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Ken Jacobs will run the Plymouth-Canton school district on an interim basis until a new superintendent is

District ponders leadership plan

With Ryan, principals leaving, schools look at several models

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The transition from the leadership of Supt. Jim Ryan to a new district CEO became more visible as interim Supt. Ken Jacobs sat in the chair next to President Judy Mardigian at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

"I'm not going to try to reinvent the wheel, but I do plan to support the work that's already in progress to provide whatever leadership I can to the process," Jacobs said.

Please see DISTRICT, A2

Back in the game



Canton's Karen Braun and her 4-year-old daughter, Elaina, greet Mitt Romney and wife Ann Romney at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Saturday during a campaign stop to the area.

Romney sways Canton voters; Clinton tops among Democrats

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Denise McGovern and her teenage son helped push Mitt Romney to victory on Tuesday.

"I looked at all of the candidates and he is the closest to most of the things I look for," the Canton woman said moments after she and her son, Tom, 19, cast their votes for

the former Massachusetts governor. In the statewide race, as well as in the township, Romney topped his fellow Republication presidential candidates to nab the top spot in

Michigan's presidential primary.

The son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney walked away with 44-percent of the township's 8,733 Republican votes. John McCain captured 24 percent while former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee came in third with 16 percent.

Diana McLean is one of 1,389 Canton voters that supported

Huckabee. "I appreciate his religious stance on issues," she said. Another township woman

Please see PRIMARY, A5

CANTON ELECTION NUMBERS

Roughly 26 percent of Canton's registered voters participated in Tuesday's primary. Here's how they voted: Total ballots cast: 14,540 (8,733 Republican; 5,807 Democratic) Republican:

- 1. Mitt Romney: 3,832 (43.9 percent)
- 2. John McCain: 2,080 (23.8 percent)
- 3. Mike Huckabee: 1,389 (15.9 percent) 4. Ron Paul: 525 (6 percent)
- 5. Rudy Giuliani: 369 (4.2 percent) 6. Fred Thompson: 319 (3.7 percent)

Democrat:

- 1. Hillary Clinton: 3,216 (55 percent)
- 2. Uncommitted 2,165 (37 percent) 3. Dennis Kucinich: 185 (3.2 percent)

Wal-Mart expanding store into 'supercenter'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The nation's retail powerhouse has crossed one hurdle in expanding its current operations in Canton.

The Canton Planning Commission has approved Wal-Mart's request to morph its store at Ford and Lotz roads into a Supercenter, thereby widening its grocery department.

If the project is approved by the township board, Wal-Mart officials said they want to have the section open by summer 2009.

"This will be good for me," Plymouth resident Bernice White said as she prepared to leave the department store Tuesday afternoon. "I get my prescriptions here so I know I would use the (grocery section).'

The proposed plan for the store,

which sits beside a Sam's Club, calls for building a 48,000-foot expansion to the west side of the building.

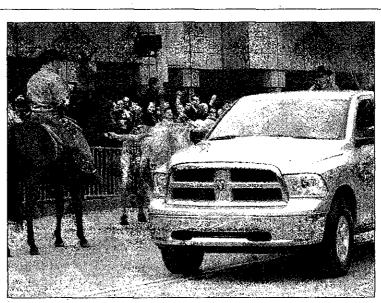
On Monday, commissioners praised Wal-Mart for the building's aesthet-

"Thanks for keeping the appearance unique," Commissioner Greg

Greene said. The plan also calls for the creation of a traffic circle north of the main entrance used to access both Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. The landscaped area between the two stores will also be realigned. Upon completion, the Wal-Mart will feature two entrances.

Wal-Mart is also expected to start construction on another Canton store on Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road.

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Running with the bulls

Chrysler made the biggest splash during the opening week of the North American International Auto Show by herding a group of bulls through the streets of Detroit when it introduced the new Dodge Ram. The show opens to the public on Saturday, Jan. 19. For more coverage of the Auto Show, please see page A6.

Husband tells jury Poole a 'loving, caring mother'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Alan Poole looked down at the toddler bed and his calm voice lowered to a near whisper.

"I cherished her," he said of his 2-year-old foster daughter, Allison Newman, who died in September

The child, who at the time was in the care of Poole's wife, Carol, suffered head trauma after falling 12 feet over a two-story balcony during a game of "whirlybird," according to his wife.

Carol Poole, 42, of Canton has been charged with felony murder, involuntary manslaughter and first-degree child abuse in Allison's death. Her lawyer has admitted the township woman made mistakes in not taking the child to a hospital immediately and for lying to police about how the girl was injured, but he maintains that the death was an unintentional tragedy.

Alan Poole, who testified Monday, began crying, along with Carol, when Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV brought Allison's white bed into the courtroom. The toddler's biological parents. Kenneth Newman and Anne Hirsch, remained calm during the pro-

Alan Poole, who was away on business when Allison was injured, said he never saw his wife abuse the child. "She was always a loving, caring

mother," he said, while adding that he wouldn't lie to protect Carol if she had abused the child.

Dorsey, who challenged Carol's claims that Allison would occasionally bang her head against her bed while she was sleeping, questioned whether it was unusual that Carol didn't call Alan immediately about the whirlybird incident.

Allison fell from the balcony before 10 p.m. Sept. 21. Carol called her husband at about 2:30 a.m. the next morning.

When he did learn of the situation, Alan testified that his focus was on Allison's well-being and he didn't ask how the child got injured nor did Carol offer an explanation. Alan did admit that he asked his wife about their dogs and whether their Emily Court home was locked.

Before going to the hospital to see the toddler, Alan said he went home to change his clothing and secure his home, but said that doesn't mean his foster daughter wasn't his main prior-

He admitted that he didn't understand the severity of Allison's injuries until he saw her in the hospi-

Alan said Carol later admitted lying to the hospital while attempting to explain how the child was hurt.

She said she was afraid," he testi-If convicted of the murder charge, Carol Poole could be sentenced to life

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Coming Sunday in Health



Affective Disorder program by U-M experts

Hall of Fame nominations

Nomination forms for Canton's Hall of Fame, Community Supporter and Community Achiever awards are now available at the Canton supervisor's office, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and on Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org. Completed forms are due back to the supervisor's office no later than Friday, Feb.

The Canton Hall of Fame recognizes those individuals who have made a long-time, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community. The Community Achiever award recognizes those individuals who brought attention to Canton as a result of a special or outstanding achievement in 2007 and the Community Supporter Award recognizes those individuals or groups who continue to make a regular contribution to the community. These contributions or achievements cannot be a result of the individual's employment.

The reception honoring the recipients will be held April 13 at the Summit on the Park. For more information, please call (734) 394-5188.

Orchestra Canton

Orchestra Canton presents the third concert of their 2007-2008 season, under Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn, with "Blissful Baroque" on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

With this mid-winter program, favorite tunes from the beloved 18th century master, George Fredrick Handel will be in abundance. Orchestra Canton will perform his popular works, Harmonious Blacksmith, largo from his opera "Xerxes," Water Music Suite No. 2 in D and even the Hallelujah Chorus arranged especially for the orchestra. The featured soloist on Handel's well-known Harp Concerto will be Orchestra Canton harpist, Maurice Draughn.

Guest composer Mary Watkins will also be visiting for the performance of her Soul of Remembrance, the 2nd movement of her "Five Movements in Color," based on the Handel Largo. Completing the concert will be the cantata Jonas from 1708 by Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre who was celebrated master composer and performer during her time as a court composer of French king, Louis XV. The cantata was edited, realized and restored several years ago by Washburn. Soprano, Baroque music specialist Nadine Balbeisi will be on hand to perform this piece. The program will also be part of the larger, Canton-wide

commemoration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

AROUND CANTON

Orchestra Canton tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460. Tickets may also be purchased using the Village Theater's secure online box office at www.orchestracanton.org, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before each performance.

For more information on Orchestra Canton's 4th Season please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

Franklin scholarship

For three years the James. W. Franklin Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating from a Plymouth-Canton high school and who participated in an organized swim program during their high-school career.

This year the scholarship award has been increased to \$1,500. Applications are now available in the counseling offices of Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools. Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college are eligible to apply.

Applications and criteria for consideration are also available at www.jameswfranklin.com

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music, Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fourth annual event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton.

The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park. Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Jan. 31. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Last year, more than 1,500 attendees visited the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble. Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road. The Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to more than 100 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. 398-6487. The Newcomers are Admission is \$2.

Alzheimer's Association seminar

The Facts about Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias will be discussed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish social



Students honored

Two students from Canton Charter Academy, eighth graders Rohan Patel and Megan Shokar, participated in the 2007 Hispanic Heritage Program sponsored by Ford Motor Company and the Detroit News. Their teachers, including Michael Shank, encouraged them to participate by writing an essay and creating a portrait of a person of Hispanic descent that contributed to their community or the world at large. Patel (pictured here with Shank) took first place and will receive \$2,250 savings bond. Shokar will receive a certificate of merit. They were selected from a pool of 528 entries from across Michigan. The winners were chosen based on originality, creativity, interpretation and design.

hall (downstairs) located at North Territorial and Beck 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28. For further information call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

Canton Newcomers meeting

The public is invited to a valuable discussion on estate and will planning with Mark Linton of the law firm of Roberts & Freatman at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday Feb. 6, adult general meeting. Enjoy refreshments from Texas Corral Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, ask questions of Farm Bureau Insurance owner/ agent Tammy Brown, sign up for more than 20 activities for the whole family, and participate in a raffle to benefit a local charity.

A complimentary February newsletter is available at www. cantonnewcomers.org. Call Donna with any questions before the meeting at (734) a social, civic and charitable organization. There meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m., at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford - west of Canton Center.

Learn to read

The Community Literacy Council, a non-profit organization serving adults in Plymouth and Canton, will hold free training session from 1:30-4:30, Jan. 21 at the Plymouth District Library. The group is

looking for people who would like to learn how to read during free, private reading lessons. They are also looking for volunteers to help adult nonreaders improve literacy skills. For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

K of C free throw contest

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, in Canton. Registration starts at

District level competitions will be held at St. Thomas a' Becket on Jan. 27, 2008.

The event is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Andy Emmert at (734) 981-2367.

Ryan is retiring Feb. 28, and Mardigian said having Jacobs sitting in the superintendent's chair at the school board meetings gives Jacobs experience in running the district, under the watchful eve of Rvan.

"I think it's important that Ken have experience preparing for the meeting under Jim's watch, and Ken presiding over the meeting with Jim giving him feedback," Mardigian said. "When we prepare for the meeting, Jim is there and is very much involved. Jim will be back to run his final meeting in February."

The Board of Education is expected to interview up to a half-dozen candidates for the superintendent's position Jan. 28-30. Jacobs knows after Ryan leaves and until a new superintendent takes over, which is expected by July 1, there will be some tough issues to handle.

"We've got the budget facing us, and I'll pick it up in mid-stream," Jacobs said. "And we have the superintendent search."

One of the top issues will be the high school leadership plan. Jerry Ostoin announced last week he is stepping down as principal at Salem High School to concentrate on his rehabilitation from a stroke. Canton High School Principal Cassandra Smith and Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee have plans to retire at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Also, four assistant principals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — Sharon Strean, Ron Gooding,

AU REVOIR, RYAN

What: Farewell party for Dr. Jim Where: Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton When: 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31

Why: Ryan, superintendent since 2002, retires Feb. 28

What they're saving: "It's a way for people to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him well ... There's going to be a wonderful musical program, in which I'm sure there won't be a dry eye in the house. Jim is very much deserving of this," said school board president Judy Mardigian

Jan Gooding and Carolyn Anulewicz - plan on leaving at the same time.

"It provides us a good opportunity to determine what the leadership model at the park will look like, from an administrative point of view," said Jacobs, who has been at the high school park since it was built in 1972. "We want to look at the current research, as well as the pluses and minuses we have out there right now. It could go from three principals, to one principal, to a whole different model. There have been a lot of suggestions for a different model, and now is the opportune time to do it when you have that many people leaving.

"We hope to be done with it by the end of this year, and to have a plan to implement some time next school year," he added. "That's going to be an energetic schedule for us."

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Join us at the Village Theater on Jan. 21 for our annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. This year's program features the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit and author and broadcaster Lee Thomas. Admission is free but you must have a ticket, available from the Village Theater.

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18, at 10 a.m. Drop in play for kids from birth to age 5 with caregiver. ■ MS Word II: Jan. 19, at

9:30 a.m. Add columns, format text and more. Registration required.

■ Teen Book Discussion: Jan. 19, at 4 p.m. Tyrell by Coe Booth

■ MLK Celebration Night: Jan. 21, Reception at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Free

tickets available.

■ Contemporary Book Discussion: Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. Life of Pi by Yann Martel. Teen Trick Out Your Tee:

Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. Turn your plain T into something fabulous. Registration required. ■ Digital Camera for

Beginners: Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m. Download, crop, resize and color balance photos. Registration required.

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■ Investing 101 with Rick Bloom: Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. Financial columnist Rick Bloom speaks on the investing for your future. Registration required.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, deleting agenda items C-2 Authorize Placement of Signs For Canton Leisure Services Events. (CLS) and G-4 Award Purchase Order For 2008 Leisure Services Publication. (CLS). Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of December 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments: Ann Marie Hudak, 1432 Ledgewood Drive, presented the Canton Board of Trustees with petitions containing 141 signatures objecting to the new salaries of the elected officials. The number of signatures did not meet the required number to call a referendum ballot question. The new salaries were set at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 27, 2007 for 2008 This petition will be on file in the Clerk's office. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>: Item 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION BOARD OF CANVASSERS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Delores Newell (R) to the Canton Township Election Board of Canvassers, to serve out the term of Dr. McClumpha (R); effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS. (CLS) DELETED GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. FIRST READING OF REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY CANTON EXCELLENCE (ORDINANCE 153), (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading Repeal of Ordinance Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186: Canton Council for Community Excellence (Ordinance No. 153) with publication on January 17, 2008. Second Reading at the Board Meeting on January 22, 2008, with effective date and publication of January 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 (ORDINANCE NO. 153), CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AN ORDINANCE 153, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 CANTON COUNCIL FOR 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, CANTON COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE. SECTIONS THROUGH 2-186 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE. Ordinance 153, codified as Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton is hereby repealed. SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the _day of_, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: January 8, 2008 Item 2. PURCHASE COPIERS FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK AND PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 2510SPF copier for Pheasant Run Golf Club in the amount of \$6,022 from account #584-756-977-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club/Capital Outlay-Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 7500SP copier for Summit on the Park in the amount of \$14,022 from account #208-757-977-0000 (Summit on the Park/ Capital Outlay-Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. RENEW OAKLAND FUEL CONTRACT FOR GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48329 in the amount of \$85,000. Funds to be taken from the Parks budget account #101-270-860-0000/ Transportation for \$40,000, account #101-270-861-9000/ Maintenance & Repair of Vehicles for \$23,000 and the Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584-756-860-0000/Transportation for \$22,000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. AWARD PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2008 LEISURE SERVICES PUBLICATION. (CLS) DELETED Item 5. APPROVE PUMP REPAIR AT THE SUMMIT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the pump repair at the Summit on the Park and award the project to Kennedy Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 809, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, MI 48326-0809, in the amount of \$9,600 to be taken from Budget Account #208-757-931-0000 Maintenance/Repair Building. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. APPROVE LEISURE SERVICES BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER WAIVING RECEIPT OF WRITTEN PROPOSALS AND AWARDING DESIGN SERVICES TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE VAN BORN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the requirement to receive written proposals and to award design services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$28,984.85 (account number 403-506-803-0000, Road Construction-Engineering) for the design of the right turn lane on Van Born Road west of Haggerty to serve the Sysco Project.

Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CREATE AND

FILL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER

FILL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER POSITION. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to

approve the creating and filling of a full-time Emergency

Management Planner at salary pay Grade 4 as recommended by

the Merit Commission on December 17, 2007. Funds are

budgeted in Emergency Management and will be partially offset

by a Homeland Security grant. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-PATROL

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS AND 2 EXPEDITIONS

(RRU). (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to

approve the purchase of 5-Patrol Interceptors and 2-Ford

Expeditions from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Road, Perry,

MI 48872 through the Macomb County Bids in the amount of

\$156,665. Funds to come from Police Capital Outlay Account

#207 301 977 0000, Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion

carried by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated the next Board Study Meeting will be Wednesday,

January 16, 2008, due to Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. The meeting will take place at 7:00

p.m, in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building,

1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Topic of discussion will be the DDA Marketing Committee presentation

and signs. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett

to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval. Publish: January 17, 2008

Former television actress thrilled to be part of production

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Raisin' Cane is coming to Canton. The one-woman show staring actress Jasmine Guy will take place at 8 p.m. Friday at The Village Theater at Cherry

The show, which is aimed at all age groups, shines it spotlight on the Harlem Renaissance and offers text taken from the writings of authors such as Zora Neale Hurston, Weldon Johnson and Langston Hughes.

Guy, a six-time NAACP Image Award winner, is backed by a three-piece band during the production, which premiered at New York's Apollo Theater in February

"It's not only entertaining, it's enlightening," Guy said during a phone interview

from her home in California. "It brings together all of these different point of views. You have Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois - it's radi-

The show has been presented about 10 times, said Guy, who gained popularity with her portrayal of Whitley Gilbert in the television show, A Different World.

"I am absolutely thrilled about this show," she said. "It's one of the more important things I've done."

In weaving together the words and thoughts of so many authors, Guy said she's taken to reading supplementary information on the authors themselves.

During the show, Guy, who got her start in show business as a dancer, has an improvisational moment with each of the band members.

"Theatre is good for my spirit," she said.



Jasmine Guy with the musicians from 'Raisin'

Tickets for show are \$40. For more information, log on to www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300. For more information about "Raisin' Cane," visit www.raisincaneontour.com.

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Canton to celebrate legacy of MLK

The Canton community will celebrate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monday at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The festivities will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program at 7 p.m. The keynote speaker for the night will be FOX 2 reporter Lee Thomas. Thomas, who has

an incurable skin condition, has authored a book called Turning White: A Memoir of Change.

In addition, the night will include the presentation of awards to the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest winners and a presentation by the Mosaic Youth Theatre of

"We've been doing this for about four years and it shows the diversity in our communitv." said Marcia Barker, a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. "It really is a fun night."

Barker said Thomas will tell his own story as well as talk about Dr. King.

The celebration is free and

open to the public but a ticket will be required for guaranteed seating.

