with a game-high 22 points. Larsen followed with 12 points and Waidmann added

For Adams, which ended the year 11-12, junior Tyler Newsom led the way with 13 points. Dawson was next with nine points and Forhan added

eight.
"I told the kids all I can ask them to do is play as hard as they can and battle and do not cave in, no matter what the circumstances are," Hall said of his post-game comments to the team. "They fought through some tough situations out there, where it would have been easy to fold being down in the fourth quarter and missing some free throws. But they put themselves in position to be successful because of the way that they played. They played

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## WHO'S NEXT?

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- What: Class A Regional final game between Canton (18-6) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (18-6);
- When: Tonight at 7 p.m.: Where: Troy Athens High School, 4333 John R. Troy,
- MI 48098
- How the teams advanced: Canton nipped Rochester Adams, 52-51, in overtime Tuesday night; St. Mary's edged Pontiac Northern, 57-55.
- Go-to guys: Canton senior guard Andre Bridges has scored at least 20 points in all four of the Chiefs' post-season victories. OLSM's Kalin Lucas is its top offensive threat.
- Prediction: Canton 48. **OLSM 47.**

their tails off. We had chances, we just didn't get it done.

T'm so proud of these kids," Hall said. "I've had more talented teams, but I don't think a harder working one. They progressed from start to finish more than any team I've ever

Canton (18-6) will tangle with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, a 57-55 winner over Pontiac Northern in Tuesday's other semifinal, tonight at 7 p.m. at Athens for the regional crown.

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# Bridges' inside-outside skills turn opponents upside down

STAFF WRITER

Pity the poor defender who is given the assignment of covering Canton's Andre Bridges alone on the wing on a basketball court.

If the defender gives the 6foot-3 guard too much space, the player his teammates refer to as 'Dre (rhymes with "trey") will let loose with a net-seeking three.

If the defender goes toe-totoe with the slick-dribbling Bridges, he's just two between-the-legs dribbles, a cross-over dribble and a spin move away from getting torched with a left-handed layup — a move the Chiefs' senior tri-captain pulled off twice in last week's Class A District semifinal victory over Plymouth.

When you cover Bridges, you pick your poison.

And when he's on - which is more often than not there's no right choice.

"Dre is definitely our go-to guy," asserted Canton coach Charlie Paye. "When the teams we are going to face plan for us, they have to focus on stopping him first. He can hit from the perimeter and go to the basket equally well. When he's hitting his outside shot, it opens up our inside game and allows Ryan (Waidmann) to get some easy baskets.

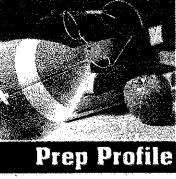
"The thing about 'Dre is that he knows when he has a good shot and when he doesn't. He doesn't force things. And if his shot is not on in a particular game, he turns into a good assist guy for us."

## **STEALING WINS**

Bridges takes as much pride in his defensive accomplishments as he does his offensive exploits. In a key February victory at Plymouth, he notched six steals to help lead the Chiefs to a narrow road

And it was Bridges' clutch theft in overtime that helped vault Canton over Rochester Adams, 52-51, in Tuesday night's Class A Regional semifinal contest.

"I enjoy playing defense," he admitted. "Especially in



games when my shots aren't falling, I like to think I can help my team by working hard at the other end."

Bridges' shots have been falling with regularity for well over a week now as he's led the Chiefs to a school-best post-season run into tonight's Regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Over the past four games - all door-die match-ups - he's posted point totals of 20, 23, 23

## **CALM. COOL & COLLECTED**

One of Bridges greatest attributes is his never-nervous demeanor — a trait that is contagious, according to Paye.

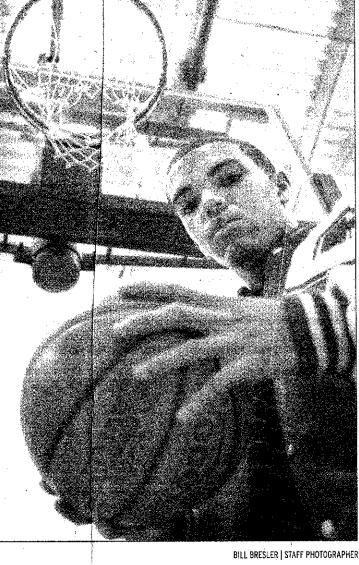
The nice thing about 'Dre is that he's a good leader and he keeps his teammates loose," said Paye. "He loves to play the game, which rubs off on everybody else."

Bridges' ice-water-in-theveins attitude is evident when he's forced to shoot free throws in the face of chanting cheering sections that are popping up in high school gyms across the state.

'They make me laugh," chuckled Bridges. "Before we played Catholic Central, we tried to simulate the chanting at practice while we were shooting free throws. It bothers some players, but I think (the chants) are funny."

## 'BALL' IN THE FAMILY

A love for basketball thrives in the Bridges' Canton household. Andre's older brother, D.J., excelled on the hardwood at Canton before moving on to Madonna University, where he recently completed his sophomore season. And the Bridges brothers' father, Dennis, still holds his own with his sons on the driveway



Canton senior basketball player Andre Bridges has helped propel the Chiefs into the "Sweet Sixteen" in the Class A basketball tournament this season. The 6-foot-3 guard is equally dangerous from the perimeter and when he takes the ball to the basket.

court in front of their home.

"Me, my brother and my dad played in a Gus Macker tournament together last summer," Andre Bridges said. "We actually did pretty well. We finished second in the second-highest division and the only team that beat us had two Division 1 college players and one guy who played over-

Playing against my brother growing up made me a better player. We're pretty competitive and a couple of our oneon-one games have ended with fights. But we have fun with each other."

Bridges, who has constructed a stellar 3.25 grade-point

average in the classroom, has garnered looks from a few Division III and NAIA basketball programs. He's also been accepted to Central Michigan University.

"I'm not sure where I'm going to college yet," he said. "But no matter where I go, I'm going to try to walk on. "My high school career has

gone by really fast. When I was a freshman, I couldn't wait until I could play on the varsity. Now, it's almost over. The things I'm going to miss the most are playing in big games on Friday nights and then hanging out with my friends."

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

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

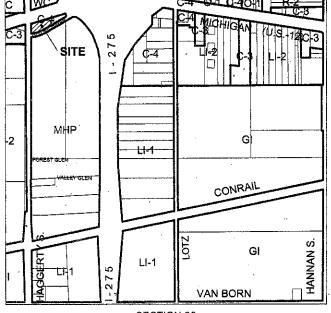
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:



**SECTION 36** 

THOMPSON TRUST REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 142 99 0020 000 FROM C-4, INTERCHANGE SERVICE TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 16, 2006. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: February 26 & March 16, 2006

### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204 Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the Park, Ash Room 46000 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 7:00

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 06-82-0012-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Neumann Homes, 2038 West Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan. The applicant proposes to excavate, place fill, and utilities in wetlands, construct a culvert and utility crossings in the Truesdell Drain, and construct 2 storm water ponds that outlet to the drain for the purpose of developing the site into a condominium development with associated infrastructure. The project site is north of the intersection of Morton Taylor Road and Palmer Road. The proposed wetland excavation for construction of roads and storm water ponds will remove a total of 327 cubic yards and impact an area of 0.31 acres. The proposed wetland fill for condominium buildings, roads, and storm water ponds will use a total of 2209 cubic yards and impact an area of 2.08 acres. The proposed sanitary sewer and storm sewer will be placed beneath the wetland fill. A sanitary sewer and water main will be placed beneath the Truesdell Drain by jack and bore. A 60 inch diameter, 96 lineal foot culvert will be placed in the drain for the road crossing. Two storm water ponds will outlet to the drain through 18 and 21 inch diameter pipes with 1.33 and 1.67 cubic yards of riprap placed at the ends. Compensatory offsite mitigation is proposed. The project is located in T2S, R8E, Section 23, Canton Township, Wayne County,

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mius/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Wendy Fitzner Permit Consolidation Unit Land and Water Management Division

Date: March 10, 2006

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

517-373-9244

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 30th, 2006 for the following:

#### PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES - REBID

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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#### STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on APRIL 7th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit, CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE

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UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS, BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304

> Wheels/Tires, car parts, shelf, file cabinets, 2 chairs, other misc. items.

UNIT #518/547 - ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

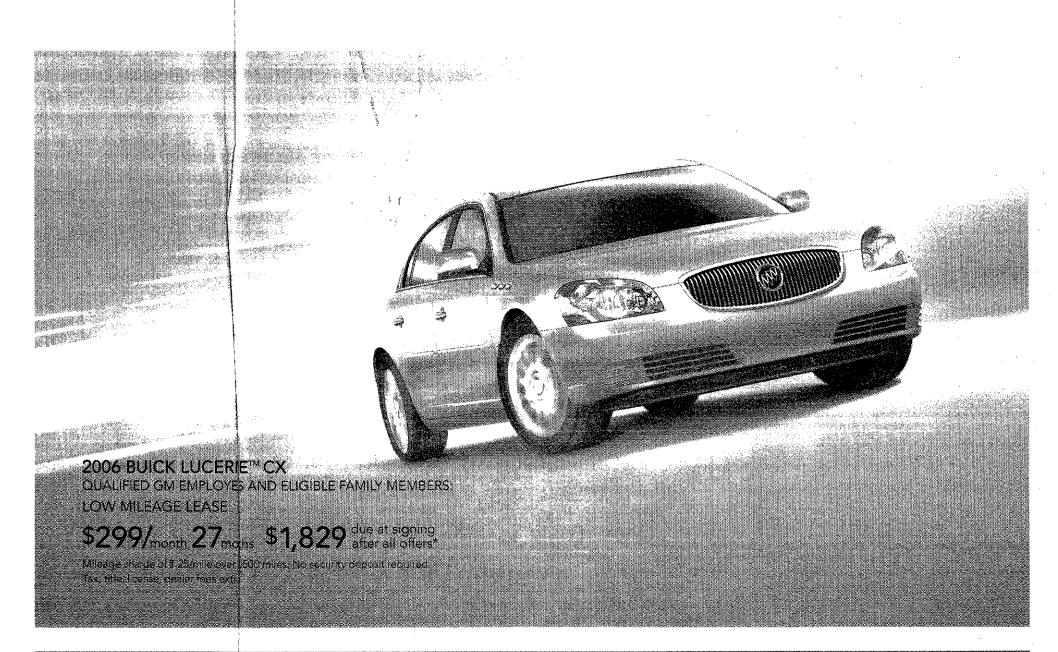
> Tires, chairs, copiers, computer equipment, tanks, boxes, tables, lights, dog cage, storage bins, other misc. items.