For more information or to get tickets, visit www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Tiffany L. Parks

Canton ready to kick off 100 Days to Health

Canton's 100 Days to Health, a community-wide health education and awareness campaign designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, will kick off on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9-11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom and various classrooms of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Participants will get the chance to meet some of the Summit's instructors and test out a few of the fitness classes offered. Some of the offerings will include a 'mini' class of yoga, Zumba and other sessions offered throughout the

morning. After a light breakfast, there will be a question and answer session in the ballroom.

Canton Leisure Services, Oakwood Healthcare System and the Canton Community Foundation have partnered together to offer this special program. The goal of the program is that within the next 100 days, participants will develop a strong foundation on which to build a healthy lifestyle.

Staff from Oakwood Healthcare System will be on hand during the kickoff providing health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar

Register now for Canton's 100 Days to Health 2008 at the Summit front desk or at the 100 Days Kickoff event on Jan. 19. Registration fees for Canton residents are \$15 for adults 16 and up and \$5 for youth ages 4 and up.

Non-resident fees are \$25 for adults 16 and up and \$5 for youth ages 4 and above. There is no charge for children under 3 years of age. Once registered, you'll have access to all classes and events on the 100 Days to

Get on the ball.

Read today's

Health calendar for free.

The 2008 program features include free access to the Summit on the Park each Friday during the program; classes and events offered at a variety of convenient times to accommodate your schedule; question of the week contests; innovative new classes, such as Zumba and Family Tai Chi; and the return of popular classes, such as Healthy Cooking with Chef Pearse.

To learn more about 100 Days to Health program, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, 2008 for the following:

SPRING 2008 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 1/24/08 at 2:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 5057 - Angela Sumpter - Dryer, Washer, 6 Totes

1058 - Jonathan Rose - 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet, 4 Chairs

1061 - Amee Corzine - Mattress, 50 Boxes, TV

2064 - Carl Brandt - 50 Boxes, Radio, Misc Items 3025 - Sean Truex - 20 Boxes, sofa, ladder

3045 - Donna Turner - 15 Boxes, 10 Bags, 2 Chairs 5084 - Laura J Rubino - 2 Mattress, 10 Boxes, Table

2069 - Norena Jones - 20 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items 8007 - Pamela Ochs - 20 Boxes, TV, Misc Items

2006 - Jerrell Steele - Microwave, 8 Boxes, Misc Items

8014 - Daniel Hunter - 20 Boxes, Treadmill, TV

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Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734) 981-0303 on 1/25/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of: 2054 – Lifetime Fitness – 3 Colors, 5 Totes, 20 Boxes

3034 - Park Avenue Cleaners - Boxes, Sled, Luggage

3048 - Daniel Smith II - Couch, Dresser, 50 Boxes 4076 - James Peters - 10 Boxes, Lamp, Tote

4241 - Dorothy White - 5 Totes, Mattress, 5 Bags 4253 - Kevin Diaz - TV, Stereo, 10 Boxes

6212 - Bharti Washington - 20 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Computer 3004 - Jody Gonzales - Couch, Loveseat, Vacuum 6220 - Cheree Hahn - Grill, Washer, Dryer

4212 - Brooke Forquer - Table, 4 Boxes, Misc Items

3016 - Shaun Enberg - Craftsman Toolbox with tools 6235 - Bill Crawford - Picture, 2 Chairs, Coffee Table

6241 - Linda Zajac - Toys, TV, Couch

6252 - William Porter - Couch, Table, Dresser

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION JANUARY 23, 2007 AT 10:00 AM. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185. THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS, STARTING RID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE

ÆAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1999	Ford	Explorer	2DR	1FMYU24X8XUC21449
1994	Chevy	Cavalier	2DR	3G1JC1149RS832177
2004	Ford	Crn Vic	4DR	2FAFP74W34X155636
1994	Geo	Prism	4DR	1Y1SK5363RZ095058
1993	Ford	Ranger	P/U	1FTCR14U9PTA49714
1996	Mercury	Cougar	2DR	1MELM6240TH602275
1992	Ford	Econoline	Van	1FTHE24Y9NHB18573
1995	Ford	Crn Vic	4DR	2FALP1W4SX158825
1996	Lincoln	Continental	4DR	1LNLM97VXTY673340
1997	Mercury	Marquis	4DR	2MELM74W8VX62586
1987	Chevy	Caprice	4DR	1G1BN51H4HX133111
994	Mazda	•	4DR	JM1BG2263R0739250

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 2026 – Damon Ray Banks – Loveseat, Vanity, 2 mattress 2036 – Robert Wilcox – Drum kit, Bike, Misc Items

2037 - Shawn Booth - Mattress, Bike, 5 Totes 3030 - Charles Grahan II - Big Screen TV, Aquarium, Refrigerator

3036 - Roy Lee - Loveseat, Grill, Bike 3050 - Michael Hufford - Playhouse, Bench, Misc Items

4013 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items - Jason Brodie – Toolbox, Dresser, Computer

- Betsy Smith – Rocking Chair, 30 Boxes, 2 Totes 4120 - Grant Young - Dresser, Mirror, Headboard

4124 - Angela McCrary - 30 Boxes, Golfclubs, TV

4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV -Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity

5245 - Erin Morley - 20 Boxes, Headboard, Misc Items 5305 - Charlott Smith - 200 Chairs

5110 - Jacqueline Claybron - 10 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items

5345 – Shangrila Seawright – Fishtank, 3 Totes, 10 Boxes 6004 - Nikki Hurst - Washer, Dryer, China Cabinet

6012 - Joe Bermudez - Stereo, Dresser, Mattress Publish: January 10 & 17, 2008

Romney's Livonia reception Van Buren Schools voters face millage proposals

was prelude to a victory

STAFF WRITER

Favorite son Mitt Romney's victory Tuesday in the Republican presidential primary could have been predicted by anyone who attended a GOP-friendly forum in Livonia Saturday.

Romney and chief adversary John McCain brought their campaigns for the Republican presidential nomination to Livonia to make their pitch as advocates for smaller government and less taxes at a forum sponsored by the Americans for Prosperity Foundation.

Romney received an enthusiastic response while McCain touched off some heated backlash on globalization, global warming and immigration.

Romney, former governor of Massachusetts and son of former Michigan governor the late George Romney, told the large and receptive audience at Laurel Manor that restoring Michigan's economy was "personal" for him. His message that change comes through the private sector received several standing ovations.

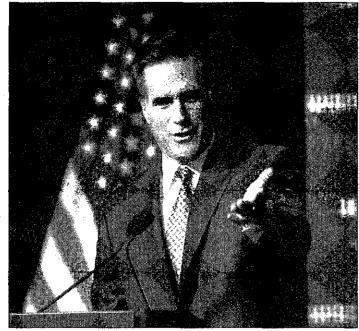
For Arizona Sen. McCain, the crowd was respectful but clearly unhappy with some of his responses, especially on the immigration issue.

Romney and McCain were the featured speakers at the program called "Defending the American Dream Summit." Other speakers included **Americans for Prosperity** president Tim Philips, antitax advocate Grover Norquist, ABC News host John Stossel, Attorney General Mike Cox, U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Rogers, and presidential longshot candidate Duncan Hunter.

During the forum, Romney took up the theme of "change" that has been running through Republican and Democratic campaigns.

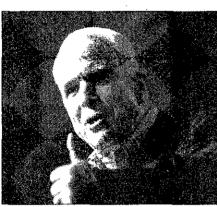
"In the private sector, you either change or your competitor changes and comes up with something better and puts you out of business," Romney said. "Nothing seems to change in government. Despite changes in the world and the world economy, notning changes in

Washington." He said Washington has



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Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks to the crowd.



drew both cheers, and a few boos.

John McCain's straight talk

watched the U.S. auto industry decline and failed to act.

"It's time to send someone to Washington who knows what change means and make things happen," he said.

Speaking on his differences with Democrats, he said they see change through government action.

'But I look at a problem like health care and I don't say how can we get government involved, I say how can we get government out, so the private sector can work more effectively" he said.

Response to McCain was more tepid from the beginning. He read his notes in a monotone voice, rarely breaking from his prepared remarks. He began by hitting the Democrats.

"Tough times breed fear and Democrats are using that fear to push an agenda that is tired, dangerous and will rob

us of economic freedom," he said.

He called for less government and lower taxes, getting a warm response when he said: "I won't let the Democrats roll back the Bush tax cuts."

Unlike Romney, McCain took questions from the audience. It was during a question on immigration that McCain received the most negative reception. Several people booed and shouted against his support for a guest worker program, even as he told the audience that he believed securing the borders was the first priority.

At one point, McCain snapped at a woman who was heckling him, "I'll tell you this ma'am I'm not going to call up a soldier that's fighting in Iraq today and tell nim i in going to deport his mother. I'm not going to do it, you can do it."

BY KURT KUBAN

As expected, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted Monday to ask voters to approve a bond for a new high school. The board unanimously approved putting the bond request on the Aug. 5 primary election ballot.

If the 30-year, 2.15 mill tax is approved, the district will build a new \$80 million high school on the site of the current Belleville High School. The district is working with architect Wayde Hoppe to design the new school, which

will be built in phases. The proposal is to demolish the current high school, with the exception of the cafeteria and music wing, which were both built in recent years

with a sinking fund millage approved by voters in 1999, and possibly the auditorium.

The project would take place in phases, and students would be attending the school during the project. It is likely that some students would also be shipped to Washtenaw Community College to attend classes during the project, according to Supt. Pete Lazaroff.

Initial plans call for a modern building featuring two three-story towers. All the athletic facilities will also be rebuilt. According to Hoppe, the project would include a total of about 338,000 square feet of new building space.

In recent years VBPS voters have shot down two similar proposals for a new high school. In 2006 voters shot

down a \$111 million bond proposal, and in 2004, they rejected a \$150 million request.

In addition to the bond for a new high school, the board approved Monday asking voters to allow them to spend current sinking fund money to perform major maintenance at some older schools, including replacing roofs, windows, boilers.

The current sinking fund allows the district to levy 1.16 mills until 2018 to construct the cafeteria and music wings at the high school, as well as **Edgemont and Rawsonville** elementaries. The proposal is to ask voters to reduce the levy down to 1.13 mills and use it to upgrade other buildings.

The two proposals will appear as separate questions on the ballot.

Police chase nabs 2 after armed robberies

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Two men were arrested Tuesday after an early-morning armed robbery, and police believe they may be connected with similar crimes in several area communities.

According to Livonia police reports, a 40year-old Ann Arbor man and a 42-year-old Detroit man were arrested in Detroit after leading Livonia police on a high-speed chase along

The report said that two men had robbed the Speedway gas station, 31374 Schoolcraft, and while police were responding to that incident, another robbery was reported at a 7-Eleven store at Schoolcraft and Inkster Roads in

Livonia police officers saw a gold Chevrolet

Malibu at the second intersection and it began to flee so police followed it onto eastbound I-96 near Beech Daly. Officers followed as the car reached speeds of up to 100 mph on the freeway, before exiting at Evergreen in Detroit.

The car crashed into a light pole after exiting the freeway and both men in the car ran away, the report said. A foot chase including the use of a officer with a police dog located the two men in the 12000 block of Fielding, A handgun one of the men had been carrying had been found during the chase.

According to Livonia police Lt. Greg Winn, police suspect the two are responsible for a number of armed robberies in Livonia, Canton, Redford and other western Wayne County communities.

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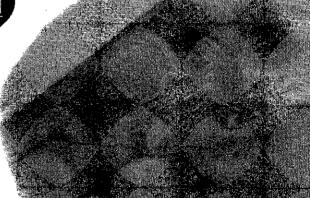
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declined to identify herself but said Huckabee got her vote,

"I want a man of God in

the White House," she said. "I based my vote on religion." On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton was the only top-tier candidate on the ballot, and she netted 55 percent of the votes in Canton. The

former first lady also got the statewide victory. Clinton's two main rivals,

Barack Obama and John Edwards, removed themselves from the race because the timing of the primary violated the national party's rules. Thirtyseven percent of the township's Democratic ballots were cast "uncommitted."

Area Obama supporters stomped the pavement last weekend pushing voters to exercise an uncommitted vote.

Carolyn Krall of Canton did just that.

"I don't want to see another Republican in office and I'm least passionate about Clinton," she said. "Right now, Obama looks like the best choice for Michigan and the country. I'm leaning toward him very strongly." While proudly wearing his

"I Voted" sticker, Canton's Michael Thompson said he is backing Romney. "I think he may actually

fashion," he said. More than 26 percent of the township's registered voters participated in Tuesday's primary, including nearly 5,000 absentee voters.

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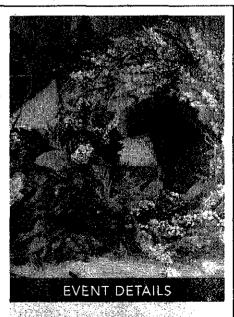
Winter Open House Celebration

at Brighton Gardens of Northville

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Beginning January 17, 2008, and for 45 days thereafter, Canton Township will accept from residents and any interested organizations applications to the Canton CDBG program. Projects must benefit low and/or moderate income Canton residents. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is estimated to be \$374,000. For information and a proposal form, contact the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194. The CDBG Program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 21, 2008 @ 12:00 PM Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.

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Chevy Malibu Car of the Year

Lutz says only way to protect jobs is build better cars

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz predicts a busy year for hundreds of workers at the assembly



plant in Orion . Township where the Chevrolet Malibu is pro-"We're now

making some investments to break bottlenecks and get

the line right up. We see the demand being way beyond what we thought it would be," Lutz said Sunday, moments after the Malibu was named 2008 North American Car of the Year.

"This is the way to protect jobs. Long-term there's only one way to protect jobs and that's to build better cars than anybody

The North American International Auto Show bolted out of the gate Sunday with a herd of longhorn cattle muscling its way down Congress and Washington to introduce Chrysler's 2009 Dodge Ram.

AUTO SHOW FACTS

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 17, 2008

What: North American International Auto Show.

Where: Cobo Center, Detroit. Media previews: Sunday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 15. Industry days: Wednesday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 17.

Black-tie charity preview: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$400 per person (\$390 of each ticket is tax deductible). Call (888) 838-7500 for more information.

Public days: Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 27. Hours: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 19-26; 9

a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 27. Prices: \$12 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 or older; \$6 for children ages 7-12; children 6 and under are admitted free with a parent.

More information: (248) 643-0250 or www.naias.com.

Inside Cobo Center, dozens of auto manufacturers from around the globe set up giant exhibits, marketing their vehicles on various twists of speed and power, intelligence and green technology.

"Despite the challenges that lie ahead, I feel confident today that Chrysler is on the threshold of full recovery and a return to its former greatness," Chrysler CEO Robert L. Nardelli said to hundreds of members of the international media that were gathered in heated tents outside Cobo Center to get a glimpse of the cattle and new pickup trucks.

"We've been knocked down before but never knocked out." But the industry does appear a bit wobbly.

Even while he bragged about the Malibu winning Car of the Year, Lutz fretted about the challenges his industry faces: tougher fuel standards, rising oil prices and labor costs - not to mention stiffer competition from the foreign auto makers.

Specifically, he estimates it will cost an additional \$6,000 per vehicle to meet the newlyproposed 35-mpg fuel standard by 2020.

"There's just no way we could afford to eat those costs," Lutz

At the same time, GM and every other company at the show displayed numerous hybrid models to promote the latest in green technology, promising more fuel efficiency and reduced carbon dioxide emissions while raising the bar on efficiency and comfort.

Even as the industry aims to offer a greener tomorrow, Sunday was a day to show off the new cars and celebrate awards.

"It's a wonderful car to drive," Lutz said about the Malibu. a family sedan specifically designed to compete against the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

"It feels like a \$45,000 luxury car. It's sleek, quiet, refined, has wonderful steering. And look at the exceptionally well-crafted interior and exterior. I think everyone in General Motors, from Rick Wagoner down to the



Chevrolet General Manager Ed Pepper is happy. The 2008 Malibu took the North American Car of the Year Award.

least senior hourly worker, wants this car to win."

The Malibu beat out the Honda Accord and Cadillac CTS to win Car of the Year, while the Mazda CX-9 was chosen over the Buick Enclave and Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid to earn 2008 North American Truck of the Year.

Northville resident Mark R. LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales and marketing for GM, said the Malibu will provide the Big Three a welcomed boost into the mid-sized car market.

"I think it's a key signal to America that you don't have to buy a Japanese mid-car anymore. You can buy a Chevy from an all-American brand, built right here in the United States," said LaNeve.

"We took this new Malibu and right from the beginning we said, 'We're going to build a car that will beat the Accord and Camry.' We want it took look like a \$40,000 car and sell it for (\$20,000). I think that's exactly what we did. It truly is the car you can't ignore.

Giant video screens flash digital images of cars and trucks around the main floor of the auto show. Every known auto maker, from Ford Motors to the Changfeng Group, has their latest car models and concept vehicles on display.

Jaguars and Bentleys, Ferraris and Road Rangers, face off against Corvettes and Chargers, pickup trucks and minivans. Solar cars and racing models... a bumped out Chrysler 300C Hollywood car... the new Dodge Viper... a futuristic Buick Riviera equipped with gullwings... all of them are on display.

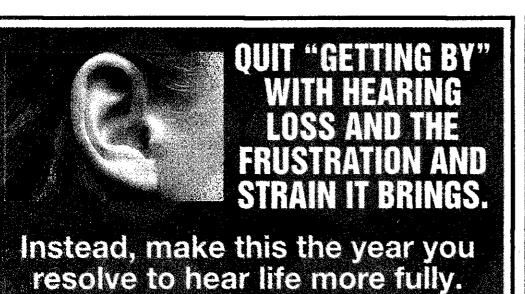
The interior of the car also has a niche at the show. Beda Bozenius, vice president of Johnson Controls, introduced the latest in automatic seating, electronics and other interior features.

He also unveiled the Plymouth Township-based company's new corporate slogan: Ingenuity Welcome.

"When we say Ingenuity Welcome,' we mean it in two ways," Bozenius said to a large group of reporters on Sunday. The first is that we are always on the lookout for great ideas, and the ability to provide our customers and the marketplace with ingenious products and services.

"Secondly, Ingenuity Welcome' speaks to who we are and the kind of employees we want engaged and onboard to make our vision a reality."

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It takes true discipline to invest during turbulent times

t seems every few months I have to write a column about investing and the stock market.

Last year, there were at



Rick Bloom

least three times where the market had a significant sell-off and the news media was filled

with stories of doom and gloom. Once again, we're going through another one of those periods. Last year in

February and last summer, the market had a major sell-off then came back over a short period of time. Investors who did not panic and held their positions were rewarded. Although I have no idea when the market will begin to regain its strength, I have no doubt that investors who panic and bail out will significantly underperform the market. I know investors say they don't want to lose any more money and they'll sit on the sidelines until things get better. Unfortunately, this strategy does not work and will result in losing more

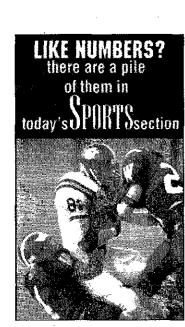
Being an investor is not easy. Even when the market is doing well, it takes discipline to be successful because a good investor focuses on an overall strategy and not day-to-day returns. Someone who focuses

Orchestra offers passport to Scandinavia

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs their first concert in 2008, Scandinavian Holiday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

The program, conducted by Volodymyr Shesiuk, includes music by Edvard Grieg and John Sibelius. Pianist Julia Siciliano is the guest soloist for Beethoven's Piano Concerto #2. Siciliano was a student in Livonia Public Schools. She is currently doing graduate work at the University of Michigan and teaching part time at

Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$5 for children, and available at all Livonia libraries or at the door. For more information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit www. livoniasymphony.com.





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on the short run is not an investor but rather a gambler.

Whenever I talk about investments, people will ask me whether something is a good investment. The question should be: "Is this a good investment based upon my individual goals and objectives and my portfolio?" For example, if someone had 25 percent of their portfolio invested in energy funds I would recommend selling the

funds because 25 percent is too much in that sector of the economy. On the other hand. if someone had no exposure to energy I would recommend that they add an energy fund.

The issue isn't whether an energy fund is a good or bad but how it fits into your individual portfolio.

Being an investor requires one to think counter-intuitively. For example, the general belief is you stay with the

winners and sell the losers. Unfortunately, that's a failed strategy because being a good investor sometimes requires you to sell the winners and buy investments that are underperforming. The reason you sell winners is they have done well and now they represent too large a portion of your portfolio.

Investors who did not prune the real estate portion of their portfolio were hurt more than

those who had constantly rebalanced. Another example is what happened in the tech boom in the 1990s. Those who continued to buy technologybased investments because of performance were severely

Investors who constantly prune their portfolios and maintain a balance find that over the long run their portfolios do just fine.

As we go through a soft

stretch in the market, don't let fear dictate decisions. Instead, base investment decisions on your overall strategy. If you don't have an overall investment strategy, now is the time to get one.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement. com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

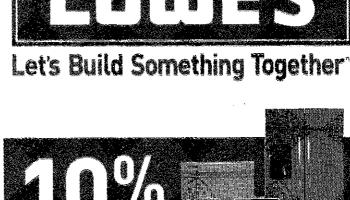




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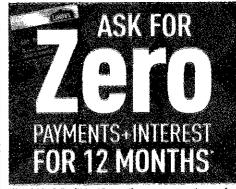
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JANUARY .

Spaghetti fund-raiser 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children. Please bring a canned good for their pantry. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner and help support the Music Scholarship Program that the Livonia Civic Chorus sponsors every year for local students. Raffle baskets and 50/50 raffles. Be part of the fun and entertainment for the evening with a Karaoke twist. For tickets, call Kelly at

(734) 377-1745. Women's retreat

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20, at St.

John's Retreat Center of Plymouth. Cost is \$85, includes Saturday lunch, dinner, snacks and Sunday breakfast. Rooms are single occupancy. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211, Ext. 202.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include Plymouth Ice Festival & Chili Cook-Off Saturday,

RICHARD J. FRANCIS

eacefully at home surrounded by the

love of his family on January 14, 2008 after battling leukemia and a rare brain

virus. Beloved husband of 43 years to

Janet. Dear father of Maureen Francis

(Dmitry Koublitsky) and the late Paul

Mary Veit). Cherished Grandfather of

Daniel Veit and Dido of Kateryna

Coublitsky. Brother of Isabel Smith

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(btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8pm. Scripture Service 7pm. Memorial Mass Friday 11:00am at Holy Name

Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland

Birmingham. Visitation begins a

church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to

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Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI

48304 or the Paul Francis Memorial

Fund at The Baldwin Public Library,

300 Merrill St., Birmingham, MI

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ROCKO LUCISANO

MAZZARO

Age 75. He was born on September 13, 1932 in Detroit to the late

Emmacolato and Carmella Mazzaro

He served in the Air Force during the

Korean War. Rocko was an educato

with Farmington, Garden City and

Redford High Schools and the

University of Wisconsin- Whitewater

He was a talented researcher, writer historian and photographer. He was

an avid gardener and enjoyed baseball

and sports history. He is survived by

his loving wife Sylvia of 51 years. He

was the caring father of: Perri(Mark)

Rocko(Janice) Mazzaro and Liisa

(Ted) Milliner, all previously of

ivonia. He was the grandfather of 7

randchildren. He is also survived by

his brothers: Jerome Mazzaro of Nev

York City and Lou(Ruth) Mazzaro of

Waterford. He was preceded in death

by his sisters: Angelina Lamontagne

and Carmela New. A Memorial serv

ice will be held on Saturday, January

19th at 1:00pm with gathering begin-

ning at 11:00am at PHILLIPS

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Jan. 19; a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. and Whaler's Hockey Game 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, and a Superbowl House Party Sunday, Feb. 3. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

MAMA's coffeehouse

The Milroys and Annie and Rod Capps perform Saturday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve an open mic time, call (248) 626-4650.

Reformed Protestant services Continue Sundays at 3:30 p.m.. The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching station has been established at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Rd., Canton. The Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www. westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail

Russian music concert

Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Wesley Fishwick, pianist and David Levine, cellist, present a concert of Russian music 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, west of Farmington Road, south of Grand River, Farmington Hills. Fishwick is the organist at St. John and has taught at Antioch College, Ohio, Macomb College and in the Chippewa Valley School District. Levine has been a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra. This concert is part of the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration series. No charge but a free will offering will be received. For more information, call (248) 474-0584.

The Recovery Principles

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the sanctuary at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads. Call (734) 421-1760. The class focuses on honesty, openmindedness and willingness.

Swiss steak dinner **Newburg Church Missions Committee**

is sponsoring a home cooked Swiss steak dinner with all the fixin's 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Proceeds will go to housing the homeless. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children, Macn-cheese will be available for kids. Carryout will be available or stay for dinner and afterwards play board games or cards. Donations accepted Tickets will be available January 6-20 in the office at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail? Livonia. Call 734-422-0149.

Thursday fellowship dinner All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6, Call (313) 534-7730.

Staying afloat

ABC's of personal/family finance 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge but pre-registration is encouraged. Call (734) 422-6038.

Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls. ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information. call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9.

Special services Sundays in January the focus is on how life would be different if you only had 30 days to live, 10:30 a.m. at Friendship Church which meets at Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit

Thrift store Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St.

www.Canton Friendship.org.

James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information

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orchardumc.org for updates.

701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.

shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Unity Church of Ann Arbor; 4599 Carpenter Road. Tap into your heart's wisdom for health and healing. Find your life's purpose. Learn how to overcome the negative emotions that can cause heart disease. Dr. Kirk Laman, board certified cardiologist, author, trainer, and assistant Professor of Medicine Michigan State University. For cost and to registration. call (734) 434-8545.

Christian comedian Ed Thompson (www.edthompson-

live.com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96 (Schoolcraft service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830. **Curt Collins concert**

Top 20 Christian Music performer

Curt Collins will be performing 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Rd., two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken. Call (248) 474-0584.

Single Place Ministry

Divorce recovery workshop continues to Feb. 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Emeritus Room, 200 E. Main, Northville. Topics include networking/midlife crisis, stage of grief, putting your "ex" in focus, legal aspects of divorce (includes pot luck dinner), spiritual help and forgiveness, helping children through divorce, and relationships old and new. Cost \$35, includes book, Growing through Divorce. Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers through grade six. To register, call (248) 349-0911.

Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Rvan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holytrinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbcglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water. It is also intended for those who have never made a commitment to Jesus.

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Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. Couples who pray together daily have a divorce rate of less than 1 divorce in every 1000 marriages. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

ENDOW Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.

Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, continues to March 16 and March 20, respectively, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Day of service

Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-quided tour of the Solanus Casev Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For more information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035

Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755. Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road; Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, For information, call (734) 425-2800.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information. call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

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BARBARA ANN REUTHER Age 77 of Canadian Lakes, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Sunday 13, 2008. Born August 31, 1930 in Flint, Barb was a graduate Flint central High School, she received her R.N. degree from Hurley Hospital School of Nursing, and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Gerontology from Madonna University. She married Ken Reuther on March 29, 1952 while he was attending the General Motors Institute in Flint. They made their home in Plymouth for 36 years and moved to Canadian Lakes in 2000. Survivors include husband; Ken, 2 sons; Rick of Grand Rapids and Robert of Plymouth, 2 sisters; Carolyn Kurth and Nancy Crimmins. Barb was preceded in death by a son, Tom in 1995. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 17 th. at the Daggett-Gilbert Home in Big Rapids. Memorial contributions in Barb's name may be directed to the Ferris State University Foundation for the Barbara Reuther Memorial Scholarship for nursing. Online condolences to www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com

BARBARA EILEEN DOWN (nee Stock)

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved angel, on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at the age of 80 while surrounded by her family at University of Michigan Hospital. A light in our lives has been extinguished. A gentle, sweet soul who provided much love and support to her family: her husband of 61 years. Stanley of Farmington, Michigan, her daughters Pamela Down (Charles Pfeffer) of Novi, Michigan, Jacqueline Mines of Walled Lake, Michigan, Deborah Belz-Rubis (Roger) of Livonia, Michigan and Candice Koda (Philip) of Scottsdale, Arizona and her cherished grandchildren Marine Cpl. Andrew Belz (Sabrina) currently serving in Iraq, and Jennifer and Kimberly Koda. She was a devoted sister to Donna Jean Nagel (Erwin) and Beverly Ann Douglas (predeceased) and aunt to ten nieces and eleven nephews. An intelligent and industrious worker her entire life, she provided kind, quiet and selfless service to a variety of customers while employed at Bond Clothing Stores, Detroit Bank & Trust and Metro Bank until her retirement at age 67. She was a woman of high principles who lived her life with integrity and strength. She was curious, resilient and passionate about things she cared for. In "retirement she enjoyed creating a beautiful home gardening and providing joy and peace through her thoughtfulness to family, neighbors and pets. A healthy, vibrant and creative woman stricken with a wretched autoimmune disease, she believed good health would return and looked forward to holding her first great grandchild expected in March. In accordance with her wishes, a private burial and family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home

BARBARA J. ROUNDS

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away January 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI



BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Age 84 December 21, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Peggy (Stefan) Marenich, Nancy Randall and Barbara J. Underwood. Grandmother of Andrew Borromey. Sister of Leigh B. (Hannelore) Dennison. Sister-in-law of Barbara U Mullin. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, January 19th, at the Village Woodward, 34660 Players, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple on the east side of Woodward), visitation 10am until time of memorial at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, #300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660, Obituary and condolences at:

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BETTY MARIE EPSKAMP

Of Flint, age 80, died January 9 in Grand Blanc. Funeral services will be held at 3 pm, Monday, January 21 at Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E Hill Road, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm, Sunday January 20 at the funeral home. Betty was born in Flint on March 15, 1927. She married Lawrence Epskamp on September 6, 1947. Surviving are children Rebecca (Gerald Kraft) and Sarah Ellen of Melbourne Australia, David (Sally Kinyon) of Ypsilanti, Helen (Larry Olsen) of Fowlerville, Miriam (David Hunt) of Kalamazoo and son-in-law Victor Galea of Flint: grandchildren Erin Oliver, Megan Epskamp, Gulliver Giles, Rhiannon and Lesleigh Kraft, Elisabeth Rogerson, Katherine Bur, Victor Jr, Michael and Samuel Galea, Melissa and Gary Olsen, Benjamin Epskamp, Abraham, Isaac, and Eleanor Epskamp-Hunt, great-grand children Alison Epskamp and Spencer Galea, many nieces and nephews, two brothers, and a sister. Husband Lawrence, her son Lawrence, daughter Martha and granddaughter Emily preceded her in death. Memories may be shared with the family at www.mem.com



BEVERLY J. CHOPP Age 77, Jan. 14, 2008. Beloved wife of Lawrence. Loving mother of Guy (Nancy), Susan (Lawrence) Tughan, (Kenneth) Jacobs, Karen (Jennifer). Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Arthur Cooprider. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Thursday 2-9 PM. Please contact the family or R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734)422-6720 for further information. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Assoc. Share a memory of Beverly at www.rggrharris.com

EARL YOUNG January 12, 2008, age 79 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Jewell. Dear father of Philip (Jean), Connie (Randy) Nelson and the late Rosemary. Brother of Grace Deaton, Helen Joerg and Carol, Chaney. Grandfather of Eric (Paula), Justin Young, Emily Nelson and Anastasia Nelson. Great grandfather of Ethan and Lucas Young. Instate Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 10am at First Baptist Church of Wayne until time of service at 11am. Family will receive friends Monday, 2-9pm at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family requests memorials to First Baptist Church of Wayne. Please visit



ELIZABETH M BELROSE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away January 11, 2008. Born in Providence Rhode Island, on November 19, 1923. Survived by her devoted husband Albert. Loving mother of Jerome (Andrea), Marcella (Gerald) Stone, the late Neil, Geralyn (John) Norman and Michele (Kirk) Czarnecki. Proud nana of 17 and great nana of 27. Dear sister of Marcella Moore. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 14, 2008, from St. Kenneth Catholic Church,14951 Haggerty Rd, Plymouth. Interment, All Saints Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

HERMAN F. (FRED),

WATSON Jan. 12, 2008, age 81. Husband of Margaret, Survived by sister Lois, 9 children and their spouses, 30 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Proud Veteran of WWII. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 19, 2008, 10 am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. In memory of Herman, the family asks that contributions be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit., MI 48207, or a charity of your choice. Interment will be private.

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Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-youcan-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11. \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church

of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmatl.com.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy

Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches. com/cbcwomen.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford,

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking

registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of 1-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the

month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venov, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com.

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Thursday, January 17, 2008

OUR VIEWS

Dr. King event befitting for town as diverse as **Canton Township**

Canton's dedication to diversity will be on full display Monday, as the township will host a unique program honoring the legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The free program, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." begins at 7 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry

The event will feature several interesting performances, beginning with The Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit presenting Speak For Yourself! The evening's keynote speaker will be Fox 2 News reporter Lee Thomas, who is also author of Turning White: A Memoir of Change, which chronicles his battle with a medical condition that is changing his skin from black to white.

Dozens of students submitted essays detailing what the civil rights leader's legacy means both to them personally and to the Canton community, which has certainly benefited from King's message of equality and social justice.

Finally, new Canton Public Library Director Eva M. Davis and Canton Observer Editor Kurt Kuban will announce the winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for local middle school and high school students. Dozens of students submitted essays detailing what the civil rights leader's legacy means both to them personally and to the Canton community, which has cer-

tainly benefited from King's message of equality and social

While it really wasn't that long ago, it now seems like ancient history when Canton did not recognize Martin Luther King Day as a holiday. Certainly there have been a few hiccups along the way (the recent episode concerning the Hindu Temple comes to mind), but the town has come a long way and embraced King's legacy. Monday's MLK celebration is one of the best in the area, and it has continued to grow each year, which is fitting because Canton is also one of the most diverse communities in the region.

King, who was one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century, would be proud to see the Canton of the 21st century. Come out and help the town celebrate this diversity.

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For the Detroit auto industry, the auto show is crucial in its efforts to make its case to an international audience that Detroit takes a back seat to no one in automobile innovation.

Last year, the federal government approved a significant 30 percent hike in the corporate average fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The auto industry reluctantly agreed to the new standards after winning some concessions, including separate standards for cars and trucks (which lead in U.S. vehicle sales).

Detroit automakers face some stiff challenges in the years ahead to create vehicles that are energy-efficient, safe, well-engineered and designed to capture the public's fancy. They also face challenging economic issues involving their American workforce, which has been reduced to a mere fraction of what it once was.

While this area is trying to develop alternative economic bases, the health of the auto industry remains a key to our economic revival. The success of the auto show and the ideas that it generates will determine our own economic success.

Check out the show and tell us what you think.



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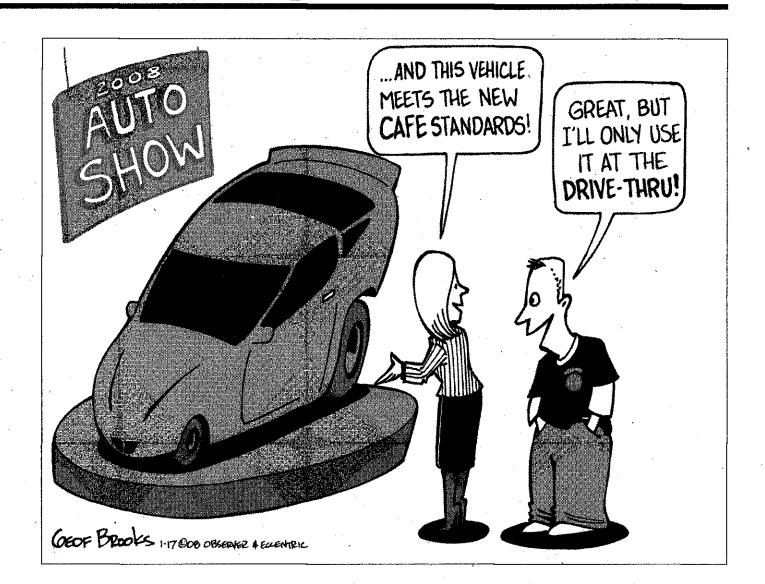
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LETTERS

Patterson should help PCCS

After reading Sen. Patterson's letter about the JRROTC in Belleville ("Seeking Sen. Levin's help," Jan. 13), I felt obligated to write. I have contacted Sen. Carl Levin's office regarding my grandfather's WWII military records and I received a very quick response and help. Patterson's quote "Come on Senator Levin, please lend us a hand." Do you actually think Sen. Levin is reading the Observer?

Sen. Patterson, when are you going to help fairly fund public schools to the level they should be? Helping the Belleville district for a program is great, but what about properly funding Plymouth-Canton Schools? Is our school district in your district that you live in? We are so much underfunded than our surrounding districts. Why is my child worth less than children of other districts?

One last note, before you give Sen. Levin a hard time, why have you not responded to my 20-plus e-mails and letters over the last 18 months regarding fair and equal funding for Michigan's public schools? Also, if you talked to Sen. Levin like you talked to us ordinary people at your last debate when you ran for re-election, I can understand why he might not contact you.