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## **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

## ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on. SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. 25857253

## LET'S TALK

SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, financially stable. I enjoy concerts, walks, dancing, etc. Seeking an honest SBM, financially stable, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR. **☎**924511

#### SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM. 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. 2548938

## **LET'S ENJOY LIFE**

SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. 2759907

## **GREAT COMPANION**

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. **\$\frac{1}{12}\$**633527

JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. 2885454

## **LET YOUR HAIR DOWN**

SBF, early 50s, N/S, sweet, medium-sized package, passionate, romantic lady, feminine, classy, fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys concerts, plays, dining, music. ISO special guy to teach me how to ballroom. Friends first. 2637522

## **COME DANCE WITH ME** Lovely, trim, warm, intelligent,

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#### **COULD YOU BE THE ONE?** SBF, 39, mother of 2, enjoys bowling, bingo. Looking for downto-earth, child-friendly SM, with strong morales/values, D/D-free, employed, independent, self-sufficient, who knows what he wants

#### **SOULMATE SEARCH** Attractive 42-year-old, looking

for soulmate, sincere, great SOH. Seeking gentleman, 35-50, no game players. 2930545

## **SOULMATE SEARCH**

in life. 2 930465

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF look- SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. **☎**589875

## A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes movies, dancing, good company. Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship. **2**916193

## ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 24, mother, brown/brown, 5'4", likes skating, skiing, dancing, dining out, good talks, life's simple pleasures. Seeking compatible, caring, SM, to enjoy the good times, friendship and possible LTR. 2920771

## **# FORMER MODEL**

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for affectionate, sincere SBM, 45, music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106

#### **LOVES BOATING** SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible

romance. 2890004

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. 2652360

## SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, Cancer, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. 25891247

#### A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND Share with this DBCF,65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outgoings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity. 22905535

## HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. 2669606

## **GOOD LOOKER**

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, oldschool music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR 18725001

## KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys danc-Looking for sexy, sweet, fun ing and all types of music, likes new activities, seeks friendly SF. gentleman to share the good working with animals, seeks age/location open. \$\frac{1}{100}\$531308 od-natured 60. \$742466

## **LOVING LEO**

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM. 50-62, with similar interests. **☎**759316

## WILDFLOWER

SWF, 63, 5'6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining el. Seeking special man, out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a healthy, N/S, N/D, with a sense of humor, for friendship. possible romance. 7720594

## **LIKE HAVING FUN?**

SF, 5', 112lbs, blonde/green, looking for a romantic guy, 20-25, who is tall, handsome, nice and knows how to treat a lady. **☎**845044

## LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. \$\pi 861408

#### SHALL WE DANCE? 1 am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kindhearted, articulate, who enjoys

dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. 2812098 **ENJOYS** THE SIMPLE THINGS Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music

and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. 7672174 **VERY ATTRACTIVE** 

## Classy, slim, young-looking,

SWF, 57, with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM, 53-64, with same qualities for serious relationship. \$\frac{1}{12}867073

#### **59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR**

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. \$\infty\$592074

## **HONEST/OPEN MINDED**

BF, 54, intelligent, cute, caring N/S, slim, health oriented vegetarian. Enjoys ethnic foods, travel, art, culture. ISO kind, considerate, honest, emotionally mature man. 2894301

#### I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s. Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. 2639272

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

## **SHARE LIFE WITH ME**

chef by trade, seeks spiritual, down-to-earth lady who enjoys attending church, bowling and lifes simple pleasures, to snare companionship, happiness, maybe love. 7933984

## blue, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF,

**MUSCULAR GUY** 

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/

with similar interests, for friendship and more. 2431926 A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF,

w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

#### KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker social drinker, looking for one good woman. Please call. Troy area. 27864792

#### SEEKING **CULTURED WOMAN**

SWM, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel. 2882041

## **POSITIVE PERSONALITY** Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

## **HAPPY DAD**

Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. **23**715711

## **MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC** SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout,

## TRY ME

Honest and up front SBM, 39, 5'8", 165lbs, open-minded and kind-hearted enjoys movies, theater, jazz concerts, romance, Seeking a beautiful, fun-loving, honest lady to share the good times in life. 2933866

## AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic,dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. **25**862812

## **GET IN TOUCH**

40 year-old DWM, 5'7", 155lbs, brown/green, employed, downto-earth. Seeking a SW/HF, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing and just enjoying life. 7920353

Hard-working, independent SBM, 39, 5'8", 155lbs, well-built, kind-hearted, romantic, enjoys park walks, bowling and chilling with a special lady. Will you be that lady? 2292253

## ISO A GOOD WOMAN

SBM, 37, 180lbs, 5'9", enjoys travel, music, movies and more. Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant. If inter-

## ested, contact me. 2922725 **GIVE IT A SHOT** SWM, 37, self-employed, active,

fit, fun, loves the outdoors, fishing, movies, fine dining, snuggling . Looking for active, outgoing, affectionate SF who appreciates the same. 2923431

## **HI LADIES**

Loyal, affectionate, commitment-minded DWM, 44, 5'11", blond/blue, father, mustache/ goatee, 195lbs, self-employed enjoys fitness, simple fun. Seeking active, healthy, openminded lady who enjoys the same. 2924288

#### LET'S TALK SOMETIME SBM, 42, 5'7", 157lbs, enjoys music, dining out, snuggling, good talks, beach walks. Seeking fun, full-figured lady to share happi-

## ness and romance. 25924565 HOLLER AT ME

31, 5'9", handsome, spontaneous, Scorpio, smoker, Brooklyn transplant, seeks sexy woman, 25-40, with good head on her shoulders. 2928682

## **SHARE THE REMOTE**

black/dark brown, goatee, mustache, smoker, seeks BM, 21-30, smoker, with whom to laugh, cuddle, and go out. 22928752

## ANYONE OUT THERE? SWM, 26, brown/blue, 5'10",

share friendship and fun, with an easygoing, open-minded, loving SF. 2930567

## enjoys sports, cara racing, seeks WF, 45-55, N/S, for LTR. ☎726641

DBM, 55, N/S, social drinker, father, average looks, loves cuddling, movie nights dining, travel. Looking for independent, loving, sweet, full-figured lady, kids ok, to enjoy happiness, friend-

ing and honest, loving, understanding SF, 19-27. I enjoy running, jogging, movies, occasional

## WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

SBM, Native American, never evening walks. 2854016

## **BIG THREE ENGINEER**

laid-back, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. 2822912

## **ANTIQUES LOVER**

brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. 2628249

## SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life.

turers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and surface festivals. Seeking SVVF, 50-65, WS. Shirrey,

## **COULD IT BE YOU?**

homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/Dfree, comfortable in high heelstennis shoes 7798519

## Independent, self-sufficient whom to go out. \$\alpha\$918058

DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. **25**855207

## SHARE THE SUNSET

gious, likes to do things outdoors, seeks SWF, 38-54, N/S, who likes to have fun and enjoy life. 2781471

SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends, maybe more. Must be smart, have SOH. Blend into me. All I want is: you to be happy. If you want this, call 2595394

## SEEKING A REAL WOMAN SBM, 25, 5'5", 160 bs, hard-working, easygoing, love to have fun

and enjoy life. Seeking a SF, 18-40, for friendship and hopefully develop a relationship. 2919424 LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE!

## similar interest. 2921276

SBM, 21, 6', collège student (political science), store clerk, market manager, tax preparer. N/S, open to most activities, seeks HF, 18-27, N/S. 27921703

## HI LADIÉS

going, fun, good-humored, looking for sweet, easygoing, lighthearted SF, not into games, to share friendship, dates, talks and possibly more. 2922320

complexion, hazel eyes, enjoys

## LET'S TALK

165lbs, likes basketball, fun. Seeking down-to-earth, intelligent, non-materialistic lady, honest and sweet, not into games, to share romance, good talks, good times,

## **HELLO THERE**

SBM, 30, 5'8", 175lbs, light complexion, short hair, nice-looking, polite, not about games, likes shooting pool, nights out. ISO sociable, open-minded, lovely lady who enjoys togetherness, romance, love and affection.

SHM, 33, 5'10", 188lbs, black/ ing, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Seeking lovely, sweet white, Asian, Hispanic lady to share good times, good talks, much more. 25924249

### **HEY LADIES**

SM, 19, brown/brown, 6', 170 lbs, outgoing, nice, fun, looking for similar lady friend to enjoy

#### **HELLO, LADIES** SBM, 33, 5'10", 169lbs, black/

brown, smoker, enjoys playing pool and dominoes. Seeking WF, 20-55, for friendship, possible romance. 27927050 **EASY ON THE EYES** 

honest, down-to-earth, self-assured woman, 41-58. 2927269 ONE-ON-ONE TIME DWM, medium build, Oakland County, enjoys comedies, walks,

## quiet times. Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affec-

SBM, 19, black/hazel, 5'11" employed, enjoys concerts, movies, music, etc. Looking to meet a single female, to hook up

lasting relationship. \$\pi 891796 TRUE GENTLEMAN SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life

## to the fullest. 25912726 **WAYNE COUNTY WONDER** SBM, 57, 6'3", 240lbs, Cancer,

wants in life. \$\pi\918703\$ ISO SOMEONE SPECIAL SBPM, 53, 5'9", H/W proportion-

## **LONELY & READY**

SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Serious replies only. 2860305

## would like to meet a nice, sweet,

kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. **☎**828139 SIMPLE REQUEST

## to go out and have a good time

**WELL-BALENCED MAN** Emotionally/physically healthy SWM, 52, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, theater, concerts bicycle riding, and karaoke. Seeking

## WF, 38-54, N/S. ☎848173 **SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION** I'm 50 years old. DWM, 5'7" 170lbs, N/S, Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies,

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. 2869189

#### YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN... Ferndale. SBM, 62, 6'2", 197lbs, smoker, drinker, homebody, enjoys cooking, watching tv. seeks openminded, spontaneous woman, 39-

## 56, for dating. 2916439 **SWM DESIRES SBF** Call me if you desire a nice

one for friendship and definitely romance. 2777324 TRUE GENTLEMAN DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9"

240ibs, good health, N/S, N/D. I enjoy movies, music, dining, classic cars and just living life. Seeks SWF, 45-50, 125-130lbs, 5'4"-5'6". **\$886694** 

## Ready to meet great new people?

SBM, 24, 5'6", 135lbs, slim, petite, Loving, up front SM, 27, 5'8",

## 180lbs, firefighter, looking to

WORTH THE WAIT SWM, 54, 6'4", Sagittarius, N/S,

## HOPE TO HEAR FROM U

ship, maybe more. 2930379 GIVE IT ATRY! SWM, 22, 5'10", employed, seek-

## drinks and more. #932227

married, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, enjoys cooking, soft music, and stormy, rainy nights. Seeking nice, full-figured, SF, 30-40, with similar interests. Honest and N/S. Enjoys

## Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very

BM, 57, 6'1", HW proportionate,

# **SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**

## **25**692418 **NICE GUY**

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacplease call back. \$708126

SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S,

## HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SWM, 47, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, reli-

## **ADVENTUROUS**

## 28-year-old SBM, 5'7", 150lbs, mechanic, very mature. I enjoy movies, working out, running, etc. Seeking a SWF, 25-65, with

## LET'S MEET FOR CAPPUCCINO

SWM, 24, 5'7", black/brown, out-

#### TRY THIS ONE Employed SM, 27,5'11", fit, light

motorcycling, cars/trucks, bowling, fitness, keeping active. Seeking compatible, fit, understanding SF to enjoy the good things in life. 2925130

maybe more? 2925367

**12**925494 LOOKING FOR LOVE brown, mustache/goatee, independent, D/D-free, enjoys read-

the good times in life with.

SBM, 50, Libra, smoker, enjoys golf, good movies, concerts. Seeking companionship of an

## tionate, romantic, casual dresser. **278513** LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

and have fun with. 2925331 **OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY** DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, selfemployed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a

N/S, seeks independent wom-37-62 N/S financially sean. cure, who knows what she

## ate, brown eyes, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks level-headed woman, 38-48, N/S, race unimportant, with

Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55. with a nice build, ready for LTR.

### **SECURE** WM, 58, tail, slim, good-looking,

WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman

## with. Age open. 2833911

dinner. Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51, 5'-5'8", N/S, for LTR. 12812505

shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50year-old, 180lbs. Desires one on

## **BOYS SWIMMING STATE FINALS RESULTS**

MHSAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(3-11 at U-M) TEAM SCORES - 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 246; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 228; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 201.5: 4. Northville, 200: 5, Zeeland Unified, 151: 6, Lake Orion, 137: 7, Grand Haven, 116; 8. Grandville, 98; 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified, 96; 10. Holland, 90; 11. Monroe, 74; 12. Saline, 69; 13. Holland West Ottawa, 64; 14. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 57; 15. Jenison, 50; 16. Rockford, 37; 17. Grand Blanc, 32; 18. Walled Lake Northern, 31: 19, Trov. 28: 20, East Kentwood, 27; 21. Farmington/Harrison Unified, 22; 22. Mattawan, 19; 23. Ann Arbor Huron, 17; 24. (tie) Hoit, 16; Warren Mott, 16; 26. Hudsonville, 15; Hartland, 15; Pinckney, 15; 29. Novi, 14; 30. (tie) South Lyon, 13; Byron Center Unified, 13; 32. (tie) Brighton, 12; Jackson, 12; Grosse Pointe North, 12; Rochester Adams, 12; 36. New Baltimore Anchor Bay, 11; 37. Warren DeLaSalle, 9; 38. (tie) Rochester, 7; Saginaw Heritage, 7; 40. (tie) Walled Lake Central, 6; Charlotte/Eaton Rapids Unified, 6: 42, Walled Lake Western, 5.5; 43. Flint Kearsley, 3; 44. Westland John Glenn, 2.

200-YARD MELEY RELAY - 1. Birmingham Brother Rice (Daniel Yuhn, Michael Zennedjian, Chris Hasson, Chris Bagley) 1:35.67; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:36.17; 3, Northville, 1:36.95; 4. Grand Haven, 1:37.05; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 1:37.09; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:37.32; 7. Saline, 1:37.88; 8. Grandville, 1:40.22; 9. Zeeland, 1:37.71; 10. Hudsonville, 1:40.37; 11. Grand Blanc, 1:40.56; 12. Brighton, 1:40.63: 13. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 1:40.66; 14. Grosse Pointe South, 1:41.53; 15. Rockford, 1:42.23; 16. No 16th place awarded because of disqualification. 200 FREESTYLE - 1. Sho Koba (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:38.16 (Division I record, breaks record of 1:38.51 set by Koba in 2005); 2. Adam Dejong (Holland) 1:40.64; 3. Dave Brown (Lake Orion) 1:42.05; 4. Brad Farris (Northville) 1;42.19; 5. Jordan Diekema (Zeeland) 1:42.79; 6. Benjamin Savonen (Monroe) 1:43.68; 7. Mark Schramm (Monroe) 1:44.11; 8. Robert Steele (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:44,43: 9. Ricky Forrest (Lake Orion) 1:43.86; 10. Matt Witkowski (South Lyon) 1:44.07; 11. Andrew Sisson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 1:44.73; 12. David Steff (Farmington/Harrison Unified) 1:45.18; 13. Chris Culkin (Northville) 1:45.21; 14. Pat Berg (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:45.39; 15. Josh D'Angelo (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:45.66; 16. Jake Heyblom (Grand Haven) 1:45.69. 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - 1. Chris Keady (Northville) 1:52.66; 2. Tony Wahl (Detroit U-D Jesuit) 1:53.01: 3. Travis Hatt (Livonia Stevenson) 1:55.06; 4. Chris Bagley (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:55.21; 5. Jason Hass (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:55.82; 6. Michae Zennedjian (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:57.02; 7. Ryan Nelis (Holland West Ottawa) 1:58.72; 8. Chris Berioth (Ann Arbor Huron) 1:59.32: 9. Pat Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:56.67; 10. Brody Blickle (Northville) 1:57.57; 11. Roman Sandler (Walled Lake Northern) 1:57.82; 12. Will Blickle (Northville) 1:58.01; 13. Jordan Schrotenboer (Holland) 1:58.41: 14. Rob Andrews (Mattawan)

16. Dustin Hennigar (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 22.21.

ONE-METER DIVING – 1. Brandon Figurski
(Lake Orion) 407.60 points; 2. Tory Dantuma
(East Kentwood) 392.60; 3. Cayce Bolt (Warren
Mott) 386.95; 4. Kyle Overway (Zeeland
Unified) 379.10; 5. Chris Alberty (Novi) 372.90;
6. Dan Smith (Rockford) 371.60; 7. Joe Smith
(Byron Center Unified) 362.30; 8. Joel
Chambers (Saline) 361.25; 9. David Garry

1:58.67; 15. Taylor Harris (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 1:58.72; 16. James DeWitte

50 FREESTYLE - 1. Joe Schmitt (Grand Haven)

21.15; 2. Chris Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 21.21;

3. Matt Massman (Livopia Stevenson) 21.44: 4.

Jason Lintjer (Grand Haven) 21.52; 5. Mark Healey (Jenison) 21.61; 6. Beau Austin (Holland

(Birmingham Brother Rice) 21.70; 8. Aaron

Renton (Pinckney) 21.83; 9. Alex Davidson (Jackson) 21.68; 10. Scott Johnson (Trov) 21.89:

22.05; 14. David Rogers-Snodgrass (Holt) 22.06: 15. Garrett Ruhland (Lake Orion) 22.08:

11. (Lie) Ben Lylkka (Walled Lake Western) 21.91)

Dave Gosdzinski (Livonia Stevenson) 21.91; 13.

(Birmingham Brother Rice) 2:01.07.

West Ottawa) 21.67: 7. Collin Brosko

(Warren De La Salle) 357.85; 10. Tristan Stewart (Saginaw Heritage) 357.85; 11. Johnny Sanchez (Holland) 348.15; 12. Travis Kneale (Walled Lake Northern) 343.30; 13. Brian Akers (East Kentwood) 341.00; 14. Jake Hess (Grandville) 325.20; 15. Jon Whitt (Westland John Glenn) 324.90; 16. Paul Dorsey (Ann Arbor Huron)

323.00. 100 BUTTERFLY - 1. Tony Wahi (Detroit U-D Jesuit) 50.11; 2. Jason Hass (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 50.98: 3. Travis Hatt (Livonia Stevenson) 51.06; 4. Steve Bruestle (Livonia Stevenson) 51.72; 5. Rob Andrews (Mattawan) 52.36; 6. Daniel Yuhn (Birmingham Brother Rice) 52.62; 7. Ryan Nelis (Holland West Ottawa) 52.79; 8. John Bergsma (Grandville) 53.15; 9. Chris Hasson (Birmingham Brother Rice) 52.18; 10. Jeremy Sall (Zeeland Unified) 52.50; 11. Guy Day (Grand Blanc) 52.72; 12. Chris Berloth (Ann Arbor Huron) 52.81; 13. Brian Tremmi (Holland) 53.45: 14. Alex Davidson (Jackson) 53.50; 15. Taylor Harris (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 53.71; 16. Robert Luke (Livonia Stevenson) 54.47. 100 FREESTYLE - 1. Sho Koba (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 45.94; 2. Chris Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 46.30: 3. Joe Schmitt (Grand Haven) 46.50: 4. Benjamin Savonen (Monroe) 46.99: 5 Dave Brown (Lake Orion) 47.02; 6. Chris Bagley (Birmingham Brother Rice) 47.28; 7, Garrett Ruhland (Lake Orion) 47.66; 8. Andrew Sisso (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 47.72; 9. Beau Austin (Holland West Ottawa) 47,20: 10. Justin Shields (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 48.07; 11. Matt Rose (Grandville) 48.08; 12. Mark Schramm (Monroe) 48.25; 13. Dustin Hennigar (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 48.34; 14. Collin Brosko (Birmingham Brother Rice) 48.38; Scott Johnson (Trov) 48.47: 16. Jared Gortsema (Byron Center Unified) 48.72. 500 FREESTYLE - 1. Adam Dejong (Holland) 4:31.21 (Division I record, breaks record of 4:31.38 set by Dejong in preliminaries); 2. Chris Keady (Northville) 4:33.47; 3. Ricky Forrest (Lake Orion) 4:36.71: 4. David Steff (Farmington/Harrison Unified) 4:41.66; 5. Pat Berg (Birmingham Brother Rice) 4:43.36; 6. Chris Culkin (Northville) 4:43.68; 7. Colby Ward (Rochester Adams) 4:43.81; 8. Jeff Pauza (Livonia Stevenson) 4:48,52; 9. Will Blickle (Northville) 4:42.50; 10. Nick Evans (Rochester) 4:43.57; 11. Matt Witkowski (South Lyon) 4:46.17; 12. Casey Browning (Grosse Pointe South) 4:47.52; 13. Tyler Groskopf (Holt) 4:49.63; 14. Jeff Shade (Flint Kearsley) 4:49.97; 15. Richard Frenchi (Detroit U-D Jesuit) 4:51.80: 16. Dan Basile (Grosse Pointe South) 4:53.71. 200 FREESTYLE RELAY - 1. Livonia Stevenson (Travis Hatt, Dave Gosdzinski, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman) 1:25.61; 2. Grand Haven, 1:25.70; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:26.12: 4. Grandville, 1:26.79: 5. Jenison. 1:27.78: 6. Lake Orion. 1:28.13; 7. Monroe, 1:28.22; 8. Zeeland, 1:28.34; 9. Birmingham Brother Rice, 1:27.52; 10. Grand Blanc, 1:28,29; 11. Northville, 1:28,86; 12. Saline,

1:29.94. 100 BACKSTROKE - 1. Jordan Diekema (Zeeland Unified) 51.28; 2. Jeremy Sall (Zeeland Unified) 52.43; 3. Pat Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 53.03; 4. Brad Farris (Northville) 53.14: 5. Brody Blickle (Northville) 53.24: 6. Jordan Schrotenboer (Holland) 53,36; 7. Mark Boman (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 53.52; 8, Daniel Yuhn (Birmingham Brother Rice) 54.31; 9. Mitch Ruch (Zeeland Unified) 53.84: 10. Chris Hasson (Birmingham Brother Rice) 54.33: 11. Jack Oliver (Walled Lake Central) 54.35; 12. Sean Hamstra (Zeeland Unified) 54.37; 13. Christopher Jordan (Holland West Ottawa) 54.66; 14. Robert Luke (Livonia Stevenson) 55.00; 15. James DeWitte (Birmingham Brother Rice) 55.35; 16. Nicolas Berhorst (Monroe) 55.67. 100 BREASTSTROKE - 1. Roman Sandier (Wailed Lake Northern) 59.36; 2. Michael

1:29.22; 13. Holland, 1:29.32; 14. East Kentwood,

1:29.38; 15. Pinckney, 1:29.69; 16. Mattawan,

Zennedjian (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:00.11;
3. Brian Keeley (Rockford) 1:00.12; 4. Sam
Dolato (Hartland) 1:00.36; 5. Dave Gosdzinski
(Livonia Stevenson) 1:00.47; 6. Scott Venettis
(Troy) 1:01.36; 7. Connor Christie (Saline)
1:01.77; 8. No eighth place awarded because of
usquamteation, 9. David Roger Schoulgrass
(Holt) 1:00.14; 10. Mitchell Klipa (Grand Rapids
Forest Hills Unified) 1:00.73; 11. Garrett
Greenland (Eaton Rapids-Charlotte Unified)
1:01.00; 12. John Grobbel (Birmingham Brother
Rice) 1:01.02; 13. Joseph Johnston (Rockford)
1:01.39; 14. Weston Laabs (Northville) 1:01.67;
15. Jeff Pethoud (Brighton) 1:01.92; 16. James
Baguley (Hudsonville) 1:03.02.
400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer

Baguley (Hudsonville) 1:03.02.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Chris Buck, Jason Hass, Robert Steele, Sho Koba), 3:06.77 (Division I record, breaks mark of 3:08.18 set by Pioneer in preliminaries); 2. Northville, 3:10.32; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3:10.34; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 3:11.37; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified, 3:12.34; 6. Grandville, 3:13.01; 7. Zeeland, 3:13.60; 8. Lake Orion, 3:13.68; 9. Holland, 3:14.53; 10. Holland West Ottawa, 3:15.29; 11. Saline, 3:15.78; 12. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 3:16.36; 13. Jenison, 3:16.77; 14. Troy, 3:17.21; 15. Monroe, 3:17.22; 16. Farmington/Harrison Unified, 3:19.05.

## St. Mary's edges Pontiac Northern; Canton next

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

How good was Kalin Lucas' game Tuesday night?

Well, not only did he bring a smile to the face of his present head coach, but he pleased his future head coach as well.

The St. Mary's junior made the fourth quarter of Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal with Pontiac Northern Kalin's quarter as the star point guard dominated both ends of the basketball court in delivering a 57-55 victory to the Eaglets.

Lucas singed the nets for 14 of his game-high 31 points in the final frame, including a running one-hander with 11 seconds remaining that gave the Eaglets a 56-55 advantage. Junior Justin Siller followed with a split of two free-throw attempts, and the Eaglets collectively held their breath while a desperation heave from Northern senior De'Andre Hall bounced off the top of the backboard to seal the win.

"Fourth quarter was Kalin time, but my team helped me through the whole game," said the MSU-bound Lucas, who performed his heroics in front of a sellout crowd at Troy Athens that included Spartans head coach Tom Izzo. "We got hungry for it. We wanted to win this game more than they did, and we got it done.

"I wanted this game really bad," Lucas went on. "They already beat us two times in a row – my freshman year and sophomore year they took us out in regionals and districts. This year we really wanted it"

'He knows he has to get everybody involved, and then he has to know when it's the other part of the game, too, and he has to make plays. That's part of being a point guard and he did a great job tonight getting guys involved and doing his thing, too.'