John Nichols Canton

I recently had an issue with Comcast services. A month after accepting an offer which included two free cable boxes for two years, I was contacted and offered an upgrade, at extra cost, to my service. I accepted.

Comcast customers beware

They did not tell me that by accepting the new offer, I voided my entitlement to the two years of free cable boxes. Three months later, my bill increased (and with all of the abbreviations and miscellaneous charges, it was impossible to figure out). I called and they said I was entitled to a 79-cent credit, but that I was no longer eligible for the free boxes

for the two years. I found the papers and called them back. After talking to the regular rep, she said she could not help me and she would put me through to a supervisor. I was left on hold for one full hour, with no option to leave a number or talk to a person.

When I finally got to the supervisor, she confirmed that I was no longer eligible and had no sympathy that Comcast did not make this clear when I accepted the upgraded service.

close to "bait and switch." They did offer to change my service back to the old system. And the people were courteous.

I think people need to know that you must be very wary of offers from Comcast and please be sure you ask how every change affects your bill. Their motto, "It's not complex, its Comcast," is about as far from the truth as you can get. Trying to get anything done with Comcast is extremely complex.

Peggy Robichaud

Canton

Money party

Kurt Kuban's article, "Two-party political system has stranglehold on our democracy," made some valid points regarding our current political environment; however, I'd like to add a couple of important comments.

First, we no longer have a two-party system. We have one party known as the 'Money Party" with two branches.

Second, our form of government was never intended to be a "democracy." In reality, we're an oligarchy, ruled by a select few. Our forefathers understood the dangers of "majority rule" (democracy) and wisely created a limited constitutional "republic." The term "democracy" is not even written in any of our founding documents. Please read Article IV, Section IV of our Constitution.

In essence, a democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. Therefore, our individual rights can be voted away under a pure democracy (mob rule).

No, thank you.

Bruce Hartdegen Plymouth

Church thanks

On behalf of the Senior High Youth Group and congregation of Geneva Presbyterian Church, I would like to thank the Canton and Plymouth communities for their generous support of our 14th annual Boxing Night Clothing Drive for the homeless.

It is a great blessing and encouragement to see how the community rallies behind this project every year. Because of your generosity, we were able to help supply the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Open Door ministry with a large quantity of winter clothing, blankets and outerwear to help clothe the city's homeless during these cold winter

Again, thank you, and keep us in mind for this year's Boxing Night beginning Dec. 26.

> **Bryan Smith** pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church

Court authority goes too far

It is appropriate to make a few statements regarding the recent story concerning the 35th District Court Authority. It may be the tip of the iceberg, and filter up and down to other Apparently this is all legal. I think it is mass layers of bureaucracy. The court somehow has authority to give themselves huge salaries, bennies, per day allowances, planes, trains and automobiles, cell phone, brotherhood dues, et al?

> What happened to asking your neighbors before you demand payment? I don't need many of your services. How many of these rules are moral? That's like a neighbor coming over to your garage, taking your lawn mower without asking.

Charlie Page

Political flip-flops

I am a 62-year-old veteran and had two political questions (well, maybe more then two). First, how can the candidates cut each other down so bad during the campaigning and then back the party winner 100 percent at the election? Are they two-faced or what? Talk about flip-flop.

And the second question is, if all these intelligent people have the answers to the war, economy and health care, why don't they share it with the world now and save soldiers' lives and people's job before January 2009? Just a couple of thoughts.

Merv Muffley Garden City

Universal coverage

One big reason local and county governments are short on money is rising health care costs. Each year, the cost of health insurance rises. Companies and government bodies that offer health insurance to their employees and retirees are getting walloped. Meanwhile, the number of uninsured keeps rising.

Most of the uninsured still get treated, usually in hospital emergency rooms, at a huge cost, which is shifted to companies and government bodies who offer health insurance to their employees and retirees. It is the most idiotic, expensive and wasteful health care system in the entire world.

The only way to rein in health care costs is with universal coverage. That is why a group called Michuhcan is petitioning for a constitutional amendment that would guarantee health insurance coverage to every Michigan resident. You can help us gather signatures on our petitions. Go to www.michuhean. com to volunteer or call (734) 812-

Local and county governments face hard times, but this is also an opportunity to fix a broken system.

> Tom Regan Royal Oak

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"Several applicants are already beyond \$200,000, with one from the top of my list in a district about a third of the size of Plymouth-Canton. It's hard for the public to understand that to bring in a new superintendent you'll most likely pay more than the person in the job who has served so well. But that's the market we're in."

Roger Garvelink, consultant for the firm hired by PCCS to find a new superintendent to replace the retiring Jim Ryan

Phil Power

Future of Great Lakes looms large for Michigan

■he Great Lakes are the largest freshwater system on the globe, and Michigan alone lives nearly totally surrounded by them. Besides their amazing beauty, they account for around 20 percent of the world's total supply of drinkable fresh water. But there is reason to worry, big-time.

Ponder these disturbing facts about the lakes:

■ Water levels everywhere are very low. Experts think Lakes Michigan and Huron could beat their all-time record lows, set back in 1964. Superior's level in September was 1.6 inches lower than it was in the same month at its previ-

ously lowest record. Something's going on, big enough to take trillions of gallons out of our lakes. Clearly, global warming is involved in various ways.

A new species of invasive, nonnative critter (think zebra mussels or the fish-killing virus VHS) invades every six months or so. David Lodge, a researcher at the University of Notre Dame, says some come from discharged untreated ballast water in ocean-going ships.

Another, possibly even more important source: growths on the outside of ship's hulls.

Vern Ehlers, a scientist who is also a Republican congressman from Grand Rapids, is circulating a pledge asking candidates for president to fund a Great Lakes restoration strategy.

A recent Brookings Institution study found restoring the Great Lakes (a \$20 billion effort) would result in \$80 billion in economic benefits. But so far, only Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois — the two from Great Lakes states — have signed.

■ The *Detroit Free Press* asked the eight top candidates running for president about a variety of environmental issues, from diverting Great Lakes water to dry states to supporting a \$20 billion program to restore the lakes, to ways to cope with global warming.

As of last Friday, only one had answered: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who grew up in Michigan and presumably knows something about the Great Lakes and their water.

I sat in late last week on a sort of summit conference of folks interested in Michigan's environment. It was both fascinating and encouraging. Of course, there were the heavyweight environmental organizations: The Nature Conservancy, the National Wildlife Federation and the Michigan Environmental Council.

But there were also folks from the Council of Great Lakes Industries and the Ford Motor Co., as well as from the University of Michigan and Brookings. Taken together, the group was about as knowledgeable as you'll ever find about our environment.

There were plenty of insights. First, take the idea, very fashionable in economics and business circles, that there should be a price set on water that reflects the actual costs of the resource.

Those intent on improving our resources policies say establishing a price system would reveal lots of hidden and expensive subsidies (for farmers in California, for

What emerged from the meeting was this: A consensus that our natural resources - whether Great Lakes, streams, forests, shorelines – are uniquely magnificent. They constitute an enormous competitive and economic resource in providing a great, and affordable, quality of life for people who live here.

instance, or folks with green lawns in Las Vegas).

"Not so fast," counter the environmentalists. That would make our natural resource a commodity like anything else for sale. The moment we put a price on our Great Lakes water, somebody will be willing to pay it ... and slurp! — there goes our water!

The economics surrounding invasive species in the Great Lakes make the shipping industry look silly, if not criminally irresponsible. Best evidence is that the state gets some \$50 million in economic benefit from ocean-going shipping. But the annual cost to local governments to clean out the zebra mussels (which originated in ocean-going ships' ballast water) is around \$5

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But for decades, well-intentioned people have had a great deal of trouble getting a handle on how to preserve, protect and defend our resources, especially the Great Lakes. Seven states border the lakes, each with its own parochial interests and political posturings.

Add to that mix Ontario, a province of Canada, and you've added an international dimension. Mix in the fact that we don't really know much about properly managing - let alone restoring - a complex, enor-

Overall verdict: Not easy. Conclusion: "We're not getting much traction." Yet it was equally clear we have to get there.

At the end of the meeting, there was a fair amount of agreement that each of the interests represented at the table — environmentalists, economic developers, businesses, universities, policy think tanks - might individually have some impact.

But think of the tremendous weight to be gained if everybody could work together to identify areas where they could collaborate. Perhaps they could then even take a few baby steps toward a big consolidating orga-

The group is going to get together again in a little while. It could be the start of something very, very big.

Phil Power is a former president of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. Power welcomes comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

Health insurance reform will protect consumers

arly in 2008, the Michigan Legislature will address health insurance reform for individual purchasers. The need for reform is urgent. The number of people expected to find their own health insurance is expected to grow significantly over the next 10 years — but the regulations that govern how insurers treat these

people haven't changed in more than 20 years. While at least 34 other states have reformed their individual markets to benefit consumers, there are no basic consumer protections in Michigan's law today. That is the

Representatives acted to solve in October, by passing bipartisan legislation sponsored by more than half the members of the House.

problem the House of

The legislation will make some important changes to the individual market place:

■ Limits will be placed on how much people can be charged by any insurance carrier at renewal because they get sick.

■ For the first time, the insurance commissioner would have the power to order refunds on all carriers if insurance rates are deemed excessive.

■ Part of the reform legislation would allow the Blues' Accident Fund subsidiary to sell other lines of insurance. This would enable Accident Fund to continue to grow here in Michigan, creating new, good-paying jobs in our state. Accident Fund earnings help support the nonprofit Blue Cross to fulfill its mission by providing dollars back to Blue Cross for its health care

The bills are now the subject of a campaign by the out-of-state, forprofit carriers who oppose reform to mount a campaign meant to kill them. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), which annually adds huge sums to its bottom line from forprofit insurers, is also against reform in Michigan. Blue Cross has been attacked by those opposed to reform. These attacks are wrong on the facts, and are meant to distract from the positive aspects of reform.

. The argument against Blue Cross' tax status is a distraction from the issues driving the need for reform. We need a system where insurers are held responsible for covering people, and that helps people maintain their coverage at affordable rates. This is what nonprofit health care is all about, and this is why Blue Cross stands behind individual health insurance reform.

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■ We paid \$70 million over the last five years to subsidize the state's MI Child program, which has helped Michigan be among the leading states for insuring children.

■ We subsidize tens of millions of dollars each year in coverage for

■ We currently pay better than 20 percent more than the premiums we take in to provide coverage to people as Michigan's insurer of last resort.

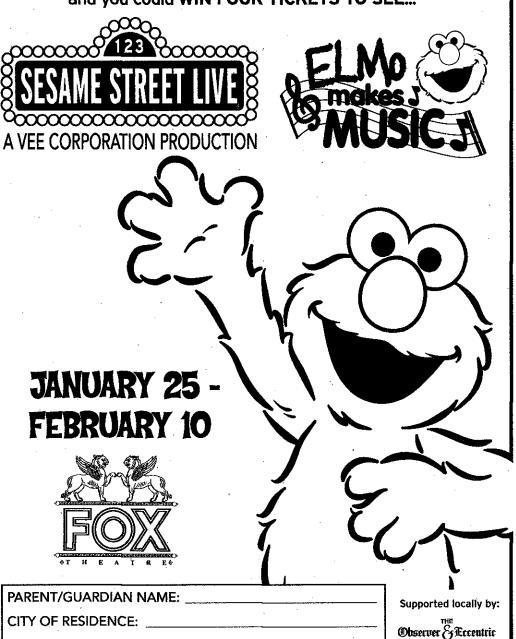
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Joan Budden is vice president, individual business at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.



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Balanced Rocks trip Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls basketball team is doing much more than just staying afloat after one trip around the

On Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson, the Rocks reinforced their status as the dominant team in the WLAA's Lakes Division when they jarred the host Spartans, 55-30.

The victory improved the winners' ledger to 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the division. Stevenson dropped to 3-9 and 0-5, respectively.

Things are setting up well for us in the division," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had nice balance tonight. Our first quarter was OK, but the girls played dynamite in the second and third quarters."

The Rocks, who will begin their second go-around against division foes beginning Friday at John Glenn, rolled despite not visiting the free-throw line once.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led the winners' balanced attack with 20 points. Sara Stone (10 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks), Chelsea Davis (eight points, eight assists, 11 rebounds), Victoria Brotz (seven points) and Rachel Norman (six points) also sparkled.

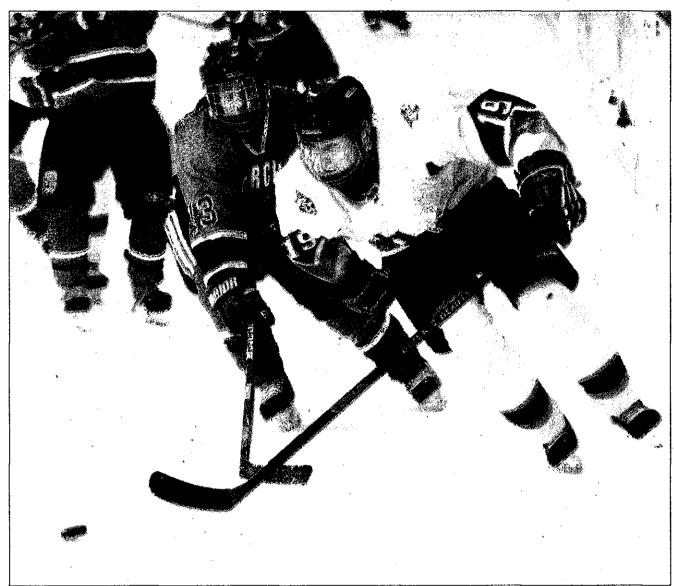
Kaylie McGrath led the Spartans

Salem led 14-10 after one quarter, 27-14 at the half and 43-18 with eight minutes left.

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Salem's Sara Stone, pictured above in a game earlier this year, netted 10 points and 10 rebounds in Tuesday night's victory at Livonia Stevenson.



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Plymouth's Jake Jossey pushes the puck up the ice past Livonia Churchill's Scottie Sundberg during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth coach finds encouraging signs in 9-3 setback

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hockey team discovered something Tuesday night that 11 teams before it already knew: Churchill is not only good, it's relentless.

The state-ranked Chargers' advantage in the experience department was evident from the opening faceoff as they rolled to a 9-3 victory over the Wildcats in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover contest played at Compuware Arena.

Churchill improved to 12-2 while the 'Cats slipped to 8-6.

"Along with being very good, they work very hard," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender, assessing his team's most recent opponent. "Every time there was a loose puck, there would be one or two red jerseys on it. We were too slow reacting and we did too much watching.

"They have a lot of experienced players in their lineup -I think they have 13 or 14 seniors and five or six juniors

'Ryan was amazing. The refs and Churchill's coaches even commented to me how great they thought he played. It could have been a quick mercy if he hadn't played as well as he did. They outshot us, 33-9, in the first two periods, so he kept the game going.

PAUL FASSBENDER, Plymouth coach,

while we have a lot of younger players. I saw some good things — we had a nice power play in the third quarter – but not enough to beat a team like that.

They're on another level from us." There were some encouraging signs for the Wildcats, according to Fassbender, most notably the play of sophomore net-minder Ryan Schultz, who stopped 36 of the 45 shots he

"Ryan was amazing," said Fassbender. "The refs and Churchill's coaches even commented to me how great they thought he played. It could have been a quick mercy if he hadn't played as well as he did. They outshot us, 33-9, in the first two periods, so he kept the game going.

Eric Olivier and Connor Dresser also played outstanding for us."

The offensive star of the game was Churchill's Keith Yackley, who notched a hat trick. Josh Proben added a pair of lamp lighters and Nathan Milam contributed his 30th goal of the season.

"I liked our pace and I thought we carried the flow pretty well," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I also liked the fact that a lot of guys chipped in." Colin Rolfe scored twice for the Wildcats.

Churchill used goaltender Greg Wirick for two periods and Aaron Crouse in the final period.

The Chargers led 2-1 after one period and 5-3 with 15 minutes to play.

Plymouth dropped a hard-fought 4-3 decision to Troy Athens on Saturday at the Farmington Ice Arena.

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Plymouth resident enjoyed brief but distinguished MLB career



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Bill Zepp realized the dreams of all Little League baseball players when he pitched in the Major Leagues for parts of three seasons with the Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers. He pitched well until suffering a careerending elbow injury in 1971.

Why was longtime Detroiter Cheryl Zepp cheering zestfully against the guys wearing the Olde English D caps as she sat in the stands of a packed-to-the-rafters Tiger Stadium on Aug. 2, 1970? And what inspired the graduate of

STAFF WRITER

Detroit Redford High School to applaud every time a Tigers batter - including future Hall-of-Famer Al Kaline - recorded an out on "Al Kaline Day"?

The answers to those questions were as clear as the wedding ring on her left ring

Cheryl Zepp was far from a traitor on that sun-drenched, 80-degree summer afternoon. She was the wife of the visiting team's starting pitcher - Minnesota Twins right-hander Bill Zepp.

"There were probably 50,000 people in the stands and I was one of about 18 who were cheering for the Twins," she remembered with a chuckle. "Since I was from Detroit, I was a little ashamed rooting against the Tigers, but I was there to sup-

Bill Zepp — like his wife, a born-and-



Pictured is Bill Zepp's 1970 baseball card. The Plymouth resident pitched parts of three seasons in the Major Leagues - two with Minnesota and one with Detroit.

raised Detroiter — sent the masses of Tiger fans home disgruntled as he yielded just six hits in 8.1 innings pitched in the Twins' 4-3 victory.

Kaline, the man of the hour and one of Zepp's childhood heroes, managed just one hit in four at-bats.

The performance was one of several notable accomplishments for Zepp — a resident of Plymouth for the past 22 years during a relatively brief but memorable Major League pitching career that was cut short in 1971 by a serious elbow injury.

He finished the 1970 season with a 9-4 record and 3.22 E.R.A. — numbers that would earn a 20-something free agent pitcher millions of dollars in today's mar-

Quite a journey

Zepp's path to the Majors began on the sandlots of the west side of Detroit where he was touted as one of the hardestthrowing high school pitchers around in the early 60s.

"There weren't any radar guns around back then, but if I had to guess, I'd say my fastball hit 92, 93," Zepp reflected.

The 6-foot-3, 185-pound flame-thrower helped lead Redford to the 1964 Detroit

Please see ZEPP, B2

EMU standouts

A pair of PCEP graduates excelled for the host school at Saturday's Eastern Michigan University, which was held on the Bob Parks Track.