George Porritt, St. Mary's head coach

"It was pretty tough to take it out of his hands tonight and I'm proud of him," St. Mary's head coach George Porritt said of Lucas. "He knows he has to get everybody involved, and then he has to know when it's the other part of the game, too, and he has to make plays. That's part of being a point guard and he did a great job tonight getting guys involved and doing his thing, too."

The start of the contest wasn't nearly as favorable for Lucas and the rest of his teammates as the Huskies appeared hungrier, opening up a 22-14 advantage after one quarter and taking a 34-28 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

Huskies Devonte Pryor and Timothy Williams led the first-half attack for Northern, combining for 21 points, including a long three-pointer by Williams at the buzzer.

In the second half, both teams turned up the pressure defensively, contesting

every shot and making points hard to come by. The teams combined for just 18 third-quarter points, 10 on the side of the Eaglets, and set up an intense fourth quarter that produced nine lead changes.

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Lucas scored every way possible in the period – at the free throw line, beyond the arc and in the paint – in accounting

for all but five of the Eaglets' points.

"In the first half I was trying to get my team more involved and trying to get them shots," Lucas said of the difference in his play between the two halves.

"Fourth quarter I just took over."

"It was our defensive pressure," offered up Porritt when asked the same question. "We couldn't get shots to drop in the first half and they applied so much pressure on us. But I thought it was our defensive effort (in the second). Justin Siller, Dionte Allen, Taurian Washington keeping the pressure on them was big. We didn't make it easy for them and that helped."

Lucas' scoring night included 11-12 from the charity line. He also collected four steals. Washington and Chris Clarke were next with six points apiece and Siller and junior Jon Tassin bagged five each. For Northern (16-8), which was outscored at the free-throw line 21-4, Williams led the way with 19 points. Pryor followed with 12 and Hall and junior Martell Webb netted eight each.

Up next for Porritt's 18-6 Eaglets will be a clash for the regional crown tonight against Canton, a 52-51 winner over Rochester Adams in overtime Tuesday night.

Tip-off is set for 7 tonight at Athens.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## FIELD OF DREAMS

There will be a "Soccer Field of Dreams" update meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Plymouth High School distance-learning lab.

The agenda will include a summary of the program's funding and facilities successes to date and an informational presentation by Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan regarding the May 2 bond election that includes funding for the "Soccer Field of Dreams" project. Members of the P-CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend along with their friends and any other interested citizens. Call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

## OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the school's gymnasium. OLGC is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenel-

son@ameritech.net; or (734) 737-9935. Also, information about the program can be found at www.olgcfootball.net.

## ANN ARBOR RUN

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by

Comerica Sunday, June 4.
The featured race is the RRCA
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walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the
finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Complete information is available at www.dexterannar-borrun.com.

## YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20, at 4 p.m. at Fox Hills. More than 35,000 youngsters throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

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## JOHN JOSEPH ROZEK

Age 88, March 13, 2006. Beloved husband of 47 years of Joyce Chapman Rozek. Loving father of Brian (Katherine) Rozek and Melissa (Christopher) Smith. Dear grandfather of Ryan and Breanna Rozek. Brother of Helen Thibault, Mae Houston, Joseph Rozek and Jennie Matusz. John was a Homicide Detective with the Detroit Police Dept. from 1941 to 1985. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday from 12 until Funeral Service at o.m. Memorial contributions may be lirected to the charity of your choice. Please sign the online guest book at: www.rggrharris.com

## NANCY C. WALDROP

Age 69, March 13, 2006. Born October 1936 in Detroit, MI. Beloved wife of Vernon. Dear mother of Vernon R., Dennis D., Kimberly Jamieson and Anthony (Karen). Dearest sister of Robert Diem, Wrex Diem and David Diem. Also dear grandmother of seven grandchildren. Nancy graduated with an Associates Degree in Nursing from Wayne County Community College. She was a nurse employed by Botsford General Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Garden City Hospital. Nancy was member of Newburgh United Methodist Church. Funeral service Thursday 1:00 P.M. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation Wednesday 2 to 9 P.M. Memorials suggested to Arthritis Foundation - Michigan Chapter, 1050 Wilshire Dr., Ste. 302, Troy, MI 48084-9762.

### EUGENE R. PROVENZANO, Sr.

Age 82, March 15, 2006, of Redford Township. Beloved husband, for 50 years, of Jayne. Loving father of Judith Hazard, Pamela, Eugene "Bud" Jr. (Lee Ann), and Patrice (Robert) Suvoy. Dearest grandfather of Sean, Deidre (Mark), Denise, Jacqueline, Anthony, Bobby, Samantha, and Gabriella. Eugene is survived by his sisters, Mary Gagleard and Francesca Provenzano. Visitation Thursday, 5-9pm, and Friday, 1-9pm, with Rosary at 7pm, at The Neely- Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile (between Middlebelt and Merriman). Instate Saturday, 9:30am, until time of Mass, 10am, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27201 West Chicago (at Inkster). Memorials may be made to the William Beaumont Hospice Fund, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083



ANNE FRACASSA

Age 47, March 13, 2006 of Warren Sunday Auto Columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Papers. Loving mother of Francesca & Rebecca. Wife Hawke, Animal Activist, Journalist, Longtime FBI employee. Visitation, Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 E. Fifteen Mile Rd. @Schoenherr) Sterling Heights. Wednesday 5-8pm, Thursday 1-9pm w/evening scripture 7 pm. In state Friday 10:30 am until Mass 11 am, St. Malachy Catholic Church, 14085 4 Mile Rd. Sterling Heights. Entombment Cadillac Memorial Entombment Cadillac Gardens East, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be made to The No Kill Animal Shelter/Animal Welfare Commission, 22931 14 Mile Rd. Clinton Twp., 48035.





## FRANK W. BROCHERT

March 8, 2006. Age 63 Senior partner Plunkett and Cooney Law Firm. Beloved husband of Susan (nee. Spalding). Proud father of Rachel Roe (John), Adam (Gina), Sara Eggemeier (Chris), Julie Lublin Jeremy) and Emily. Dear grandfaher of Ted and Ethan Roe and Nate Lublin. Brother of Nancy Genoff, Marilyn Raiss, Jeanette Dinverno, Michael Brochert and the late Paul Brochert. Funeral Mass was Saturday at Church of St. Owen, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute or Lighthouse of A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DOUGLAS T. HAESLER

Suddenly March 12, 2006 Age 74 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired principal for Warren Consolidated Schools. Beloved Husband of Charlene A. for 47 years. Dear Father of Douglas B., Dondra A. Elie (Paul) and David C. (Colleen). Grandfather of Jack, Sam. Frank, Charles, Cullen, and Isabelle. Brother of Miriam Winters (Ross) and (Edna). Funeral service Thursday (today) 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). In lieu of flowers, memorials to First United Methodist Church 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009 or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Cr., Chicago, Il 60674 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



GINA M. SELMI (DRUMMOND)

Age 39, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at home surrounded by her loved ones. She graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1985. Gina was predeceased in death by her father, Burton Drummond and is survived by her husband, James, of Manteca, CA; daughter, Nicole Randall of Grand Rapids, MI, mother, Anna Drummond of Livonia, MI, sister, Lori (Larry) Michael and niece Stephanie of South Lyon, MI. We will deeply miss her smile, warmth, and kindness. Visitation, Sun. March 19, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 6 Mile Rd. Livonia 12–9 PM Memorial Service, Mon. March 20, 2006, 9:30 A.M. at St. Collette Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. In lieu of Flowers, Family requests for donations to be made to Hospice of San Joaquin.

## HELEN ALENE LLOYD

Passed away Friday, March 10, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital. She was born February 2, 1918 in Plymouth, Michigan, a daughter of Harry and N. Dora (Helm) Pelkey. She was married to George A Lloyd in Plymouth, Michigan moving to Livingston County from Taylor in 2002. Mr. Lloyd preceded her in death on June 4, 1980. Mrs. Lloyd enjoyed being with her family and especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed making dolls and clothing for them. She was a Michigan State Fair Prize winner for her Teddy Bears and Raggedy Ann's. Prior to her retirement in 1970 she had been employed by Henry Ford Hospital as a X-ray Technician for several years. Mrs. Lloyd is survived by her three children: Shirley Trackwell of Prescott, Carol (Donald) Trumpy of West Maryland and George (Peg) Lloyd of Howell. Dear grandmother of seven grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Funeral services took place Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 11AM at the Keehn Funeral Home, 706 W. Main St., Brighton (810-229-9871). Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, Michigan. The family has requested memorial contributions to the Salvation Army in lieu of flowers.

## JAMES A. BARNARD, SR.

Age 66, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 18th 2006. James was a graduate of General Motors Institute with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He spent over 40 years working for General Motors and Delphi Automotive. He retired to enjoy woodworking, traveling in his RV and spending time with his 13 grandchildren. James is survived by his loving wife Mary Cay Barnard; his three sons Jim Barnard & wife Mindy, Mike Barnard & wife Karen, and Dan Barnard; his three daughters, Michelle (Barnard) Rowland & husband Dennis, Connie (Barnard) Martin & husband Rob, and Susan (Barnard) Roth & husband Adam; thirteen grandchildren, Austin, Adam, Evan, Alex, Matthew, Morgan, Sydney, Haley, Bridget, Hannah, Kayla and Megan; his parents George and Rita Barnard; four brothers, Bob, Don, Tom and David Barnard; and six sisters, Nancy Hastings, Pat Mullett, Katie Skala, Peggy Saraney, Betsy Redder, and Rita Lesesky. There will be a Memorial Mass 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18th 2006 at the Church of the Incarnation, N. Main St. and Williamsburg Lane, Centerville, Ohio. Father Peter Helmlinger officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Center, 15 S. St. Clair St., Dayton, Ohio 45402 in memory of James A. Barnard, Sr. Services are in care of TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME-FAR HILLS CHAPEL, Dayton, Ohio.

## VERNON CARL **EISENHARDT**

Age 77, March 12, 2006, of South Branch (formerly of Clarkston). Loving husband of the late Jeanne Ellen (Cobb) Eisenhardt. Dear father of Andrea (Khokan) Mitra, Mark Eisenhardt, Dale Eisenhardt, Kay (Russ) Lund, Amy (William) Monroe. Grandfather of Romy (Dr. Steven) Justin, Jevin, Robi (Jessica), Neil, Amber, Jeremy, Jacob, Dale Jr., John II (Amber), Shane, Todd, Eric Amanda), and Melesa. Great grandfather of Isabel, Amelia, Hugo, Kaya, Nathan, and Makenzie Marie. Brother of Joyce Schultz, Carole (Gordon) Lowe, Bill Eisenhardt, and Roger (Heidi) Eisenhardt. Funeral service was Wednesday, March 15, at The Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Home, Rochester. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to The American Cancer Society. Online guestbook:

www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



FRANKLYN JOEL LANE

Age 86, of Canton, MI, left this world on March 10, 2006, for a new life in Heaven He passed away after suffering with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) since 2002. Born June 20, 1919, in Chicago, IL, he was the son of Albert J. and Victoria (Stachowicz) Latka, He married Kathleen Gay Alexander on July 1, 1989, in Richmond, MO. He was a Veteran of WWII, a Police Commissioner in Palos Park, IL, and a real estate broker for 40 years. Survived by his wife, Kathleen, and daughter Megan LaSalle of Jackson, MI. Mr. Lane was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11am, Saturday, March 18, 2006, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Ml. A luncheon will immediately follow. In lieu of lowers, memorial econtributionsmay be made to ALS of Michigan, or envelopes will be available in the



PATRICK A. SMITH

Suddenly March 9, 2006 while skiing on the High Alpine slope in Snowmass, CO. Age 70, of Harbor Springs, MI, Birmingham, MI, and Aspen, CO. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Founder and CEO of Piece Maker Co. Beloved husband of Marjorie A. (nee McDonald) for 45 ears. Dear father of Shelagh Morag .uplow (Harley), Shannon Margaret Nolan (Stephen) and Patrick James Smith. Also survived by his precious grandchildren, Harley Matthew, Jr. Serena Gracie, & Harrison MacDonald Luplow, and Stephen McMahon, Jr., Patrick Liam, & Ariana Elizabeth Nolan. Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Family suggests memorial tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy 3264, Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or the Christ Child Society 15751 Joy Rd., Detroit MI 48228. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## FREDERICK C. BOOTH

1925-2006 Services and interment will be held on June 24, 2006 at 11:00am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills for Frederick Coleman Booth, 80, of Leland and Bloomfield Hills, who died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Leelanau Memorial Health Center. Frederick was born Nov. 12, 1925, in Detroit, the son of George Coleman Booth and Elisabeth Carah Harry. On Oct. 2, 1948, in Alexandria, Va., he married his loving wife of 57 years Sara Ann Booth, who survives. Fred was a naval officer during World War II. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1945 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and worked most of his career designing and testing seat belts. He was awarded several patents for his work. Fred loved the outdoors - camping, hiking, canoeing, skiing and fishing with his family and friends. After vacations in Northern Michigan throughout his life, Fred and Sara realized a life-long dream when they built a home near Leland in 1995. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Graydon Frederick (Lauri Sugerman) Booth of Chicago, William Harry (Susan Badger) Booth of Maumee, Ohio; a sister, Mary Booth Tuller; a sister-in-law, Ann Booth; and four loving grandchildren. Frederick was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Coleman Booth, and a brother, George Randall Booth. Memorials may

1007, Leland, MI 49654.