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann turned in a stellar performance, placing third in the high jump (6 feet, 4.25 inches) and 12th in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds.

Salem grad Brittany Lockhart shined for the EMU women's team as she placed second in the triple jump (38-4.75); fourth in the 60-meter hurdles (9.22) and fifth in the high jump (5-2.25).

Hockey benefit

Plymouth Canton Hockey Association coaches will be hosting a benefit hockey game that will feature the Junior A Ice Dogs and the Jr. St. Louis Blues on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The coaches will have a pre-game from 6-7 p.m. The event will raise funds for Daniel Zagon, a 3-year-old boy who was diagnosed with autism last year. His family's insurance does not cover the cost of the extensive therapy he is undergoing.

There will also be a silent raffle along with additional raffles during the evening.

For more information, contact PCHA spokesperson Kathy Barile at (734) 453-6579.

PCS girls lacrosse

Informational meetings will be held for parents and high school girls interested in playing lacrosse this coming spring on Jan. 24 and Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Canton High School library, not in the cafeteria as was the original plan. The PCS Lady Warriors will field both varsity and junior varsity teams this season.

Tryouts will be held at East Middle School March 10-14 from 5:30-7 p.m. Students must attend all five tryouts to make the team.

For more information visit www.pcsladywarriors.com.

Salem baseball clinic

The 2008 edition of the annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held March 22 and April 5 in the Salem gymnasium.

The \$25 fee includes hours of instruction from the Salem coaching staff and the varsity team members; a snack and a T-shirt.

The camps will be broken up into four sessions: #1-11-15 year olds, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon;

#2 - 7-10 year olds, March 22 1-4 p.m.; #3 - 7-10 year olds, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m.; and #4 - 7-10 year olds, April 5 from 1-4 p.m. Space is limited to 75 participants per session.

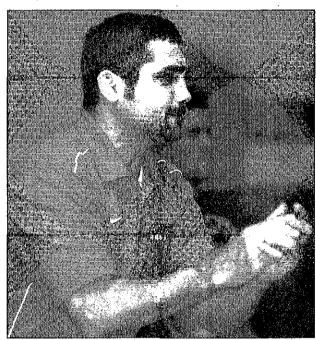
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Red-hot Flames

The Farmington Hills Flames, a team made up of several Observerland-area players, captured the 11th Annual Lindell Classic last month. The Flames, a first-year team, defeated Southgate, 6-3, in the title game to finish the tournament with a 3-1 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Jacob Ponder, Mitch Carlson, (second row from left) John Clark, Spencer Boman, (third row from left) Brian Eastman, Matt Goldin, Nick Heffron, (fourth row from left) C.J. Myers, Max VanAntwerp, Nicholas Kozoro, Adam Fine, Austin Meltzer, Justin Mihajlovic, Sean Wigler, Brendan Childress, (back from from left) head coach Dave Wigler, Jim Myers, Emery Weiss, Brad Rupar, Alex Cleaver and George Childress.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Motivational mentor

Canton assistant wrestling coach Mike Pantaleo, pictured during last week's dual meet with Plymouth, has been the recipient of two prestigious honors recently. Pantaleo was voted the '2007 Regional Assistant Coach of the Year' during last year's Division 1 Regional wrestling tournament at Novi High School. That honor was topped recently when Pantaleo was voted by members of the Michigan Wrestling Association as the state's top assistant coach for Division 1. Pantaleo and his wife, Wendy, are the parents of three children: Kaila, 14, Alec, 11, and Hailey, 9.

GCYBSA registration

is in full swing

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's (GCYBSA) 2008 season is in full swing.

Area baseball and softball players between the ages of 4 and 18 who reside in Plymouth or Canton, or attend any school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are eligible to participate.

To register online, visit www. gcybsa.com.

Walk-in registration is also available at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave., daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, to pick up a registration form.

Last year, 2,600 players and 750 volunteers made the season a great success and the GCYBSA is looking forward to another rewarding year.

Visit the Web site for up-to-date registration information and upcoming coaches and player clinics. The association's upcoming parent and player sportsmanship campaign for 2008 will include spotlight for behavior that shares the benefits of positive play, creates fond memories, and builds strong friendships that can be achieved through youth sports.

City Championship along with future Major Leaguers Ted Sizemore and Geoff Zahn.

"The Major League Draft wasn't instituted until 1965, so players like myself who graduated from high school in 1964 could sign with any team they wanted to," said Zepp.

The high school honors student instead decided to enroll at the University of Michigan, where he earned three varsity baseball letters (freshmen weren't allowed to compete at the varsity level at that time) and two degrees — a bachelor's and master's in marketing before graduating in 1968.

Scholarly signee

The Twins signed him as an amateur free agent a few weeks

"It was kind of strange signing when I did because here I was, a few weeks away from turning 23 years old, and I had two college degrees in an era when it was absolutely unheard for players to even have one degree," Zepp reflected.

Zepp zipped through the Twins' minor league system until he was eventually called up to the Majors in August of '69.

"I didn't know it at the time, but a few days before I was called up, Billy Martin (the Twins' manager at the time) had got in a fight at the Lindell AC in Detroit with one of his pitchers, Dave Boswell," Zepp remembered. "When I arrived at the team's hotel in Baltimore, the first person I saw other than the team's PR guy was Billy Martin. I had met him at spring training, so I approached him and said, 'Hi, Billy, good to see you.' I thought he would pat me on the back and say, 'Welcome, Bill. So-and-so got hurt so we need you.' You know, stuff like that. Instead, he shook hands with me left-handed, which was 100 percent out of character from what I was prepared for. I didn't know what was going on. It turns out he had hurt his right hand in the fight with Boswell.

"At the ballpark later that day — my first time at a Major League park as a player — they kicked everybody out of the locker room except the players and had a closed-door meeting. Billy got up and said, 'You guys don't know anything about what happened the other night (in

Detroit) if you talk to the press. Let me handle it.' I'm thinking, what's going on around here?

Perfect debut

Two days later — on Aug. 12, 1969 — Zepp made his Major League debut in a mop-up relief stint against the storied New York Yankees. He retired all four batters he faced, including legendary catcher Thurman Munson, whom he struck out.

"There was a runner on third with two outs when I was brought in," Zepp said. "The Yankees had just hit a basesloaded triple and they were leading by seven runs. I started warming up from the stretch, so our third baseman, Harmon Killebrew, walked over to the mound, picked up the rosin bag and said, You know, you can pitch from the wind-up if you'd like.' The game was going pretty fast for me at that point."

Following his stellar 1970 campaign, Zepp was traded to Detroit prior to the 1971 season. He pitched in 16 games for the Tigers that year with modest success, going 1-1 with two saves and a 5.12 E.R.A.

Beginning of the end

On June 20, 1971, while pitching for the Tigers in the second game of a double-header against Cleveland, Zepp noticed a gradually increasing problem with his elbow.

"It didn't happen on one pitch it was more like I noticed a 5percent decrease in velocity over about 15 pitches," Zepp said.

Zepp had ruptured a tendon in his elbow — the same type of ailment that led to the now-heralded, career-saving "Tommy John" surgery just three years later. Doctors replaced John's injured tendon in his left arm with one from his right. Following a year of rehabilitation, he returned and pitched 15 more years.

Zepp wasn't as lucky, although he nearly stole John's thunder when doctors considered attempting the first tendon-replacement surgery on

"In deciding what to do, I talked to several doctors, including Dr. Frank Jobe, who performed the first 'Tommy John' surgery on Tommy John," said Zepp. "They told me, 'We'd love to get in there and do this surgery, but we've never done anything like it on a Major League pitcher. They said they wanted to go in there, pull the



Cheryl and Bill Zepp will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary later this year.

tendon back up and reattach it somehow, put my arm in a cast for six months, sew it up and hope it doesn't rip again everything they did for Tommy John. But nobody ever went beyond the 'we hope it won't rip again' stage."

Ironically, one of Zepp's six Major League hits came against Tommy John.

Zepp attended spring training with the Tigers in 1972, but his career ended a short time later.

"I'll never know for sure what caused the injury, but if I had to guess, I'd say it was from throwing too many curveballs," Zepp

Back-up plan

Fortunately, Zepp had planned for the "rainy day" by working in Chrysler's marketing department during baseball's off-seasons. The Big Three automotive giant hired him full time in 1972.

He retired eight years ago as a senior manager with 31 years of service.

Zepp still follows the Tigers on TV and participates regularly in benefit golf tournaments sponsored by the team.

"I never retired from baseball," Zepp joked, "baseball retired me. It was fun while it lasted."

He then shot a loving glance at Cheryl, his bride of close to 40 years, and smiled. She returned a smile — probably one similar to the ones she displayed on Aug. 2, 1970, while her husband was mowing down the Detroit Tigers on "Al Kaline Day."

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BOYS SWIM INVITATIONAL SATURDAY AT SALEM

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 298.50; 2. Zeeland, 255; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 235; 4. Northville, 220.50; 5. Salem, 92; 6.

Z00-yard medley relay: Heat C: 1.
Zeeland (Jeremy Sall, Gregg Ethart, Jason Vander Plaats, Drew Coffin). 1:40.17; 2.
Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Mike Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:41.88; 3. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Kenichi Osawa, Robert Nichols, Thomas Magner), 1:42.53;

Heat B: 1. Zeeland (Jonathan Mackey, Zac Geschwendt, Dylan Zwiers, Trey Sommers), 1:47.95; 2. Stevenson (Bryan Bielicki, John Loria, Scott Geverink, Jereme Pesta), 1:48.28; Pioneer (Nik Mrdalj, Brian Gregork Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen), 1:48.38.

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Matt Graziano, Kevin Smith, Kevin Naud, Edward Lee), 1:49.50; 2, Stevenson (Jimmy Vayis, Eric Schuman, Kelen Schoff, Jared Diebel), 1:50.00; 3. Zeełand (Ty Daughterty, Jacob Heemstra, Corv Carson, Zach Lindeman), 1:54.28.

200 freestyle: Heat 9: 1. Brody Blickle (N), 1:45.38; 2. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 1:46.18; 3. Robert Nichols (AAP), 1:49.15. Heat C: 1. Zac Kraai (Z), 1:48.43; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:49.92; 3. Charles Yurlo (LS),

Heat B: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:51.50; John Lubisco (N), 1:54.17; 3. Chris Behler

Heat A: 1. John Blickle (N), 1:55.78; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 1:56.90; 3. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 1:58.02.

200 IM: Heat D. T. Peter Keeler (AAP), 2:02.0; 2. Jon Bardsley (N), 2:04.88; 3. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 2:08.00. Heat C: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:05.55; . Joe Kargula (N), 2:0986; 3. Bryan Bielecki .S), 2:12.68.

Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 2:09.65; 2. en Schoenek (N), 2:11.09; 3. Gregg Elhart Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 2:13.35; 2.

Aaren Marecki (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Alex Miller N), 2:21.62.

(N), 2:21.02.

50 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 22.28: 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 23.00; 3. Thomas Magner (AAP), 23.21;

Heat C: 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 23.20; 2. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 23.27; 3. Ryan Scott (LS), 23.67.

Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 23.27; 2. A.J. Aquinto (N), 23.98; 3. Jared Diebel (LS), 24.18.

PREP SWIMMING

Heat A: 1. Jereme Pesta (LS), 23.76; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 24.58; 3. Ty Daughterty i-meter diving: Heat D: 1. Nick Nemetz

(AAP), 374.15 points; 2. Tyler Keelen (Z), 334.85; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 315.75. Heat C: I. Riley Reiffer (2), 306,30; 2. Jacob Rachford (AAP), 294,35; 3. Luke McKay (LS), 245.85. Heat B: 1. Scott Beal (AAP), 266.90; 2. Dan Wentworth (Z), Victor Bodrie (N),

Heat A: 1. Ben Weber (AAP), 265.76; 2.

Ryan Trotter (N), 146.20, 100 butterfly: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z), 53.59; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 54.98; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 55.94. Heat C: 1. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 53.74;

Mike Cruce (LS), 55.07; 3. Nate Lunn (N). Heat B: 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 58.63; 2. Edward Lee (AAP), 59.66; 3. Clay Malloure

Heat A: 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 58.87; 2. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:00.53; 3. Connor Koblinski, 1:04.81.

(2), 48.96; 2. Kyle Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 48.96; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 50.04; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 51.00. Heat C: 1. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 50.41; 2. John Lubisco (N), 51.44; 3. Aaren Marecki (LS), 51.64.

Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 50.22; 2. Charles Turio (LS), 51.69; 3. A.J. Aquinto (N), 52.72.

Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 52.89; 2. Chris Behler (LS), 53.10; 3. Jake Lane (N),

500 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Brody Blickle (N), 4:47.78; 2. Zac Kraai (Z), 4:57.04; 3. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 5:00.40.

Gaurner (AAP), 5:00.40. **Heat C:** I. Marshall Bouwman (2), 5:03.19;
2. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:10.56; 3. Daniel.

Schoff (LS), 5:14.48. **Heat B:** I. Max Boyea (AAP), 5:08.61; 2.

John Blickle (N), 5:09.26; 3. Kelen Schoff (LS), 5:12.43.

Heat A: 1. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 5:13.66; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 5:21.99; 3. Chris Lafayette (N), 5:26.25. 200 Greestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Pioneer (Grant Cole, Nik Mrdal), Thomas Magner, Matt Gauthier), 1:31.65; 2. Zeeland (Jason Vander Plaats, Josh Geschwendt, Zac Kraai,

Marshail Bouwman), 1:32.43; 3. Stevenson

(Kyle Hermann, Chris Behler, Aaren Marecki, Ryan Scott), 1:33.56. Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Ethan

Eaton, Kevin Jensen, Brian Gregorka), 1:34.47; 2. Stevenson (Charles Turlo, Jereme Pesta, Adam Dabkowski, Jared Diebel), 1:35.78; 3. Northville (John Lubisco, Alex Miller, Jake Lane, John Blickle), 1:36.77. Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Kevin Smith, Jack

Tesar, Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Anderson) 1:36.12: 2. Stevenson (Brendan Schoff, Mike Buccinna, David Bladecki, Jimmy Vavis). 1:40.44; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Erik Peterson, Connor Koblinski, Anthony Adamowicz), 1:42.03. 100 backstroke: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall

(Z), 53.70; 2. Peter Keeler (AAP), 54.15; 3. Robert Luke (LS), 55.78; 2. **Heat C:** 1. Robert Nichols (AAP), 54.43; 2. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 58.20; 3. Greg Sheppard

Heat B: 1. Jonathan Mackey (Z), 59.65; . Nate Lunn (N), 1:00.47; 3. Brendan Schoff

Heat A: 1. Ben Schoenek (N), 1:01.67; 2. Zach Lindeman (Z), 1:02.51; 3. Jimmy Vayis (LS), 1:02.75.

(LS), 1:02.75.

100 breaststroke: Heat D: 1. Joey
Wingett (LS), 1:03.21; 2. Sida Chen (S),
1:03.54; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:05.99.
Heat C: 1. John Loria (LS), 1:08.13;
2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 1:08.79; 3. Zac
Geschwendt (Z), 1:09.07.
Heat B: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:06.90;
2. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 1:08.81; 3. Eric
Schuman (LS), 1:09.37.
Heat A: 1. David Bladecki (LS), 1:08.75;
2. Alec Wagner (N), 1:11.39; 3. Eli Cornblath
(AAP), 1:11.47.
400 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland

400 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland (Josh Geschwendt, Drew Coffin, Zac Kraai, Jeremy Sall), 3:16.22; 2. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Grant Cole, Matt Gauthier, Robert Nichols), 3:19.74; 3. Northville (Brody Blickle,

Nate Lunn, Clay Malloure, Jon Bardsley), 3:23.U5.

Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen, Ethan Eaton, Edward Lee), 3:28.84; 2. Northville (John Blickle, Ben Schoenek, John Lubisco, Greg Sheppard), 3:32.65; 3. Stevenson (Chris Behler, Robert Luke, Jared Diebel, Ryan Scott), 3:33.80.

Heat A: 1 Pioneer (Jack Tesar, Kyle

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Jack Tesar, Kyle Anderson, Max Boyea, Patton Doyle), 3:37.15; 2. Stevenson (Adam Dabkowski, Scott Geverink, Bryan Bielicki, Kelen Schoff), 3:37.91; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, ale: Miller, Connor Koblinski, Jake Lane), 3:43.59.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 18 John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Agape at Baptist Park, 2:30 p.m. PCA at Parkway Christian, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 18 Agape at Baptist Park, 7 p.m. PCA at Parkway Christian, 7 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 18 Livonia Churchill at Salem at Plymouth Culturat Center, 8:30 p.m. Riverview Richard at Canton

at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 19** Plymouth at Northville at Novi ice Arena, 6 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 17 W.L. Central af Salem, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Canton at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 19 Salem at Williamston Invite, 8:30 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Jan. 17 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m. GYMNASTICS Thursday, Jan. 17 Northville at Canton

at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m. Plymouth at Brighton, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 19 Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 19 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at Defta CC, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE **Friday, Jan. 18** Whalers at Guelph Storm, 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena. 7:05 p.m MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 18
Detroit Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

Wolverines put the bite on Huron Valley Lutheran

Canton Agape's boys basketball team stayed unbeaten in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division Tuesday night when it recorded a 61-34 victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The lopsided win improved the Wolverines record to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the division. Huron Valley dipped to 1-6 and 0-2, respectively.

"Offensively, we played at a fast pace," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We got the ball inside a lot to Jared Miller in the first quarter then we substituted freely in the second half with a 33-15 lead."

Led by senior Ty Majeski's 13 points, seven Agape players scored at least seven: Kevin Reith (10), Brandon Pierson (10), Miller (eight) and Terrell Pierce (seven).

The winners led 15-8 after one quarter, 33-15 at the half and 48-20 with eight minutes to play.

SALEM 61, STEVENSON 45: Grant Stone scored 18 points and Ross Davis contributed 10 as the Rocks (4-6, 2-3) posted the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Tuesday at home over Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-4). Salem led 28-20 at halftime and pulled away

Sophomore guard Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with nine points, while sophomore for-

with a 21-10 third-quarter run.

ward Jordan El-Sabeh added eight. Stevenson was 9-of-11 from the foul line, while Salem hit 7-of-10.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 83, PLYMOUTH 55: On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Zebras overcame a 21-16 firstquarter deficit and went on to notch their fifth consecutive WLAA Western Division triumph.

Wayne is now 5-0 in the division and 8-2 overall. The Wildcats slipped to 2-8 and 1-4, respec-

"We played well in the first half, but they hit six threes in the middle two quarters that gave them the momentum," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "This game was similar to the Franklin game for us. We got out to an early lead, but couldn't hold onto it."