## BARBARA L. BUSHNELL

Age 62, March 13, 2006. Beloved wife of Roger. Loving mother of Kelly Maksimowicz and Kathleen Bushnell Owsley. Mother-in-law of Edward and Steven Tye. Sister of Larry and Myrna Hahn, sister-in-law of Mary Ellen and David Dixon. Will be missed by nieces and nephews, and her many friends. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. Services to be held Thursday, March 16, 2006, at St. Edith Catholic Church. Arrangements from Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

#### JOAN TERESE (MADER) BOWE

Joan was born in Gresham, Wi in 1927, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Eastern Michigan University. She was a registered Physical Therapist who started her career at the V.A in Chicago working with WWII paraplegic veterans. She put her career on hold to raise a family but went back to work at Eastern Michigan University-Rackham school which later became the New Horizons program in Ypsilanti. Her motto was "It's hard to hit a moving target" and she kept very busy after retirement. She was a memper of Delta Kappa Gamma, Ladies Literary Society, U-M Waterman group, Take Stock investment club as well as two Red Hat Ladies Clubs and several bridge groups. Her calander was rarely empty and she will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald. Loving mother of Ann Bowe, Peter (Mary), Gail (David) Ives, John, Jane (Mac Green) Bowe and Sara Bowe. Dearest grandmother of Teresa, Adrianne, Patrick, Lauren, Alice and Grace. Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Rd, Plymouth. Visitation was Sunday 1-5 and 6-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main st, Plymouth and at the church Monday 10:00am until time of the mass. Rosary was held Sunday at 7:00pm. Contributions suggested to the Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Fund.

## MATTHEW ERIC MATZINGER

Age 37, of Wauwatosa,

Wisconsin (formerly of Oxford), March 7, 2006. Matt was born February 28, 1969, in Bruce Township, Michigan, son of Rex Alan and Dorothy Margaret (nee Jackson) Matzinger. Matt graduated from Traverse City High School in 1987, from Concordia University Ann Arbor in 1997 with a Criminal Justice Degree, and in 2002 from Phoenix University with a Masters Degree in Computer Information Systems. Matt was the former Quality Control Manager of Hot Melt Technologies, Rochester Hills, and a former Project Manager in Telecommunications for Global Crossing, and presently was Quality Supervisor for G.S. Hydraulics, New Berlin, Wl. He enjoyed computers, reading, swimming, and motorcycle riding. Matt served in The United States Marine Corps and was presently in the National Guard. Surviving are his wife, Karen; sons Eric Paul, Jeremy Alan, and Keith Ethan; parents Rex and Dorothy Matzinger of Traverse City; sisters Kathleen vanPoppeien of Kochester Ellen Marie (Beauford) Pike of Greensboro, NC, Carolyn Matzinger and her husband Ronald Marshall, and Joanna (Paul) VanRaaphorst of Rochester father-in-law and mother in-law Rev. E. Paul and Peggy Burow of Macomb Township; many nieces and nephews, and 3 great nieces. A Funeral Service was held on Sunday March 12, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Worship Center, Macomb Township, The Rev. Jonathon Goeke of Zion Lutheran Church, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Rev. Michael J. Lutz of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb Township, officiating. Interment, with Military Honors, in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Arrangements by the Hauss Funeral Home, 47477 Romeo Plank, Macomb Township. Memorial contributions may be addressed to Family Wishes.

## DR. VILAS L. ALLEN Of Northville died March 12,

2006. He was 82. Dr. Allen was born June 21, 1923 in Wichita, Kansas to Harry and Alma (Garrison) Allen. He served in the Army during WWII, with the 298 Combat Engineer Battalion, and went from England to Utah Beach in France on D+6 (June 12, 1944). He graduated from MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and was the owner of Allen Animal Hospital PC in Livonia for 40 years. Vilas married Theresa (Barnes) Allen on July 9, 1977. He had been a resident of Northville for 28 years. Mr. Allen was a member of the American Veterinary Meuro-ond Southeastern Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Association. Veterinary Medical Association. He was a fan of MSU Spartan football and basketball and was a season ticket holder. He attended many out of town football and Bowl games. Survivors include his wife Theresa "Tedda' Allen of Northville; children Judy (Randy) Hall of Lake City, KS, Vilas L. Allen Jr. of Sterling Heights, MI and Kristine (Albert) Bradfield of Holland, MI; siblings Michael Jane Lande of Santa Monica, CA and Sam (Evelyn) Allen of Marysville, MI; and grandchildren Daniel Hall, Caleb Hall, Timothy Bradfield, and Sean Bradfield. Dr. Allen was preceded in death by his first wife June J. Allen, his granddaughter Miranda J. Hall, and his parents. Visitation will be held Friday 2-8 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Saturday 11 a.m. at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville 48168, with Rev. Douglas Thompson officiating the service. Vilas will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville, West Virginia. Memorial Contributions to MSU College of Veterinary Medicine
A, 133 E. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI
48824 or Ward Evangelical
Presbyterian Church, Attn: Mission directed to ShareCare of Leelanau, PO Box 217, Northport, MI 49670, or to the Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box

Fund would be appreciated.

## MILDRED YATES

82, of Hudson, FL. formerly of Livonia, passed away on Februry 24, 2006 in Florida. She was born on Dec. 15, 1923 in Beaver Falls, PA. She is survived by her children, Janice Barlow of Walled Lake, and Douglas & Cindy Yates of Brandon, FL; her grandchildren, Brett Barlow of Walled Lake, and Evan, Ryan & Matthew Yates of Brandon, FI; and her sister Freda Mitchell of New Port Richey, Fl. Memorial service was held on March 15, 2006 at Grace Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, Hudson, FL. Memorial dona-tions to LifePath Hospice, 3010 W. Azeele St. Tampa, FL. 33609



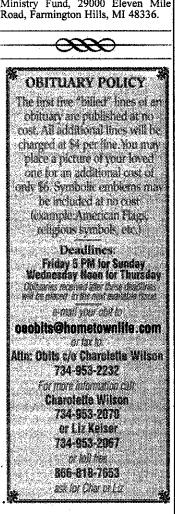
LAWRENCE A. KING

Age 76, March 8, 2006. Survived by wife Nanette B., daughter Julie King-Welsh (Jeff), two sons, Scott (Julie) and Keith (Amy), eight grandchildren, and sister Ruth Ann Ballard. King was pre-deceased by wife Leone. A Memorial Service was held Monday, March 13th, at the Franklin Community Church, Franklin, MI. Memorial tributes may be directed to ALS of Michigan, Inc. (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Chapter of the ALS Association, 21311 Civic Center Drive, #200, Southfield, MI 48076; or to the Hospices of Henry Ford, One Ford Place, 5A, Detroit, MI 48202-3450. Arrangements by the William R. Hamilton Funeral Home, Birmingham, MI.



SISTER MARY MELLITA MAHON, RSM Sister of Mercy, Educator, Pastoral Minister

Age 88, died on March 11, 2006 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was a Sister of lercy for 70 years. She was born to Edward and Ann (Monahan) Mahon on August 31, 1917 in South Bend, Indiana and baptized Patricia Ann. She graduated from Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids, Michigan and in 1936 joined the Sisters of Mercy in Dubuque, Iowa, where she the name, Sister Mary Mellita. She made profession of perpetual vows in Detroit on August 16, 1942. Sister Mary Mellita earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's in education from Notic Dame University. During her 30 years as an educator, she taught elementary students in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Berkley, Hazel Park, Howell, Detroit, Cheboygan, Posen, Grand Haven, Ludington, Saginaw, Holland, Manistee and Big Rapids. Illness forced her to leave the class-room in 1970. For the next 23 years, Sister Mary Mellita served in a variety of ministries including as receptionist and hostess at Mercy Center; director of education for Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Indiana; caregiver for her mother; and pastoral minister at St. Mary Parish in St. Clair and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Detroit. She moved to McAuley Center in 1993 and served in pastoral ministry for several years before retiring to a life of prayer and volunteer work. Sister Mary Mellita is remembered as a quiet, gracious and gentle woman, always willing to be helpful in any way she could. She and her family were ever proud of their Irish heritage and their association with Notre Dame University. She is survived by a sister, several nieces and nephews, many friends and by the members of her religious community. welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills on March 14, 2006 at 3 pm, followed by a prayer vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be held at McAuley Center on March 15, 2006 at 10:30 am. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile



# Choir presents Voices of Light

Rackham Symphony Choir will present a 15th century historical figure, Joan of Arc, through a 21st century multimedia event - a combination of classic cinema and live music at the Redford Theatre on March 26.

Voices of Light, by Richard Einhorn, is a contemporary oratorio - a choral and orchestral concert - performed live with the simultaneous screening of the rarely seen 1928 silent film masterpiece La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc ("The Passion of Joan of Arc") by Carl Dreyer. The Metro Times said of the combination, "Dreyer belatedly joined by a worthy collaborator and, seen live, should be quite literally a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Under the direction of Rackham Symphony Choir's Artistic and Musical Director, Suzanne Mallare Acton, the performance by a 70-member choir, eight soloists and a 30piece orchestra takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the historic Redford Theatre. It is located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit, MI 48219. Tickets for reserved seating are \$18-\$45 and are available at the Redford Theatre, through TicketsPlus (800)585-3737 and at all Meijer store TicketsPlus outlets. Group discounts are available through Rackham Symphony Choir by calling (313) 272-0334 or via the website at www.rackhamchoir.org.

Featured soloists include Susan Lowrie, Alexa Lokensgard, Ann Marie MacFarlane and Leah Dexter as the voice of Joan, soprano Jennifer Larson and mezzosoprano Monica Swartout-Bebow, joined by tenor David Fischer and baritone Stephen

Composer Richard Einhorn calls Voices of Light "a celebration of female spirituality and heroism." The film brings to life the trial and end of life of Joan and the oratorio brings a voice to Joan. Joan of Arc, born in 1412, was an illiterate young woman who led an army, was burned at the stake, and long after her untimely death, was canonized a saint. She was guided by divine voices - a core element in Einhorn's piece. The performance is presented in March to celebrate Women's History Month. Einhorn's score is built

around a series of texts by women writers of the Middle Ages. The composer brings to it a combination of historical research in medieval chant and his keen appreciation of musical minimalism. The libretto is a montage of ancient writings, which vary in language, from Latin to Ancient and Middle French. The film is presented with English subtitles.

The film, La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc has its own mysterious and miraculous history. Months after it premiered in 1928, the negative was destroyed in a fire. Dreyer painstakingly assembled a second version only for it too to be lost to fire. In 1981 a copy of the original version of the film was discovered in a closet in an asylum in Norway and the film was restored in 1985. The film is cited as one of the top 10 films of all time as it revolutionized modern filmmaking and influenced many contemporary filmmakers.