A trio of seniors stepped up for the Wildcats: Brandon Roberts netted a team-high 18 points, Navraj Sandhu added 16 and Garrett Rebain



Canton Agape's Kevin Reith (5), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 10 points in Tuesday night's 61-34 victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Chris Daniels yanked down a team-high six

rebounds for Plymouth. 'Chris played very well tonight," Van Wagoner

Mike Lee led Wayne's balanced scoring attack with 21 points. Jeremy Lovelady (16), Josh Hill (14) and Robert Woodson (II) also played well for the Zebras. Nine of Woodson's points came on three

"They had 18 offensive rebounds, which hurt us," said Van Wagoner. "Lovelady got most of his points on putbacks."

After trailing 21-16 after one quarter, the Zebras rebounded to secure a 36-29 halftime advantage. They sealed the deal by outscoring their hosts 29-10 during the decisive third quarter.

"We shot the ball well early, but cooled off later on," Van Wagoner said.

Hogan's heroes

Western senior center leads Warriors past Canton

There is hope for basketballloving ninth-graders who got cut by their high school teams back in November.

And his name is Dramell Hogan.

A little over three years after being told he wasn't good enough to play for Walled Lake Western, Hogan proved to be a little too good for Canton Tuesday night when he led the Warriors to a 68-54 victory over the Chiefs.

The 6-foot-4 senior center tallied 20 points and 10 rebounds, despite drawing frequent double-teams from the Chiefs.

"Dramell has worked his way into becoming a phenomenal player," said Western coach Darren Jennings. "Here's a kid who got cut as a freshman, but he never gave up. Now he's getting some looks and people are taking notice."

The victory evened the Warriors' overall record at 5-5 while improving their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division mark to 2-3. Canton slipped to 4-6 and 2-3, respectively.

After trailing 11-10 following one quarter, the Warriors stormed back to lead by as many as 16 with 3:01 left in the third

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quarter.

However, the comfy lead vanished nearly as fast as Mike Huckabee's presidential chances as the Chiefs surged back to cut their deficit to 54-50 with 3:11 to go in the game on a driving layup by Dan Stoney.

That's when Jennings called a time out and delivered a message that should be bottled and sold on e-bay.

"I told the kids to spread the floor and create some openings, said Jennings. "They were down, so we knew they were going to come out at us.

"If we spread out, we thought the back-cuts in the corners would be wide open, so we went to the four corners.

The Warriors followed with a 10-0 run over the ensuing 100 seconds to put a lock on the win that snapped a two-game losing streak.

"The last couple of games we were walking the ball up the court, which does not fit us," said Jennings. "Our turnovers were down, but it wasn't our style. Tonight we got back to playing Walled Lake Western basket-

to the winners' ledger while Quinton Cooper contributed 12.

Junior guard Marlan Glenn paced the Chiefs' attack with a career-best 15 points, all the result of his 5-of-6 shooting night from beyond the arc. Senior forward Neil Sharma added 14 points and 11 boards while Chris Bailey netted eight points in a reserve role.

"Marlan had a great shooting game tonight," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We've always known Marlan could shoot and he's getting better every game. Hopefully, this will be a coming-out game for him."

Western led 29-23 at the half thanks to Hogan's 10 and Vushaj's nine.

The Chiefs' defense took on a split personality in the decisive fourth quarter as it held the Warriors to 1-for-7 shooting in the first half of the quarter, however, Western closed by hitting its final six attempts.

The winners connected on 28of-53 shots from the floor (52.8 percent) while Canton found net on 20-of-56 (35.7).

Both teams hit two-thirds of their free throws as Western went 8-of-12 from the line while the Chiefs drained 4-of-6 free shots, all by Sharma.

Canton outrebounded the Warriors, 27-26, but committed Edison Vushaj added 13 points 17 turnovers to the Warriors' 12.

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Warriors surge past Chiefs, 46-25

Canton's girls basketball team found out the hard way Tuesday night that once-beaten Walled Lake Western is no fluke.

Led by 12-point efforts from Chelsea Hunter and Melanie Wilkerson, the Warriors raced past the Chiefs, 46-25, in a WLAA Western Division contest played in the Western gymnasium.

The victory boosted the Warriors' record to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in the division while the Chiefs Klonowski (12 points, seven slipped to 3-9 and 1-4, respectively. rebounds) and freshman Katie

Senior Raylee Hollowell naced the Chiefs with 12 points and five rebounds. Freshman Kayla Bridges also had a strong night with nine points and six boards.

Western led 16-6 after one quarter, 25-14 at the half and 32-20 with eight minutes to play.

"The first quarter they got out on us and we didn't do a good job getting back in transition," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We cut it to eight a couple times in the second quarter, but we couldn't get that big stop that we needed to get over the hump.

"This is probably the best team Western has had in a long time."

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The triumph was Western's 10th straight. It's last lost came Nov. 30 against Milford.

PLYMOUTH 65, WAYNE 40: On Tuesday at Wayne, the Wildcats rolled to a lopsided victory thanks to strong efforts from Shaakira Haywood (17 points, 12 rebounds), Kelsi Robinson (13 points), Stacey Moss, who added 10 points

The triumph evened the Wildcats' overall mark at 6-6 while boosting their WLAA Western Division ledger at 3-2. The Zebras slipped to 3-9 and 0-5, respectively.

"It was a good team win and a lot of girls got to play, which was nice," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly.

quarter, 31-18 at the half and 46-31 with eight minutes to play. Plymouth canned just 15-of-28 free throws. The Zebras were 3-of-

The Wildcats led 14-9 after one

9 from the stripe. **OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 55, PCA 42:**

On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian

Academy, the Lancers broke open a tight game by outscoring the Eagles 19-11 in the third quarter. Amber Alexander paced the vic-

tors with 20 points, five steals and four rebounds. Liz Kline chipped in with 12 points. Megan Greve and Meghan

Polera both netted 10 points for PCA, which also received a ninepoint effort from Sara Ross. The victory improved Oakland's

record to 8-3 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Eagles fell to 5-4 and 0-2 respectively. Oakland led 16-14 after one

quarter and 26-23 at the break.

"They beat us pretty badly last year, so we're getting better," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "The girls played very well except for about a three-minute span in the third quarter when they turned a couple of our turnovers into layups.

"Turnovers killed us tonight." The Eagles canned 9-of-15 free throws while Oakland went 12-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Terry, Smith lead Whalers over Spirit and Zaborsky (shot from the high slot that Smith got a piece of-43 shots.

Chris Terry scored the only goal in a shootout and goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped every shot he faced in the shootout as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Saginaw Spirit, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Monday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth has won four out its' last five games and improves to 24-12-2-2, good for 52 points and third place in the OHL West Division and fourth seed in the Western Conference. Saginaw is now 20-16-3-2, good for 45 points and fifth place in the OHL West and seventh seed in the Western Conference.

Terry (team leading 31st goal of the season) and Rvan Haves (first OHL goal) scored the goals for Plymouth and adde an assist apiece. David Jarram (7) and Tomas Zaborsky (24) scored for Saginaw. Smith stopped 30-of-32 Saginaw shots to run his record to 15-6-1-2. Saginaw goaltender Ryan Daniels stopped 40-of-42 Plymouth shots as the game's second star for Saginaw.

After a scoreless first period, Terry gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 5:46 of the second period when he took Hayes' pass on the right hashmark in the Saginaw zone, cut across to the left circle and beat Daniels with the shot. Jarram (shot from the left wing) of) scored at 14:14 and 18:15 respectively to give Saginaw a 2-1 lead after forty minutes of

But Plymouth outshot Saginaw in the third period, 18-10, and tied the game on a power play at 11:50 when Wes Cunningham's point shot pinballed off the boards behind the Saginaw goal and bounced to Hayes at the left goal line. Hayes made no mistake to tie the game at 2-2.

After a scoreless overtime. Terry scored on Plymouth first shot of the shootout when he move in to the hashmarks and snapped a hard shot top shelf past Daniels. Smith went to work for Plymouth then. stopping Jack Combs, Ryan McDonough and Zaborsky to backstop the victory.

PLYMOUTH 8, ERIE 1: Although the Whalers usually depend on the steady play of veterans for a lot of success, their lopsided victory over the Erie Otters Saturday night at Compuware Arena featured three players as stars who didn't start the season in Plymouth.

Goaltender Matt Hackett acquired by the Whalers from Windsor on Nov. 13 for goaltender Michal Neuvirth -- won his fourth straight game as the

game's first star in stopping 42-

Hayes - playing in his second game with Plymouth and his first at Compuware Arena after coming over from Boston College - added three assists and was plus-three as the game's second star.

Defenseman Michal Jordan - acquired from Windsor in the same trade as Hackett on Nov. 13 from Windsor - was the game's third star with three assists.

Although Smith has been Plymouth's lead goaltender since the Neuvirth deal, Hackett is making a statement for more ice time.

"Maybe we have a goaltending controversy starting," said Plymouth President and General Manager Mike Vellucci. "It's great to have two goaltenders playing well at the same

time. Terry led Plymouth with a pair of goals (team-leading 29th and 30th). Plymouth received single goals from Joe Gaynor (4), Andrew Fournier (25), Tyler J. Brown (3), Brett Bellemore (4), Vern Cooper (10) and Taylor

Carnevale (5). Justin Hodgman scored the lone Erie goal, his 24th of the season.

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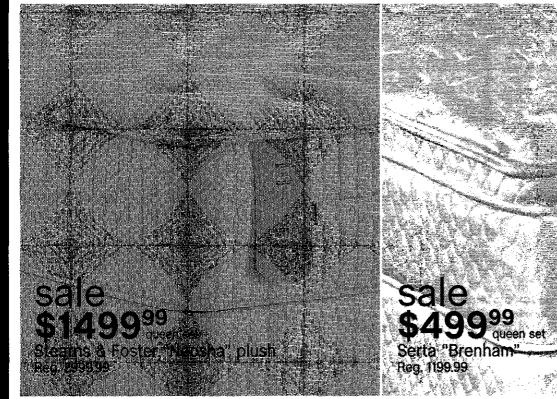
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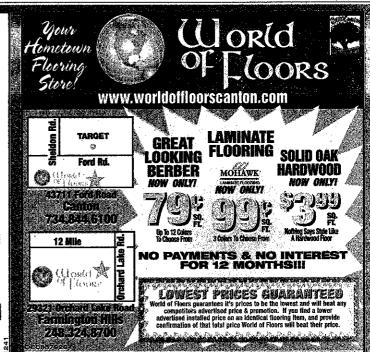


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Going 'green' builder's blueprint for success

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Residential builder Craig Kallen's a firm believer in "going green" in his

"My dad is a production home builder and I used to work for him," said Kallen, 37, of West Bloomfield. Kallen saw few people producing environmentally friendly, energyefficient homes in southeast Michigan.

"I'm drumming up a bit of business in Michigan" with his BrookLynnHomes, named for his wife and daughter. He's sold four homes in Westland in the \$180,000-\$250,000 range, on the north side of Cherry Hill east of Haggerty.

"The customers still invite me over for dinner," he said with a chuckle, noting he's also doing an environmentally friendly remodel job in Southfield.

He got started a couple years ago, and took some time to have homes rated by the Environmental Protection Agency and Green Built, which works with the Michigan Association of Home Builders. Some people are surprised he'd branch off on his own in this tough economy.

"With all the companies going out of business, I had nothing to lose." Land is easily available, and Kallen was able to secure financing. Lenders said, "Hey, we'll take a chance with you and we'll finance you. Nothing else to lose."

High-efficiency windows are part of the package, and he aims for a reasonable price. "You're getting a lot more bang for your buck," he said.

The basement's outside walls are insulated, and the stick homes are constructed offsite and brought in so fewer trees are cut down. Carpet is made from recycled plastic bottles, yet doesn't feel like anything but the real carpet it is.

"I'm still making money," Kallen said. "I'd love to do 20 houses this



This is a picture of the Aspen which sells for \$260,000, and is 2,550 square feet. It is in the Westland Brookfield Village and is an Energy Rated home and a Green Built home.

year," but knows that may be overly optimistic. He's doing a mass mailing to let people know about his work and energy savings that result.

"The savings is huge. Once they hear about it, they're interested. Education is a big process.'

Kallen's found homeowners save on water, heating and electricity in a "green" house.

"I like doing this," said Kallen, who's also done building in the West Bloomfield and Bloomfield area. "It's the right thing to do." For more, visit

BrookLynnHomes.com on the Web.

"Green" building is a growing area, agreed Lee Schwartz, executive vice president for government relations of the Michigan Association of Home

"Absolutely," he said. "It's one of the niche areas that are out there right now." He sees that evolving more as people become more environmentally conscious.

"It really goes beyond that," Schwartz said, noting the homes are consumer-friendly, designed for the

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comfort and convenience of dwellers "and preserve some of the features that people want."

He cited distributed hot water that distributes water in a home quickly and uses less energy. "I think we're going to see more of that as green products continue to grow." Schwartz said, noting current proprietary standards are evolving into a national standard of what's "green" in home building.

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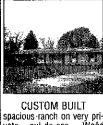
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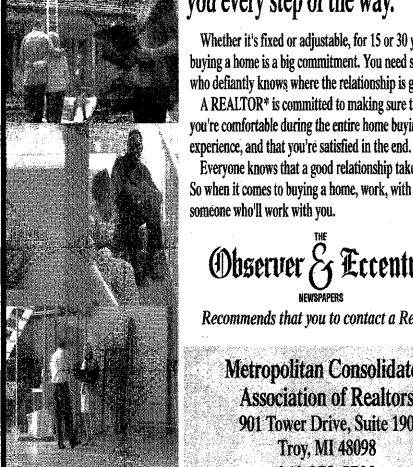
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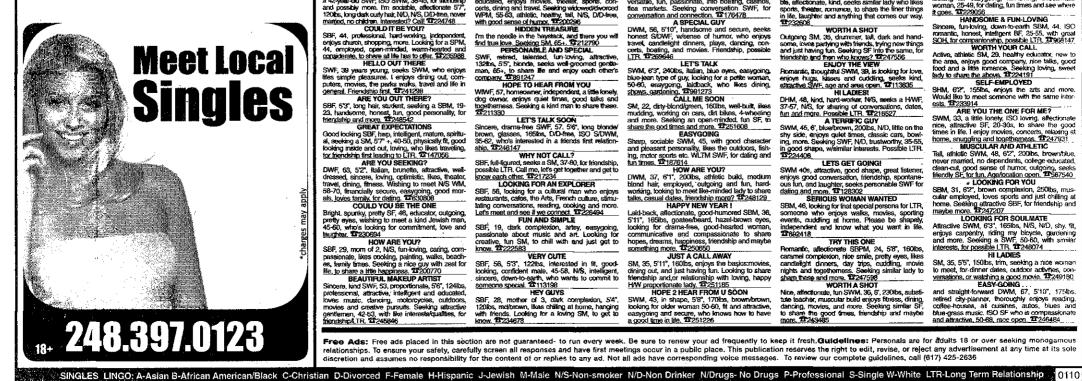
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SBF, full-ligured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for triendship, possible LTR, Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. T2-17234.

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SBF, 58, boding for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. T2-25494.

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SBF, 19, dark complexion, arisy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to hill with and just get to know. T2-222563.

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SWF, 25, enjoys intelligent conversations, oudding, movies, art and relaxing at home sometimes. Searching for a SM, 21-48, who enjoys the same, to get to know, triendship, maybe more. #2262375

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Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord in his heart to share life, laughter, happiness and possible LTR. #224224

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to keep me happy, Altractive, classy, delightful, chamming WF, 49, no lidts, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, carbon, #27658050

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DWF, 47, 55", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-pro-DWF, 47, 55°, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-pro-portioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6′1°+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoors-man, adventurer, manly gentlemap. 1662549

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BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, compenionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only, 17684501 BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

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Good-natured, good-tooking SVM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for convensation and connection. 17:1764.7.

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SM, 22, disty-blond/green, 160lbs, well-built, illess mudding, working on cars, dit blikes, 4-wheeling and more. Seeleing and pen-minded, fun SF, to share the good times and more. 27251608

Sharp, sociable SVM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outloors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 2718/7614

HOW ARE YOU?

DWM, 37, 6'1', 200lbs, athetic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hardworking, looking to meet filse-minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? 27248129

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SM, 35, 511*, 160/bs, enjoys the basics:movies, ohing out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and,or relationship with loving, happy H/W proportionate lady, 27251185

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SWM, 43, in shape, 58*, 170/bs, hown-brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life, 37251226

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DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, NS, seeks a HWF, 37-57, NS, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. **ET21855**

CHAM. 45, 6; blue/brown, 200lbs, ND, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, ND, rustworthy, 35-55, in good sharpe, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. **ET21855**

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Romantic, affectionate SBPM, 24, 58", 160lbs, caramel complexion, rioe smile, pretty eyes, likes candleight dinners, day tips, cudding, movie, rights and togetherness. Seeking similar lady to share these and more. TP24/588

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Nice, affectionate, fun SVM. 36, 6", 230lbs, substitute leacher, muscular build enjoys fitness, drining, dancing, movies, and more. Seeking similar SF, to share the good frees, friendship and maybe more. TP243485

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Loving, compassionate SM, 23, simple and sweet
files movies, bowling, shopping, playing pool and
more. Seeking similar lady to state takes, good times,
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SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Attractive SM, 37, 5°11°, 1900bs, searching for
an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who
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Single guy, 33, engineer, seeks single, intelligent
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SM, 34, loves playing guitar, bowling, ice issing.

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195bs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compail. bit. SWF. to have and hold. 27:982943.

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SBM, 19, 6'2", 195bs, looking for cool, down-to-earth SBF, 18-27, no charma, disease-free, who keeps it real. 27:49620.

LOOKING FOR ME?

SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easy-going loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel, and much more-looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/fun, 25:20719.

A GOOD CATCH
Simple, easy-going SM, 18, 5'10", 155bs, caramel complexon. Rose chilling, working, things, new things. Seeking independent, cool, honest woman goal-oriented and real, to share the good times. In the Friendship/LTF. 27:249983.

SEEKS A GOOD WOMAN

DWM, 52, auto worker, NS, sociable drinker, enjoys drama and action films, bowling, god, plays and more. Seeking SYF, with kids ok, to share lifes play conversations, eating out, drinking, liberal views, laid back, open-minded, seeking friend-ship or more 125:1883.

DWM, 48, 170bs, physically fit, DD-free, skilled tradesman, Loves cooking, movies, laughter, the outdoors and much more. ISO SF, 35-50, HWP, laughter and honesty a must. 27:244639.