More information on Voices of Light and the Rackham Symphony Choir is available at www.rackhamchoir.org. Since it's founding in 1949,the choir has entertained concertgoers by creating artistic experiences through sight and sound. Detroit's oldest and largest choral organization, Rackham's focus is to enhance the cultural richness of the community through the performance of traditional and modern choral works with visual and orchestral accompaniment.

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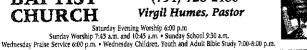
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# Madonna tries to regroup after going 3-8-1 on California swing

Better days are expected for the Madonna University baseball team, which is off to a 3-8-1 start following a trip to the West Coast.

On Friday, the Crusaders fell to host Concordia-Irvine (Calif.), 9-4, before settling for a 6-6 tie in the nightcap, which was suspended by darkness following a 40-minute rain delay.

Jason Barbeau, who hit .348 on the trip, went 4-for-5 in the deadlock. Kyle Fedorka also collected four hits on the day to raise his season average to .400.

The trip started March 4 at Biola University in La Mirada,

The trip started March 4 at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif. as the Crusaders suffered a 15-6 setback as pitcher Derek Dufrane took the loss.

Two losses followed on March 5 to Culver-Stockton University (Ia.) in a double-header play at Southwestern Community in Chula Vista, 5-0 and 7-1. Greg Spanel and Clint LaFountaine were the losing pitchers.

On March 6, Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) went all nine innings, fanning 10

## **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

while allowing no walks and just six hits in a 7-0 triumph over Bethany College in a game played a Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.).

Todd Kalmbach went 2-for-2 with a homer and two RBI in the victory. Justin Fabian also collected two hits.

In the second game of the double-header against Bethany, Mike Orehek took the loss in a 9-2 setback to Bethany.

On March 7, MU lost again to Bethany College (W.V.), 9-3, and to host Point Loma, 7-2, as Mike Hand (North Farmington) and Tony Luttman (Farmington High) were the losing pitchers.

MU got two victories on March 8, including a 9-3 triumph over Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.0 with Clint LaFountaine (1-1) getting the victory. The Crusaders also earned a 5-3 triumph against Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) with Eric Wendling notching his first

On March 9, Bethany (Calif.) beat the Crusaders for the third time in four games, 3-2, as Dufrane (0-2) took the loss.

The Crusaders hit only .225 as a team during the West Coast swing with Fedorka (.400), Kalmbach (.350) and Barbeau (.348) leading the way.

Luttman had a team-high three homers and nine RBI, while Ben Ramsey and Kalmbach added two homers and seven RBI apiece.

The team earned run average was 4.88 as Kennedy did not give up a run in 12 innings of work. The Glenn grad also had 13 strikeouts and no walks, while Ryan Bardoni went 10 innings with an 0.90 ERA. Spanel had a team-best 15 strikeouts in 11 innings.

MU returns to action this weekend with to face Lee University in a double-header Saturday in Cleveland, Tenn. The two teams meet again for a single game on Sunday.

Liz Ballinger added two

wins, while Shannon Noder

also notched a victory. Each

Stephanie Day (Livonia

error in 68 chances. She had

63 putouts and five assists.

MU returns north this

Friday as the Crusaders are

in Marian, Ind. followed by

two games on Saturday.

scheduled to play three games

in the MCC/WHAC Challenge

Ladywood) did not commit an

also have shutouts.



## **Futsal Cup champs**

The under-10 Waza F.C. Boys Blue captured the second annual Futsal Cup recently in Grand Rapids by defeating Alliance' F.C. in a second-round shootout, 6-5, as Nick Eastlake scored the game-winner followed by goalie Zach Verant's save. Futsal is a form of soccer that uses a slightly heavier ball, which bounces less and is played four-on-four (plus a goalie) on a basketball court. En route to the title, Waza also defeated SCOR (5-1), Alliance Orange (10-1) and Alliance FC (6-1), as well as tying the Georgetown Rangers (4-4). Members of Waza include (front row, from left) Devon Cairns, Verant and Eastlake, all of Livonia; (back row, from left) coach Mario Sciuluna, Livonia; Zef Kraja, Madison Heights; Jon Rice, Philip Ritchie, Masa Tsuji and Gota Mase, all of Novi.

## 10-0 Crusaders fire on all cylinders in Florida

Even Bo Derek would be envious of the week in the sun enjoyed by the Madonna University women's softball.

The Crusaders went a perfect 10-for-10 last week at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic in Fort Meyers, Fla.

The spring trip started March 4 at Cape Coral with a 23-0 win over Point Park (Pa.) followed by a 2-0 shutout of Dominican (N.Y.).

The Crusaders added wins on March 5 against Urbana (Ohio), 1-0, and Notre Dame (Ohio), 5-2.

On March 6, MU went eight innings to defeat Cedarville University (Ohio), 5-1, followed by an 8-1 triumph over Ashford (Ohio).

Crusaders downed Malone (Ohio), 5-1, and Carlow (Pa.), 10-2. The trip concluded last

## **COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

Friday (March 9) with victories over Saint Anselm (N.H.), 5-0, and Urbana, 4-2, at Lee County Park.

Stacey Sexsmith paces MU
in hitting with a .441 average
(13-for-27), while Erin
Brockert has a team-high 11

RBI and a .367 batting mark.
Christina Finch, hitting .345,
clubbed three homers and had
nine RBI.

Other top averages belong to part-timers Alison Grant (.571), Mary Kate Setta (.417) and Hannah Godfrey (.400)

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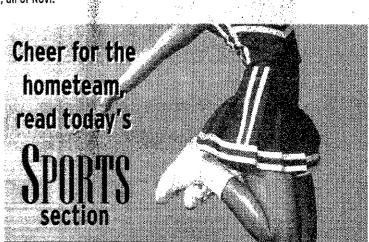
Brockert went 7-0 on the mound (including three shutouts) with an earned run average of 0.37. In 38.1 innings, she has 42 strikeouts while allowing only 17 hits and tone waters.

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## Whalers win shootout, back in 1st

Although the Plymouth
Whalers dug down as a team to
beat the Sault Ste. Marie
Greyhounds, 4-3, in a shootout
Sunday afternoon at the
Compuware Sports Arena, they
relied on their shootout specialist to get the two points.

The Whalers have won three games this season in shootouts and in each win, rookie Chris Terry has provided the winning goal. He scored the only goal in a shootout Sunday afternoon as the Whalers, now 33-27-1-4, moved back into sole possession of first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with 71 points.

Saginaw (34-30-1-0) is two points behind Plymouth after losing, 2-1, Sunday against Windsor.

Plymouth goaltender Justin
Peters stopped 26 of 29 Soo
shots through 65 minutes, then
stopped Cody Thornton, Ryan
Kitchen and Scott Restoule in
the shootout phase to contribute in the victory.

Before the shootout, Jared

Boll scored twice for the Whalers and now has 19 goals on the season; James Neal scored the other goal – his 18th of the season.

Thornton scored twice for the Soo and now has 25 goals on the season. Jacob Lalonde scored the other Soo goal, his fifth.

Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski stopped 39-of-42 Plymouth shots through 65 minutes and stopped Andrew Fournier during the shootout.

There was never more than a one-goal differential in this playoff-style game.

Boll's second goal of the game – a deflection of a Wes Cunningham shot from the left point – tied the game at 3–3 with five seconds left in the second period.

After a scoreless third period and overtime, Terry won the game in the shootout.

First-place Plymouth and second-place Saginaw will play twice in the final week of the OHL's regular season.

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## Realtors share thoughts on early 2006 market

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Realtors are well aware of how the local economy impacts their business. They had some bright spots and a few concerns last Tuesday, March 7, during the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors media breakfast.

"We were not able to participate in that growth," executive vice president Dale Smith said of figures from the National Association of Realtors on real estate nationwide. Growth exceeded 10 percent for home prices in parts of the U.S.

On the plus side, interest rates remain low locally, Smith said, and housing affordability remains good for metro Detroit. He and leaders of WWOCAR spoke that Tuesday morning at the headquarters in Farmington.

Florida and California are hot real estate markets, said Smith, who doesn't believe the "real estate bubble" wifl

hit here and send the market into a steep decline. "Housing affordability is good." Other markets have strong new construction, although Detroit is somewhat less so.

Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, a listing service center for Realtors, had some bright spots too. She said Oakland County home prices have gone from some \$244,700 to \$249,000 in the last quarter of 2005. In Wayne County in that period, the number of homes sold went up from 3,788 to 3,846.

Kage urged caution in interpreting figures, especially those from month to month. She said quarterly figures more accurately reflect the market.

The Realtors had concerns about Proposal A, which voters approved more than 10 years ago and which shifts much school funding to the state sales tax. WWOCAR president-elect Gordon McCann, with Coldwell-Banker Schweitzer-Bake in Plymouth, described the "pop-up

"A lot of people are looking at it and saying Why should I buy a new house?' All of a sudden, you're just blindsiding them," McCann said. There's movement in the legislature to amend Proposal A, in part to reduce the significant tax hike that follows when people move into a home from their old one.

"By doing that, they're taxing some of these homeowners out," said president Sam Baki, with Keller-Williams Northville Market Center.

McCann added that government figures on the real estate market must be evaluated with consideration of lag time. Baki said the average home sells for some \$130,000 in Wayne County.

"The lower price homes are selling quicker," Baki said. A house that's under \$200,000 is a bargain in Plymouth and will sell quickly, McCann added, while at

that price it won't do as well in Redford. "Each market has its own unique characteristics." McCann said.





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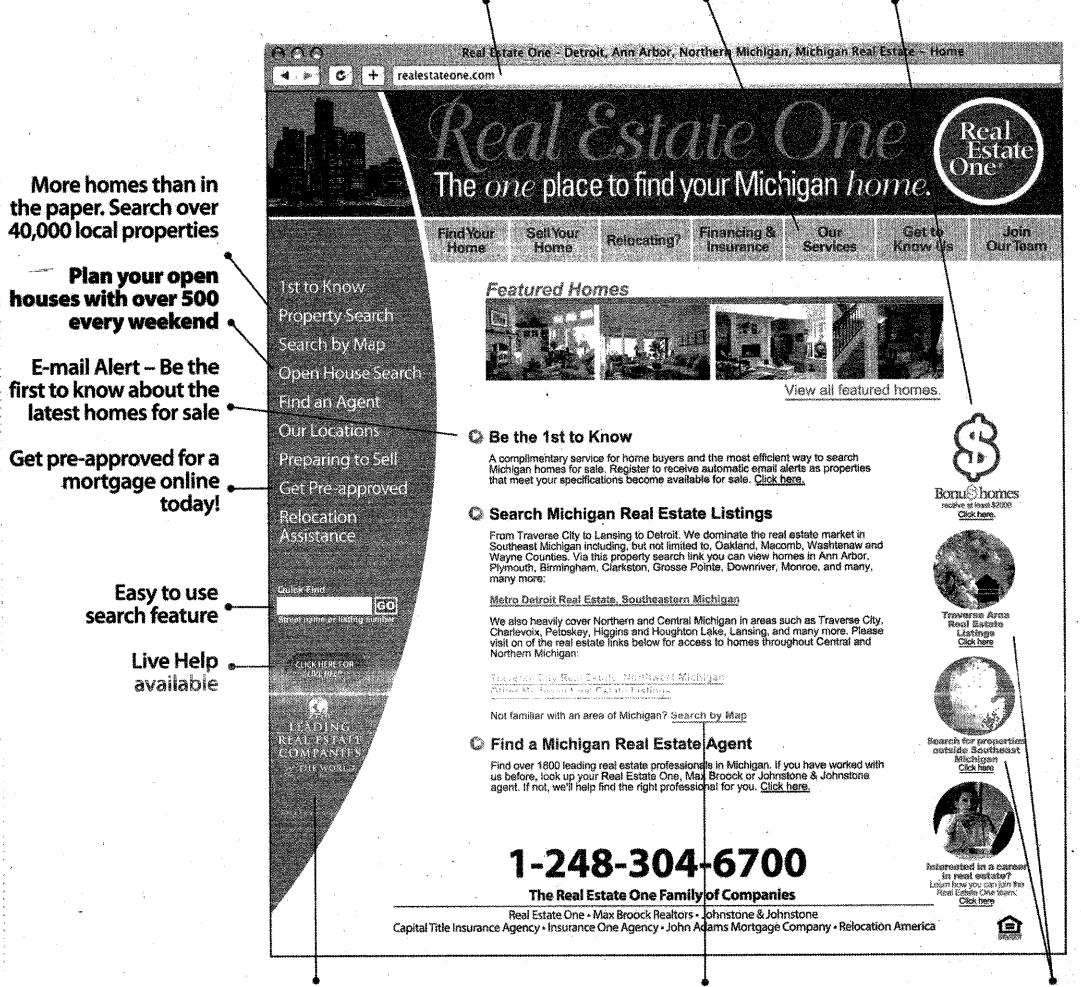
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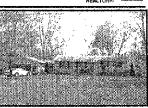




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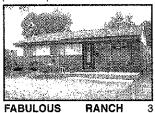
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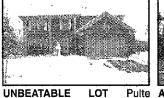
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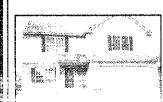
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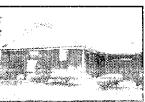
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Everything has been updated in this wonderful 3 bedroom ranch. floor. New roof on home & gar. Furnace and roof less than 5 yrs. Updated windows, furn, A/C, old, new carpeting, updated circuit breakers, & copper plumb, kitchen, and baths, 2.5 car Patio door to Deck & beautiful garage, home warranty & a great yard. Fin bsmt. Ready for you! location. \$144,900 (C-437MC) \$200,000 (C-161LY)



upgrades to mention. Great location too. \$280.000 (C-106Ml)



LUXURIOUS CCLONIAL VERY POOPULAR CONDO 2 CHARMING STONE HOME 4.65 CANTON CONDO Like new ABSOLUTELY STUNNING 4 bd Very Poopular Condo 2 baths and Acres embraces this charming 4 Charleston model. Hwd floors, contemporary recently immediate occupancy, 55 and bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & Kitchen w/cherry & stainless steel remodeled t/o. Updated Kit, cul-de-sac backing to Hinest new floors, contemporary recently immediate occupancy, 55 and bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & Kitchen w/cherry & stainless steel remodeled t/o. Updated Kit, cul-de-sac backing to Hinest new floors, master suite w/WIC & Master w/custom oak trim & beauty offers a spacious neutral island kitchen and too many Hardwood floors and new pool, Great windows make this a windows make the a windows make this a winner in 1930. Numerous updates painted A must see! \$171,000 painted furn, roof, plumb, elec, & sprinklers and lots Clean move in condition Plymouth Canton Schools. (C-934NO) more. You name it & it's been \$184,900 (C-358PE)







more.



TIME BUYERS miss the chance to own this 2 bedroom ranch with new neutral paint and carpeting. Updated kitchen and bath; appliances with a shed too. Clean and ready to move into. \$74,900



EXCELLENT VALUE Fantastic FANTASTIC PARK LOCATION Cape Cod in Canton offers many Beautiful Canton colonial located ranch. Newer 3D roof, new amenities. 1st floor Master, cozy adjacent to park. Open floor plan carpet through out, freshly gas fp in Family Room, new hwd w/eat in Kitchen & formal Dining painted, new steel entry door, & floors in Kitchen & Family Room. Room. Separate Living & Family block windows in basement. Also Finished lower level w/rec area, Rooms, large master w/double offering a full basement & 2 car updated HWH, nicely closets, & finished basement garagel Neat and clean. Move in landscaped, Deck, & backs to Plymouth/Canton woods. \$204,000 (C-736PR) \$225,000 (C-333WA)



WOW! Awesome 3 Bd brick



ADORABLE CONSIDER THIS... 3 bedrooms, Great home on a large lot. 2 full baths, family room Kitchen & Bath have been fireplace, attached 2 car garage, detailed to be a controlled to be



sounds perfect ( \$175,000 (C-729BU) doesn't it?



CANTON & skylight. Handicap accessible. A must seel \$339,900 (C-878ED)



QUALITY CONDO ranch 1940 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba, priced best describes this Prestigious master suite w.tray covered entry home w/loads of covered entry home w/loads of updated & newer carpet installed a basement w/glass block ceiling, WIC & private bath, trimmings. 9ft ceilings, autumn t/o. Beautiful hardwood floors & windows, sprinkler system and Large Deck for entertaining, maple crowned cabs in culinary large master bedroom. This one award winning Livonia schools, screened in porch, bay windows, kit, engineered firs, 9ft ceiling bsmt w/egress wndw, 13x12 raised deck, FF laund, & all major appls. \$209,900 (C-484GL)







schools. and enjoy! \$139,900 (C-810WI)



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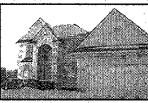
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**OWNERSHIP** Immaculate, ready to move into 3 bd bungalow. Hwd floors under great neighborhoodl New roof and water heater. Nice condition, huge master bedroom newer carpet, newer hwh, windows, flooring, fresh paint, fenced yard, shed and 2 car w/WIC, & all appliances are spacious rooms, lots of storage, fireplace, nice landscaping & garage. Partially finished included. Excellent location in nice size fenced yard, covered large floor plan. Call for more info basement. Put this one at the top today!! \$227,500 (C-600LA) of your list! \$164,900 (C-961LY)



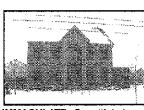
WONDERFUL COLONIAL 3 bd. NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 bd. 2.5 1.5 bath colonial offers 1500+ sq n, mished basement, formal Desired floor plan, Great Room living room, Kitchen w/raised oak w/frpl, master bedroom w/private cabinets, family room w/ bath 2 car attached fireplace, custom master suite w/ walkout basement and more. WIC & full bath, Beautiful Deck & Call today for more details. above ground pool. Call today. \$469,900 (P-013BR) \$184,900 (P-056BE)



bath, brick homes in Livonia.



distance to park. Kitchen has new corian & flooring. Some newer vinyl windows, new carpet



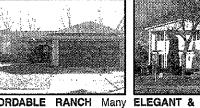


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HEADY! Very open floor plan, crown molding on lower level, neutral t/o, 1st floor laundry, large master w/private bath & floor plan, letted tub. Great room w/frpl, custom painting, hwd floors in living, kitchen, & dining area. \$1,800/mo (C-943BR)

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TRANQUIL SETTING Spacious 1800 sq ft ranch on quiet street. ceilings & hwd floors. 4 bd, 2 window baths. Family room w/fp, Kitchen master floor laundry & Florida room. laundry Updates include roof, hwh, 494MA) furnace, c/a, & elec \$229,900 (P-



GREAT STARTER Great starter home offering updated carpet, brick ranch offering 3 bd, 2 country charm w/all of today's bath colonial w/wonderful fixtures, kitchen cabinet doors, & baths, phenomenal finished updates/ Brand new Kitchen w/ features. Open floor plan, 1st built home. home offering updated carpet, brick ranch offering 3 bd, 2 country charm wall of today's bath colonial wwonderful spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath Pulle ft of spacious living. Nice open fixtures, kitchen cabinet doors, & baths, phenomenal finished updates/ Brand new Kitchen w/ features. Open floor plan, 1st built home. Formal Living & fl







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## Knowing the law: Take steps to accommodate disabled residents

has an obligation to satisfy disabled persons with respect to parking. What steps should be taken in your judgment to deal with the situation?

A. The steps that should be taken are in general as follows: (1) confirm that the member is disabled; (2) talk to the member about his needs; (3) use a form to clarify the need if the accommodation seems unnecessary and make sure you have a disability form from your attorney; (4) install an accessibility sign if the member agrees; (5) paint the space with the international symbol for disabled persons if the member agrees; (6) charge all members the same fee for the parking space if in fact you are charging for it; and (7) make only the accommodations that are reasonable. These are just generalizations but should be reviewed with your association



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**Real Estate** Inquires

Robert Meisner

Q. A fire occurred in a trash bin located in the condo's parking lot. The fire damaged the car of a renter whose designated parking spot was close to the trash bin. The association has been sued and has taken the position that it is not liable to the renter who agreed to park at his own risk and because

Association did not start the fire. Do you think the association has any

A. In a recent Connecticut court decision, it was ruled that the association on similar facts was liable for the damage to the renter's car. The court explained

own rules and regulations, the renter had the right to use the parking space and the association had an obligation to maintain the area in a responsible fashion. The court said that by placing a trash bin so close to the renter's parking space, the association had been negligent, and was so responsible for the damage to the car, regardless of how the fire started. Depending upon the facts of your case, you may wish to take this into consideration.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

## **HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY**

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential realestate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 24-28, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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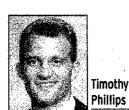
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## VA loan his favorite 'zero down' option

enters pay money monthly and actually own nothing. Meanwhile, "zero down" buyers pay nothing down and own their own home. Which makes sense to

Whether by design or of necessity, many homebuyers find themselves in search of "zero down" purchases. They seek to own property with little or none of their own money into the transaction. There are several ways to get there. 'My favorite "zero down" mortgage is the VA loan. I fised it in 1986 to buy my first home. I had a steady income, but barely a dollar to my name. Two years later, I was transferred and sold the property for a decent profit ... all with no



down payment.

Borrowers without VA privileges can get a "nothing down" deal with a willing seller. Sellers who own their home free and clear may offer worthy buvers a land contract which makes them the "bankers" for the buyers.

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combine FHA mortgages with one of many popular down payment assistance programs. These programs require some degree of seller cooperation, but ultimately help borrowers get very close to a no-cost pur-

Borrowers with good credit scores can often get to 100 percent without gifts or seller assistance. In fact, with exceptional credit they can get such loans without even having to verify their income.

chase.

Jumbo buyers seeking 100 percent financing sometimes "piggy back" mortgages, putting one loan on top of another. This mortgage structure allows them to pay for the majority of their purchase with one loan at a better

interest rate and terms. and the balance with a smaller, higher-rate loan.

Need 100 percent financing, but have bruised credit? Do not despair. Even borrowers with credit scores slightly below 600 may qualify for "zero down" mortgages with some nonconforming lenders.

Today's TIMBIT! Regardless of the means, if you have desire and patience you can usually find a "zero down" deal that suits your needs.

**Timothy Phillips** is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.CarteretOnline.Biz for mortgage calculators and solutions or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Spacious colonial. oyer with circular staircase, carpet, hardwood & ceramic flooring thruout. Kit & brkfst nook overlook FR. Mstr suite w/ walk-in closet & private bath (jetted tub/ sep shower). Lib/den. Finished basement with wet bar. \$359,900 KIN97



kitchen w/42" cabinets, hardwood floors, convection & standard oven; 2-story ceilings, 4 1/2 baths, 3 tone painting, 2 sided fireplace & dishwasher, central surround sound, \$589,900 HAV85 fitness/play



CANTON 5 BR colonial sought-after 1st floor laundry, Master suite has 2 walk-in closets. 5th bedroom could be office. All important systems are updated: roof, VC, vinyl windows. Large UG sprinklers: \$279,900 furnace, backyard, GRE57



PLYMOUTH TWP Over 2800 sq. ft. of living space that included a complete finished walkout with a tropic design including tiki bar. Kitchen counters just installed, new wood floor, Wallside windows, roof w/tearoff, new front door, carpet & paint. \$335,500 BAR56

Macomb Twp



PLYMOUTH TWP Updated 4 BR, 2 bath colonial with 1st floor master bedroom Updates: furnace, air, hot WH 99, roof 97. (upper story & front gar 05) Windows, electrical, vinyl side & trim, bath, kitchen. Features: gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry. \$239,900 SUZ71



PLYMOUTH TWP Updated colonial, hdwc in foyer, kit & D/R. Fresh, neutral paint in foyer, hall & stairway. Updated kit w/nook. FR has corner fireplace & built-in has corner fireplace & built-in bookcase. Newer main bath w/jetted tub. Newer windows & doorwall. Enjoy the spacious 80' yrd. \$264,900 MAP47

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PLYMOUTH TWP 5 BR colonial sought after 1st floor laundry. Master ste has 2 5th BR could be office. All important systems are updated: roof, furnace, A/C, vinyl windows. Large backyard, UG sprinklers. \$279,900 GRE57