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SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cudding at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life.

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SEM, 48, 612, brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/geatee, employed, mature, intelligent, down-lo-earth and Independent lady, for life and love. TX-1897.23

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SBM, 5111, 170bs, black-brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chass, walks, concerts, plays, more, Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. TZ-16113

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Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375. Northwestern Highway, Suite

100, in Farmington Hills.

In this second of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-**Pratt Construction discusses** "Starting Correctly" using materials and methods that result in Green Built certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating" — on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will

instruct remodelers and small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues. and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodelor certifi-

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Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on Friday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Tom Sadley of Wilmar will instruct attendees in several aspects of repairing major appliances such as ranges and refrigerators, including understanding components and functions, basic troubleshooting skills, as well as preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are \$45

per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-

Builder's license exam

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders **Educational Seminars. The** seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 22, 24, 29, 31, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 18, to Henry Ford Community College, Call (313)

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Court victory

Meisner & Associates, a law firm based in Bingham Farms, announced a victory for its condominium association client in a court decision regarding the interpretation of the Michigan Condominium Act.

That law requires that the first mortgage holder provide notice to a condo association of an impending sheriff's sale. In the decision, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred M. Mester held that due to the first mortgagee's failure to notify the association of the impending sheriff's sale, the first mortgagee took title to the unit subject to the condo association's lien for nonpayment of assessments, including interest, late charges and attorney fees.

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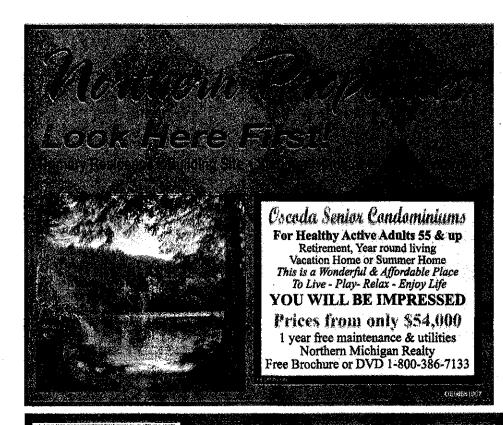
Condominium Act does not state the remedy that is available to the association when the mortgagee fails to give notice, and this decision clarifies that remedy. The case was argued on behalf of the condo association by Jennifer Cordon Thor of Meisner & Associates.

Company awards

The Eagle Awards, given to the agent in each Weir Manuel Realtors office who has the highest closed sales production for that year, were presented to Robert Dundon (Birmingham office), Gregory Morad (West Bloomfield office) and Kathleen Hain (Rochester office).

The Sherwood Awards are given to the agents who most exhibit the "Weir Manuel Way" in their approach to business, and who have the highest increase in closed sales production from the prior year. Recipients were Kathy Parker (Birmingham office), Kathleen Filip (West Bloomfield office) and Bill and Marge Kelly (Rochester office).

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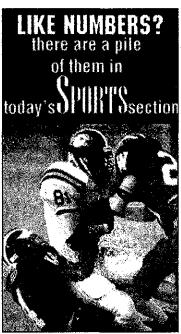
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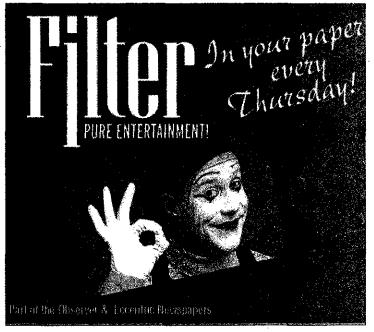
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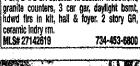


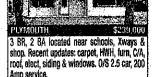


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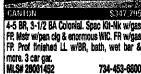
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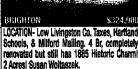
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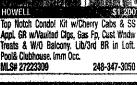
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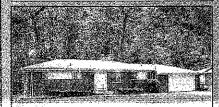
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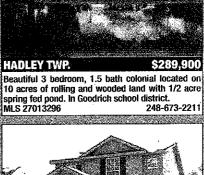
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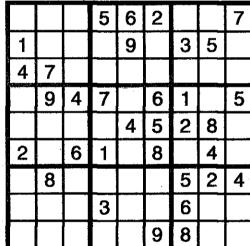
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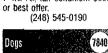
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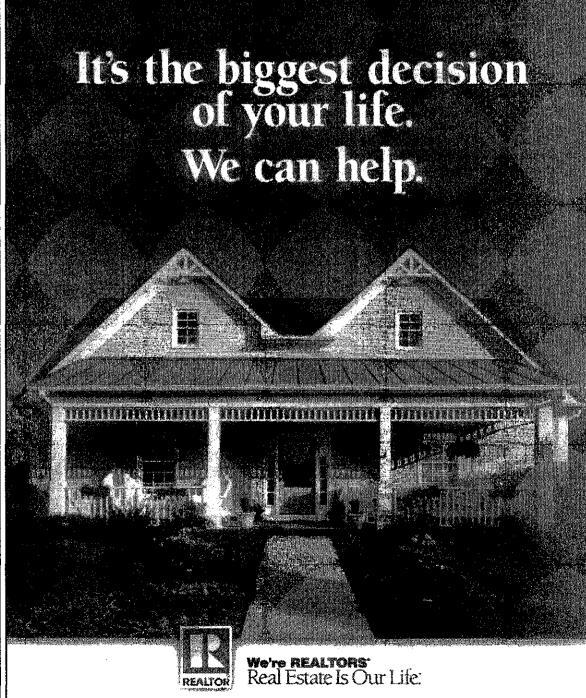
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By Dale Buss



By attempting to spread the design and sales impact of the highly successful Enclave crossover throughout the rest of the Buick vehicle lineup, General Motors executives are trying to borrow a page from the old Walt Disney Co. playbook. And the future of Buick likely depends on whether they succeed.

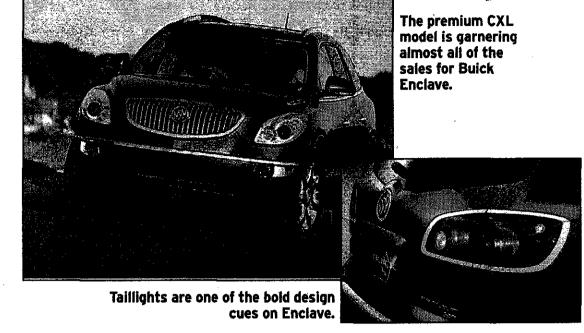
Disney executives used to talk about "pixie dust" metaphorically collected from the colossal success of their theme parks -- as the company's particular brand of Midas touch that graced practically everything they did from the Eighties through the Nineties. Buick hopes that "Enclave design and quality cues" provide comparable contagious magic for them.

At the North American International Auto Show that begins Sunday in Detroit, Buick was set to show off a new Riviera concept car. But while out of the "newproduct" spotlight. Enclave clearly is the star of Buick's show these days.

In fact, Buick already has sold 30,000 Enclaves – mostly the highly optioned CXL version – in just six months on the market, and production isn't likely to catch up with demand for another few months. The seven-passenger crossover has won rave reviews from automotive media for its styling, both inside and out, and for substantially standing up under Buick's claim that Enclave is a worthy competitor to counterparts produced by true luxury brands including Lexus and Mercedes-Benz.

Enclave's raging success stands out all the more by contrast with the challenged sales performance of the other two, brand-new sedans that comprise the rest of Buick's current lineup.

Sales of the full-size Lucerne, introduced in 2006 as a replacement for the LeSabre and Park Avenue, dropped off 16%, to 83,000 last year from 99,000 in 2005. Meanwhile, sales of the LaCrosse mid-size sedan, which debuted in retirement of the Century and Regal models in 2005, plunged even further last year – by nearly 33%, to 48,000 from 71,000 units in 2005. Sales also dropped precipitously last year for three other vehicles that Buick is phasing out: the Rainier and Rendezvous



SUVs and Terraza minivan.

Overall, Buick's sales were down 22.8% for 2007, compared with the previous year, according to analysis by Edmunds.com, and even fell 9.9% in December despite Enclave's rising popularity and momentum.

GM's limited initial output of Enclave helped create buzz-building - and profit-boosting - demand for the vehicle, once critical reception established it as a worthy competitor in the fast-developing luxury-crossover market. Buick finally produced about 5,000 Enclaves in December, the first month that it managed to reach designated production capacity for the vehicle at GM's Lansing, Mich., assembly complex, said Lloyd Biermann, Buick's marketing manager.

"At the end of [2007], we only had 4,000 Enclaves in inventory, because every month retail sales have been outstripping the inventory we've been building, Biermann said. "It's an interesting problem to have. We still have 1,500 sold orders in the queue, and we can't promise to deliver vehicles to those people for three months yet.

Indeed, while the industry long has considered a 60day supply of a given vehicle to be the ideal inventory level, only about a 30-day supply of Enclaves exist at this point. The vehicle's turn rate of 14 days is the fastest of any crossover, according to Dave Smidebush, Buick's product director.

Even more important than the benefits of relative scarcity to Enclave has been the fact that dealers and buyers have been treating it as a truly upscale vehicle, confirming GM's positioning of Enclave's style, pricing, features and quality against the likes of the Lexus RX and Acura MDX. Ninety percent of Enclave sales are of the leather-trimmed, high-content CXL model, Biermann said - much higher than the 70%-30% split that Buick had predicted for the CXL versus the basic CX model.

'Our previous vehicles generally ran a higher percent cloth [interior], so our projections for Enclave were more in line with history," Biermann said. "But our whole marketing campaign – comparing Enclave with luxury vehicles - has taken hold." Another factor: When demand for a new vehicle is strong, he added, "dealers will naturally order a richer mix."

What's more, the average transaction price in the sale of an Enclave is about \$37,500, or about \$2,000 more than GM had anticipated, Biermann said.

Such results leave GM executives eager to see how thoroughly they can leverage Enclave's bang-up success to help the rest of Buick's ailing lineup. So in its overall marketing, Buick will seek to borrow some Enclave magic. "For 2008, you'll see more [advertising about] the family of Buicks, and we'll use Enclave to provide a halo to the other two products," Biermann said. Among other things, he said, all of Buick's products will appear together in more brand advertising compared with just individual-product promotions.

And Buick is pressing ahead to apply Enclave's styling lessons to every other vehicle. "Design is a longer-term thing," Biermann said. "You can't just wave a wand over everything with it."

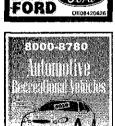
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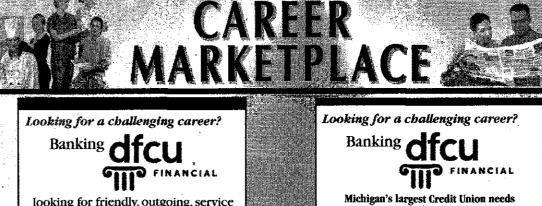
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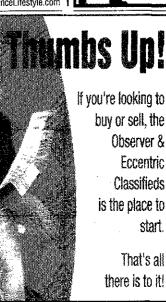
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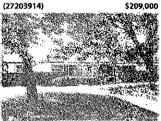
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 NEWER CONSTRUCTION W/5 BR 3.1 BATHS 2900+ SF. Cooks kitchen w/stainless appl, granite counters, wood floors t/o. Composite deck off breakfast mr. FR w/gas fp. Formal DR Fin. LL w/kit, FR & BR. MBR suite. \$319,900



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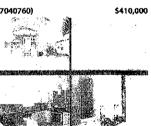
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\$1,975

248-684-1065 Fenton Keep it together or sell off the 4.9 acres that is already split off. 3 bd, 3ba. Natural fireplace in Great room. Lower level plumbed for we bar or kitchen.



734-591-9200 Wow! Coli Contemp Colonial, A Must See! 3 bed 2.5 bath 1794 sq. Complete remod 12/07 Bamboo firs, new kit, granite, procelain tile firs, new stnlss appls. Mstr bath w/ heated fir. Alarm, home wrrnty.

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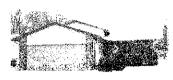
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Hartland 248-684-1065 Dbl lot w/lk privs on Handy Lk. Open fir plan, LR w/ berber carpet. Oak kit cabs. Glass blk wndws in bsmt. 14x14 shed w/elec. Unfin bsmt. Comfortable & cute.



248-684-1065 Lovely home w/ privileges on White Lk and Duck Lk. Granite counter tops/floor. Marble fir in bath. Jacuzzi rm w/hot tub. Inground swimming pool. New furnace/AC.



248-684-1065 Highland 1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, lake privs on White Lake.

(27191846) \$164,900



Lg family home w/2 story foyer w/hdwd. Island kit w/all appls. Formal DR. FR w/fp. Cute 1/2 ba w/pedestal sink. Mstr w/2 WiCs. Wood deck.



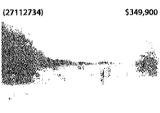
An Outdoor Paradise! Custom ranch on nearly 7 private acres w/walkout basement. First floo master suite, enclosed porch, hot tub and 25 x 25 pole barn with cement floors.

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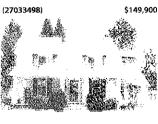


Milford 248-684-1065 Country setting at end of cul de sac with 4 bd, 2.5 ba, and 3,000 Sq Ft of living space. Post and Beam construction. 2.5 acres, 2-car gar,



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Northville 248-348-6430 Elegant custom home w/gourmet kitchen, fam rm w/2 story fplc, master w/huge bonus closet, lower level w/home theater area, fplc, 5th bdrm, full bath.



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Welcoming Northville Colonial 2885 SF on ig treed lot w/gardens. Spacious granite kit w/hdwd flr opens to FR w/FP. Roomy BD sizes, form LR & DR, den, 3+car-side entry gar. Fin'd bsmt. (27150775)

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248-348-6430 Explore The Possibilities. Own this NeoClassical Design set on a park-liked lot. Close to all amenities. Beautiful L.R., D.R., F.R., den. Mst w/ cathedral ceiling, 2nd fir laun& full find bsmt. (27161516)

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248-348-6430 COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDARSPRINGS ESTATES Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulte FR w/frplc. Spacious kitchen. Formal LR & Di 3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and Ig yar w/lots of trees for privacy. (27188610)

Sharp starter colonial! Remodeled and

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this one get by. (27028337) \$219,900



248-437-3800 South Lyon Darling Bungalow on 1 Acre! Newly painted, hardwood floors thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & living room. \$185,000

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South Lyon 248-437-3800 Don't pass this one by! 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ spacious vaulted ceilings. Well maintained and tastefully decorated New carpet, new ceramic (27180787)



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Condo close to town! Backs to open area -very private. Sharp entry level ranch style home features living room, dining room and 2 full baths. Ist floor laundry and lots of storage. offers an open floor plan. Eg living rm leads to priv patio. Light & airy galley-style kitchen opens to dining rm. 1st fir Indry & more.

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character. Eat in Kit w/ B-fast bar, hrdwd, crmc

firing. Great fenced in yard-immediate occup.

Beautiful Newley

(28002304)

(27196572)

(27022908)

Van buren Twp 734-326-2000 WANNA PEEK? Not quite completed, 3 BD, 1 st fir master, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, walkout basement, on pond site. Opt bay window in kitchen. You



Van buren Twp WHY BUY USED? when for the same money you can buy new & w/ a builder's warranty. Raised Ranch w/ 3 baths & finished lower level. Lots also available & priced to sell.

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Open fir plan. LR w/elec fp, cath ceils & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/extension counter. 3 lighted ceil fans. Mstr w/WIC & cath ceiling.

Adorable describes this renovated home with

pdates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, aint, kitchen fir & cabs, pella windows. Deck

LOVELY CURB APPEAL Neat and tidy 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch on a very nice street. Updates inc: 6 panel doors t/o, roof, kitchen, windows, both

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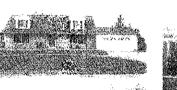
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South Lyon 248-437-3800 Newer quality built colonial! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas freplace,kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/2 walk-in closets. Bonus



South Lyon 248-851-1900 EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/cathedral ceiling & attached bonus room w/french drs. Master BA w/Z sinks, WIC, tub, shower.HWF. Huge island



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Infuse your home with the essence of the mitten



Great Lakes Natural Soap Company owner Sharon Czekala of Canton works on a new batch of all natural soap.

BY LANA MINI Staff Writer

Sharon Czekala is making a living doing what she loves: celebrating Michigan.

The Canton resident, born and raised in the mitten, has created a business making natural, Michigan-themed soaps and through it discovered the loyalty residents here have for their state

"Even in the tourist areas where we sell our soaps, many of the sales come from Michigan residents," Czekala said.

Her business, The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, is based out of her home; an endeavor that allows her to raise a family, yet one that is growing faster than she imagined.

There she handcrafts a line of natural soaps all dedicated to Michigan.

Many are made with herbal ingredients grown in Czekala's own front yard and some are imprinted with images of Michigan wildlife such as elk, ducks, hummingbirds, small mouth bass and dragonflies. Her other soaps have Michigan names, scents and themes.

For example, Mackinac lovers may want to eat, rather than wash with, the soap called Fudge Shoppe which looks and smells like dark chocolate fudge.

Beach-goers might decorate their bathrooms in shades of green and blue and include the soap

Please see SOAP, D2



Canton resident Sharon Czekala, owner of The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, stands with some of the soaps she makes out of her home.

BATH SOAP BOMB

Make your own all-natural bath bomb:

4 tablespoons citric acid

4 tablespoons cornstarch

½ cup baking soda

4 tablespoons coconut or almond oil 4 teaspoons essential oil (such as ear

¼ teaspoons essential oil (such as eucalyptus, lavender, mango)

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Mix well with wire whisk. Put bottle of oil in warm water to melt

Slowly add oil to dry ingredients, then add fragrance and blend.

Scoop mixture by teaspoons and shape into balls, rest them on a sheet of waxed paper for three hours. Gently reshape if needed.

Or press into fun shaped molds, place in freezer

until hard, then remove from mold.

Let the soap dry and harden for 24 to 48 hours. They are fragile so gently package each shape in its own cellophane bag or closed container to keep fresh.

To use, drop one bomb into warm bath water to release fragrance and oils.

Source: www.alabu.com

Remember vintage '07

p and down the state of California, vintners are praising the high quality of the 2007 wine grape harvest. Since wine quality is deter-

mined in the vineyard, it's



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald vineyard, it's not too early to begin to assess what's coming down the pike from the state that accounts for two-thirds of all wine sold in the United States. Additionally, according to

a Gomberg-Fredrikson report, California reached another all-time high in 2006 with a retail value of its wines realizing \$17.8 billion.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT VINTAGE?