WALLED LAKE Beautiful 2 BR, 1.5 BA condo, Features include: C/A-2 patios, 1st fir laundry-fpic in LR, cath ceiling in LR, 1 car att gar, full basement. \$162,000 WIN03

CANTON Larger floor plan. Granite counter tops w/brkfst bar. Cath ceilings, loft/study overlooks GR. Prof fin bsmt. Anderson wood windows thruout, gas fpl, surrounded by marble. FF Lau. \$203,900 HOR49

DEARBORN Large LR w/hardwood, fpl, beautiful kit w/gran, newer cabs, appls brkfst/sun rm w/doorwall. Updates roof, furn, air cleaner, C/A, full bsmt w/ceramic tiled BA. Att garage. \$214,500 AMH5

CANTON Open living area incl GR, formal dining, kit & nook. Master ste w/WIC & BA w/dual sinks, soaking tub & sep shower. Den has French doors, but could be 3rd BR. 1st fir laundry. All appliances stay, att gar. \$178,500 MON67

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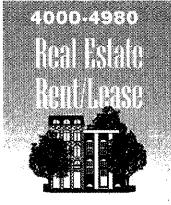








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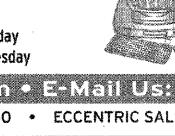
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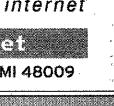
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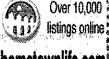
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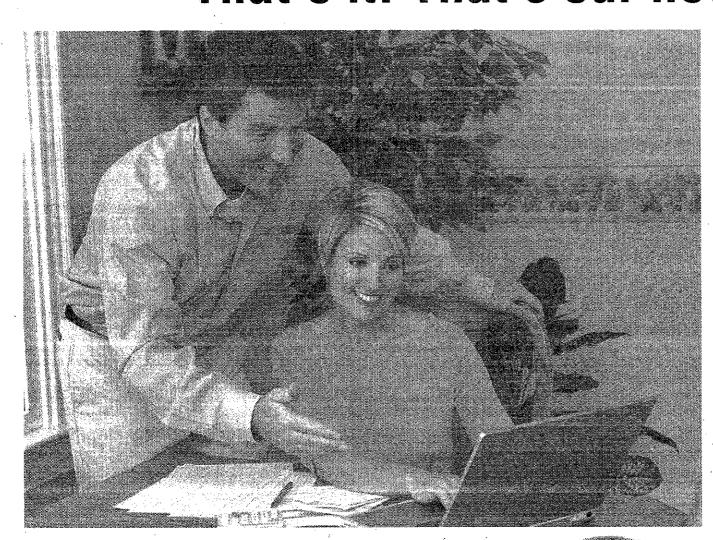
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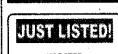
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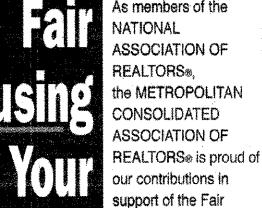
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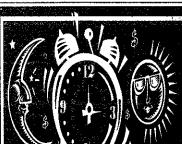
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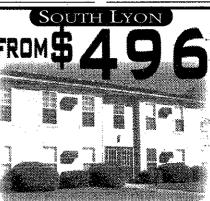
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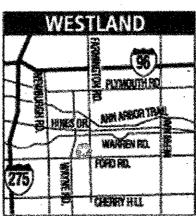
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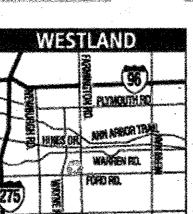
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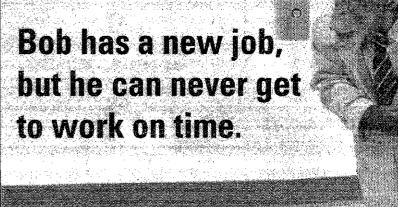
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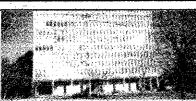
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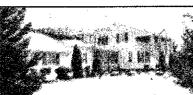
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BRICK RANCH ON 1.67 ACRES Exceptional Heather Lake all brick ranch. 3300 SF of living space. 4 BR. oak

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248-851-1900
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\$239,900

FARMINGTON HILLS

THREE BEDROOM TRI-LEVEL! Vaulted ceilings & hardwood floors in great neighborhood. Many upgrades including windows, furnace, A/C, kitchen counters, appliances & carpet. (26020186)

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248-851-1900
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better by key updates. Wood floors, FP, 4 bedrooms, 3
bathrooms, w/ 1st fir master, updated kit & baths, new
windows. (26011807)

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OAKLAND TWP

248-652-6500

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covered deck & much more! (25175379)

\$399,900

## Dealing With An Unresponsive Boss



WORKWISE

back," reports an independent management Mildred L. consultant who Culp requests

"A few years

remaining

unnamed, "a man was brought in as the new managing director. He was intelligent and kind and had a genuine sandesire to make the office a great place to work, but he became increasingly frozen and

This is a classic case of a person unable to cope with change. Working under such a person can be frustrating at best and deadening at worst. If you don't want to change departments or change companies, you can try a variety of approaches to see what works.

osounable to make important decisions."

### 'A GOOD FOLLOWER'

Chris Musselwhite, president and CEO of Discovery Learning Inc., in Greensboro, N.C., consults on leadership and organizational development. He stresses the importance of "being a good follower," communicating with integrity and consistency without embarrassing the person.

### He recommends:

-- determining whether the boss is mirroring the culture or deviating from it and if he may have greater perspective on the situation.

-- checking the validity of your assumptions by asking good questions. These could include requesting him to explain his perspective, what he thinks might occur as a result of it and positive and negative outcomes of his recommendations.

 remaining aware of your personal limits so that if your ethics begin to slide or your morale slumps significantly, you can pull out.

Musselwhite identifies three change styles. which, in the general population, are 25 percent each "conserver" and originator, and 50 percent pragmatist. (These vary by industry or occupation.) Conservers want to retain structure and work gradually for change within it. Originators often fault structure and the rules, focusing upon the big picture but acting impulsively about change. "They are seen as the least team-oriented by the people they work with," he explains. "They think the work is in the thinking. They don't realize that it's in the follow-through." The motivation for pragmatists, he points out, tends to be consensus- and bridge-building.

David Shroads would agree with the concept of being a good follower, by accepting accountability. He is president of Baytree Communications Systems Inc., in Fernandina Beach, Fla., which provides network telecommunications services. He worked in the steel industry for 27 years, which underwent dramatic change over less than a decade. During that time, he says, "The 'boss' was not able to respond. Was that "boss' the president, the VP of Operations, the board, the stockholders, the employees/ unions or all of us? Whose responsibility is it

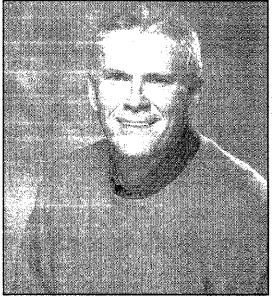
to foster change in response to change?" **DELICACY/INTERVENTION** 

The consultant formerly supervised by the managing director chose to become "delicately" proactive, adopting a strategy of "bluntness and guile." She was respectful at all times and non-confrontational. "The decisions were his to make, "she explains, even though she was older and more experienced. Recognizing that he truly cared about his employees, she gave him critical information about difficulties resulting from the lack of change. She appealed to his selfinterest, a strategy that she maintains works effectively with men, helping him understand that more people would be happier with change than not.

Wendy Helmkamp, partner at The Clarion Group in West Hartford, Conn., frequently advocates direct intervention, a tactic her company often uses when consulting. She maintains that some individuals need to be encouraged to change, while others can't facilitate the change without assistance.

"I'd advise the individual to determine what's preventing the manager from changing, for causing the resistance, "she says. He may be underqualified or fear the possible loss of power or control. She recommends someone from HR or an external coach -- a person to whom the manager will be receptive.

"Find data, information or an influential source to create the 'burning platform' for change for the boss, including the



Chris Musselwhite stresses the importance of being a good follower and communicating with integrity and consistency.

consequences of not changing," she continues. "Will the business go under? Will people leave the firm? Will the manager's job be at risk? Engage the manager in this discovery process to gain his commitment rather than direct him to change.

Clearly, there is no one answer to the question of how to handle an unresponsive boss. Combine some of these and you'll be well-armed.

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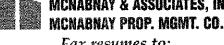
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## The 2006 Chevrolet SSR

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Go figure. You're Bob Lutz, product-planning viceroy and chief "car guy" for General Motors Corp. And the whole world tells you, in multiple ways, that what you really need to do is produce vehicles that are distinctive, that are different, that are daring - that have some juice. Not to mention that conceiving and executing exciting cars is what you've built your whole career on. So you see this nifty little, low-volume two-seater, a

retro-styled crossover between a car and a truck, with a retractable hard-top, in Chevrolet's future-product plans, and you give it some gas. You authorize unusual production arrangements featuring outside suppliers in prominent new roles to make manufacturing feasible. Yes, Mr. Lutz, you even feature the breathtaking SSR before its debut as a mysterious teaser in national television advertisements for the Chevrolet brand.

The automotive press around the globe is in a tizzy. The SSR begins rolling off a line at GM's Lansing Craft Center in 2003. Many consumers ooh and aah, as well.

Then something very mysterious and frustrating happens as the SSR becomes available at Chevy dealers across the country: A buzz begins to build around the notion that the vehicle is underpowered - that, for all its promise of excitement and its hot-rod styling, SSR doesn't really deliver under the hood, where it counts. And then there's the matter of the sticker price: nearly \$40,000, just to get behind the wheel before options.

You, Mr. Lutz and GM, react as you should, making a bigger engine standard and vowing your continued fealty to the SSR despite the obstacles. You also support the argument that, because SSR is only meant to be a low-sales-volume entry anyway, perhaps its biggest attribute is that it serves as a "halo" vehicle whose raw sex appeal serves to lure consumers into Chevy showrooms, where they go on to buy Silverado trucks or Malibu Maxx cars or something else that's less expensive and maybe not quite so radical.

But none of that is enough. Sales of the SSR never do pick up significantly. GM sells only about 20,000 SSRs, in total, over more than two years, when you and your sales planners had counted on selling 15,000 a year. You announce around Thanksgiving of this year that you're parking SSR, at a time when there is a 250-day



The styling of the Chevrolet SSR has lots of Pizzazz!!

supply of the vehicle available to dealers, much more than the 60-day inventory that you typically desire.

What does all this mean for the rest of us, except perhaps another anecdote to consider as GM tries to climb up a slippery slope toward demise? Mainly that there are plenty 2006-model SSRs available. And if you're being honest about really wanting something different and head-turning in your garage, this may be your best

I love this vehicle, and I'm saddened that enough other people didn't. Though the SSR has been available for some time, so few have sold that most people still stop and stare when one goes by. That happened to me countless times as I squired the SSR around in public recently, including a city water-meter reader who stopped flat-footed in 10 inches of snow to watch me drive by, and a guy standing out in front of a store in downtown Rochester who stopped puffing on his cigarette for a couple of minutes while he watched me park

Styling is nearly everything to SSR. It features a bulbous front end with a voracious-looking grill, oversized tires, a pod-like hardtop roof that indeed rolls back into the vehicle, and a truck-bed-like rear end that make the vehicle look like the technological equivalent of

Pegasus or some other mythological hybrid beast.

Quite predictably, in Michigan's December weather I didn't take the opportunity to test the roof. But I did operate the trunk several times. The vehicle's bed-size trunk is another of its distinguishing features. It's nicely appointed inside, with carpet and a handy rack with a bunch of different-sized cloth bins to help you organize your cargo. Yet it's covered with a stylish lid, and it has a truck style drop-gate.

This all worked well for my rather pedestrian cargocarrying purposes. But I wondered whether this kind of space was a boon or a liability for SSR's sales - whether weekend outdoor enthusiasts and other primary target customers could really figure out how to use the space that SSR was offering.

Under the hood is a six-liter, aluminum, 400-horsepower V8 engine that gave SSR some wonderful kick, and which was calibrated nicely for a bit of throatiness.

The interior is appointed all-retro, with polished chrome throughout. In fact, so sleek was the chrome that the night-time ambient soft lighting above the

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