Each great vintage has elements that make it great. Broadly throughout California in 2007, a mild winter with below normal rainfall, coupled with a dry spring, led to early bud break. Although cluster counts were high in most locations, a sparse berry set in spring resulted in loose grape bunches (which helps keep disease pressures low). Additionally, berries were small, smaller than many vintners have seen in more than 10 years. This creates a greater skin to juice ratio and enhances quality because grapes develop intense varietal flavors, and particularly for red wines, rich, mouth-filling tannins.

Winemaker Ted Seghesio, of Seghesio Family Vineyards in Sonoma County, noted a crop smaller than previous vintages. "Overall quality at this point appears to be excellent," Seghesio said. "Deeply colored and dark-fruited young wines possessing balanced acidities promise a successful vintage."

TWO HARVESTS CALLED ONE

In North Coast California wine regions, a cool, moderate growing season heated up in the latter part of August, causing multiple varieties to ripen at the same time. Winemakers scrambled to pick early-ripening varieties before the sugars got too high and acid levels dropped. If this happens, wines have high alcohols and are fat and flabby in the mouth.

When weather turned cool in the second week of September, harvest went on hold in many locations. Although cooler weather and moderate rainfall affected the entire state, the North Coast witnessed the most significant precipitation, particularly in the first week of October.

Weather pattern change allowed for a slower maturation and flavor development of red varieties, particularly cabernet sauvignon and the

Please see WINE, D2

Fighting junk e-mail requires time and diligence

recent report issued by Google claims that spam — junk e-mail — is on the decline. My inbox begs to differ.

I receive hundreds of junk messages every day.

However, until recently, very few of them actually ended up in my e-mail program,

Outlook Express.

That's because I subscribed to SpamArrest (spamarrest.com), a filtering service that intercepts spam before it reaches my PC.

When the time came to renew, however, I balked at the \$44.95 annual fee. After all, we live in the age of Gmail. Surely I could find a free alternative that would be just as effective at stopping spam.

For instance: Gmail. I already have an account I use for various purposes, like subscribing to newsletters and inviting column readers to contact me.

As it happens, Gmail provides fantastic spam filtering. When I retrieve my messages in Outlook Express, I rarely see any junk.

The problem lies with my personal domain (Broida.com), which I use as my primary mail account. Without SpamArrest standing guard, there's nothing to stem the tide of Viagra comeons and PayPal scams.

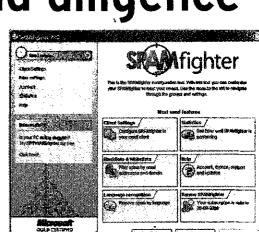
If only I could leverage Gmail's spam filtering for my domain. Guess what: I can! Gmail can fetch mail from up to five other accounts, and it applies the same anti-spam expertise: Junk messages automatically land in the online Spam folder, where I can review them just in case a legitimate message gets caught in the net.

Meanwhile, I can retrieve mail in Outlook
Express just like always, except now everything
filters through my Gmail account. And therein
lies a wrinkle: There's no longer any way to distinguish between Gmail mail and Broida.com
mail. Everything appears to have come by way of
Gmail.

To be honest, I haven't figured out a solution to this yet. (Any Gmail experts out there will undoubtedly suggest an IMAP setup, but I've tried that and it's just not for me.) In the meantime, I'm investigating other spam-fighting options.

For a few weeks I tried shifting to Thunderbird (mozilla.com/thunderbird), an e-mail program

Please see **TECH SAVVY, D2**



SpamFighter integrates with Outlook, Outlook Express, and Windows Mail to provide robust spam filtering, but it'll cost you \$29 annually.

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Tech Savvy
Rick Broida

Bluewaters — a translucent bar made to look like the bluegreen waters of our Great Lakes, with a beach-like scent.

Wine-drinkers might be amused by Leelanau Wine Country soaps that are deep purple in color and scented like a vineyard. And, anyone who has been 'Up North' in the spring — to smell the lilacs and cherry blossoms — might enjoy

the purple Lilac Profusion and the pink Traverse City Cherry Blossom.

"The soaps are very popular in states like Florida and Arizona where a lot of Michiganders have retired to or have second homes," Czekala said.

The soaps can be purchased online or at variety of specialty shops in the tri-county area.

"Many of our products are designed for specific purposes and offer a more natural approach to skin care than their synthetic counterparts,' Czekala said. "We use natural ingredients and skin-friendly botanicals to enrich our products and add texture, color and aroma."

The next plan for the Czekala is to expand the company beyond Michigan's theme. Imagine orange scents and manatee shaped soaps for Florida, or perhaps prickly pear shapes in deep pink shades to represent the state of Arizona.

However at least for the moment, her attention is still on Michigan, where she is enhancing homes with soapy scents of trillium and also expanding a pet soap line that uses essential oils of lavender, eucalyptus, cedar wood and tea tree oil that are said to help repel mosquitoes and fleas from animals.

There's a lot to celebrate right here at home, Czekala

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other major Bordeaux varieties. Moderate rainfall does not affect the thicker skins of these grape varieties. Winemakers waited for the "second harvest" which ended about Oct. 25.

Overall, winemakers are facing high quality but a quantity reduced 10 to 15 percent below average. The bottom line is always about supply and demand. Lower wine grape tonnage in 2007 will have an eventual tightening effect on the market. Yet, price impacts are not based on a single vintage. For now, there's an abundant supply of wine in the pipeline from the larger-than-normal but very good 2005 vintage.

MICHIGAN 2007 HARVEST

"If a timely harvest was made in 2007, white wines (chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot blanc) from the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas will be exceptional," said Black Star Farms winemaker Lee Lutes. He's also excited about the progress of red wines, particularly pinot noir and cabernet franc.

"Most whites were picked early to retain good acidity and produce a recognizable Michigan style," Lutes said. The wines are balanced with clean fruit and well developed flavors. Black Star Farms barrel fermented chardonnay will be stellar with a fairly lean. Burgundian profile and balanced notes of French oak. The pinot gris is showing full palate expression while the pinot blanc is rich and pretty following a long cool fermentation.

"Compared to 2006, pinot noir crop load was down as we've learned to manage the number of tons per acre better. We experienced developed flavor with a deep profile and a bit more concentration. Cabernet franc is also very good, nicely integrated with mature tannins. My big surprise was the 2007 merlot. In the past we were concerned about winter hardiness, but this year we had advanced ripening with great flavor development."

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from the makers of Firefox. It's similar to Outlook Express but includes built-in spam filtering (and a killer mail-search feature).

Unfortunately, it's a bit complicated for the average user, and after 10 days of letting it "learn" what I consider to be junk, it still managed to

filter only about two-thirds of the spam. All the rest I had to delete manually.

I've also looked at anti-spam utilities like MailWasher (mailwasher.net) and SpamFighter Pro (spamfighter.com). The former works quite well, but it's a standalone program that you have to run prior to loading your e-mail client. Not for me.

As for SpamFighter Pro, it integrates directly with Outlook Express and does an

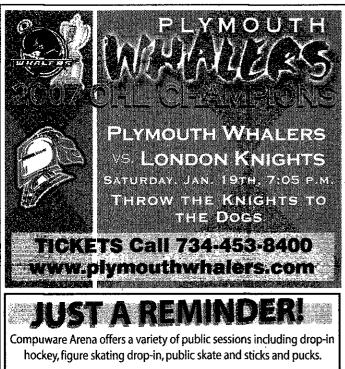
excellent job junking the junk mail. But it costs \$29 per year, and I'm looking for free.

On second thought, maybe free just isn't an option in the fight against spam. Maybe I should pony up the \$29 or \$45 and call it a day. After all, what's a few bucks in exchange for a spam-free inbox? Very worthwhile, if you ask me.

What method(s) do you employ to keep junk mail at bay? Have you found a free

solution that works? E-mail me at the address below and I promise you won't end up in my spam folder.

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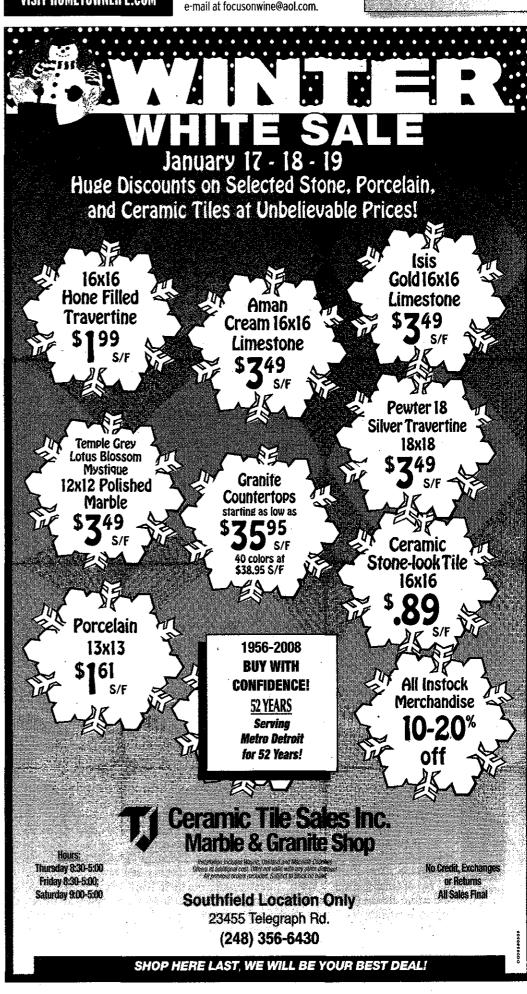
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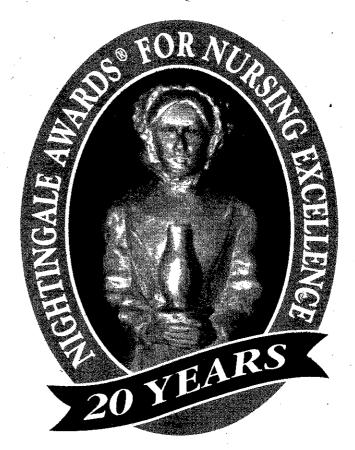
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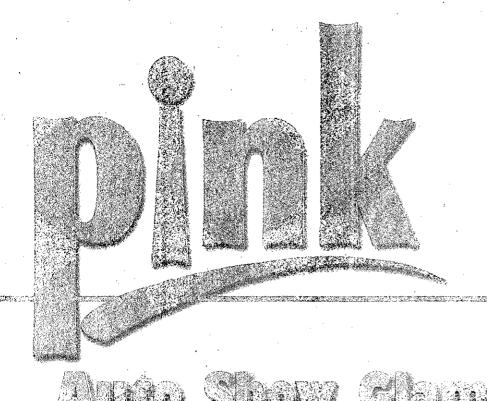
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Cocktail dresses are chic at the North American International Auto Show.

BLACK TIE PRIMER

When the social dress code calls for "black tie," plan to take everything up a notch in dress and grooming. Below is a top-10 tip list for women and men.

WOMEN

1) Black tie occasions call for floorlength gowns or high-styled, short cocktail dresses and evening separates. (The soft floral dress that you'd wear to an afternoon wedding won't suffice.) 2) Appropriate colors come from every band of the rainbow - select

one that flatters your skin, hair and eyes. 3) This year, metallic finishes in

one of any number of hues make very "now" substitutions for traditional formal fabrics.

4) Don't overlook the value of (or skimp on) proper, supportive and invisible undergarments for your special-occasion wear.

5) Let the mood of the dress direct makeup choices. (A softly-hued dress calls for soft makeup; an intensely-colored dress requires the balance of dramatic makeup.) 6) Accessories should support not compete with – the gar-

ments. Choose a high-impact dress or high-bling accessories, but not both. 7) Footwear should match the

character of the ensemble (a dress in a lightweight, wispy fabric, for example, is weighed down by the heaviness of a satin pump). If open-toe footwear is the choice, pedicured toes are a must.

8) Black tie-worthy handbags are small and carry only the necessities.

9) Your everyday hairstyle won't cut it for a black-tie event. Add elegance with either a style change, or by adding a quality hair accessory accented with crystal, pearl, or other embellishments. 10) Beyond the attire, be sure your breath is fresh and hands are sweat-free (use the old deodoranton-the-palms trick) for greeting the many interesting people you'll meet!

MEN

1) Black tie attire consists of a tuxedo – period. A dark suit is your

alternate choice only when the dress code is stated as "black tie optional."

2) Avoid cummerbunds in hues other than black. The colored variety diminishes elegance, and is best saved for wedding party attendants.

3) Also take care not to wear "White Tie" which is generally reserved for events involving the presence of dignitaries or

royalty. 4) If multiple black tie events are in your future, consider investing in your own tux versus renting for the sake of a well-tailored look of class.

5) A single-breasted tuxedo jacket will serve most men well; choose double-breasted (and waist coat in lieu of cummerbund) only for a tall, slim body. 6) Appropriate footwear is a tuxedo shoe or "pump." A standard black business shoe does not complete the black tie ensemble. High-shine (as in patent leather) is the finish for black tie footwear. Here's where renting can be a good, economical choice. 7) Remember that the wings of a wing tip collared tux shirt go over the bow tie, and the tie should be tied, not snapped-on. 8) Take personal grooming up a notch for black tie events.

Consider a professional manicure in addition to your standard haircut and mustache/beard/ brow trim.

9) Personalize your formal look with subtly-expressive button/ cuff link collections for a savvy individual statement. 10) Beyond attire, be sure your

breath is fresh and hands are sweat-free (use the old deodorant-on-the-palms trick) for greeting the many interesting people you'll meet!

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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

The North American **International Auto Shows** brings more than cars to town. NAIAS drives glamour into the Motor City, and for many, car buffs or not, the event is an excuse to party.

Members of Detroit's social set have no doubt been invited to one of the many soirees surrounding NAIAS.

The hottest ticket in town is the annual Charity Preview at Cobo Center, and at \$400 a pop, guests are expected to dress to impress. Here's a look at what some local experts recommend for auto show style.

CLOTHING

Karen Daskas, co-owner of Tender in Birmingham, encourages women to hike up their hemlines for the Charity Preview.

"I think a lot of women have in their head they should wear long gowns. They shouldn't," Daskas said. "Tender's take is that they should wear cocktail length dresses. It's more chic.'

Daskas said shorter dresses can look fresher than floor length.

"It's not the red carpet in Hollywood," she said. "It is a great event and a wonderful way to raise money for charity and bring attention to Michigan, but we recommend that people wear cocktail length. It's nothing

When it comes to finding the best fit, customers should seek professional help. Different shapes flatter different figures, but one thing goes for everyone, Daskas said.

"I am not into skin tight, painted on clothes. I just don't think it's a sophisticated look," Daskas said.

And, Daskas suggests, keep the LBD (Little Black Dress) in the closet.

Dramatic colors like red, purple and fuchsia will make you stand out in a sea of 'black tie.'

"Those are great colors and you can accessorize with a great black shoe, something metallic or something that just totally complements the color," Daskas said.

MAKEUP

When it comes to makeup, Barbara Deyo of Touch in Birmingham knows what works for the NAIAS Charity Preview. For the last nine years, Deyo

has groomed VIP guests at Conde Nast's annual private

"They treat their clients to getting hair and makeup done at the Birmingham Country Club then they go in a limo bus to the gala, and come back to the country club to party," Deyo

Deyo is expecting a baby on Jan. 19, so she'll be trusting her partner Elizabeth Arsov and staff to make up the guests.

She expects two different

One emphasizes the eyes, with sultry, smoky shadows paired

The other brings focus to the lips with dark, jewel-toned lipsticks offset by bronzed dewy

"And usually lots of lashes. That's always a big thing," she said.

Touch also will make up Hyundai executives for their

"It's so fun. I'm so absolutely devastated that I can't be there this year," Deyo said. "It's one of the biggest things that happens in the city all year long. That's the first thing I thought of when I got my due date ... 'oh no, I'll miss auto show."

When it comes to hair, big sexy waves are the way to go, according to Katrina Malota of Luigi Bruni Capelli Moderni in Birmingham.

She should know, as she joined other Luigi Bruni stylists doing hair and makeup for models during General Motors' Stars and Cars gala last Saturday.

Kid Rock, Reverend Run, was held in a huge tent set up

Malota worked backstage the whole time, primping and prepping models - all but two of whom were flown in from Los

Victoria's Secret type of hair. That was the kind of vibe we were going for," Malota said.

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Black tie makeup can be interpreted in different ways, Deyo said, but it's all about looking festive.

looks will be popular.

with nude, glossy lips.

skin and shimmer eye shadows.

press conference on Sunday.

HAIR

Mary J. Blige and Maroon 5 all performed at the party, which outside the Renaissance Center.

During the GM Style runway show, beautiful models in designs by Made In Detroit, and denim by William Rast walked the runway next to splashy GM vehicles.

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Local designers create look for auto show

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

Two local designers are making their mark on the national auto show circuit.

Productions Plus of Bingham Farms made it possible for Jason Humphrey and Amanda Jurban, both of Detroit, to design a jacket worn by Honda's 2008 American auto show spokesmodels.

Productions Plus supplies and styles talent for auto shows across the country. Last year the company became involved with the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards, offering a prize to the top 10 designer finalists. The company led the 10 local designers on a 'wardrobe tour' of last year's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall, explaining the process that goes into outfitting auto show spokesmodels. Then, they invited the designers to submit their own sketches for auto show wardrobe.

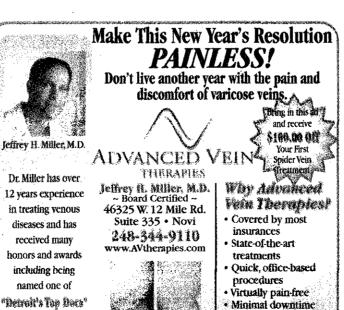
According to Shari Barnett, wardrobe manager for

Productions Plus, Humphrey and Jurban's designs stood out. She presented their sketches to Honda executives, who decided to use the women's look. Productions Plus bought the duo's design and immediately placed an order for 20 jackets to be manufactured in New York City.

The conservative, eggshell white jackets are made from cotton twill and feature a unique single oversized button closure. Barnett said the designers had good instinct when they included a subtle Honda logo on the belt.

"Branding has become so important at auto shows around the world," Barnett said. "It's something we saw a lot in the European market and we're seeing a lot more in the local market. The color-on-color logo on the belt is sophisticated and a step ahead."

Check them out in the Honda exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 19-27 at Cobo Hall. Visit www.naias. com for more information.





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